

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 16 April 2008 15:05

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 25-03-2008-121607-008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 March 2008 asking for copies of all information regarding the alleged UFO incidents at Cosford (1993) and Rendlesham (1980).

Answering your request would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 DAS files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Whilst it is not possible to quantify without undertaking a major administrative exercise, my experience would suggest that the overwhelming majority of documents mentioning the Rendlesham and Cosford incidents are requests for information or correspondence from members of the public such as yourself, which may not provide you with the information you are looking for. However, the MoD has a file on each incident, both of which are currently being prepared for release to The National Archives as part of a programme to transfer 160 MOD files on UFO matters. The MoD had previously placed a considerable amount of information relating to Cosford and the Rendlesham file on its own website, but has had to remove this for copyright reasons. If you would like this information, please let me know whether you can accept a PDF copy on disk and I will forward it to you.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 March 2008 20:14

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 25-03-2008-121607-008 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Sunday, March 23, 2008 at 20:13:40.

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Naval Architect

txtorganisation: NA

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Hundvaag

txtstatecountry: Rogaland

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: Norway

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to have access to all information regarding the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Cosford Incident 1993, and Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 09-04-2008-093901-001

Expiry: 8 May 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

UFO reports for 1995-96 covering Northumberland and the Scottish Borders

Case for release of information

This information is due for transfer to the National Archive which is likely to occur in the next 12 months.

Information should be withheld under exemption s.22 (Information Intended for Future Publication)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: **10/4/08**

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From: Section 40

Sent: 10 April 2008 11:13

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-04-2008-093901-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 9 April 2008 asking to see UFO reports for Northumberland and the Scottish Borders for 1995-96.

You may be interested to know that the MoD will shortly be commencing a programme to release some 160 UFO and UFO related files to the National Archive. The files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff will cover the period from the late 1970s to 2007. The files themselves will be released in accordance with the same principles that the MoD applies when it releases information for Freedom of Information requests such as yours. The files will be released in chronological order and the programme is likely to take some three years to complete, although I would expect the files covering the information you are interested in would be transferred within the next 12 months. A public announcement will be made when the first files are ready for viewing at the National Archive. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 09 April 2008 00:49

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request 09-04-2008-093901-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 00:48:30

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: RETIRED

txtorganisation: NONE

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE "UFO" REPORTS DURING 1995/6 FOR
NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND AND SCOTTISH BORDERS (e.g.)EYEMOUTH FISHERMEN).
YOU ONLY APPEAR TO HAVE MADE UFO FOI AVAILABLE FROM 1997 AND I KNOW A
"REPORT" WAS MADE EARLIER FOR A SIGHTING IN NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND NEAR
WOOLER PRIOR TO THE EYEMOUTH FISHERMEN SIGHTING.
THIS IS MY SECOND REQUEST BY EMAIL, THE FIRST GAINED NO RESPONSE OR
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 08 April 2008 11:16

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 31-03-2008-095419-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 March 2008 asking whether the subject of UFOs is the most requested Freedom of Information topic. Your e-mail is being treated as a Freedom of Information request.

The Ministry of Defence does not hold statistics that readily answer this question, however, I can confirm that for the year 2007, requests on the subject of UFOs formed 5.22% of the total number of FOI requests received by the Ministry of Defence.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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From: **Section 40**
 Sent: 07 April 2008 15:55
 To: **Section 40**
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

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Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. What we can do for you is get UFO requests as a percentage of all requests:

	Total requests	UFO requests	UFOs % of total
2005	4604	115	2.50
2006	3300	100	3.03
2007	3026	158	5.22
Total	10930	373	3.41

*I think figures for 2005+6 are what - too low!!
 DAS-RGZ*

Overall UFO requests were only 3% of the total which is not exactly overwhelming interest, though the figures are higher in 2007.

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From: **Section 40**
 Sent: 01 April 2008 14:05
 To: **Section 40**
 Subject: RE: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

We don't need to analyse the content of the UFO requests themselves. What we need to know is whether UFOs is the most popular subject for FOI requests as compared for instance with Iraq or the Red Arrows or Prince Harry etc

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From: **Section 40**
 Sent: 01 April 2008 13:29
 To: **Section 40**
 Subject: RE: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

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Analysing the content of different UFO requests would be very time consuming

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and certainly more than 3 days of effort.

As **Section 40** below, we could quite easily analyse the numbers of UFO requests since Jan 2005 but this may not be what is required.

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Section 40**

Sent: 31 March 2008 11:29

To: **Section 40**

Subject: FW: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

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Looking at **Section 40** response, it looks like we do not hold the information the gentlemen request. Would I be correct in assuming that categorising requests in the manner necessary to answer this request is likely to take more than 3 days work and therefore would be over the usual £600 limit?

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From: **Section 40**

Sent: 31 March 2008 10:55

To: **Section 40**

Cc: **Section 40**

Subject: RE: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

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When we summarise requests received concerning UFO material, the request summary that we use is "UFOs" and this is how this particular type of request is

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recorded in the off-line request list that we maintain. If you look at the Requests Received list that we publish on the FOI website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog/Request> you will see that the Request Summary for UFO material is "UFOs" but does not break out the type of UFO requests received.

We do not generally categorise subjects in the list and therefore it will be difficult to provide you with figures that compare the types of requests that are received. We could however, let you have a % of UFO requests received and logged under FOI with a request summary of "UFOs" in comparison to all the "other" requests that we have received on a yearly basis since 2005 but this may not give you the answer that the applicant is looking for i.e. is it true that because of the FIA this is the most requested subject?

Please let **Section 40** know if you would like the information highlighted in red.

Thanks

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Website: <http://www.foi.mod.uk>

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 31 March 2008 09:56

To: Section 40
Subject: FW: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

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This is the letter we spoke about.

I have logged it as 31-03-2008-095419-001.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 05 March 2008 22:33
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

Dear Section 40

I appreciate your reply even through it does not answer any of my questions. I will take this in the only way i know how! that you are aware of everything i asked, and are unable to comment further, and obviously, i didn't expect to receive anything other than this.

I had heard about the Mod's release of this information commencing spring 08 and feel this is a step in the right direction, the interest on this matter is clearly overwhelming, as i am sure you are aware, is it true that because of the FIA this is the most requested subject?

I only hope this "open minded" approach is continued by your American constituents, and hopefully one day this is something which can be embraced on a global scale as opposed to a the defensive, patriarchal egotistically, threatening approach which has been demonstrated by the US government as so far.

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Many thanks for the reply

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Subject: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS
Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2008 10:30:30 +0000
From: Section 40
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 March 2008 on the subject of the MoD position regarding UFO and extra terrestrial behaviour.

I am afraid I can add little to what you have already read.

The MoD is not charged with investigating the existence of extra terrestrial life and it is certainly not funded to do so. Nothing we have seen to date gives us any reason to believe that UFOs or extra terrestrials are a defence threat to the UK and its interests. Until such time as we are presented with clear evidence of the existence of extra terrestrial lifeforms, and to date we have received none, we remain open minded about their existence and by extension any defence threat they may pose.

The MoD is quite open on this matter and in fact, and you may be interested to know that we will shortly begin releasing some 160 UFO related files to the National Archive. The files will be released in chronological order over a period of three years commencing this year and will cover the late 1970s to 2007.

I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

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Yours sincerely,

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 13-03-2008-092903-003

Expiry: 14 Apr 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All documents mentioning the Rendlesham Incident.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – 1 file takes 1 hour to read
100 files take 100 hours
100 hours @ £25 = £2500

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: 26/3/08

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From: Section 40

Sent: 26 March 2008 12:39

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 13-03-2008-092903-003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 March 2008 asking for copies of all documents which mention or deal with, the UFO sightings near RAF Bentwaters in December 1980.

Answering your request would involve manually checking, as a minimum, some 100 DAS files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You are already aware that the Ministry of Defence has a file on the subject. Beyond that, whilst the matter is of no further interest to the MoD, it remains of considerable interest to members of the public interested in the subject of UFOs. Whilst it is not possible to quantify without undertaking a major administrative exercise, my experience would suggest that the overwhelming majority of documents mentioning the Rendlesham Incident are requests for information from members of the public such as yourself, which may not provide you with the answers you are looking for.

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Yours sincerely,

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17-07-2008-092903-053
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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 12 March 2008 20:34

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 20:33:41

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2: *I do not have an address 2 here in the U.S.* ???

txttowncity: Section 40

txtstatecountry: Georgia

txtzipcodepostcode: 30269

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: The MOD does not think the UFO sighting at Bentwaters RAFB near the Rendlesham Forest in December of 1980 was of any defense significance? So the MOD does not investigate UFO sightings or try to explain the reality of UFOs to the public simply because you don't believe UFOs in general pose any potential threat to the UK's national security?

First of all I find it very hard to believe that a UFO near a base like Bentwaters in 1980 which housed nuclear weapons would not be considered at least a 'potential' threat to national security. Please explain to me how this can be so. Second, I believe that any invasion of air space by a UFO is a 'potential' threat to national security and should be investigated. If not, I believe the MOD is not doing it's job to protect.

For me personally I'm sick of all the hog wash both you and the U.S. government/military have to say about UFOs and have been saying for the past several decades. I know Jim Penniston. He was there that night and he touched the triangular UFO when it was on the forest floor. It was a real physical craft and you know it. Why act like you don't fully know what happened? Only the most ignorant of the population believes the MOD in regards to UFOs. It is a rather unfortunate fact. how can you say that no UFO has ever shown to poses technology beyond our current capabilities? The U.S. uses that same statement. It's complete hog wash. I know a man who saw a 300 yard wide UFO hovering silently 300 feet above him on Jan. 1, 2008 in Dublin Texas here in the

U.S. It took off in the blink of an eye without making a sound or creating any air disturbance. Now please tell me what you think of that level of technology.

Some UFOs are of 'ET' origin. You know this. I hope you make the correct decision and disclose this information soon before they make themselves known in a big way. It will be a lot easier to deal with if the public knows about their existence before that happens.

*My request is for copies all documents which contents mention and/or deal with the December 1980 UFO sightings near Bentwaters RAFB and Rendlesham Forest. I hope you send me the real deal. I know there's more to this event than what you've released thus far to the public. Please let me be the first one to get the truth. I promise I will take good care of the information and release it on good terms. I have been researching the UFO phenomena for several years. I mean well and I mean that for us all.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Thank you very much! :)

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Section 40

From: Section 40 Wg Cdr
Sent: 19 March 2008 09:29
To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40@gsi.gov.uk
Subject: release-authorised: Response to Request
Attachments: FOI response Section 40

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You asked: 'Please inform me of all information on the so called planet "Nibiru" or " Planet X" apparently orbiting our solar system'. Please see my attached response.

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Wg Cdr
DAS-Strategy Space

Section 40@mod.uk

25/03/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

19th March 2008**Section 40**

Our ref: 28-02-2008-073724-002

Dear **Section 40**Request for Information

Your correspondence dated 26th February 2008 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Your request has been assessed. This letter is to inform you that we do not believe that the information you have requested is held by the Ministry of Defence.

The information you have requested may be held by another Public Authority. We suggest you try contacting the British National Space Centre Communications Unit on 020 3300 8811 or email bnscinfo@bnsc.gsi.gov.uk. Alternatively, you may wish to write to them at The British National Space Centre, Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SW.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Wg Cdr

e-mail **Section 40**@mod.uk

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [<mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk>]
Sent: 26 February 2008 20:45
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk
Subject: Research Enquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 20:44:29

txtname: **Section 40**

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: Please inform me of all information on the so called planet "Nibiru" or " Planet X" apparently orbiting our solar system.



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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 29-02-2008-065802-001

Expiry: 1 Apr 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Were any military aircraft flying over Ormskirk around 19:00 on Sunday 24 February 2008.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – Minimum of 30 potential flying stations
1 station takes 2 hours to check records
30 stations take 60 hours
60 hours at £25 = £1500

This figure excludes DAS time spent asking each station for the information

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40** ...

Date: 6/3/08

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 March 2008 11:11

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 29-02-2008-065802-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 29 February 2008 asking whether any military aircraft were flying over Ormskirk at 19:00 on Sunday 24 February 2008.

The MoD has no record of any military aircraft flying within the low flying system at that time. However, this only records flights at 2000ft or below. The MoD does not maintain central records of military flights within the UK above 2000ft and in order to answer your question we would need to contact every flying station in the UK to see where each individual aircraft was at that time. The costs would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Whilst I cannot provide you with the information you require, I can say that there is only very limited military flying at weekends. It is therefore unlikely, but certainly not impossible, that the lights you saw were from military aircraft. Beyond that, I am afraid that the MoD is not resourced to provide an aerial identification service to the public.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 29 February 2008 00:29

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 29-02-2008-065802-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 00:29:00

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txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: ormskirk

txttowncity: ormskirk

txtstatecountry: lancashire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: on sunday 24th feb approx 19.00 i saw 5 bright lights in the sky moving together 3 of them vanished after 1 minute the other 2 continued for 1 more minute then vanished. i have never seen anything like this before they were not normal aircraft and i wondered if you could help me anymore with this? did you have aircraft in my area at this time that would match this unusual sighting?

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Section 40**From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 05 March 2008 15:56**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI Request - 26-02-2008-090719-002.Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking what your sighting could have been on New Year's Eve and if any flying objects are picked up on either airport or national security radars. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen may have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

It is possible that the cause of the lights may have been picked up by either civilian or military radar. However, I should explain that neither civil nor military radar attempt to identify every radar return they receive and that contrary to what many of the public may think, much of British airspace is uncontrolled and aircraft are entitled to fly without direction from air traffic control. If the radar returns were not giving particular cause for concern or were not interfering with controlled airspace, military and civil radar operators may not have attempted to identify them.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 26 February 2008 06:23

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 26-02-2008-090719-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 06:23:23

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txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Chipstead

txtstatecountry: Surrey

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sure you have already had some enquiries, as to the lights that appeared in the sky on Near Years Eve 2007 (The most recent new years eve). I do not mean the fireworks, but other lights in the sky. I was at a party in Forest Row, we were all standing outside talking at around 8.30pm when all of us (12) saw these small orange lights move in a line across the sky on the horizon. They were clear and moved in a line then disappeared one by one. I have done some research and found out that other people saw similar lights on the same night. It did startle me for a while and I am curious as to what it could have been? Surely any flying objects in the sky are picked up on either airport or national security radars? I would very much appreciate a reply either by email or by post.

Many Thanks

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 29-02-2008-070338-002 Expiry: 31 Mar 2008

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All or as many UFO documents as possible

All docs held at Secret, Top Secret or Above Top Secret

Any information withdrawn from MoD website should be re-published

Copy of Peter Horsley and Janus file

Case for release of information

This information should be withheld under exemption s.22 (Information intended for future publication). – The UFO files are due for release anyway.

There are no files at Top Secret. There is no Above Top Secret classification

There is no file held by MoD for Peter Horsley and Janus – It was a 1954 incident.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: B2 Name:..... **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date:..... 31/3/08

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 05 March 2008 11:41

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 29-02-2008-070338-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 February 2008 asking for the release of as many documents on UFOs and the alien phenomena as possible. Additionally, you asked for information on the above topic that is at Secret, Top Secret or above Top Secret level of classification. You also asked for the re-publication of any information on UFOs that might have been withdrawn from the MoD website. Further to that you asked for information on Peter Horsley and the Janus case.

You may be interested to know that the MoD will shortly be commencing a programme to release some 160 UFO and UFO related files to the National Archive. The files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff will cover the period from the late 1970s to 2007. The files themselves will be released in accordance with the same principles that the MoD applies when it releases information for Freedom of Information requests such as yours. The files will be released in chronological order and the programme is likely to take some three years to complete. A public announcement will be made when the first files are ready for viewing at the National Archive. Only a handful of files and documents are actually classified as Secret, but Ministers are content for them to be released, subject to Defence or National Security concerns (for example if they discuss radar capability or weapons capability). Whilst I have not looked at these documents recently, I expect that we will only need to withhold minimal amounts of information on these grounds. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

I am unaware of the MoD holding any files or documents on UFOs or aliens that are classified as Top Secret and there is no classification of Above Top Secret.

I am sorry to hear that you have had difficulty locating documents on UFOs on the MoD website. It is possible that there were difficulties with the website when you tried. Might I suggest that you search in both the Publication Scheme and the Disclosure Log under the subject of UFO. However, I can confirm that the MoD file on the so called Rendlesham Incident, together with information relating to the Corsham incident have been removed from the website.

Whilst investigating the best way to the release our UFO files, it became clear that placing letters from non MoD sources such as members of the public on our website, without the express agreement of the individuals who wrote those documents, would place the MoD in breach of copyright. Since the above documents contain a great many documents written by the public, and we simply do not have the resources to trace every individual who wrote to us, we recently (within the last week) withdrew the above document from publication. It may have been possible to leave the MoD documents on the website, but it was felt that the remaining documentation made little sense without the public correspondence that related to it. That having been said, not only will this information be released at a future date to the National Archive as part of the release programme I mentioned earlier, but we can still release the information to members of the public as part of a direct response to a Freedom of Information request as the responsibility for complying with copyright legislation effectively transfers to the individual requesting the information.

Finally, you have asked a copy of the Peter Horsley and Janus case file. I am unaware of any such

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file existing.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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EXP 31 MAR 08

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 28 February 2008 12:56

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 29-02-2008-070338-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 12:55:50

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txttowncity: Maidstone

txtstatecountry: Kent

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Could you please release all or as much as many
documents as possible regarding the UFO and alien phenomena.

I do believe that you are holding documents with the aforementioned
information that are classified as "top secret" and "above top secret"
because as Nick Pope (Ministry of defence, UFO desk 1991-1994) says
"over the past few years we have seen the release of documents [about
UFO's] which at the time have been classified as top secret"

I have tried your search bar with minimal success recently, (a few
months back there were many documents on UFO's that would be displayed,
Over 150 i do believe) is this because you have withdrawn them?

If so, under the FOIA, could i please request that these are published
again.

Also could i request the Peter Horsley and 'Janus'. case file.
This is the case in which Mr Horsley believed that his mind was "being
read by an alien" in a house in Chelsea. Mr Horsley said himself that
this was investigated and is classified "Above Top Secret", so saying
that you have not investigated the aforementioned case is not adequate.

Summing it up, could i please request under the FOIA:

1. As much information as possible about UFO's and aliens
 2. As much information as possible about UFO's and aliens that is classified as "Secret, Top Secret or Above Top Secret"
 3. Information on the Peter Horsley and 'Janus' case
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Section 40

From: Section 40
 Sent: 06 March 2008 14:56
 To: Section 40
 Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 29-02-2008-070338-002

THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
 A REQUEST TO REVIEW
 OUR RESPONSE.

Section 40

12/3/08

Thank you

however, one of the documents i viewed that has now been taken off the website WAS "above top secret", as it had stamped on it. So either you DO or did once use this classification.

I would also like to add that Mr Horsley himself claims that he WAS investigated by the MOD and has written about the events in his autobiography. I find the case so intriguing however that i thought i would make a FOIA request for it.

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 29-02-2008-070338-002
 Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2008 11:41:05 +0000
 From: Section 40 @mod.uk
 To: Section 40
 Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 February 2008 asking for the release of as many documents on UFOs and the alien phenomena as possible. Additionally, you asked for information on the above topic that is at Secret, Top Secret or above Top Secret level of classification. You also asked for the re-publication of any information on UFOs that might have been withdrawn from the MoD website. Further to that you asked for information on Peter Horsley and the Janus case.

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I am sorry to hear that you have had difficulty locating documents on UFOs on the MoD website. It is possible that there were difficulties with the website when you tried. Might

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I suggest that you search in both the Publication Scheme and the Disclosure Log under the subject of UFO. However, I can confirm that the MoD file on the so called Rendlesham Incident, together with information relating to the Corsham incident have been removed from the website.

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Finally, you have asked a copy of the Peter Horsley and Janus case file. I am unaware of any such file existing.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Yours sincerely,

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Main Building

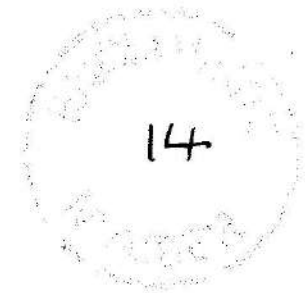
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London

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 19-02-2008-102533-002 **Expiry:**

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

To see copies of all correspondence, emails and other documents held relating to the sighting of UFOs over Archway, Islington 1 February 2007.

To know how many MOD employees, if any, investigated this and what their job titles are?

The amount of time investigating the sightings and the total cost?

Any final conclusions drawn.

Case for release of information

I have enclosed a copy of a letter regarding the sighting, that a member of a UFO research group sent in.

I have removed the personal details (names, addresses and numbers) in accordance with section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Date: 21/2/08



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone	(Direct dial)	020 7218 2140
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	(Fax)	Section 40

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Crouch End
 London

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 19-02-2008-102533-002

Date:
 21 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for copies of any documents held relating to the UFO sighting over Archway, Islington on the 1 February 2007, if the sighting was investigated, the total cost of the investigation and the conclusions drawn. Your request has been passed to this Department as this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

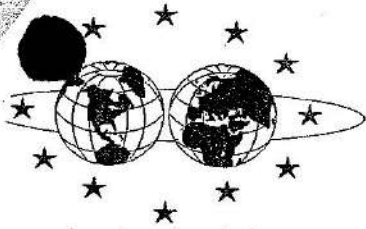
Enclosed is a copy of the single piece of correspondence of the sighting that was sent to this Department by a member of a UFO research group. Personal details (names, addresses and telephone numbers) have been removed in accordance with section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We received no other reports of this specific UFO sighting. The sighting was not investigated, in accordance with the policy outlined above.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an

internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely



CONTACT INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1) Left message of this same sighting as DAS answerphone 5 February 07

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Section 40

2) Anon - on database.

03 02 2007

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you regarding multi witness sighting of 12 to 15 orange balls of Islington, London light, seen at Archway N19 on 01 02 2007 at 17:25 to 17:35. They moved across the sky not to quickly, stopped, moved on then deminished, faded away or moved upwards.

Can you please supply me with the following information CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT

1. You received reports of the above sightings, if so how many? None
 2. The objects were tracked on radar {Heathrow airport or any other radar system.
 3. The sightings were attributed to fragments of a comet.
- I hope this request does not cause you any inconvenience, I await your reply.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 18 February 2008 15:19

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 19-02-2008-102533-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, February 18, 2008 at 15:19:29

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txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: Crouch End

txttowncity: London

txtstatecountry: UK

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I am requesting:

* to see copies of all correspondance, emails and other documents held relating to the sighting of unidentified flying objects over Archway, Islington, on February 1, 2007.

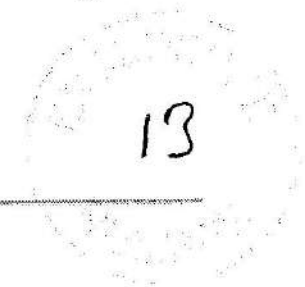
* to know how many MoD employees, if any, investigated this and what their job titles are

* the amount of time spent investigating the sightings and total cost *oak*.

* any final conclusions drawn.

for your information, the sighting is recorded here:
http://www.mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F4CA3F1D-A826-4B92-9678-1162D6FCE8CF/0/ufo_report_2007.pdf

under the act you have 20 working days to reply.



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From: Section 40
Sent: 19 February 2008 15:12
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI Request-11-02-2008-125430-005.

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking where you can access the MOD UFO reports seen in the national newspapers on 8 February 2008. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

With regard to your request for the reports seen in the newspapers, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has details of reports from 1997 to 2007 and can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under UFO reports.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1
5th Floor, Zone H
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SW1A 2HB

E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

19/02/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 08 February 2008 09:54

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 11-02-2008-125430-005 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, February 8, 2008 at 09:54:23

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txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Glasgow

txtstatecountry: Scotland

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: Andorra

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Please point me to the MOD report which is being udes
by these newspapers today, 08/02/08

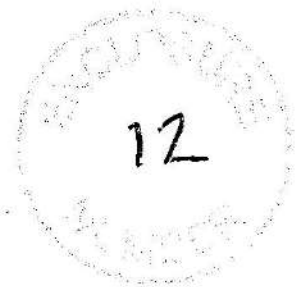
<http://news.google.co.uk/news?hl=en&tab=wn&ned=uk&ie=UTF-8&ncl=1129628414>

Yours

Section 40



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
 (Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
 (Fax) **Section 40**
 e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Newcastle Upon Tyne
 Tyne and Wear

Section 40

Our Reference
 11-02-2008-091655-002
 Date
 11 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 February 2008 asking for any and all files relating to an alleged UFO sighting on 9 September 1960 in the Newcastle and County Durham area.

Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1984, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

Additionally, the MoD has published details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2007 on its website at www.mod.uk. They can be found by searching under the phrase "UFO Reports".

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

EXP = 10 MAR 08

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 10 February 2008 01:08

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 11-02-2008-091655-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 01:07:47

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txtstatecountry: Tyne and Wear

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

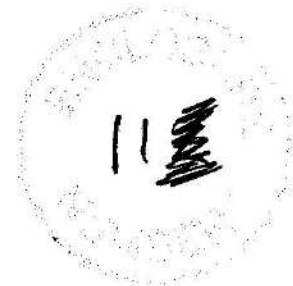
txtinforequest: At approx 9pm on September 9th 1960 a **Section 40** Otley witnessed what he described as a large triangular shaped UFO fly low over the **Section 40** of Newcastle Upon Tyne, he claimed there was 3 very bright white lights in each corner and a red light in the centre, a **Section 40** claimed to have witnessed either the same craft or a similar craft around 1 hour before flying over Consett in the County Durham area.

Both men contacted RAF ackrington who in turn forwarded 2 reports to the Air Ministry.

I would like to request under the freedom of Information Act 2000 any and all files relating to this event.

Thank you

Section 40



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 28-01-2008-094217-002

Expiry: 25 Feb 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copies of photos and videos of UFOs held by the MoD.

Estimate of cost of exercise if MoD states unable to provide information due to cost.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Costings – 1file takes 1 hour to read
160 files take 160 hours
160 hours at £25 = £4000

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05. **Section 40**

Date: **28/1/08**



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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News of the World (Features)
 1 Virginia Street
 Wapping
 London
 E98 1NW

Our Reference
 28-01-2008-094217-002
 Date
 29 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 January 2008 asking for copies of, or access to, any photographs or videos of UFOs held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). You state that this refers to all records held by the MoD, without time limit. You also asked for an estimate of the cost of answering your request.

The MoD holds records relating to UFOs on some 160 files covering a period of over quarter of a century. Searching through 160 files would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Having said that, if you could restrict your request to one or two years, I may be able to assist you.

However, you may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1984 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. Additionally, we have placed details of sighting received between 1997 and 2006 on the MoD website at www.mod.uk which can be found by searching under *UFO reports*. We will shortly also be placing the reports for 2007 on the website. Additionally, the MoD will be placing the 160 UFO files mentioned above in the National Archive as part of a three year programme that will commence this spring.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 29 January 2008 15:28
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 28-01-2008-094217-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 January 2008 asking for copies of, or access to, any photographs or videos of UFOs held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). You state that this refers to all records held by the MoD, without time limit. You also asked for an estimate of the cost of answering your request.

The MoD holds records relating to UFOs on some 160 files covering a period of over quarter of a century. Searching through 160 files would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Having said that, if you could restrict your request to one or two years, I may be able to assist you.

However, you may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1984 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. Additionally, we have placed details of sighting received between 1997 and 2006 on the MoD website at www.mod.uk which can be found by searching under *UFO reports*. We will shortly also be placing the reports for 2007 on the website. Additionally, the MoD will be placing the 160 UFO files mentioned above in the National Archive as part of a three year programme that will commence this spring.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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DAS-FOI

29/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

H **Section 40**
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 26 January 2008 12:16

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 28-01-2008-094217-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 12:15:49

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: News of the World

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: London

txtstatecountry: London

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest:

FOI Officer
Ministry of Defence

January 26, 2008

Re: Pictures and Videos of UFOs

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for
copies of, or access to copy, any photographs or videos of UFOs
(unidentified flying objects) held by the Ministry of Defence.

More specifically, I am requesting the following:

Copies of, or access to copy, any photographs (or similar images) and video footage held by the Ministry of Defence of unidentified flying objects, or incidents which have been suspected, or first claimed, to show unidentified flying objects. This relates to all records held by the Ministry of Defence, without time limit.

If there are any problems with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me, on this email address or the contact details below.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees.

If you feel it necessary to exempt the information because you estimate the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit, I would ask that you simultaneously provide me with an estimate of the total cost of compliance, so this can be considered. However, I would be happy to discuss the scope of the request at the earliest opportunity.

I understand that under the FOIA, I am entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would ask that you provide the information firstly in electronic form, by email, to **Section 40**, and then by post to:

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News of the World (Features)

Section 40

London

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I look forward to hearing from you within the statutory time period.

I would also be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, again, firstly by email, to

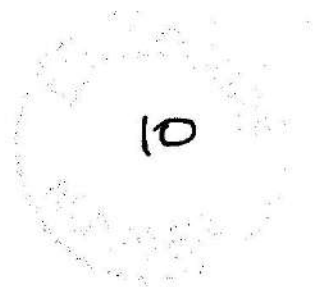
Section 40, and then to the postal address above.

I ask for a postal reply in addition to email due to earlier problems with email. I apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

If there are any problems with this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Section 40



AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 02-01-2008-065115-004

Expiry:

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please can you tell me how many UFO sightings have been recorded from the county of Dorset over the last five years?
What was sighted, when and where from?
How many of these reports were investigated by the Ministry of Defence's UFO unit?

Case for withholding information

I have withheld information of sighting reports for the year 2007 as it will be placed on the website in due course.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

I have used exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication).

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Date: 25/1/08



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone	(Direct dial)	020 7218 2140
	(Switchboard)	020 7218 9000
	(Fax)	Section 40

Section 40 – Reporter
 Daily Echo Bournemouth
 Richmond Hill
 Bournemouth
 Dorset
 BH15 1QP

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 02-01-2008-065115-004
 Date:
 25 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for details of how many UFO sighting reports have recorded over the last five years in the county of Dorset, and how many of those reports were investigated by the Ministry of Defence.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to UFO sighting reports for the county of Dorset over the last five years, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database containing records for the years 1998 to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at:
<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under 'UFO' reports.

Reports for the year 2007 will be placed on the website in due course. Therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The MOD is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

As to your question regarding the Ministry of Defence investigating UFO sighting reports, this branch deals with all enquiries regarding UFO sightings and correspondence, and I can confirm that in the last five years, no sighting reports from the county of Dorset have been investigated.

Finally, you may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and those with records up to 1986 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made with 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 28 December 2007 17:32

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 02-01-2008-065115-004 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 17:32:00

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: reporter

txtorganisation: Daily Echo Bournemouth

txtaddress1: Daily Echo

txtaddress2: Richmond Hill

txttowncity: Bournemouth

txtstatecountry: Dorset

txtzipcodepostcode: BH15 1QP

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Please can you tell me how many UFO sightings have been recorded from the county of Dorset over the last five years?

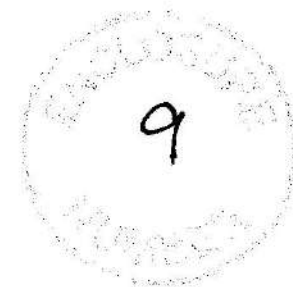
What was sighted, when and where from?

How many of these reports were investigated by the Ministry of Defence's UFO Unit?

Thank you very much for your help.

Kind regards

Section 40



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 24-01-2008-151924-008

Expiry: 19 Feb 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

General request for the British X Files

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: 25/1/08

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 25 January 2008 15:02
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 24-01-2008-151924-008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request asking for the "British X Files".

Firstly, in the interests of accuracy for your dissertation, there are no such things as "British X-files". As I am sure you can guess, this is a shorthand developed by the media after the television series. The MoD does however, have a number of files (some 160) on the subject of UFOs which may or may not cover what you view as the "paranormal", as members of the public write to the MoD on a wide range of subjects from UFO sightings and alien abductions to religion and the supernatural.

The MoD has recently commenced a programme to release these files to the National Archive which will take a number of years to complete. We will make a public announcement when the first files are available for viewing. The cost of releasing these files to you would far exceed the permitted £600 cost limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, therefore, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you would refine your request, perhaps to a single clearly defined question covering a clearly defined time period (I would suggest no more than a year), we may be able to assist you.

However, you may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files (which may well cover letters from the public on the subject of the paranormal) were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to the mid 1980s are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. Additionally, we have placed details of sighting received between 1997 and 2006 on the MoD website at www.mod.uk which can be found by searching under *UFO reports*. We will shortly also be placing the reports for 2007 on the website.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

I am sorry I could not be of more help and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you success with your dissertation.

25/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

Yours sincerely,

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Main Building

Whitehall

London

SW1A 2HB

25/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 January 2008 20:05

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request 24-01-2008-151924-008 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 20:04:54

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: Student

txtorganisation: **Section 40**

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I am a final year student at **Section 40** and am
currently researching for my dissertation concerning paranormal
activity. I have been informed that I can request the British X files,
to help aid my research if this is possible it would be greatly
appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time.

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AUTHORISATION TO WITHHOLD REQUESTED INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 23-01-2008-100948-002

Expiry:

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Section 40 [redacted] has asked for information regarding all UFO incident files.

Case for withholding information

I have with held the information due to the fact that the amount of work would exceed the £600 limit set by the Freedom of Information Act.

Proposed use of the following FOI Exemptions

Section 12 has been applied due to the personal information that would need to be redacted. The Data Protection Act 1998.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 24/1/08



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
 (Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Braunton
 North Devon

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 23-01-2008-100948-002

Date:
 24 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information regarding UFO incident files. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regards to information on UFO incidents, copies of UFO sighting reports are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any of this information can be released, personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these reports, the costs would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Details of sighting reports for the years 1997 up to 2007, are held on the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website. This can be accessed via the internet at:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under 'UFO' reports.

Finally, you may wish to be aware that the MOD already has a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1986 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 22 January 2008 13:36

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request 23-01-2008-100948-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 13:35:31

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Branton

txtstatecountry: North Devon

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtinforequest: please could you forward to me any information regarding all ufo incedent files.I am not a mad ufo spotter or anthing like that but i did however see something some time ago in the sky that was defenetly not of this earth and it would just be reasuring to see similar reports and mod response to this matter many thanks.



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 21-01-2008-072002-011

Expiry: 15 Feb 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Details and explanation for orange lights reported to MoD together with photos and film.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date:..... **23/1/2008**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 January 2008 12:28

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 21-01-2008-072002-011

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 20 January 2008 asking if the MoD had received any reports about an "orange phenomenon" and whether the MoD had any explanation for it. Additionally, you asked whether the MoD had any photographs or videos of them.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Turning to your question asking whether we had ever received reports and photographs or film on this topic, I should inform you that we currently hold records spanning a quarter of a century. To identify records and or photographs and film specifically referring to orange lights, a manual search would be required, and the costs to do this would exceed the permitted £600 cost limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, therefore, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you would refine your request to cover a specific year, we may be able to assist you.

However, you may also wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1984 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. Additionally, we have placed details of sighting received between 1997 and 2006 on the MoD website at www.mod.uk which can be found by searching under *UFO reports*. We will shortly also be placing the reports for 2007 on the website.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note

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the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Main Building

Whitehall

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23/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 20 January 2008 02:42

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 21-01-2008-072002-011 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 02:41:45

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2: N/A

txttowncity: Beverley

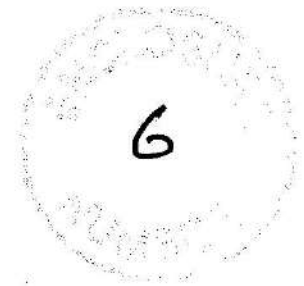
txtstatecountry: East Yorkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Has the MoD received any UFO reports about a "orange orb" phenom. I myself have witnessed these orange lights. They seem to be high in altitude and number from between 2 to 30. What is the MoD's response/explanation of these sightings? Have there been any photos/videos taken of them?



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 11-01-2008-113155-001

Expiry: 1 Feb 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

For West Midlands area on 5 specified nights in Nov and Dec 07 were there any military aircraft in flight between 6-11pm, were any aircraft scrambled to intercept UFOs, were there any radar reports of such objects did RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury receive any reports of unusual lights in the sky.

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

There is no problem in confirming aircraft were not scrambled and no reports of lights were received.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name:..... **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05. **Section 40**

Date:..... **23/1/2008**



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 23 January 2008 10:28
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: UNUSUAL AIR ACTIVITY

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 January 2008 asking about unusual air activity in the West Midlands on 5 dates covering November and December 2007. You also asked if any aircraft were scrambled to intercept a UFO and whether radar records were obtained of any such objects. It has been passed to his office to answer as we have responsibility for UFO matters. It is being treated as a Freedom of Information request.

I have spoken with colleagues and can confirm that neither RAF Cosford or Shawbury received reports of unusual lights over the West Midlands on the dates given and no aircraft were scrambled to intercept UFOs. For your information, you may be interested to know that the MoD will shortly be placing details of UFO sighting reports for the year 2007 on its website www.mod.uk.

The MoD does not have centralised records of every military aircraft flight in the UK. The costs of trying to obtain the information from each flying station in the country would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Likewise, the costs of finding out whether radar tapes showed unusual air activity on the dates given would also exceed £600 and again under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not obliged to comply with your request.

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I am sorry I could not be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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London

23/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

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11-01-2008-113155-001
EXP 1 FEB 08

-----Original Message-----

From: Birmingham UFO Goup [mailto:**Section 40**]
Sent: 04 January 2008 22:02
To: **Section 40** cosford.raf.mod.uk; cro@direct.shawburyigs.raf.mod.uk
Subject: Unusual air activity

Could you please confirm whether on the following dates :

3rd November 2007
28th November 2007
24th December 2007
25th December 2007
1st Jan 2008

In the West Midlands area of Oldbury, Wolverhampton, Dudley & Birmingham

If there were any Military aircraft in flight between 6.00pm and 11.00pm
If any aircraft were scrambled to intercept unidentified Flying objects
If any radar records were obtained of any such objects
And if the Base received any reports of unusual lights in the sky on these dates.

Objects seen were orange lights and a black triangle, no sound was heard from any of the sightings

Regards
Section 40
Chairman
Birmingham UFO Group

www.bufoq.com

Section 40

From: COS-DCAE-MCCO [Section 40@cosford.raf.mod.uk]
Sent: 11 January 2008 11:22
To: [Section 40]
Subject: Release-authorized: UNUSUAL AIR ACTIVITY

Section 40

Further to my e-mail yesterday and your supplementary question, please see the question put to - and the answer received from - SATCO at Cosford. Thank you.

Question to SATCO

Further to the below and your e-mail confirming no activity as airfield was closed from 19 Dec 07, what about for the dates 3 Nov 07 and 28 Nov 07?

Specifically, for those dates:

a. Were there any military ac in flight (presumably over the areas referred to, i.e Oldbury, Wolverhampton, Dudley & Birmingham) between 1800 -2300 hrs?

b. On the same dates and times, did the unit receive any reports of unusual lights in the sky?

Apologies for supplementary question

Answer

The simple answer to both questions is no.

If I may explain further, the airfield at DCAE Cosford is a daylight hours only operating airfield i.e. we do not have any night flying capability whatsoever at DCAE Cosford. Furthermore, UBAS operations are between the hours of 0800-1700 (Mon-Fri) and 0800-1600 (Sat-Sun). That said, the WMAA helicopter may well return from a call-out after the airfield has closed and this may well be during the early evening hours. However, I have liased with Air Ambulance Operations and they have confirmed that their ac were on the ground by 1700 both days.

Section 40

Sqn Ldr
MCCO
Ext [Section 40]

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 January 2008 11:17

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-12-2007-132257-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 19 December 2007 asking whether the MoD had provisions to deal with a potential extra-terrestrial landing on earth. Additionally, you asked which units and technology were allocated for this purpose and for all documentation relating to government plans for such a landing.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. We therefore have no units, technology or plans relating, or allocated, to dealing with a landing.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I am sorry I could not be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

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09/01/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 19 December 2007 13:33

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request 19-12-2007-132257-002 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 13:33:10

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Dear Sir/Madam

My request under the FOI act is as follows:

Does the MOD have provisions to deal with a potential extra terrestrial
landing on Earth?

If so, where exactly are the units and what technology is available to
cope?

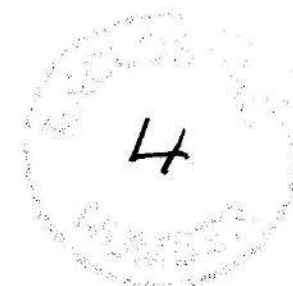
May I please have addresses and details of the units allocated for this
purpose?

Which department(s) would deal with this and are there specific
personnel allocated to this task?

Please send me all documents in relation to the government's plans
for ET landings.

If you cannot answer all these questions please send me as much
information as possible.

Many thanks



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 02-01-2008-064024-001 Expiry: 29 Jan 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

All information released since 2000 on the subject of Rendlesham

Case for release of information

This request is likely to exceed £600 and is therefore exempted under section 12 of the Act.

Requester has been asked to narrow the scope of his request.

Also directed to MoD website

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: ... **B2** Name: ... **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date: ... **8/1/08**

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 08 January 2008 11:54

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 02-01-2008-064024-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 December 2007 requesting copies of all information released since 2000 relating to the Rendlesham Forest Incident in 1980.

The costs of answering your query would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you would narrow the scope of your request to cover one or two particular years, I will attempt to help you. That having been said the MoD file on the subject is available to view on our website www.mod.uk in the Publication Scheme by searching under the word *Rendlesham*.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I am sorry I could not be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

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Catalogue Reference:defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 28 December 2007 14:58

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 02-01-2008-064024-001 **Section 40**

Importance: High

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 14:58:07

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: paranormal investigator

txtorganisation: paranormal investigation network essex

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: basildon

txtstatecountry: essex

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: all info released since 2000 relating to the
rendlesham forest/woodbridge ufo incident 1980

Section 40

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 07 January 2008 14:52
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 05-12-2007-075505-005

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 December 2007 asking whether a UFO sighting over Bognor on 4 October 2007 had been reported to the MoD. Additionally, you asked whether any aircraft were in the vicinity at the time.

The alleged incident has not been reported to this office which acts as the focal point for UFO reports across the MoD, although we have received a number of Freedom of Information requests on the matter, including your own.

The MoD does not routinely retain radar tape records beyond 30 days and we are therefore unable to answer the second part of your question. It is however, possible that the Civil Aviation Authority may be able to help you. What I can confirm is that the MoD did not send aircraft up on an intercept mission or redirect aircraft already airborne to intercept. No military aircraft were booked into the low flying system in that area.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 04 December 2007 17:18

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 05-12-2007-075505-005 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 17:17:37

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: retired Police

txtorganisation: na

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Alvechurch

txtstatecountry: Worcestesrhire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

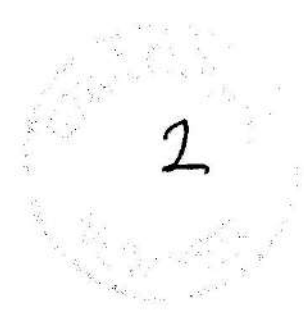
txtinforequest: I'm currently researching into a report of a saucer 'dome shaped object seen over the Felpham area of Bognor Regis at 5.55pm on the 4th of October 2007, by local residents **Section 40** and his Wife **Section 40**

I gather from conversation with the couple that the objects were initially seen as something resembling two balloons of a pink hue in the sky, before metamorphosing into two silvery pulsating objects 'dancing about in the sky' further observation revealed the presence of what looked like saucer shaped objects,

Can you please confirm, that this matter has been reported to you.

Can you also confirm whether there were any aircraft in the vicinity, as I am told two RAF Jets were seen on what may have been presmued an intercept course, following the appearance of the objects.

I look forward to hearing from you **Section 40**



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 04-12-2007-112832-004

Expiry: 7 Jan 2008

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Did MoD alert its aircrew to a UFO sighting near Bogner on 4 Oct 07

Copies of documents MoD holds on subject.

Case for release of information

There is no objection to the release of this material.

Some personal information has been withheld under exemption s.40

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information

Grade/Rank: **B1** Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.....

Date: **2/1/08**.....

Section 40

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 02 January 2008 11:30
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 04-12-2007-112832-004
Attachments: **Section 40** Attachment.mdi

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 December 2007 asking whether aircrew were alerted to an alleged UFO incident near Bognor on 4 October 2007. Additionally, you requested copies of any documents the MoD holds relating to this alleged incident.

Firstly, I can confirm that air crew were not alerted to this incident. The alleged sighting has not been reported to this office which acts as the focal point for UFO reports across the MoD, although we have received a small number of Freedom of Information questions on the matter, including your own. I attach copies of the documents the MoD holds on the alleged incident. You will notice that names and telephone numbers of officials have been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Sent: 03 December 2007 16:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 Section 40
Categories: FOI

You may wish to see the response provided below to a very similar request

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Wg Cdr
 SO1 Air & Ops Dev
 CT & UK Ops
 MOD Main Building
 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 December 2007 16:05
To: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 Section 40

Similar to your FOI request.

[REDACTED]
 CT & UK Ops Pol 1b
 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] SQN LDR
Sent: 29 November 2007 13:51
To: [REDACTED] Sqn Ldr ; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Subject: RE: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 Section 40

The assets committed to the QRA mission remain standard and were so on 4th Oct. There were no live launches of any of these assets on the date in question for unplanned incursions of or perceived threats to the UK or NATO airspace. There was however a training launch of one aircraft from RAF Leuchars in the afternoon of the date in question; the aircraft was tasked to work in the North Sea and was all times under the control of the ASACS community.

[REDACTED]
 Sqn Ldr
 SO2 F3 Ops
 HQ 1 Gp
 [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] Sqn Ldr
Sent: 29 November 2007 12:58
To: [REDACTED] SQN LDR
Cc: Smith, [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 Section 40

[REDACTED]

I have nothing to indicate any launch on 4th Oct. You might wish to try the CAOC as they keep records of all such activity.

[REDACTED]

Can you shed any light?

[REDACTED]

Sqn Ldr
 PSO/AOC 1 Gp

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2007 12:25
To: [REDACTED] Sqn Ldr ; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006

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Dear both,
 Please see the FOI request below.
 Could you please task this to the relevant person to find out if we hold any info on this?
 I would appreciate a response if possible nlt Thursday 6/12 at 1700

Regards,

[REDACTED]

RAF Business Secretariat
 AIR COMMAND
 RAF High Wycombe

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2007 12:12
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: Release-Authorised: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 Section 40

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Can you take?

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Main Building

-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 27 November 2007 15:42

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: foi email request 27-11-2007-154550-006 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 15:42:09

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtoccupation: Radio and TV Presenter

txtorganisation: Glastonbury Broadcasting Ltd

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Could you please confirm that two RAF jets were scrambled to confront an alleged UFO over Bognor on October 4th?

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Glastonbury Radio

07/12/2007

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2448/1

Section 4004-12-2007-112832-004
EXP 7 JAN 08**From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 04 December 2007 10:59**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 27-11-2007-154550-006 AND TO07013/2007Dear **Section 40**

Thankyou for your kind response to the matter of the alleged Bognor UFO incident.

May I ask two further questions for the purpose of total clarity:

- 1) Were any aircrew alerted to this object and tasked to investigate?
- 2) I would be grateful for copies of any documents the MoD holds relating to this alleged incident.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter

Section 40**Section 40**

Presenter of the worldwide syndicated hit programme Now THAT'S Weird -

www.nowthatsweird.co.uk

View my blog at <http://blog.myspace.com/Section 40>

----- Original Message -----

From: **Section 40****To:** **Section 40****Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2007 10:09 AM**Subject:** FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 27-11-2007-154550-006 AND TO07013/2007Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail to Des Browne, the Secretary of State for Defence, regarding the scrambling of RAF jets to investigate an alleged UFO sighting near Bognor on 4th October 2007. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we have responsibility for this subject. Additionally, you raised a Freedom of Information request on the same topic. I shall both queries in the same e-mail.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Turning to your actual question, I can confirm that no aircraft were launched to investigate this matter.

04/12/2007

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40

Sent: 02 January 2008 10:07

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 27-12-2007-072540-003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 23 December 2007 asking for details of a UFO sighting between Great Bircham and Docking in the 1960s.

Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1984, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Additionally, the MoD has published details of UFO sightings for the period 1998-2006 on its website at www.mod.uk. They can be found by searching under the phrase "UFO Reports". It is hoped that we will also be in a position to publish details for 2007 in the very near future.

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 December 2007 00:48

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 27-12-2007-072540-003 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 00:48:27

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2: kings lynn norfolk

txttowncity: kings lynn norfolk

txtstatecountry: norfolk

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I am requesting info of a unidentified flying object sighted between great Bircham and Docking in the 1960's a man by the name of robin peck reported this .Any info on this subject would greatly received.

regard **Section 40**
