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



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Eston
 Middlesbrough
 Cleveland **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

11 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 September 2008, the details of which you passed to the Low Flying Complaints Cell. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, 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.

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 4 September 2008, and that was from Guildford in Surrey. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying military aircraft in the area, I enquired, and have been informed that there was a Tornado in the vicinity at 21.00 at 250 ft, but that was only there for one minute as it flew by, on the way to RAF Marham.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 05 September 2008 11:30
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

08/9/93
69/12/28E43

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: Section 40
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: eston
txttowncity: middlesbrough
txtstatecountry: cleveland
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 10.40pm 04/09.2008

txtrequest: Me and a friend were heading up the A19 north bound, going just past borrowby between mt grace, i noticed some brigt green lights with a blue light moving very quickly through the trees and once we came past the trees the craft cut across the motoway in what can only be described as a very unusual large and silent craft moving very fast wich then changed direction and headed towards the back of the car and shot out of site very quickly. I have seen low flying fighter jets before and i know they have quite a loud distinct noise and shape when flying. The craft that we saw was silent, moving extremely fast, very large and had multiple bright lights on it not to mention its unusual shape. Please if you can shed some light on the matter and did have low flying air crafts in this area let me know as i thought we were both going mad.



2112-15 ✓

Terrence Mahan

1352 250p

**Section 40**

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 09 September 2008 12:48
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 September 2008, the details of which you passed to us on the das-ufo-office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 8 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

09/09/2008

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Section 40

From: **Section 40** on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office
Sent: 09 September 2008 09:12
To: **Section 40**
Subject: FW: UFO SIGHTING NEAR BLACKPOOL

Please deal



From: **Section 40** [mailto:**Section 40**] **Section 40**
Sent: 09 September 2008 01:59
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: UFO SIGHTING NEAR BLACKPOOL

08 September 2008 00.10 hrs*Nr. Blackpool, Lancashire.*

Just got into the hot tub to relax and looking at the stars and clouds, Suddenly I spotted something moving in the sky. It was at an altitude of approximately 500 feet heading in a north /north east direction at about 30-40 miles an hour (slower than a light aircraft). best way to describe the shape would be a chewing gum pack that was about 150 feet long 50 feet wide and about the same in height . It came right over where I was and passed over my house

It was black in colour and had 3 circles of lights/ exhausts underneath it emitting a dull orange light, similar to embers in a fire. I could see it quite clearly as it was visible by the ambient light and the cloud that was above it. It made no noise whatsoever and the only variation to the shape was a slight ridge around where the lights/ exhausts were. The lights were spread out the length of the object similar to traffic lights, one in the center and the others at about 10 feet from each end the diameter of the lights were all the same at approximately 30 feet, leaving 10 feet on each edge.

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Section 40

Bury
Greater Manchester

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

9 September 2008

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your address and didn't hear your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can't confirm whether we had any other sighting reports on the day of your sighting, as you did not leave a date and time on our answerphone. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Bury in Greater Manchester.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40 (Couldn't understand his surname on the answerphone).</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>Bury Greater Manchester Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 September 2008 11.25L

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not given.



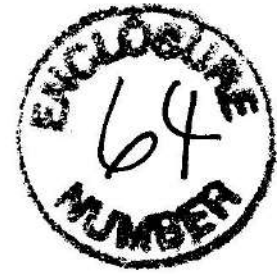
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 23.00L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Powys Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Anon. Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire South West Wales
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	8 September 2008 10.45L

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Basildon

Essex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 September 2008, the details of which you passed to Low Flying Complaints. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying
Sent: 08 September 2008 10:33
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 06 September 2008 20:22
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Basildon
txtstatecountry: Essex
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 20.03.06/09/2008
txtrequest: This is not a complaint, but rather an observation for your attention:

I was walking along in Laindon, Essex when I saw two large orange lights in the sky flying in my direction (east) rather quickly. At first I thought they were conventional commercial airlines, but one of the lights flew around the other one and both moved away (north) at a higher speed (than I have previously observed) and with the agility of a helicopter. I discounted that they were a helicopters due to the fact that there was no sound.



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Section 40

Guildford
 Surrey

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 September 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 4 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	4 September 2008 22.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A big, red diamond shaped object. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of his house.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying over Guildford in Surrey heading towards London.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Guildford Surrey Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 said that there were quite a few outside watching.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 September 2008 12.15L



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Section 40

Your Reference:

Spilsby
 Lincolnshire **Section 40**

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2
 Date:
 8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for August 2008 from Little Steeping in Lincolnshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

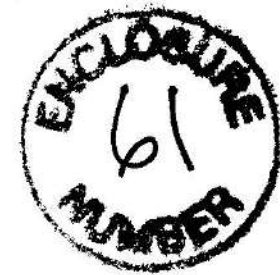
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 22.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Exceedingly large light in the sky. Then a group of lights appeared in the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was seen over Little Steeping, Spilsby in Lincolnshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite far away and very high up above the clouds.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving back and forth across the sky.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Just a few clouds.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Spilsby Lincolnshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40 said that she lives near the flight path at Conningsby and that this was definitely not a normal plane. That for the last two weeks in August, Section 40 had seen quite a few lights in the sky. They always stayed there for a long time.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	<p>5 September 2008 12.00L</p>



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Section 40

Plymouth
 Devon

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 5 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 September 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 3 September 2008, and that was from Urmston in Greater Manchester. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	3 September 2008 20.20L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A large, bright pink light.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside the front of his house.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. Then it was captured on a digital camera, and is now on a video.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying South West over the witnesses apartment in Mannamead, Plymouth in Devon.
6.	Approximate distance.	The object was about a kilometre away.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was floating towards the left and then excellerated slowly and disappeared.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Plymouth Devon Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 said that when he was outside, a lot of other people were outside in the area and they were also looking up at the sky and looking at the light.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that when he first looked at the object, it looked like a small point of it came away and fell to the ground. He started filming it and saw a second piece of the object fall to the ground. Then the object moved away and disappeared.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 September 2008 11.45L

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Section 40

Manchester
Greater Manchester

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a UFO sighting for the 3 September 2008, and that was from Plymouth in Devon. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	3 September 2008 21.45L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were four separate lights. One of the lights was huge, and it had different lights on it.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	In the house.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving over Urmston, Manchester in Greater Manchester.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Manchester Greater Manchester Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Her son came in and she pointed out of the window to the objects that she could see.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40 said that she saw a plane following one of the lights. It was a clear sighting. She informed her local Police and the local paper.</p> <p>She would like us to get back to her to explain what it could have been that she saw. Plus, if there were any other sightings on the day she saw the lights. The lights were not Chinese lanterns or anything like that.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 September 2008 11.30L



From: **Section 40**
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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Littlebourne
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 31 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, 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.

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 31 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying military aircraft flights in the area, I enquired, and have been informed that there was not, at the time of your sighting and on that day.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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LFA18

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
 Sent: 01 September 2008 12:45
 To: Low Flying
 Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40
 txtlastname:
 txtaddress1:
 txtaddress2:
 txttowncity: Littlebourne
 txtstatecountry: Kent
 txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
 txttelephone: Section 40
 txtcountry: UK
 txtemailAddress: Section 40
 txtincident: 21.35 31/08/08

txtrequest: Coming down St Stephens Hill towards Canterbury, a bright red light passed very quickly behind my car in the rear view mirror. I put it down as a low flying helicopter. As I came down the hill I saw people stopping to look at the sky. Further down a couple were stopped and were pointing at the sky to the East. I saw three very low, very bright lights travelling in formation then breaking off and doing acrobatics seen in sky over Canterbury. The lights were distant (probably a couple of miles) but large globe-like, travelling very fast and then coming to an almost immediate stop, changing direction in an instant, and changing colour in a pulsating way (not the flashing lights of a plane or helicopter), ranging through bright white light through red, green, blue, and orange. The incident was so strange I pulled the car over in the St Stephens Road area (just before the railway crossing) as dozens of people had come out of their houses and were pointing and staring at the sky. One commented that "they flew really low over our house and then shot off really fast, a few miles in a second".

I watched them for a few more minutes as they again reformed into a formation and travelled East towards Sturry / Broad Oak. One broke off and headed rapidly back towards my position before stopping and following the others. I jumped in my car and drove onto the Broad Oak Road to follow them, but could not see them in the sky any more. I did see some bright red lights stationary on the hill above the Broad Oak Road but could not ascertain what they were in the dark (I know there are pylons there so although unusually bright they could have been the hazard warning lights on those).

East of Canterbury is Manston International Airport, but this is not a usual flightpath and most significantly these lights were accompanied by no sound (indeed I could say they seemed to be accompanied by a silent stillness).

They looked and behaved like no plane or helicopter I have seen.

Were there any low flying military flights in this area at this time? Were any objects detected on radar in the area at this time.

If not, can you register my concerns over what I saw?

Thank you

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 REF: 11/9/08)

**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 04 September 2008 14:40**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting - TO04023/2008.**Dear** **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on the 29 and the 30 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Minister's Office, by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that for the 29 August 2008, we received one other sighting report and that was from Keighley in West Yorkshire. For the 30 August 2008, we received three other sighting reports, and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire, Holmfirth in West Yorkshire and Whitburn in Tyne and Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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SW1A 2HB

E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

04/09/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2624/1



TO04023 2008 - 20080902110749 - Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 30 August 2008 23:35
To: Ministers
Subject: Ask a Minister

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: Section 40
txtsubject: UFO Sightings
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: Section 40
txttowncity: Scarborough
txtstatecountry: North Yorkshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtrequest: Hi.

Reporting UFO Sightings in Scarborough one

Date of Sighting: Friday 29th August 2008 on Westborough

Time of Sighting: about 11:55am

Description: Black rectangular wobbly-

UFO Sighting 2: I saw it coming from Grosvenor Road towards Westwood College and Tescos I watched it and decide to go after it on foot lost sight of it.

Date of Sighting: Saturday 30th August 2008.

Sighted about 11:00pm.

Description: Orange circular shape-

I've seen quite a lot of UFO Sightings in Scarborough North Yorkshire UK.

Am a believer in UFOs and Aliens always have had interest in them.

I live by my self.

Had just come from my friend's place and wasn't looking for UFOs nor Aliens.

Thanks.

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying
Sent: 02 September 2008 11:10
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04023/2008
Attachments: TO04023 2008 - 20080902110749 - Section 40

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 WHITEHALL
 LONDON SW1A 2HB

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From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 02 September 2008 11:08 ✓
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04023/2008

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To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO04023/2008
Due Date: 22 September 2008
Correspondent: Section 40
Additional Advice:

the Department has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the date of this message**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the

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guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic>

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:

http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx. Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.

Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_parl/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm. If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

Email: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

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Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

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Section 40

Leeds
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 3 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 September 2008, the details of which you passed to the West Yorkshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry, I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	1 September 2008 20.44L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orb shaped object, with a disc shape underneath was in the sky for about ten to fifteen minutes.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was looking out of the loft bedroom window.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and then binoculars.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was moving over Rothwell, Leeds in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	There were a few clouds, but it was not raining.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Section 40 Section 40 Supervisor at Leeds Police Stn in West Yorkshire, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Leeds West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that the Police went to the area of the sighting, but couldn't see anything. There were no press enquiries.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	2 September 2008 14.25L

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Tyne & Wear**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

2 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 August 2008, the details of which you passed to Low Flying Complaints. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 August 2008, and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire and Holmfirth in West Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 31 August 2008 19:03
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Sunderland
txtstatecountry: England
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 2220 300808
txtrequest: 2220- 2240hrs sat 30th Aug 08 Whitburn, South Tyneside. Sighting of sodium coloured lights travelling north west. Initially 4 circular bright lights travelling in convoy, equally spaced at constant velocity (appeared slow). Front 2 made sudden vertical change of direction and eventually out of sight. Convoy was joined by 3 further lights. The last light (detached from convoy) had appearance of bright orange orb with a duller outer circumference. The brightness dissipated and it took on form of rest of lights and followed convoy after hovering over raised hilly area (known as Cleadon Hills).
Several other motorists (myself/wife as one) had stopped and one dog walker witnessed events. I made report to my colleagues at Southern area communication centre, Northumbria Police, who confirmed several other concurrent reports.
This is the first sighting I have made of unexplained flying objects. I know these were not flares (adjacent to coastal area) and they were not after burners of military aircraft.
Submitted for your information and attention.



no reply, as
no house number
and name of
witness.



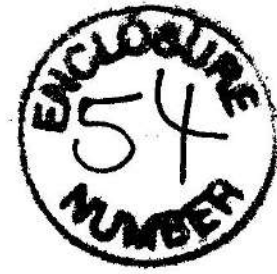
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 22.10L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Four UFOs in the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of the house.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The four UFOs flew over the witnesses' house in Reigate, Surrey.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite near, as above the house.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Surrey Police, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Anon Section 40 Reigate Surrey Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	1 September 2008 11.20L



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Section 40

Holmfirth
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 August 2008, the details of which you passed to West Yorkshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 August 2008 and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire and Sunderland in Tyne & Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	30 August 2008 21.41L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a sighting of lights in the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Scholes in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Huddersfield Police Stn in West Yorkshire, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 2px;">Section 40</div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> Holmfirth West Yorkshire <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 2px;">Section 40</div>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	1 September 2008 11.05L



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Section 40

Southport
 Merseyside

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far in August 2008 from Southport in Merseyside. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 23.00L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Flying objects. They looked like bright lights.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen hovering over Southport in Merseyside.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	There were a big group of lights and they were in a half circle formation.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Southport Merseyside Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that the sighting was very unusual, and had never seen anything like it before.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	1 September 2008 10.25L

No reply, as
full address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	29 August 2008 22.41L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen flying over Oakworth, Keighley in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Was quite far away and too high to be a plane.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to West Yorkshire Police Communications, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	A female Section 40 Keighley West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	1 September 2008 10.20L



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Section 40

Stroud
 Gloucestershire

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 August 2008 and they were from Huddersfield in West Yorkshire and Sunderland in Tyne & Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	30 August 2008 17.40L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Six orb shaped objects that were red and orange in colour. They initially formed a 'V' shape.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Stroud in Gloucestershire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The objects were floating around, and then a central one zoomed off like the Captain Kirk Enterprise.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Kent Police who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Stroud Gloucestershire
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that she was out walking her dog and noticed the objects.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	1 September 2008 10.15L

**Section 40**

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 29 August 2008 14:24
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 August 2008, the details of which you passed to us on the das-ufo-office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's'.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 15 August 2008, and that was from Hinckley in Leicestershire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

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Yours sincerely

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29/08/2008

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Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office

Sent: 29 August 2008 09:13

To: Section 40

Subject: FW: Sighting South wales.

Section 40

Please deal.



Section 40

From: Section 40 [mailto:Section 40]

Sent: 28 August 2008 20:43

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: Sighting South wales.

Hi, i would like to report a sighting of a flying saucer i've seen.

On the 15/08/08 at 9:10pm while riding home on my motorcycle, i spotted three bright orange lights in the sky about a mile away, i pulled over to look and noticed that the lights were heading towards me. The lights switched off one by one but i could still see one of the objects, i lost sight of the other two, this object was black and disc shaped, it also moved quick and was silent.

My location - Argoed South Wales.

The lights were first spotted south of me near Blackwood and one saucer was observed heading north.

The saucer was in clear view over head at one point.

I've also been told that there was a sighting about the same in Bargoed.

I'm not the best at typing so i've kept it short but if theres any details you think i've missed out or any question, just ask. Thank Section 40

29/08/2008

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Section 40

Cheshunt
 Hertfordshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Cheshunt, Herts so far for August 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Thirty orange lights were moving slowly across the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Cheshunt in Hertfordshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	The lights were a few hundred feet up.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving in a straight line, going slow.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<div>Section 40</div> <div>Cheshunt Hertfordshire</div> <div>Section 40</div> <div>Section 40</div>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Could the lights have had anything to do with the RAF?
13.	Date and time of receipt.	28 August 2008 11.05L



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Darlington
 County Durham

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 23 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	23 August 2008 21.56L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two objects that both had two lights on them. Each object was moving independently from the other. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Section 40 was looking out of the window in her house.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects moved over Darlington in County Durham.
6.	Approximate distance.	Couldn't identify the altitude.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to County Durham Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Darlington County Durham Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	28 August 2008 11.00L



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Lewes
 East Sussex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Sussex Police Contact Centre. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 24 August 2008, and that was from Emsworth in Hampshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

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Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	24 August 2008 21.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Fifty nine lights in the sky that formed a 'V' shape. There were a few lights on their own. They were bright red and very big. They were silent. 
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were moving over Lewes in East Sussex.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the Sussex Police Contact Centre, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 2px;">Section 40</div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> Lewes East Sussex <div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 2px;">Section 40</div>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	28 August 2008 10.50L

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Section 40Emsworth
Hampshire**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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