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Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room Section





From

Section 40

6 May 1986

#### Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter in which you asked for the Department's views on the incident at RAF Woodbridge in December 1980.

You may find it useful if I explain that the sole interest of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence in reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of the country.

The only information we have on the alleged "UFO sighting" at Rendlesham Forest in December 1960 is the report by Colonel Charles Halt, of the United States Air Force. We are satisfied that the events described are of no defence significance. I can assure you that there is no question of attempting to cover up any incident or mishap, nor are we attempting in any way to obscure the truth.

I recall you also asked when you telephoned me if I could give you the number of reports we have had of 'sightings'. During 1985 the Ministry of Defence received 160 reported sightings of aerial phenomena or 'UFO's', the majority of these being in the Welsh, Yorkshire and Thames Valley/London areas.

Up until the end of March this year we had received 39 reports. I trust that this information is of some use to you.

Yours sincerely



Section 40

REF NO TT89

Dear Sir,

I am enquireing about the artical in the News Of The World newspaper about the U.F.O landings in Suffolk England. The artical was in the paper on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1983. I phoned the News of The World, but they couldn't tell me much more than what was in the paper, so I phoned the U.S.A.F base in Suffolk where the U.F.O was surppose to have landed, they couldn't tell me much because most of the people who were there at the time of the landing had left and went back home. One of the personel said that an offical report had gone to the M.O.D

The M.O.D don't investigate U.F.Os any more, so they said, why if that incident was investagated hasn't the public heard any more about an incident that took place in 1980? So why did it take the M.O.D three years to say anything about it? And why did three or four of the British airmen after they had supposedly seen and touched the object, where they sent back to the camp and were tested by the N.C.O with a geiger counter and placed in isolation until the all clear was given? Why were they also told to sign the Offical Secrets Act, and why did some of the American Airmen, who were there, had their M-16 rifes taken from them before the object landed? Why, out of all the places that the object could have landed, it landed next to a British and American Air base?

The object was also picked up by the near by civilian Airport radar, but a later report said that the object was infact a beam from a lighthouse, but radar dosn't pick up beams of light. Who ever gave that story to the news paper reporter I'm sure he could have made up a better story than that.

I would be very grateful if you could tell me the truth behind the artical.

The only reason why I bring up the matter after so long is because a friend

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blinded and when the colours died down there was a **b** machine there.

Machine there. Art said there were beings aboard the oran, but he could not see them as he was on the wrong side. "But others did. They said there were three, wearing silver suit." Art Walkace-we have

No HOAX: Brig. Gen. Williams

Wearing silver suite." Art Wallace-we have changed his name for security reasons-tells his story on Page 7 today. The first sighting of the craft over England was recorded on a radar screen at RAF Watten, 50 miles away from where it landed.

landed. They reported: "Tracing unidentified object." Radar operators fol-lowed the program as it flew over the East Coast until it disappeared. In London, the Ministry of Defence declined to lift the veil, although the USAF said its official reports had been sent there.



report " unexplained lights " and a strange

object that lit up the forest.

the man who was in charge of the USAF base at Woodbridge at the time the UFO came down.

The wing commander, now Brigadier General, Gordon Williams, said back home in America; "I recali Li-Colonei Hali's report.

#### Silence

"I don't know exactly what happened. It is all there.

"He is not a man who would hear the British Ministry of Defence or the American Air Force Department." At Woodbridge, all enquiries ran into a wall of silence.

Will of spence. USAF Capt. Kathleen McCollon, chief of the public affairs division at the basic told solicitor Harry Harris, a UFO investi-gator from Manchester, in a letter: "I was not an eyewitness to the ww

you say took place, and do not know of anyone who Was

Shown Colonel Malt's report later, she admitted: Yes, something did happen and it is detailed in that document."

She declined to amplify the report.



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John Knight, who has fathered

year-old Lynn Attwater, best friend

Now they live 12 miles from Lynn in council houses 200 yards spart at Loublebois, near Liskeard. Wife Carol. 38, who gave birth to Knight's 21st child in July, said yes-terday: "It was a real shock when I learned sbout Lynn and John." And Knight said: "She's really 2 long-standing friend of all of us."

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By MARTIN BRUNT and BILL DAVEY

RINCE Charles is at the centre of a bisarre UFO

ystery. The Prince had a close heounter during a flight ome from the United States

st week. The pilot of his BAF VC-10 dioed air traffic control to say be ad been startled by a standarted

aject," in the sky. Incredibly, FOUR other surcraft eported sighting the UFO" over the same wetch of the Irish Sea.

## Sa Visit

An immediate investigation was launched—but no race of the unidentified urcraft has been found.

Other explanations uch as meteors or debits rom a satellite—have also reen ruled out by experts. Charles was nearing the end of a 12-hour trans-Atlantic flight after 3 fiveSULLDAY AVILLOB

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#### day visit to the U.S. when "The pilot the incident happened." Ing a red s A source at West Drayton air traffic control near Longon's licatorow airport "We just do

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ton air traffic cantrol near Longon's licatinow airport said "The object was reported by five different aircraft, including the Prince's.

write pilot described suging a red glowing object. The light from it lit up like

"We just don't know what it was. It's a complete mystery." And an oir traffic official et Treland's Shannoh air, port said "The pilot Siv a bright flash in the sky. "An humediate check was mate on all aircraft, but none was nilssing. "Whatover the pilob saw. It certainly was bob another heroplane."

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A Ministry of Defence spokesman confirmer concercularer's plot did report seeing a bright flash, but we are satisfied there was no danger to the Frince's aircraft."

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OFO expert Time Good, an author and lecturer, said last week: "It may not be pure concidence.

"It is likely that any creature from other space that is more advanced than us would be aware of the significance of a Royal flight."

And former diplomat Gordon Creighton, the editor of Flying Saucer Review magazine, said:

"I've no idea what this object could have been, but it would be wrong to dismiss it. There are beings in space watching us very closely."

# Philip's A 'saucer'

PRINCE PHILIP bas been a keen UFO follower for the past 30 years.



#### Philip-follower

He is a keen reader of the magazine, Flying Sauger Review.

And he once invited a man who claimed to have seen a UFO landing to come to Buckingtoun Priace to tell his story to a Royel able so the official could report to Philip, who was on tour in Australia.



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MOD (AFO) Defence Secretariat Division 8 Ministry of Defence Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

14 May 1986

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Dear Sirs

LETTER FROM Section 40

RE UFO HEATHROW VICINITY

I enclose a letter for your attention received at ATC Heathrow, concerning a UFO report, I understand your Department handles such requests for information.

I attach our holding reply.

Yours faithfully

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A joint Civil Aviation Authority – Ministry of Defence Service



National Air Traffic Services Control Tower Building Heathrow Airport – London Hounslow Middlesex Telephone Section 40

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14 May 1986

Section 40 Dear

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POSSIBLE UFO - HEATHROW AIRPORT AREA

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Thank you for your letter of 7 May 1986, addressed to Air Traffic Control.

I regret to say I am not able to help you. I have looked in the ATC log for 2 April 1986 but nothing untoward was reported, around noon or during that day.

I have therefore forwarded your letter and contents to the Ministry of Defence (AFO) Division 8 in London. That Department deals with reports on UFOs and if you have any further information please send it to them at Main Building, Whitehall SWIA 2HB.

Yours sincerely



for CAA Chief Officer Heathrow Airport - London

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#### LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/12/3

14 May 86

#### PS/Minister(DS)

Copy to: AUS(DS) DST1 D Air Def GE3 DI55c DPF(RAF)

#### UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - CENTRAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW

1. My staff spoke to you on Friday evening about a request from Central Television to conduct an interview with a member of MCD, preferably a Minister, for inclusion in a 45 minute piece on UFOs which they propose screening in "Central Weekend", a 1<sup>1</sup>/2 hour current affairs programme shown on Sundays in the Central TV area. The producers are, as yet, unsure of the actual date of the broadcast. We promised to let you have fuller information about the programme when it was to hand.

2. The programme will be based on a series of interviews interspersed with film, taken from public roads, of some MOD establishmenta which are assumed to be of significance in UFO circles. Interviewees will include Lord Hill-Norton and an ex-MOD employee Section 40 Section 40 who worked at Boscombe Down during the 1950's and who claims to have seen a UFO in 1952. You may wish to note that, because of his official status at the time, Section 40 has been in touch with this office, independently, about taking part in the programme. We have advised him that, as a private citizen, the decision to take part must be his own but that the MOD would have no objection to him doing so.

3. The proposed interview with Minister(DS) would last perhaps 15 minutes which, when edited, will provide 2-3 minutes of TV time. The interview would take the form of specific questions upon which we would, of course, provide briefing. The questions are expected to include: our explanation of the strange phenomena which occur in the sky; the seriousness with which MOD treats reports of incidents; whether MOD is the sole authority in Whitehall which receives reports or whether they are passed on to another more clandestine organisation; and the incident in December 1980 at RAF Woodbridge. Central Television have indicated that the interview can take place at Minister's convenience but they would preferably wish it to be within a fortnight.

4. We have sought the views of CPR's organisation on this topic and they recommend Minister should take part. To refuse to do so would only add to speculation that the MOD has something to hide on this particularly emotive subject.

5. I would be grateful to know if Minister(DS) is content with the proposal that he should appear on the programme.





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The "examiner" is about 4ft. tall and is wearing a white gown to the ground, with long loose sleeves that are drawn in at the cuffs. It has no neck, in fact it is slightly hunched. It has bushy brown hair or "fur" over the whole of its head and hands. In the head are two large slanted triangular-shaped eyes, a light brown nose or "beak," a slit for a mouth, and pointed, slanted-back ears. It has large hairy hands





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Based on an early attempt by Elaine to draw one of the small entities, or "examiners."

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brown fur-like covering on face

Early impression by John of an "examiner".

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with four digits on each hand, Large talons or nails protrude from each finger. It is very thick set, and walks awkwardly. John hears it make occasional gutteral chirps. Despite its appearance it seems to

#### The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1925/1

is about oit. Onis on the ground, it to over, "the " surface of small "bubbles" that support the body. Like most other things in the craft it is grey in colour. The table is supported on an hemispherical pivoting support. On the left-hand side nearest the examiner is some kind of long control box from which the "pencil" instruments are obtained.

Whilst on the table John cannot move any part of his body. (He believes that they did use other instruments on him but he cannot describe them.)

After the "bar" or "scan" stops at the end of the table. John asks the tall entities if he can get up. They answer: "Sit there for a while." John is surprised when he realises that they did not speak, for he had received a mental impression that they said what they said. Whereupon he sits up and swings his legs over the side of the table. His legs feel weak and his whole body feels very loose. To his amazement he is wearing a one piece garment similar to that of the tall entities. This feels like his skin. The "examiners" now disappear from the room.

Sitting up, John is able to get a better view of the three tall entities and the room itself. This is about

plink hises and creatily eye bans, there are no visible noses or mouths, and John has a strong feeling that the entities are wearing masks.

As far as John can recall there are 3 fingers on each hand. The skin is very pale, almost translucent. Neither entity seems to have joints in arms or legs. John likens this to a "bendy toy" or "blow up doil."

As they move their arms, no elbows can be seen. Their movement is graceful, and they do not take large strides when they walk.

When John has swung his legs over the side of the table, he starts asking questions, all of which are answered. At one point he asks: "What do you do when you're outside the ship?'

"We use a visor," came the reply. Looking around John sees one of the three entities holding a "visor." It is hemispherical, with two head bands, one going horizontally round the head, and the other going across the head. John compares it with a welder's visor. Deep rusty red in colour it would cover a normal-sized face.

The tallest entity, whom John presumes is the leader, is the only one with whom he has direct



#### A recent drawing by Elaine of the "examiner" no feet could be seen. This is the nearest she can achieve of this horrific-looking being

20ft. long, 12ft. wide, and 7-8ft. high. It is oval in shape, both horizontally and vertically. There are no seams in either wall or ceiling, and everything is perfectly smooth like the inside of a bubble. There appears to be no furniture other than the table and the two lights above him. - mast one t ruting SAUCER REVIEW. Vol. 24. No.1 (1955-) 7

Left: Sketch of tall entity by Elaine during my 1981 second interview: note 'nose' and also belt, "Car PROM A which was worn by 'leader' only. Right: John's sketch of tall entity. Nose and belt star are omitted, although he says he believes 6000 that at least one entity was wearing one.



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Valensole, France, 1.7.1965 (Case 6). Artist's impression superimposed on photograph of alleged landing site.

high – the size of a smallish car. It was standing on six legs connected to a central pivot, and had a door and a transparent dome: M. Masse likened it to a monstrous spider. At first he thought it might be a helicopter, since they frequently landed on these fields: but he quickly realized this was no such thing. Then he saw two creatures bending down as though examining his plants: since his crop had recently been damaged by unknown vandals, he moved forward angrily.

He was about seven metres from them when one of the figures turned and pointed a pencil-like object at him, taken from a holder at its side: Masse found himself halted in his tracks, unable to move. The two figures stood watching him, but did not seem hostile; they seemed to be discussing him. They were about one metre tall, dressed in close-fitting grey-green clothing, with no headgear. Their heads were about three times the size of a human head, in proportion to their bodies: they had large ears, high cheeks, lidless eyes, no chins, and round holes for mouths.

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#### THE UFO PHENOMENON

The two beings returned to their machine; the door closed, the legs whirled and retracted, and the machine left the ground silently. When it was between fifteen and twenty metres away, it suddenly vanished. About fifteen minutes later feeling returned to Masse and he was able to move again: he worked until between 7.30 or 8 am, then went back to the village, where he told his adventure at a cafe. Being known and respected in the neighbourhood, his story was taken seriously and thoroughly investigated both by the police and by private UFO investigative groups: though some contradictions were noted, no reason was found to doubt his story, and some confirmation was obtained from other witnesses which seemed to support his claim. Physical traces were found on the site, which persisted and affected future crops until the field was ploughed over. Masse also suffered from psychological effects - he slept inordinately and experienced dreams of a psychic character.<sup>56</sup>

In selecting these examples, I have deliberately chosen relatively simple and unsensational cases, occurring to ordinary people in the casual course of their daily lives. None of these people was particularly interested in UFOs; they were not deliberately looking for them nor, so far as is known, were they subject to any other kind of delusion or preconception. In all six cases, the sighting came as a total surprise, to which the witness had to adjust while in the course of doing something quite trivial going to bed, returning home, doing the daily work. In each case the witness responded with emotions ranging from mild puzzlement to complete bafflement; in each case subsequent investigation, while it has failed to discover the true explanation, has also failed to show that the witness in any way misreported the incident. In short, these things seem to have taken place as described, for all anyone can show to the contrary.

Of course, some of them are capable of some kind of explanation. For several of them, a helicopter might seem to offer an answer – behaving unusually for some







DIONISIO LLANCA'S VERY CLOSE ENCOUNTER











T IS there in black and white, an official report signed by a US Air Force Colonel saying that unidentified flying objects had been sighted by his men in Suffolk in late December 1980.

Halt, deputy RAF Woodwhen I pub ed whether Needless to say, people wondered had gone barmy three years later-lished the report by Lt Col Charles commander of the USAF base at bridge.

promoted to The authorities today are still saying nowt or denying all, but they cannot magic away that official report by Lt Col Halt – later promoted to full Colonel and made commander of the East Anglia base. So he wasn't barmy!

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stigations for tion, and her uller and Dot ck called Sky rafton f2.95). Jenny Randles, director of investig the British UFO Research Association two helpers, housewives Brenda Bull Street, tell their story in a paperback Orash to be published on May 22 (Graf



YOU 'ORRIBLE MAN: But National Service showed us how people of all classes, colours and religions could live in harmony



Glowing lights

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gations that got me excited in October 1983, particularly the report Lt Col Halt filed to his superiors about the It was their early investistrange events in Rendle sham Forest. fle wrote on 13 January 1981:

rity patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Think-I. Early in the morning of 27 December 1980 (approxio-mately 0300) two USAF secuat RAF Woodbridge, Think-ing an aircraft might have crashed or been forred crashed or been forced down, they called for permis-sion to go outside the gate to investigate . . the individu-Welowing object in the forest.





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were signed with private com-

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ment was reached before the

Mr Younger is expected to

meet King Fahd and other

important Saudi officials dur-

ing his three-day visit, which

may lead to another arms deal

if a \$357 million (about £238

million) air-to-air and air-to-

ship missile package fails to clear the US Congress. The

Saudis may again look to Britain to fill the gap as they

did when they bought the

Tornados instead of the

American-built F15 fighters

they originally wanted.

Tornado deal was signed.

## Marching orders, please! >

an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned [ie Lt Col Charles Halt himself witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

You might have thought that this sensational report would have set the rafters alight. Not a bit of it. The Ministry of Defence admitted unusual lights had been sighted, but said there was no explanation.

Naturally the scoffers had a field day. Most reckoned those strange lights came from Orford Ness lighthouse. five miles away, and that the indentations in the ground were made by rabbits.

Nobody has yet explained 



CHATTING with Ken Livingstone, the ex-GLC leader tells me how his thumbnail-size frogs breed: upside-down. ] want more, but you can't keep Ken off politics. Tomorrow's poll will be "Labour's biggest win for 15 years".

to my satisfaction how lighthouses manage to fly in a blaze of lights nor how rabbits give off radiation.

The three authors have also produced some fascinating supplementary evidence and Ralph Noyes, former head of the MoD department responsbile for RAF intelligence, said in a statement: We now have evidence - I blush to say about my own Ministry -- that they have lied about this case. They have covered it up."

#### Conspiracy

And so the conspiracy of silence continues, though these determined ladies have no intention of giving up their pursuit of the truth.

Their book raises some awkward questions about the USAF bases in East Anglia in view of Mrs Thatcher's decision to allow them to be used by F-111 bombers for the attack on Libya.

Quite clearly we have little control over the bases and, when something untoward occurs, lose no time in helping the US cover it up.

I do not believe that the UFO which disturbed the Suffolk woodland on that wintry night carried some spooky visitors from a distant planet.

No, the explanation is much simpler. A UFO it was — an American military spacecraft which had been on an illegal mission in outer space years ahead of President Reagan's beloved Star Wars programme.

IGHT, fall-in, three ranks, you shower!. I am riding my hobby horse. Bring back some form of National Service for the army of unemployed youngsters aimlessly wandering our streets.

Oh. I know all about freedom of the individual and suchlike, but can any of us who did our stint in uniform honestly say we did not thoroughly enjoy it?

I will not inflict you with such rubbish as: "It will make men of them" or "A bit of discipline will sort that lot out".

My experience in the Army was that it did neither. More important, it showed us how people from all parts of the country, of all classes, colours and religions, could live in harmony. It also gave us a chance to see the world beyond these shores, and taught us how to look after ourselves.

I hope the spirit of those times will be captured in an exhibition on National Service, opening at the Imperial War Museum in London next September. Altogether some 250,000 of us were conscripted between 1948-63.

What a laugh it all was. My postbag suggests that others came away with the same impression.

Patrick Moore, from Bromsgrove, sends me a British Armed Forces 3d voucher (BAFs, we called them) with the comment: "I think I picked it up in Berlin or Nairobi ... or was it Mauritius or Madagascar?"

Ah, sweet memories, he says. I'll second that.

Eric Firth, from Wilsden, Yorks, would not agree. He was a regular soldier who served 14 years, and reckons National Service was a waste of time, money, manpower and lives.

He writes: "Young men around 18 were plucked from their jobs. homes and loved ones, put into ugly, ill-fitting uniforms that made them resemble walking coal sacks, and dispatched to a variety of international destinations."

Well, you could say that. However, the youngsters I am talking about have no jobs to be plucked from. And that is the most dreadful waste of all.

Saudis seek to offset ' British Tornado deal From A Correspondent, Riyadh

Mr George Younger, the US offset programme Was Defence Secretary, met Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, his Saudi counterpart, yesterday to discuss Saudi proposals for British investment to offset the £S billion Tornado fighter deal.

The investment programme would be similar to that imposed on a consortium of companies led by Boeing. The consortium had to invest 35 per cent of a \$1.2 billion contract to provide ground control for the airborne warning and control system (Awacs) jets sold to the Saudis by the Americans.

The difference is that the



£5 BN. ARMS DEAL Mr George Younger, Defence Secretary, was in Saudi Arabia yesterday to iron out details of the 25 billion arms deal signed last year. The deal - Britain's biggest export order - is for 132 alreraft including 72 Tornadoes, support equipment and spares.



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port and spares. air show today.

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# UK clinches, Saudi deal5

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia is con-sidering buying weapons for its navy from Britain, after concluding a big aircraft deal with London, the defence minister, Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, said yesterday.

"We are discussing the possibility of purchasing arms for the navy from friendly counthe navy from friendly coun-tries including Britain," the of-ficial Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying after talks with the British defence secretary George Younger, Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz gave no details of the navy's requirements, but said that Riyadh had concluded final agreement on a £5 billion puragreement on a £5 billion purchase of British military air-

The deal, Britain's biggest export sale, includes 72 Tornado fighters, 30 Hawk train-ers, and 30 PC Orion surveillance aircraft plus missiles, training, technical sup-

Prince Sultan said that some of the Tornado fighters had arrived in the kingdom and were due to take part in an

Saudi Arabia invited Mr Younger here to discuss final details of the deal, including a requirement under the Saudi "offset programme" that 35 per cent of the value of the contract be re-invested in Saudi Arabia.-Reuter.

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter, undated, but which we received in December. I apologise for not replying sooner.

During 1985 the Ministry of Defence received 160 reported sightings of aerial phenomena or "UFOs", the majority of these sightings being in the Welsh, Yorkshire and Thames Valley/London areas.

To date in 1986 we have received 39 reports. I hope this information is of some use to you and it is not too late for your report.

Yours sincerely



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#### Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 12 December and your reminder of 18 March. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to reply.

To answer your two easier questions first:

1. The form which was sent to you with Section 40 letter of 6 December is complete, ie nothing was omitted before sending it on to you.

2. I am afraid I can be of little help to you on the reported sightings in North Yorkshire during August. We received only one report during the month which is very sketchy indeed (copy attached), and I have no knowledge of any of the claims alluded to in your letter.

As to the study which you mentioned in your letter of 18 March, work is in hand at the moment to trace the document. I must admit that I was unaware of such a study and this is the reason why it has not been referred to in the past. Should we manage to locate it I will of course let you know.

