

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting  
Midnight 23 July until 0230 on 24th
- B. Description of Object  
Red and blue lights almost stationary
- C. Exact Position Observer  
Shuttlewood, Chesterfield
- D. How Observed  
Naked eye & binoculars
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen  
N. 10° E
- F. Angle of sight  
40°
- G. Distance  
Approx 5 mls
- H. Movements  
Very, very slow, only long observation determined any movement
- J. Meteorological conditions during observation  
Clear, no cloud
- K. Nearby objects  
Used street lights and chimneys to assess position
- L. To whom reported  
To police
- M. Name and address of informant
- N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered  
Informant is an investigator for the Yorkshire UFO Society and this is her first experience of a UFO
- O. Other witnesses  
Police Constable (Chesterfield Police)
- P. Date and time of receipt of report  
26 July, 1950

From:

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Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room

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5 December 1985

Thank you for your letter requesting information on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

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

There is no organisation in the Ministry of Defence appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and no staff are employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive are referred to the staff in the Department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. Unless there are defence implications we do not attempt to identify sightings and we cannot inform observers of the probable identity of the object seen. Therefore, I am afraid we do not have a great deal of information available to send you. However, I attach copies of two recent Parliamentary Questions on the Ministry of Defence's interest in UFO reports together with a copy of the proforma we use to record reports, which you may be interested in.

I enclose details of 3 magazines which publish articles on UFOs and the address of the British UFO Research Association. I am not sure whether any of these will be able to help you but it might be worth writing to them. I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance.

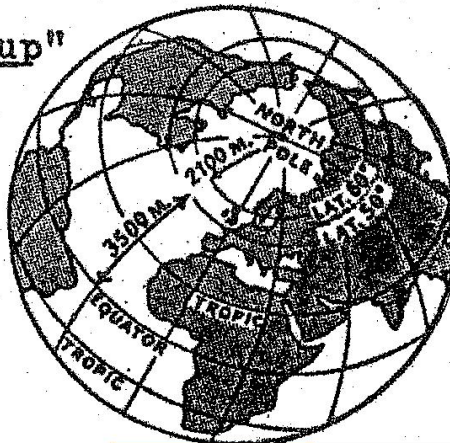
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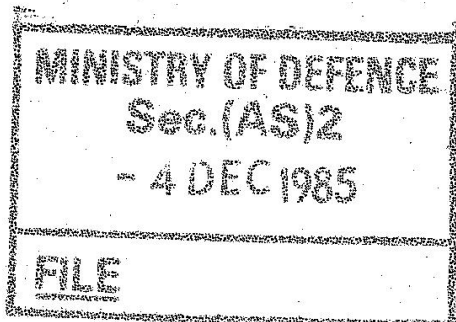


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Your Ref:

Our Ref: SB/TB



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Dear Sir/Madam

Is it possible for you to send me a report of the amount of UFO'S sighted over England, which you may have received this year. I would be interested in unidentified and identified reports.

This will be included in our annual report 1985, look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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(L.C.F.U.F.O.S)

LANCASHIRE CENTRE FOR U.F.O. STUDIES

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Dear s.r/madam,

I am very interested in UFO's and was wondering whether it would be possible if you could please send me some information concerning this subject.

I have to do a paper for my English 'O' Level Examination and this is the subject I have chosen.

I have already written to Mr Timothy Hill, of the Welsh office in London and he said that he had passed a copy of my letter onto you and he also gave me your address. I hope you will be very



in fact, as this information from  
you could help me achieve a good  
grade.

yours Sincerely,

Section 40

(1634)



To: MOD Sec(A3)2b  
 Room **Section 40**  
 Main Building  
 Whitehall  
 London

From: HQ P&SS(UK)  
 FCF  
 RAF Rudloe Manor  
 Hawthorn  
 Wilts SN13 0P2

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FLYING COMPLAINT

11 4 NOV 85

1. The attached complaint was received at this Headquarters as per date stamp from a "first time" complaint.
2. The complaint location is/~~is not~~ listed as an avoidance area and is situated as follows:
  - a. OC Sheet Number .....104.....
  - b. Grid Reference .....SE 2524:.....
  - c. LFA .....8.....
3. This Headquarters will take no further action unless directed by you.

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for OC P&SS(UK)

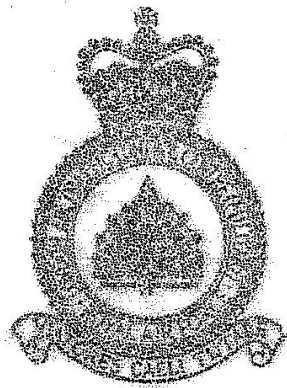


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Can you be of assistance in  
this matter.  
with compliments

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FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
Aeronautical Information Section (Military)

London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military)

Royal Air Force

West Drayton

Middlesex UB7 9AU

West Drayton Section 40 Ext: Section 40



**ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
Linton-on-Ouse York YO6 2AJ

Telephone Linton-on-Ouse **Section 40**

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The Controller  
AIS(M)  
Royal Air Force  
West Drayton  
MIDDLESEX  
UB7 9AU

*Please address any reply to  
The Officer Commanding  
Your reference*

Our reference  
LIN/117/2/Air  
Date  
18 Oct 85

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT INFORMATION AND DETAILS FOR YUFOs

The enclosed letter was received at this Station on 15 Oct 85 and has been acknowledged. **Section 40** has been informed that RAF Linton-on-Ouse does not have the information he requests and that his letter has been forwarded to you.

**Section 40**

Lt Cdr  
for OC

Enclosure:

1. **Section 40** letter dated 2 Oct 85



From: Flight Lieutenant **Section 40** RAF

ROYAL AIR FORCE  
Leeming Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 9NJ

Telephone Bedale

**Section 40**

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**Section 40**

Please address any reply to The Officer Commanding  
Your reference

Our reference

LEEM/4223/2/Air

Date

10 October 1985

Dear

**Section 40**

#### LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT IN NORTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of 2 October 1985 in which you refer to a low flying aircraft passing over the village of Almondbury on 19 September 1985.

I have to tell you that I have no knowledge of such an aircraft movement however, you will be aware that aircraft and helicopters regularly overfly Yorkshire at relatively low altitude. As you may be aware there are no jet aircraft or helicopters permanently based at RAF Leeming at present and you will therefore understand that I have no direct control over the aircraft involved in this incident, nor any aircraft operating in your area.

In reply to your enquiry regarding aircraft lighting I regret that I am unable to assist you other than to state that most aircraft carry red and green navigation lights, red flashing anti-collision lights and, in some cases, flashing white strobe lights.

I regret that I am unable to assist you further in this matter and would suggest, as Royal Air Force Leeming's involvement in aviation within Yorkshire is at present very limited, that you may wish to consider alternative avenues of enquiry.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

From: Squadron Leader

Section 40

RAF

*Please see attached.**7 Oct 85**F/R → LEEM/4223/2/WR*

ext 203

OPS WG HQ

RAF LEEMING

8 OCT 1985

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*7* October 1985

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

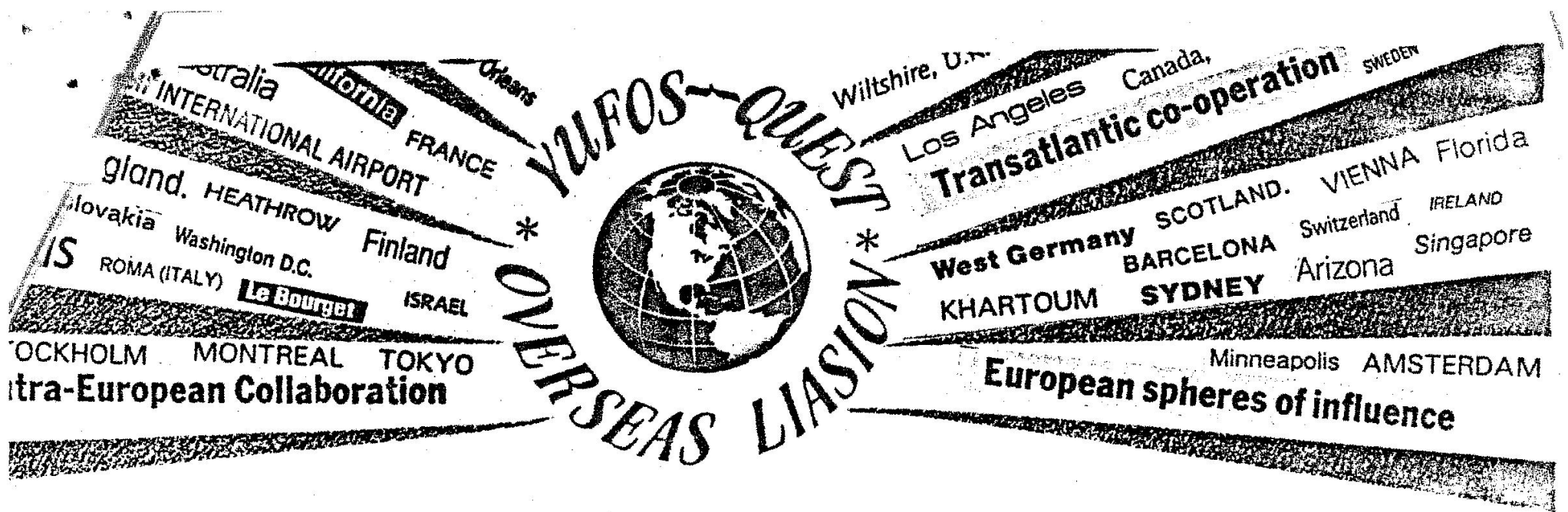
I have received your letter of 2 October in which you pose a variety of questions about aircraft movements in North Yorkshire. Unfortunately we do not have the information you require. However, I have invited our air traffic people to treat your information and queries in the same manner as any from the public concerning low flying aircraft.

Having done this, I cannot promise any outcome. I also suggest that since we are but a small unit with a very limited compliment of aircraft you may wish to consider alternative avenues of enquiry.

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*/* Sqn Ldr  
for OC





Your Ref:

Your Ref:

Community Relations Officer,  
Royal Air Force,  
Leeming,  
Nothallerton,  
North Yorkshire,  
DL7 9NJ.

2 October 1985.

Dear Sir,

I wonder could you possibly help me with some information regarding the movements of aircraft-helicopters.

Could you inform me of any aircraft/helicopter movements over the village of Almondbury near Huddersfield on the 19th of September 1985 at approx 1120pm.

It would also be of interest to me if you have any information regarding helicopter movements over various parts of North and West Yorkshire and Humberside on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of July 1984. Any information regarding the movement of aircraft/helicopters on the above dates will be of a tremendous assistance to my enquiries.

I would also appreciate it if you could tell if there are any aircraft/helicopters either military or civilian that carry bright orange lights of any description.

Also are there any helicopters either military or civilian that display such bright white lights that when viewed on a clear night from a distance of around 2-3 miles that they far out shine by 10 to 15 times the brightest astronomical body in the night sky excluding the moon.

Any information on any of the above topics will be much appreciated. I look forward to your reply, until then I am,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

The Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS).



YUFOS Research Division (International)

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

4 Oct 85

DI55 (Wg Cdr **Section 40**)

UNUSUAL SIGHTING ANDOVER AREA

References:

- A. D/DAAC/23/GA dated 6 Aug 85
- B. D/DAAC/23/GA dated 19 Sep 85

1. We discussed this subject briefly on the telephone. I attach copies of references A and B which explain the background to the enclosed photographs. Although I don't think this can properly be regarded as a UFO sighting, there might conceivably be a defence interest and I would therefore be grateful for your expert comments on the photographs and their contents.

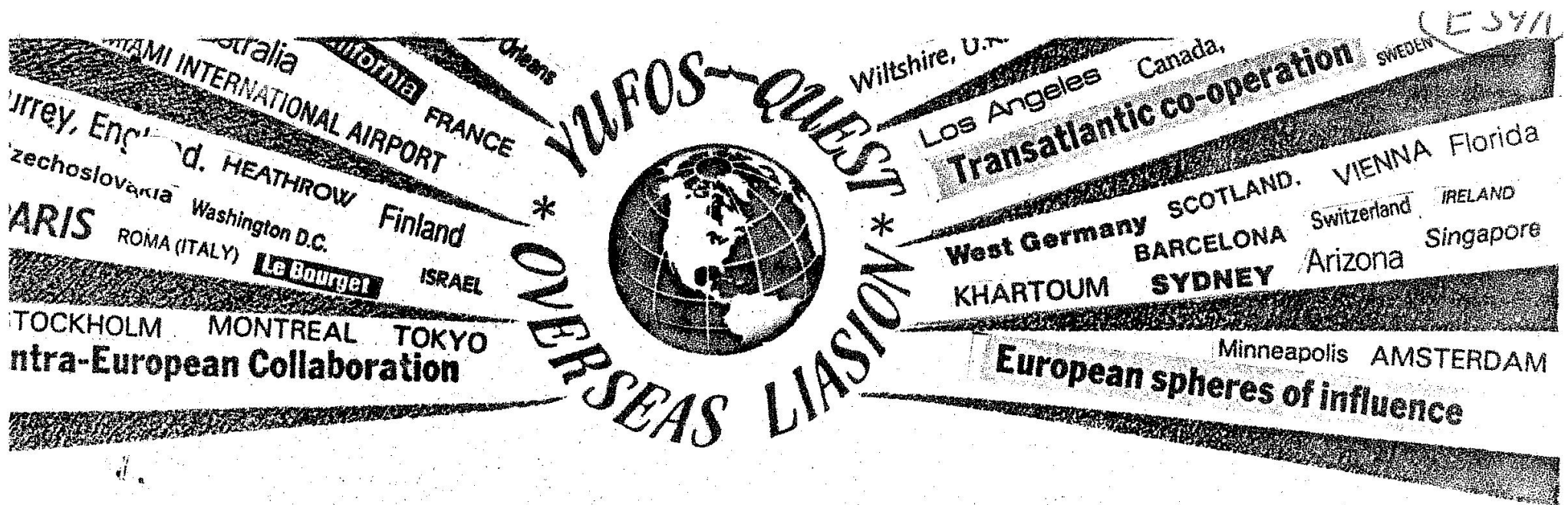
2. As you will see, the AAC have asked that the 55 mm negatives are returned in due course.

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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Community Relations Officer,  
Royal Air Force,  
Linton-on-Ouse,  
York,  
YO6 2AJ.

2 October 1985

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Dear Sir,

I wonder could you possibly help me with regards to aircraft movements in September of this year.

Do you know of any aircraft/helicopter movements over the village of Almondbury near Huddersfield on September the 19th 1985 at approx 11.20 pm. I would also be grateful for any information you might have on helicopter movements over West Yorkshire and Humberside on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of July 1984 at various times from between 6.00 pm and 2.00 am. Any information regarding aircraft/helicopter movements on the above dates will be of a great assistance with my enquiries.

If it is not too much trouble I wonder could you inform me of any aircraft/helicopter either military or civilian, that displays bright orange lights of some sort. Also are there any helicopters either military or civilian that carry such bright white lights that appear on a clear night to be 10 to 15 times brighter than any astronomical body in the sky when viewed from a distance of approx 2-3 miles. Once again any information on the types of light configurations I have mentioned above will be of a great assistance.

Last but not least, could you please inform me as to which RAF base I would contact, if not your own, which will be able to tell me all I wish to know regarding the characteristics of helicopters in flight and their light configurations.

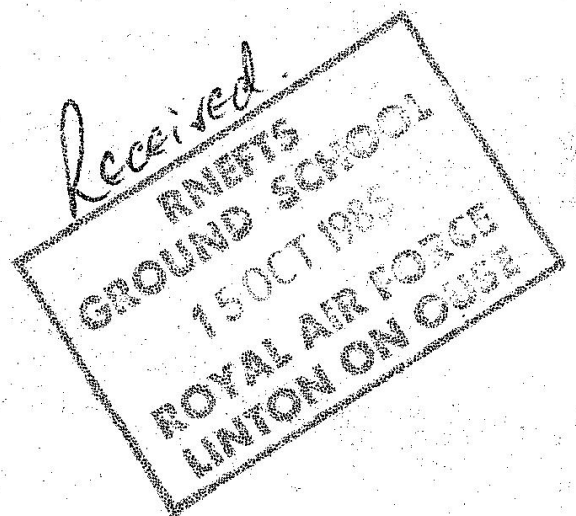
Thank you for your kind co-operation and I look forward to your reply. Until then I am,

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The Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS).



YUFOS Research Division (International)







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## MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Min(DS)DGT 28/1/4

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Copy to:  
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - MEETING WITH LORD HILL-NORTON:  
THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 1985

You were very kindly present when Lord Trefgarne met Lord Hill-Norton at 11 am at UKLF on Thursday 10 October to discuss Unidentified Flying Objects.

Lord Trefgarne opened the discussion by explaining that there was a central secretariat within the Ministry of Defence, part of whose responsibility was to act as a focal point for the report of unidentified sightings. Their task was to consider whether there were any defence implications from such reports.

Lord Hill-Norton emphasised that he believed quite sincerely that there was a problem of UFOs. He had considered for a number of years that the MOD's response to reported sightings had been unsatisfactory.

Specifically he cited the incident at Woodbridge in 1980 and criticised the alleged refusal by MOD to acknowledge the presence of Lieutenant Colonel Halt's report for 2½ years. He referred to a number of papers released in the United States under the Freedom of Information Act which had been carefully examined in the United States, and which he considered would be of interest to the MOD. He also referred to a book due to be published shortly which is anticipated to be critical of the MOD in this area.

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Lord Trefgarne repeated that none of the reported sightings examined had proved to have any defence implications. He did not wish to appear unhelpful, however, and he undertook to consider whether any steps could be taken to allay the concerns of those like Lord Hill-Norton.

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PS/Minister(DS)

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14 October 1985



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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3 ✓

26 Sep 85

MOD Sy(S&T)2d

SUGGESTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Please find attached a letter received from a **Section 40** in which he proposes a method of fire prevention. We have previously corresponded with **Section 40** on a separate topic and I have therefore acknowledged his letter. You may care to consider whether anything further needs to be said in reply.

**Section 40**

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**Section 40**





FROM: [Section 40]

[Section 40]

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a, Room [Section 40]

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone [Section 40] (Direct Dialling)  
[Section 40] (Switchboard)

[Section 40]

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3 ✓

Date

26 September 1985

*Dear*

[Section 40]

Thank you for the suggestions contained in your letter of 27 August 1985. I have passed on your proposals for consideration by those in the Department responsible for such matters.

*Yours sincerely*

[Section 40]



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27-8-85

DEAR SIR,

A POSSIBLE PREVENTION AGAINST  
CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT FIRES.

I MUST POINT OUT RIGHT AWAY I AM  
NO LETTER WRITER AND MY SPELLING IS  
POOR! I AM JUST AN UNEMPLOYED LAB-  
ORER.

~~MA~~ I MUST AGREE THESE ASSUMPTIONS  
MAY BE WHOLY AND TOTALLY INCORRECT!  
THEY ARE BASED ON AN ACADEMIC THEORY.  
I CAN NOT OF COURSE PRESENT TO YOU  
NUMERICAL EVIDENCE, THIS CAN ONLY BE  
DON BY INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH.  
I PERSONALLY BELIEVE PRESENT DAY TECH-  
NOLOGY COULD TRY AND BRING ABOUT  
A POSITIVE DEFENCE AGAINST SUCH TRA-  
GIC FIRES IN AIRCRAFT IN FUTURE YEARS.  
IF WE COMPACT CARBON CRYSTALS AND  
PLACE IN A CAPSEL THEN FUSION THE  
THE OUTER TOP OF CAPSEL THIS WILL  
EXPAND AND EMIT A BROWN CRYSTALLI-  
NE SUBSTANCE, THIS WILL BE TUBULAR  
AND WAFER LIKE IN APPEARANCE IF ONE

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TAKES AN HANDFULL IT WILL DISINTER-  
 GRATE TO A POWDER, WHEN THIS MINERAL  
 HAS PROCEEDED TO THIS STAGE, IT MUST  
 BE UNDERSTOOD IT CAN ACT OR BE USED  
 AGAINST FIRE AND HEAT OF VERY HIGH  
 TEMPERATURES. THIS MINERAL IS VERY LIGHT  
WEIGHT WHEN AT THIS STAGE, AND WOULD BE A  
 GREAT ASSET FOR USE AS A DEFENCE AGA-  
 INST FIRES IN AIRCRAFT. THE CARBON CRIST-  
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 VE SHIELD AGAINST FIRE, BUT MUST  
 AGREE ARE NOT OF SOUND STRUCTURE  
 TO BRING ABOUT A FIRMER OR STRONG-  
 ER COMPOSITION & SUJEST WE COULD  
 INCORPORATE A SIMILAR COMPOUND. WE  
 MUST REMEMBER THIS WILL HAVE TO BE  
 AS CHARCOAL, WHEN EXPENDED. ONE SUCH  
 COMPOUND WOULD BE THE RESENTLY DISCO-  
 VERED FILTER. ON THE BBC PROGRAMME  
 TO MORROW'S WORLD. THIS NEW FILTER  
 WAS DEMONSTRATED, IT IS UNIQUE IN  
 ITS OWN RIGHT REASON BEING IT CAN

ERADICATE MOST OR ALL CONTENTS IN HYDRO  
 BURN AND OXYGEN. ITS COMPOSITION IS  
 BASED PRIMARILY OF A SPECIFIC CHAR-  
 COAL, I ASSUME THERE MAY OR MAY NOT  
 BE OTHER COMPOUNDS PRESENT. IF AN  
 ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE TO RECEIVE  
 A SAMPLE OF THIS FILTER COMPOSITION  
 AN INVESTIGATION COULD MAYBE UNDER-  
 TAKEN TO SEE IF CC CAN IN FACT BE  
 MANIFESTED AS ONE COMPOSITION, IM  
 SURE THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS BUT  
 THIS FACTOR SHOULD BE NOTED, AS THIS  
 AS STATED SEEMS PROMISING, FOR A RE-  
 SEARCH PROJECT:

WE KNOW CC ARE OF 100°  
 PER CENT PURE CHARCOAL, WHEN THEY HAVE  
 BEEN PROCESSED AND PLACED IN CAPSLES  
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 ED TO THE TOP OF FUEL TANKS AT SPEC-  
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 ARE ALSO FIXED THE SAME, ALL CAPSLES  
 WOULD OFCOURSE BE PLACED AND FIXED AT  
 THE TOP, REASON BEING HEAT RISKS. THE  
 DISTANCES WOULD BE ARRANGED TO A SPECIF-  
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 HAVE A 100° DEFENCE AGAINST A FIRE  
 BUT WE MAY SEE A LARGE REDUCTION  
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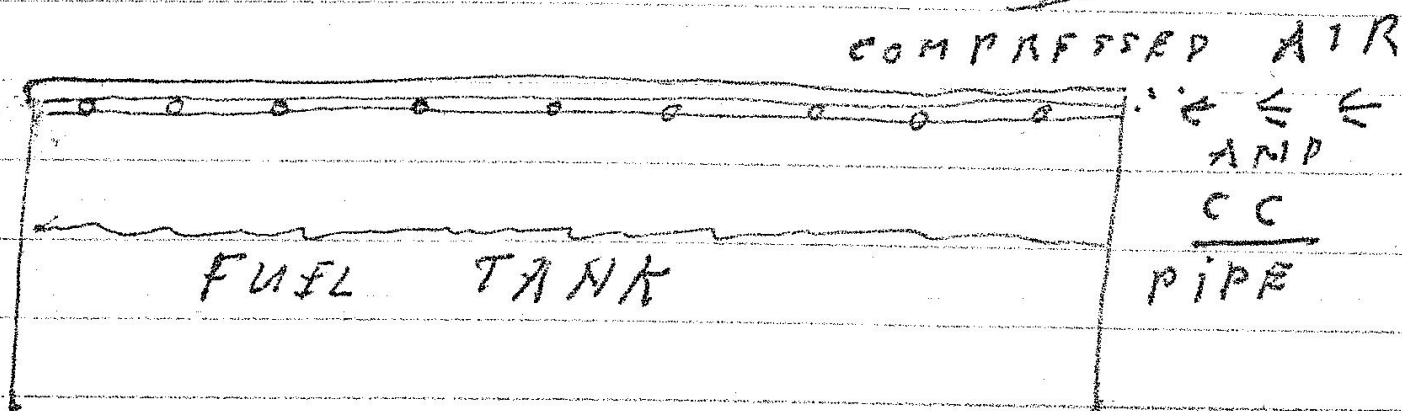
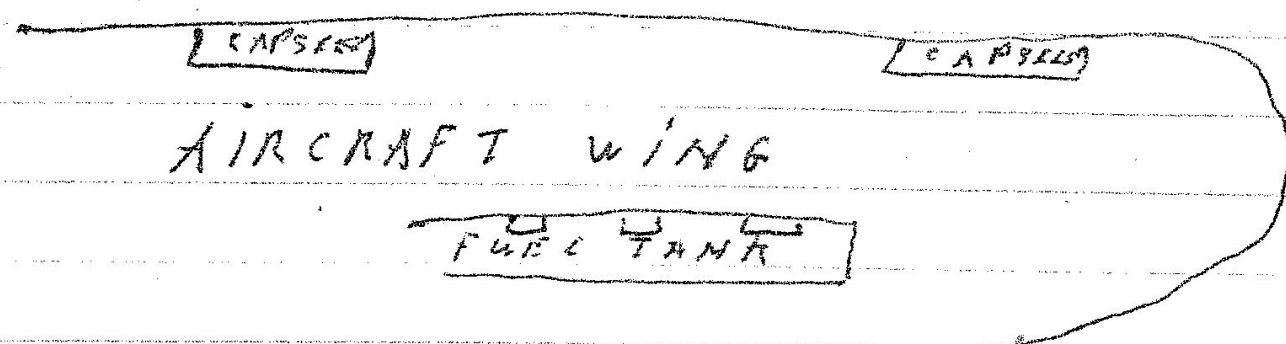
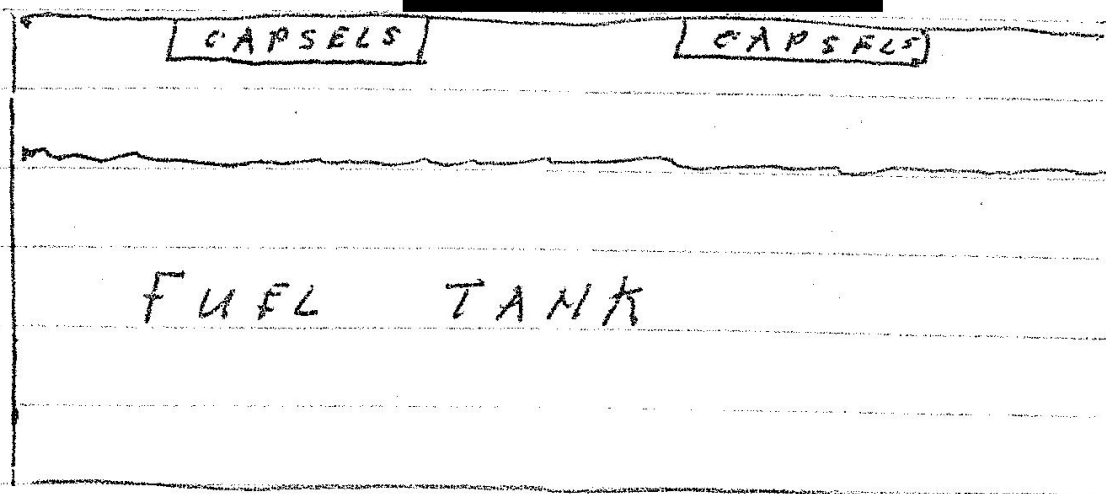
AS MUCH AS 80% PER CENT I CAN NOT STRONGLY  
NOT STRONGLY THIS VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR  
AND SHOULD BE NOTED, WITH NOT BEING  
A SCIENTIST I CAN NOT COMMENT ON THE  
INFLUENCES OF THIS THEORY, BUT IT DOES  
SEEM PROMISING, THIS PROSECURE AT  
FIRE PREVENTION IN FUEL TANKS IN AIRCRAFT  
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ED BY INCORPORATING WALLS OF CC SHEET  
ING, THIS SHEETING COULD BE PLACED IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE CABIN STRUCTURE,  
THE THICKNESS OF THIS MATERIAL, WOULD HA  
VE TO BE TO A SPECIFIC WIDTH AND THI  
KNESS I'M SURE AIRO SCINTISTS WILL SEE  
MY POINT, THE SHEETING WOULD OF COURSE  
BE CONSISTED OF USED OR ACTIVATED  
CC CRYSTELS. ANOTHER WAY TO USE CC  
AGAINST A FUEL TANK FIRE WOULD BE TO  
INSTALL PIPES THESE TO BE FIXED AT  
TOP OF TANK WITH OUTLETS AT SPEC  
IFIC DISTANCES, THE PIPES WILL BE  
ATTACHED TO A CONTAINER FULL OF CC  
WHEN A FIRE IS IN PROGRESS THIS  
WOULD BE ACTIVATED BY A COMPRESSED  
AIR VALE, THIS IN RETURN WOULD BE  
CONTROLLED BY AIR CREW IN THE CAP  
TAIN'S CABIN, OR THE REAR OR TAIL  
END SUCH AS THE AIR HOSTESSES CABIN.



IM SORRY I CAN NOT BE MORE CLEAR  
 A NEVER IM SURE YOU SEE MY POINT,  
 SORRY FOR TAKING YOUR TIME SIR  
 HAVING TO READ THIS STATEMENT

MY VERY KINED REGARDS AND  
 RESPECTS

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CC CONTAINERS AND COMPRESSED AIR  
 APPERATUS TO BE POSSITIONED ACCORDING  
 LY.

PTO



P.S.

TO PREVENT THE CC ENTERING  
LINDERS. A FILTER COULD BE  
INSERTED SIMILAR TO THE ONE  
DISCRIBED ON THE KBC.

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

26 Sep 85

PS/Minister(DS)

Copy to:  
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D Air Def  
GE3  
DI55c

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference:

A. D/US of S(AF)DGT 28/1/4 dated 1 Aug 85

1. You asked at Reference A for briefing for Lord Trefgarne's meeting with Lord Hill-Norton on 2 October. I attach a piece covering the questions posed by Lord Hill-Norton in his letter of 26 July. I believe this adequately covers the broader issues and I see no need for further background briefing. However I attach a specific piece on the "RAF Woodbridge/Bentwaters" incident in which Lord Hill-Norton has previously shown an interest.

2. I would suggest that Minister is supported at the meeting by Hd of Sec(AS) and representatives of D Air Def and DSTI. I would also like to attend myself if you have no objection. I understand that Minister will wish to run through the brief prior to the meeting itself and that we should therefore meet at 14.30 on Wednesday 2 Oct. I should be grateful if you would let us know the venue in due course.

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MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER(DS) AND LORD HILL-NORTONUFOs

a. I accept that there are strange phenomena to be seen in the sky, however I believe there to be adequate explanations for them. Experience has shown that most reported sightings can be attributed to things such as aircraft, meteorological balloons or natural phenomena like ball lightning. Of course there are many other equally straightforward explanations. However, there are a small number of cases where a simple explanation cannot be found immediately and on these occasions we are careful to ensure so far as possible that that they are of no Defence significance. Having satisfied ourselves of this, as you know, we do not attempt any further investigations. Clearly some reports remain unexplained but we have found no evidence that these phenomena represent a threat to national security and therefore cannot justify devoting Defence resources to their investigation.

b. All reports received by the MOD are channelled through Sec(AS)2. They are passed to the Air Staff who examine them for Air Defence implications. In some cases, where (on the face of it) there could be a defence interest, enquiries are made of relevant radar establishments etc in order to obtain more information. All reports are also passed to the Defence Intelligence organisation who have a keen interest in any sightings of unusual objects. We have no specialist group in Whitehall or anywhere else involved in UFO's and no civilian advisers other than Sec(AS)2 are involved.



The Flying Complaints Flight at Rudloe Manor are concerned with receiving and investigating flying complaints. In the course of their duties they occasionally receive UFO reports (as do many other units) but they have no specific role with regard to this subject.

Secretariat (Air Staff) is the Division which provides secretariat support to CAS and the Air Staff and in this capacity is responsible for correspondence with members of the public and answering PQs etc on many subjects, including UFO's. Sec(AS)2 is the branch which amongst other things handles UFO's, there is no such branch as Air Staff Secretariat 8. You may be thinking of Defence Secretariat 8 which no longer exists and from which Sec(AS) evolved as a result of reorganisation of MOD last January.

c. Many of the UFO reports received in MOD come through Defence establishments, although most of these come originally from members of the public. Very few reports are made by military pilots; for instance, in the last 12 months Sec(AS) has received only two such reports.

d. No central record of radar recordings is kept. Major Air Traffic Control units take recordings as a matter of course, however these are generally destroyed after 30 days. ADGE units do not regularly make recordings although some are occasionally made for specific operational purposes. Relevant radar units are consulted where necessary as part of the normal process of handling UFO reports in order to ascertain whether there is any correlation between a reported sighting and known radar traces.

e. The Department is happy to release what information we have on specific incidents. However we could not justify the effort involved in searching for or collating information of a more general nature.



RAF WOODBRIDGE INCIDENT 27 Dec 80

Col Halt's report of 13 Jan 81 concerns the sighting of unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge by two security patrolmen. Col Halt records what was subsequently reported to him without comment. The 3 patrolmen who went into Rendlesham Forest to investigate what they thought might be a crashed aircraft say they saw a triangular object. It has been suggested that this might have been a piloted vehicle, however in view of its reported size (about 9 feet long and 6 feet high) this was, and still is, considered highly unlikely. Indeed enquiries made both at the time and subsequently failed to reveal any radar trace of anything unusual in the area at the time.

Col Halt also reports on his own investigations at the site of the incident the following day. Once again he draws no conclusions from his findings and, significantly, does not recommend further investigation. Our own view also was that no additional action was required. Later on the night of 29 Dec 80 Col Halt and a number of others saw more unusual lights, but again we have no record of anything untoward being picked up on radar.

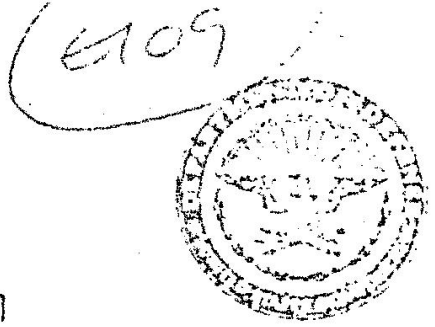
I think you will agree that it is highly unlikely that any violation of UK airspace would be heralded by such a display of lights. I think it equally unlikely that any reconnaissance or spying activity would be announced in this way.



Overall, we believe that the fact that Col Halt did not report these occurrences to MOD for almost 2 weeks after the event, together with the relatively low key manner in which he handled the matter (given resources available to him) are indicative of the degree of importance in defence terms which should be attached to the incident. He himself took all investigative action which was required. If members of the public feel that for scientific or other reasons, there should be an attempt to establish the cause of what happened, that is for them, but I am confident that it is not something in which the MOD should or need become further involved.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)  
APO NEW YORK 07155



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: C1)

13 Jan 81


SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for 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, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

  
CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander



4 Copies ..File/BUFORA/PUFOIC.

24th September 1985.

Our Ref: EM/PUFOIC/85.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you again, after writing to you in August, to ask for information and possible explanation into a reported 'U.F.O. sighting' at St Mawgan, in Cornwall. This event occurred during early February this year.

My first line of enquiry was to the R.A.F. Base at St Mawgan, in May, and they forwarded my two letters to your Department, after consultation with HQ and Provost Security Services (U.K.). The R.A.F. Base informed me, that I would be hearing from you in due course.

After waiting for some three months I wrote to D.S.S. in August, but since then, I have heard that D.S.S. has been terminated, and upon gaining this news, I felt it responsible to write to the Ministry of Defence again.

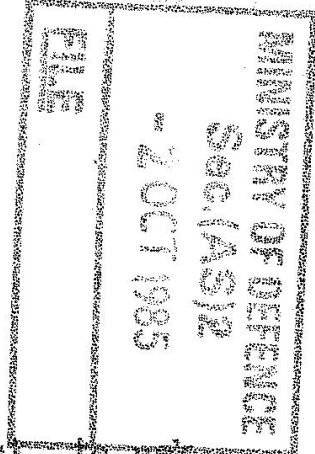
Should my previous letters be in your possession, you will be aware of this incident. Should my letters not be in your possession, I will briefly put on paper the event.

In February, at 5.45pm a 28year old lady was driving down a country lane, near Newquay. Quite suddenly she was confronted by a bright yellow light, which bobbed and weaved over the road in front of her, and also along the hedgerows alongside each side of the road. The light changed shape and colour, to the size of a football and a bright luminous green, with a red glow in the centre of it. It then changed to a purplish colour, prior to it's exit, into a thick hedgerow. Naturally, the witness was unaware of any sound being made from the phenomenon because of her attention of the road - her speed varied from 20m.p.h. to 50m.p.h. which helps us with the distance it followed her, because she states the sighting's time duration was four minutes. Therefore, the maximum distance it followed her was 3.33 miles (5.36Km), the minimum distance was 1.4miles (2.25Km). Because of the erratic changes of speed due to her surprise whilst driving, we have estimated the average speed at 35m.p.h., which would give us a distance it followed her was 2.3 miles (3.7Km).

Discussing the incident with the witness, there is a possibility, that this 'light' could have penetrated the inside of R.A.F. St Mawgan, without any challenge from the authorities there. We beleive the 'light' may have then travelled in the area of Truro.

At the time, I was living in Plymouth when I first approached the Air Force Base, and operated a Research Organisation, Plymouth UFO Investigation Centre (PUFOIC).....

Section 40





.....and my two letters to the Base would have been on headed letter writing paper. I have since then moved to Cheshire on a permanent footing and I wrote to R.A.F. St Mawgan informing them of this, so they could inform yourselves.

In April and May, PUFIC staff examined closely the route that the 'light' took, in case any damage had occurred to the natural or man made habitat in that area. We did this because of the closeness the 'light' travelled by, during the sighting. This included some cottages that were occupied, a barn and a barn type building, used to store farming equipment. (The witness stated the 'light' reflected an orange glow on a white cottage wall). The 'light' also flew over the hedgerow and some trees in the locality. In our examination of these areas, we discovered some burnt patches of ground on a track leading to a field, and some burnt small trees. At first we thought these might have been caused by the 'light'; however since then we have excluded this theory. We also discovered a tree, which has been hit by an airborne object, because most of its upper branches have been ripped off. The 'snap' marks on the branches are all similar indicating the damage was done by one incident. Our photographs show this damage very clearly.

Observation of aircraft activity over this area, does not help with any conclusion as to the nature of this 'light'. All aircraft are much too high in altitude to have damaged the tree.

One theory we have made is that it could have been an experimental exercise from R.A.F. St Mawgan, however if this is correct, then there is some concern to the safety of property and even people in this locality. If this theory is correct, then any correct procedures designed for the exercise were followed grossly incorrectly, and should not be allowed to happen again. Another theory is that of a missile experiment, which if correct, went horribly wrong. If the 'light' was a genuine 'U.F.O.' then a question we must ask, is "Why did it go unchallenged in an area less than one mile from the R.A.F. Base?".

Our investigations into this sighting have involved several people, and they, including myself, and some of the local people where this incident occurred are somewhat concerned at the safety aspect and potential dangers this incident might have caused.

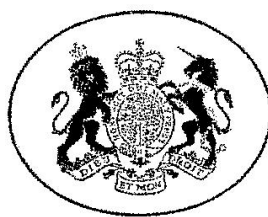
This sighting is one of five, being discussed at a major Conference in the North - West in October, and we would be most grateful if you could acknowledge and reply to my letters to both you, and the R.A.F. I feel that a wait of nearly three months for a reply from an Official Government body is a little 'slow' to say the least. I would not waste my own time, and yours if a mere 'light in the sky' had been observed and reported to us. I am quite sure you will agree with me, that this incident is not such a case, and does qualify for these letters to you. Again, I request urgent action to my letter because of the delay so far.

Yours Faithfully,

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Min(DS)DGT 28/1/4

Sec(AS)2

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference:

- A. D/US of S(AF)DGT 28/1/4 dated 6 August 1985.
- B. Telecon Section 40 of 23 September 1985.

I am writing to confirm that the meeting to discuss Unidentified Flying objects will now take place in the House of Lords on Wednesday 2 October at 1500 hrs, with a pre-brief at 1430 hrs (venue to be decided).

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Captain WRAC  
MA/Minister(DS)

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24 September 1985



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Phone Section 40

21st November 1985

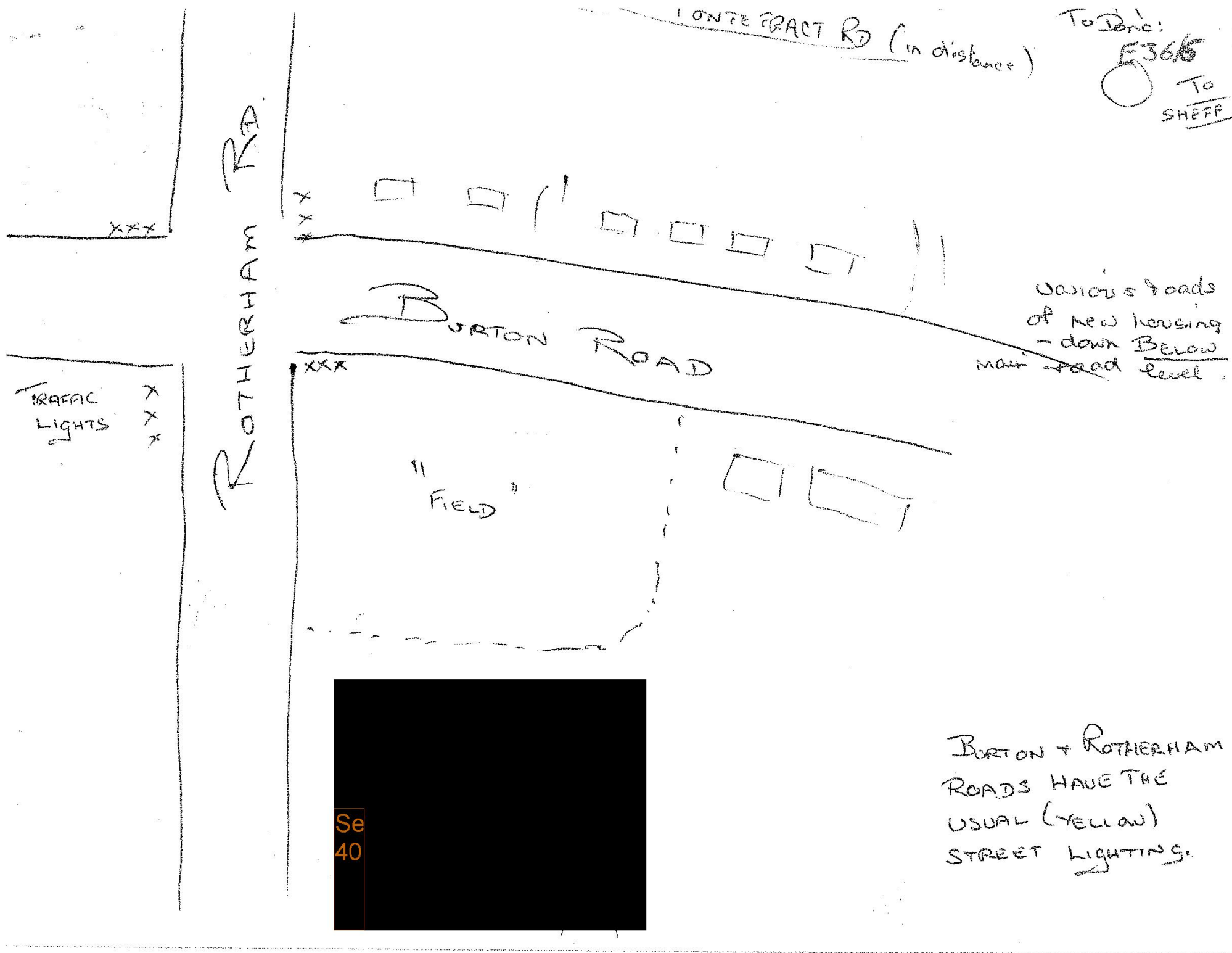
Dear Sirs,

Some time ago on a Monday evening during the break in watching "Quincy" - I checked my watch at the time - I noticed an unusual happening in the sky; the curtains were not drawn at that moment. All was so quiet I went to the door but there wasn't any sound at all. Afterwards I immediately sketched the enclosed and also rang a neighbour to mention what I'd seen. I remember thinking to myself 'surely someone on the top deck of that 'bus has seen it all' but no-one seemed to report it at all. I mentioned it to an employee of the local newspaper but it didn't seem to register in a way so the matter was left UNTIL a report was in a paper - this time the sighting (again on a Monday I note) was by a Councillor. It added that any such sightings should be sent to you. Therefore I pass on my information, for what it is worth. I will do a rough drawing showing the environment hereabouts: My view is unrestricted as there is spare land immediately beyond my garden.

Yours etc.,

Section 40







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WELSH OFFICE  
GWYDYR HOUSE  
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2ER  
Tel. **Section 40** (Switchboard)  
(Direct Line)

20 September 1985

Dear **Section 40**

I spoke to you yesterday regarding a letter I had received from a **Section 40**

... I enclose a copy of this letter hoping you may be able to help **Section 40** in some way with her enquiry.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**

Press Office

Section (A5) 2  
Room **Section 40**  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
LONDON  
SW1A 2HB

Section 40

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Dear Sir,

I am very interested in u.f.o's and was wondering whether it would be possible if you could send me some information on this subject.

I have to do a folio for my English 'O' Level Examination and this is the subject I have chosen to write about. I would be very grateful if you could send me the information as I would help me achieve a good grade.

yours Sincerely

Section 40

(15 yrs).



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ACKNOWLEDG

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TREAT OFFICIALLY

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I have to do a folio for my English 2<sup>d</sup> Level Examination, and this is the subject I have chosen to write about. I have already written to a few addresses, but I don't seem to have any luck with them. I have been to my local Library, and they don't seem to have enough of information, also there are not many books around based on this subject.

I would be very grateful if you could send me some information, as it would help me achieve a good grade.

yours sincerely,

Section 40

(15 years).

AK  
 VEO (Alice Sturge Fawcett)

Section 40



# Headquarters Director Army Air Corps

## Middle Wallop Stockbridge Hants SO20 8DY

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MOD SEC (AS) 2 - RAF  
MAIN BUILDING, ROOM **Section 40**  
WHITEHALL  
LONDON

Your reference

Our reference D/DAAC/23/GA

Date **19** September 1985

### UNUSUAL SIGHTING ANDOVER AREA

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

#### Reference:

A. D/DAAC/23/GA dated 6 Aug 85

1. Film's taken at the site were sent to CS (Rep S) Photography with instructions to forward prints and negatives on to you as requested, and a request that copies be sent to me to return to the photographer. The copies had not arrived by the time I went on leave, so I left instructions that they be delivered to **Section 40** if they arrived in my absence. They did, and they were. Regretably CS (Rep S) had posted the whole consignment to this address and nothing to you.

2. I have visited **Section 40** and obtained the negatives and the few remaining black and white prints, all of which are enclosed.

3. My 35 mm photographs are fairly indifferent, however his 55 mm colour ones, are very good and give excellent detail both from the air and close to on the ground.

4. I trust this is what you want, I would be grateful for the return of the 55 mm negatives in due course.

**Section 40**

SO2 STANDARDS  
HQ DAAC



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Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,  
Room Section 40  
Ministry of Defence,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A 2NB.

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your letter dated the 21st of August 1985 and for the enclosed report of a UFO sighting from the Humberside area in 1984 (July the 23rd).

Far from being scant the report is far more than I expected and it will prove invaluable in a current line of research being undertaken here at YUFOS.

I would like to ask if your department received any further reports from around the country on the following dates..... July the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th 1984.

I would also like to ask for all the information you have on a reported UFO sighting made to Ripon Police station in North Yorkshire. The reported sighting was on the 21st of February 1985.

I look forward to your reply, until then I am,

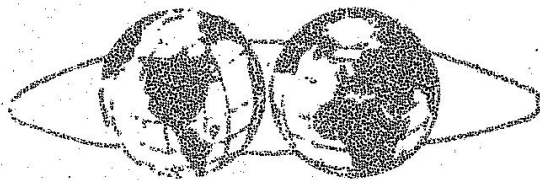
Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

The Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS).

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# YUFOS Research Division



CIVILIAN AERIAL PHENOMENA  
RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,  
Room Section 40  
Ministry of Defence,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A 2HB.

Section 40

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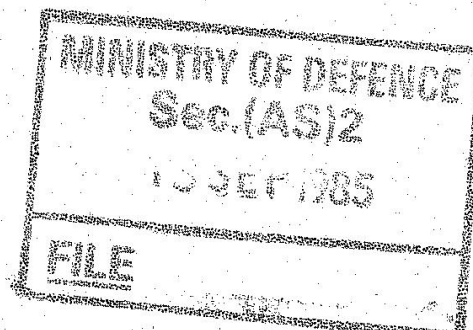
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Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

The Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS).



YUFOS Research Division (International)



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LOOSE MINUTE

D/D Air Support/14/2

11 Sep 85

Sec (AS)2a

Copy to:

OC No 1 AIDU

UFO ENQUIRY

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/12/3 dated 23 Aug 85

1. At Reference you sought advice from GE 3 to assist with your response to Section 40 from the "official British Branch of Contact International (for Humberside)." GE 3 has passed your request to me for action. Whilst I have no way of verifying Section 40 credentials, nor even wish to as they sound mildly pornographic, and therefore am unable to determine if he should be passed details of the aircraft operating from RAF Wyton, I believe that there is a simple unclassified way to supply information on the airspace structure around Wyton.

2. Most of the information requested by Section 40 is clearly shown on a Royal Air Force Flight Information Publication entitled "En Route Low Altitude - British Isles South" (Chart code numbered 412S-L) which can be purchased from No 1 Aeronautical Information Documentation Unit (No 1 AIDU) at RAF Northolt. A legend explaining the symbology used on the chart is also available. Both documents are unclassified and readily available (at a cost). Further information, if required, can be obtained from OC No 1 AIDU at Northolt (Ext 212).

3. I hope this information will be of use in the preparation of your response.

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Wg Cdr  
Nav 1(RAF)

Section 40



**Headquarters Director Army Air Corps**  
Middle Wallop Stockbridge Hants SO20 8DY

Telephone Middle Wallop Military }  
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*we should see  
the prints.*

**Section 40**

MOD CS (REP S) PHOTOGRAPHY  
ROOM 4th FLOOR  
KING CHARLES ST  
LONDON SW1A 2AH

Your reference

Our reference D/DAAC 23/GA

Date **11** Sep 85

FILMS FOR PROCESSING FOR SEC (AS) 2 RAF

Reference

A. My D/DAAC/23/GA dated 6 Aug 85

1. Ref A accompanied negatives of an unusual sighting near Middle Wallop and asked that prints and negatives be forwarded to **Section 40**. PRINCIPLE SEC (AS) 2-RAF and that copies be sent to Middle Wallop for the civil photographer whose film it was.

2. During my absence on leave a packet of photographs was received here and was passed on to the photographer, however, it would appear that SEC (AS) 2 have not seen them. Could you confirm whether or not prints and negatives were forwarded to them. A telephone call would suffice.

**Section 40**

HQ DAAC



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Section 40

9 September 1985

Thank you for your letter requesting information about the Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton and our satellite airfield at Merryfield..

Aeronautical information regarding radar services, terminal approach procedures and altimeter setting procedures for Yeovilton are available in Aeronautical Publications. These are available from commercial sources. These procedures also govern the case of Merryfield which is used solely by our helicopters.

Yeovilton is the headquarters airfield for Sea Harriers and front line Commando helicopters. We also operate Hunters, Canberras and Falcon aircraft along with Heron communication aircraft and aircraft of the Royal Navy Historic Flight. I would recommend a visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum here at Yeovilton where more information on Naval aircraft is available.

I wish you luck with your UFO sightings !

Information Addressee:

Section 40

MOD

Room Section 40

Main Building

Whitehall

London SW1A 2HB (With a copy of Section 40 letter)



Section 40

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Reply  
JL 12/3

8th September, 1985.

Dear Section 40

I understand that you handle reports and enquiries about UFOs, so although I feel a bit silly about wasting your time, I am just a bit curious to know, if possible, about something which appeared in the sky at about 9.45 near the GLC Fireworks display on Saturday night, which I attended.

When we arrived we went over to the North Bank to get a good view of the fireworks, which was very successful and we enjoyed. We were walking back from the north bank to the South bank over the Hungerford Pedestrian Bridge, and noticed in the distance, just above the South Bank buildings about 300 yards down the river (we were looking at it from approx. the centre of Hungerford Bridge) ~~on the right~~, a sort of long shimmering light. It was in the sky, and moving ever so slightly but not making any progress, hovering. It was "sparkly" and thin, and did not have any shape, i.e. it was not an aeroplane or a helicopter. Lots of people were pausing to watch it, and no-one knew what it was. It has remained a question mark in my mind, and I am just curious to hear if you know what it was, or if you have had any other reports of ~~such~~ such a sighting. I don't suppose other people have the time to write to you, but I am a housewife so I do! My son is curious about unusual objects in the sky, as he has personally seen a couple himself for which he has no explanation. He has seen this thing before, over Charing Cross Road, and on that occasion all his friends agreed they had never seen anything like it before.

I am very aware that it could have been part of the GLC display - but it was just on its own, did not logically fit in with anything there, and was not announced. I thought maybe it was some sort of a balloon painted with fluorescent paint, and put up just for a lark, but it was very brilliant and shimmery.... I am still very curious!

Have you had any other reports such as I have described? If so, I would be pleased if you could let me have a short note as to what it was, or any other explanation you may have.

Thank you for reading this letter - there is a diagram on the back for you to see.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



OBJECT.

South Bank.

Where are  
worked.

PEDESTRIAN.

HUNGERFORD

CHARING CROSS BRIDGE (RAILWAY).

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UFO RESEARCH, BROADCASTS & LECTURES

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2

Room Section 40

Ministry of Defence

Main Building

Whitehall SW1A 2HB

7 September 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much indeed for your helpful letter of 22 August last.

Since you have been kind enough to let me know that the MoD received one RAF report of a UFO in 1967, and that you are happy to reply to specific individual replies within reason, I would be very interested to know the date and approximate location of this sighting. While details would be appreciated, I assume these would naturally be withheld under provisions of the 30-year rule.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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5th September 1985.

Replied. 25/2/86!

Ministry Of Defence,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sirs,

I have been involved in an investigation regarding the recent appearance of mysterious circles which have been found in crop fields throughout Southern England. Whilst studying various press cuttings and listening to the TV and radio reports I have heard that the Ministry Of Defence has shown some interest in this phenomena, or atleast the Army has passed on reports to you.

In one particular report, which appeared in the Salisbury Journal, it was stated that at Middle Wallop a 'white jelly - like flourescent substance' was found and that samples were taken for analysis. As yet I have been unable to trace any further mention of this in respect of the results of this analysis.

I wonder therefore if there is any information with regard to this that you could pass onto me. Although a great many people are of the opinion that there is either a perfectly natural explanation, or it is a prank my investigations to date have shown that about two or three days before the circles appeared there were reports of unidentified flying objects. The people who have reported such sightings, both to me and in some cases the press, are not assuming that these are alien craft ( ie flying saucers ), but the objects are certainly defying explanation at the moment in that they do not appear to be any known airbourne craft. The same can be said of the reports which have come from America, New Zealand, Australia and various other parts of the world in the past.

However I hope you are able to assist me to complete my file regarding this phenomena in as much as I will then have obtained comments and reports from all those concerned with this case. From this I will then be able to study the material in detail in an effort to find some explanation if at all possible.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40





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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3 ✓

23 Aug 85

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UFO ENQUIRY - Section 40

Please find attached a self explanatory letter from Section 40 who corresponds with this office regularly. I also attach a copy of the report to which he refers. I would be grateful for your advice on whether any follow-up enquiries were made at the time the report was received and, if so, what conclusions were reached. Any comments you may have on the question of release of the report would also be appreciated.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3 ✓

23 Aug 85

GE3

Copy to:  
Sec(AS)1a

UFO ENQUIRY

Reference A: WS/130/10/AIR dated 19 Aug 85

Please find attached a copy of Reference A from RAF Wyton. Although **Section 40** enquiries do not relate directly to UFO's, I would be most grateful for your advice on how I should reply to his letter.

**Section 40**

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**Section 40**



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**Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE** Room  
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB  
Telephone **Section 40** (Direct Dialling)  
(Switchboard)

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec (AS) 12/3 ✓  
Date

23 August 1985

*Dear***Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 5 August 1985. The existence of a tape, allegedly recorded at RAF Woodbridge and referring to reported events there in December 1980, has been brought to our attention by UFO researchers on a number of occasions. However we have no record of this tape having been submitted to this office, either formally or otherwise. As we have said previously, the only information we have on the alleged incident is the report submitted by Col Halt on 13 January 1981.

*Yours sincerely,***Section 40**



**ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
Upper Heyford Oxford OX5 3LN

Telephone: Upper Heyford **Section 40**

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**Section 40**

Please reply to  
Royal Air Force Commander  
Your reference

Our reference UH/351/PR

Date 22 August 1985

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION - RAF UPPER HEYFORD

Thank you for your recent letter to Upper Heyford Airport which has come to me in my capacity as RAF Commander at RAF Upper Heyford.

In view of the nature of the information which you request I have forwarded your letter to the Ministry of Defence (Air Staff Secretariat) and they will reply to you in due course.

Yours faithfully

**Section 40**

Squadron Leader  
RAF Commander

Copy to:

*NOTE (1/1/16)*  
→ MOD (AS2b) - with original letter  
and envelope

*For your action please.*

**Section 40**

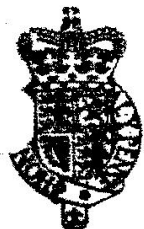
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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB  
Telephone Section 40 (Direct Dialling)  
Section 40 (Switchboard)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date 21 August 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 1985, I have also seen your letter of 27 July. I am sorry that I have been unable to reply before now. You asked in your first letter for information on four UFO sightings; I am afraid that I have had little success in locating any information on those incidents. In fact, the only report I have been able to identify is one referring to two objects observed in the Humberside area in July 1984. I enclose a copy of the report although, as you will see, the information provided is scant. The name and address of the informant (sub-paragraph M) have been deleted since these reports are submitted to us in confidence.

Without more explicit details I could not identify the daylight report allegedly made to RAF Fylingdales in the summer of 1980, however our records indicate that no reports were forwarded to us from the unit during that period. I have checked our records for September 1976 and June 1980 but can find no reference to either of the remaining sightings you refer to.

I am sorry that I have been unable to be of more assistance on this occasion.

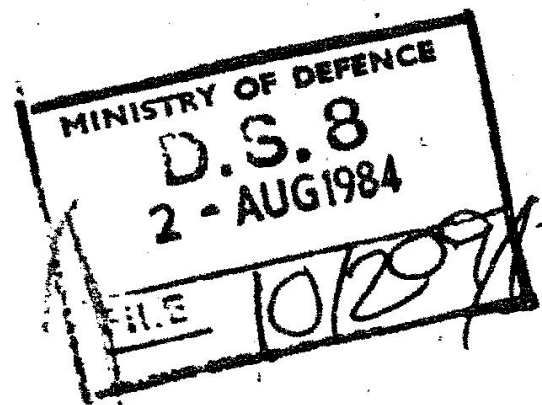
*Yours sincerely*

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RTIME 312035Z JUL 84

FROM RAF EIMBROOK  
TO MODERN AIR

UNCLASSIFIED

SIC LGE/20F (SIC 20F INS. BY DCC)

A 23 JUL/2259 HRS/OVER 45 MINUTES

B TWO SAUCER SHAPED OBJECTS WITH ONE RED LIGHT

C NOT KNOWN

D NOT KNOWN

E NOT KNOWN

F NOT KNOWN

G NOT KNOWN

H NOT KNOWN

J NOT KNOWN

K NOT KNOWN

L CIVILIAN POLICE-HUMBERSIDE

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

N INFORMANT AGED 17 YEARS

O TWO MER, NAMES UNKNOWN

NOTE SUB PARA HEADINGS ARE  
SHOWN ON ATTACHED SHEET.

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P 241032 HRS JUL

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).
- B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc).
- C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).
- D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).
- E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).
- F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).
- G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).
- H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

J. Meteorological conditions during operations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

K. Near-by objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

M. Name and address of informant.

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

O. Other witnesses.

P. Date and time of receipt of report.



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LOOSE MINUTE

DI55/108/15

20 August 1985

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

## References:

- A. D/SEC(AS) 12/3 dated 9 August 85.
- B. D/US of S(AF)DGT 28/1/4 dated 1 August 85.

1. In Reference A, you notified us of the meeting between US of S(AF) and Lord Hill-Norton on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) on 25 Sept 85; you asked for a short contribution on our area of interest and whether we would be willing to attend the meeting.

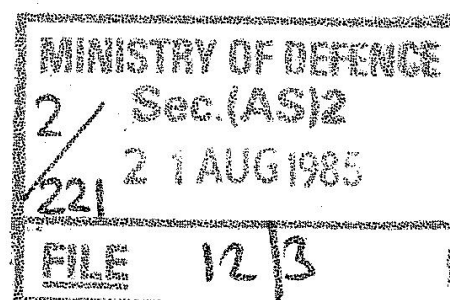
2. As you state in your brief for the US of S(AF), all UFO reports are passed to the DIS - specifically DI55 who, inter alia, are responsible for assessing WP space systems. It is in this area that our main interests lie, although the reports are also seen by other staff within DI55. Obviously we read the reports with interest, but over, at least the last few years, we have not considered that any of the reports justified detailed investigation; this point is well made in the opening paragraph of your draft.

3. As far as our attendance at the meeting on 25 September is concerned, I do not think that we can add much to the discussion but we would be willing to attend if you consider it worthwhile.

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# ROYAL AIR FORCE

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MOD Main Building

Your reference

Our reference  
WS/130/10/Air

Date  
19 Aug 85

## UFO ENQUIRY

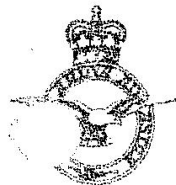
I am told that your department handles all UFO matters, and enclose an enquiry from a **Section 40** who is asking information on Wyton airfield. I also enclose a copy of my holding reply to **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Wg Cdr  
for OC



Wing Commander [Section 40] RAF



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*D. [Signature]*

[Section 40]

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your letter asking for technical information about Wyton airfield. I have forwarded it for reply, in accordance with current policy, to:

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB.

*Yours sincerely*

[Section 40]

CONTACT (192)

FROM:

Section 40

Tel:

Dear Sir,

Technical Information

I represent the official British branch of Contact International ( for Humberside), a world-wide organization established for investigating and disseminating information pertaining to U.F.Os and associated phenomena.

I'm writting this letter for information about your airport and would be grateful if you could supply me with the following data:

- 1) Radar Vectoring Area.
- 2) Radar Advisory Service Area.
- 3) Altimeter Setting Regions.
- 4) Guidance Notes - to help me understand the layout of Technical data.
- 5) Any data or information you feel could be of some help to me,  
(e.g The type of aircraft that use your airport).

Thank you for ~~your~~ assistance.

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U.F.O Investigator (160).....



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We spoke. Agreed await letter from

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I was phoned on Monday morning by a journalist, concerning the AAC report of various circles in a corner. He explained that he has been accumulating accounts of similar incidents over the past few years and has 6 or 7 so far, all in S.W. England. He has a soil sample taken from one site which has been examined by Surrey University and showed traces of ammonia; another report of a similar event included 'steam or gas rising from the central circle. He wanted me to support an approach to Aldermaston for a fuller investigation.

I explained our very limited interest in the phenomenon and said we could not justify further involvement without an indication that Defence interests were involved. Section 40 he might approach Aldermaston anyway. He will also write to me. Finally, he stated that

a member of the public had seen  
 five lights in the sky - one being  
 control one + 4 small ones - on 7  
 August in the Hadlow area.

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From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff), Room **Section 40**

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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone **Section 40** (Direct Dialling)  
(Switchboard)**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date

15 August 1985

*Dear***Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 1985 concerning UFO's, I am sorry that I have been unable to reply before now. 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.

There is no organisation in the Ministry of Defence appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and no staff are employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive are referred to the staff in the Department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. Unless there are defence implications we do not attempt to identify sightings and we cannot inform observers of the probable identity of the object seen. The Department could not justify the expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond the pure defence interests.

I am afraid we do not keep the statistical information which you ask for. However, I attach copies of two recent Parliamentary Questions on the Ministry of Defence's interest in UFO reports, which you may be interested in. I also enclose a copy of the UFO article which appeared in the July 1957 issue of the RAF Flying Review which you asked for in your letter.

*Yours sincerely***Section 40**