

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... **Section 40**.....  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) ..... OVER 21 .....  
 Occupation of Witness..... POLICE CONSTABLE **Section 40**.....  
 Address and Telephone Number..... WEALDSTONE POLICE STATION, 78  
 ..... HIGH STREET, WEALDSTONE, MIDDX.  
 ..... **Section 40** .....

This statement,\* consisting of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 2nd day of JUNE, 1984.

Signed **Section 40**

Signature witnessed by **Section 40**

On THURSDAY 26th APRIL 1984 I was on duty in uniform at EDGWARE POLICE STATION. When as a result of a call I attended **Section 40** STANMORI in company with P.C. **Section 40** There I saw the occupier **Section 40** **Section 40** and **Section 40**. They stated in the presence of myself, P.C. **Section 40** and S.P.C. **Section 40** that they had seen an object of an unusual nature in the sky above the rear garden of the pre premises. Myself, P.C. **Section 40** and S.P.C. **Section 40** went into the rear garden of the premises in company with **Section 40** and **Section 40** **Section 40** indicated EAST towards a flashing light approximately 45° up in the sky from where we were standing. We obtained a pair of binoculars. I studied the object through the binoculars and I noticed that the object was circular in the middle with what appeared to be a dome on top and underneath. There were blue lights around the middle of the object and red/pink lights on the extreme right of the middle. The dome on top had blue and white flashing lights. The dome underneath was  
 Signed **Section 40** ..... Signature witnessed by **Section 40**

\*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1967, S. 9; M.C. Act, 1980, S. 102; M.C. Rules, 1981, r.70)

Continuation of statement of ..... **Section 40** ..... P.C. **Section 40** .....

blue, green, and red/pink with white flashes emitting from it. We observed the object for an hour and during this time the object moved erratically from side to side, up and down and to and fro, never venturing far from its original position. During the time we were observing the object it moved up to the right in approximately 50° from where we were standing. From our observation point it would appear that the object was over the BOREHAMWOOD/MILL HILL area.

Signed ..... **Section 40** ..... Signature witnessed by ..... **Section 40** .....



John  
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Section 40

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing some information of which may be of interest to you regarding some strange lights that have suddenly sprung up across the Scots side over the Solway Firth, I myself became curious at these reports. So to find out if there were any truth in the sightings of the lights that appear to be at sea then on land, where I live (situated) I can observe right over the Scotch side with a good pair of binoculars, I then set up regular nightly Skywatches at an advantage point, to my surprise I began to witness these reported lights for myself, mainly these became visible after nine O' Clock at night at different locations. I later became somewhat alarmed and worried at what I was seeing. (The lights start to come on very low powered, orange and white lights, then they seem to expand bigger like welding lights, and get brighter. They then move across from land to sea very quickly, after being stationary for a few minutes or more. I thought these might be helicopters from an Army base somewhere on night exercise, perhaps!) Many other people also have seen these lights or lights over the Solway, I hence enclose local newspaper reports for your personal, and I would recite some sort of explanation, as I do not think these have been investigated thoroughly enough.

P/S. You may keep the enclosed clippings, or take copies and send originals back to me.

Yours Faithfully,

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P.T.O -



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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the photograph subject of my recent telephone conversation with your office.

The photograph was taken locally in early November 1964 on a long time exposure. I would be interested in your views on the 'object' visible in the sky section of the picture.

The photographs from the remainder of film show no irregularities.

I look forward to your reply and would be able, if necessary, to give more full details of location, etc etc.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40



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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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

B80/Sec (AS),  
Room **Section 40**  
Main Building.

Your reference

Our reference

Date

**Section 40**

I spoke to a member of the public a couple of months ago & the enclosed is the subject of our conversation.

The person said that the 'object' ~~was~~ on the photo was not a one-off but appeared on the negative, which he still holds.

Are you interested? If not, do you have any ideas who may be? Your help is appreciated.

**Section 40**

NOO Sybil

R. **Section 40**

No action L14

D/D Air Def/3/6/3-962

From: GE3

To: Sec (AS) 2a

Subject: UFO SIGHTING

1. You will be interested to see the attached forecast UFO report which was addressed to Operations, Ministry of Defense.

2. Presumably Section 40 will be watching his TV on 21 Jan and may therefore follow-up when he realises that we have not followed his instructions

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Wg Cdr  
GE3

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OPERATION COLD STREAM - SECURITY CLASSIFICATION / COSMIC (To say the least...)

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CONTACT WITH EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE VEHICLE AT MIDSUMMER SOLSTICE. MIDSUMMER MOMENT IS 10.44 HRS GMT FRIDAY JUNE 21 1985.

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1. THE VEHICLE WILL EMERGE FROM THE OCEAN NORTH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ONE ORBIT OF THE PLANET EARTH IN 24 HOURS, WILL IMMEDIATELY ADOPT A SPEED OF PASSAGE OF 1036 MPH, OR ABOUT 500 YARDS PER SECOND. IT WILL TRAVEL NORTH TO SOUTH ACROSS THE UK IN A STRAIGHT LINE AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1000' ON CONTOUR-LOCK ABOVE LAND AND WATER, OVER-FLYING THE 555 MILES IN 32 MINUTES, ENTERING UK AIR-SPACE OVER THE ISLE OF LEWIS AT 10.15 HRS G.M.T., PASSING BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OF RHUM AND EIGG, WEST OF SCOTLAND: ABOVE GREY ABBEY, NORTH EASTERN IRELAND: OVER MERLIN'S BRIDGE, SOUTH WESTERN WALES: ABOVE TINTAGEL CASTLE, WESTERN ENGLAND: CLEARING UK AIR SPACE OVER THE SOUTH COAST AT 10.47 HRS G.M.T.

2. DIVIDING THE TRACK INTO EIGHTHS, OR DISTANCES OF ABOUT 70 MILES, EACH POINT BEING 4 MINUTES APART, THE FOLLOWING IS REVEALED:

ENTERS UK AIR SPACE AT 10.15 HRS GMT	-	ISLE OF LEWIS.
.19	-	ISLE OF SKYE.
.23	-	ISLE OF MULL.
.27	-	MULL OF KINTYRE.
.31	-	GREY ABBEY, COUNTY DOWN.
.35	-	OVERSEA, WEST OF ANGLESEY.
.39	-	OVERSEA, APPROACHING FISHGUARD.
.43	-	OVERSEA, BETWEEN WALES AND CORNWALL.

LEAVES UK AIR SPACE AT 10.47 HRS GMT - ST AUSTELL BAY.

3. ON MOD PICK-UP, SCRAMBLE 5 R.A.F. PHOTO-PHANTOMS, AND ESCORT FOR DURATION OF UK PASSAGE, FILMING VEHICLE FROM A DISTANCE OF 1000 FEET. NO CLOSER. ONE EITHER SIDE, ONE LEVEL BEHIND, AND ONE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE. ONE AIRCRAFT TO BE AT 4000 FEET ALTITUDE, 2000 FEET ABOVE THE HIGHEST P/P, TRANSMITTING 'LIVE' TV PICTURES OF 'VEHICLE + 4' FORMATION BENEATH FOR OUR INSTANTANEOUS VIEWING, AND LATER STUDY.

4. TO OVERCOME FUEL LIMITATIONS, SUGGEST 'BATON' THEORY, FIVE TAKING OVER FROM FIVE ALONG DURATION OF TRACK.

5. THE VEHICLE IS GULL SHAPED TO NEGOTIATE PLANETARY ATMOSPHERES AND INTER-STELLAR REGIONS. IT WILL BE SURROUNDED BY A VERY STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD, POSSIBLY INTERRUPTING SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT. MAYBE WE CAN FILM THROUGH TRANSPARENT SUBSTANCE OVERCOMING ANY RADIATION AND RESULTING FILM FOG.

COLD STREAM - Page Two.

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6. ALTHOUGH THE TRACK IS GIVEN, IT MAY LAND. IN WHICH CASE AN APPROACH MAY BE MADE BY US. THIS CALLS FOR 'TEAMS' OF EQUAL NUMBERS OF MALE AND FEMALE ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL, SUGGEST FOUR OF EACH, TO BE PLACED ABOARD A SERIES OF HELICOPTERS STANDING BY ALONG TRACK. SUGGEST ONE ON EACH POSSIBLE LANDFALL, I.E. LEWIS / SKYE / MULL / KINTYRE / GREY ABBEY / FISHGUARD / BOSSINEY / ST AUSTELL.

7. ONCE INSIDE THE VEHICLE, TEAM WILL BE ABLE, AND ALLOWED, TO MAKE RECORDS, AUDIO AND VISUAL. ALL ARE TO BE WIRED, ALLOWING SPOKEN RECORD TO BE KEPT OF ANYTHING THEY WISH WHILST MOVING ABOUT THE SHIP INTERNALLY, OR ANY WORD OR SOUND GIVEN. SUGGEST AUXILIARY TAKE-UP SPOOLS TO BE ATTACHED TO PERSONNEL AS HULL RADIATION MAY PREVENT TRANSMISSION THROUGH TO HELICOPTER.

8. AFTER INSPECTION CREWS HAVE DISEMBARKED FOR THEIR INTERNAL INSPECTION, THE HELICOPTER IS TO RISE, CIRCLE AND FILM THE STATIONARY SHIP UNTIL CREW DISEMBARKS FROM VEHICLE. ALERT ESCORT PHANTOMS AT THIS STAGE READY TO CONTINUE THEIR SURVEILLANCE.

9. FROM EYEBALL CONFIRMATION AT TIME OF UK AIR SPACE ENTRY, DELIVER ALL FILM AND TAPE AND OTHER RECORDS, FROM GROUND, SEA AND AIR, TO MANCHESTER ASSEMBLY POINT, WHERE IT IS TO BE ASSEMBLED IN SEQUENCE, NO EDITS, INTO ONE COMPLETE INTERPRETATION OF ESTIMATED HALF HOUR PASSAGE. AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE, MAKE TEN COPIES, PASSING ONE TO BBC TELEVISION AND HAVE SHOWN TO UK PUBLIC, ALL CHANNELS SIMULTANEOUSLY, WITHIN 24 HOURS. ALLOW 48 HOURS TO ELAPSE, THEN SHOW AGAIN.

10. EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE IS THE NON-STOP TV TRANSMISSION MATERIAL SHOT BY HIGHEST PHANTOM. THIS WILL BE HELD BY ARMED FORCES AND AT PRESENT IS NOT FOR CIVILIAN RELEASE.

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Good luck.

JUNE 7 1985 / 14.35 HRS

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METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICE



NEW SCOTLAND YARD  
BROADWAY, LONDON SW1H 0BG  
Telephone Section 40 Ext. D.S. 8  
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FILE

The Director  
The Ministry of Defence  
Main Building S4F(Air)  
Whitehall  
London SW1

Your ref. :

Our ref. :  
TF162/70/8(B1)

Form 7112

19 June 1984

Dear Sir

I enclose for your information and any action considered necessary, copies of police reports and witness statements concerning the sighting of an alleged unidentified flying object on Thursday 26 April 1984.

Yours faithfully

Section 40  
[Redacted]

for Assistant Commissioner  
(Traffic)

Copy to:

Ops (GE) 2 (RAF)

DI 55

*None*

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We have already been notified of this by a signal from the police.

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[Redacted]



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15th June 1985

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 17th May 1985. It was very interesting. Some points have become clearer for me and I am grateful for that.

Yours sincerely

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PLEASE NOTE: All correspondence must include a  
 stamped-addressed envelope if a reply is desired.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS.

Will all groups and exchange publications please amend their mailing lists. OSEAP's address is given above, and is no longer in Stockport. During 1984, all mail sent to our old address has been redirected by the post office, to Barnoldswick; but in 1985 this will cease - so anything sent to Stockport after December will not get through. Also, all publications must be sent to the above address and not to any group member addresses in Crewe. We hope you will take note of the above, if you have not already done so.

RESOURCES CENTRE PROGRESS.

Thanks go out to Bill Gibbons, Paul Screeton, Chris Allen and Eric Ogden for recent donations to the Centre. New, incoming, exchanges are Solna Astronomiska Forening, IGAP-GB Newsletter, North American UFO Federation and Odyssey. The present working total of contributions to the Centre is now 12426 - an increase of 898 since March, 1984.

NEWS.

Vladimir Godic informs me that he is no longer associated with the Australian Centre for UFO Studies; he is now a founding member of UFO Research Australia - who are to publish UFO Research Australia Newsletter and UFO Research Digest. He can be contacted at:- P.O. Box 229, Prospect, South Australia 5082.

Insight Magazine explores the world of the occult and includes book reviews and readers' letters - a sample copy is only £1.20. Write to 25 Calmore Close, Stourvale Meadows, Bournemouth, Dorset.

NEW BOOKS.

THE WITCHES WAY-PRINCIPLES, RITUALS AND BELIEFS OF MODERN WITCHCRAFT/  
 Janet and Stewart Farrar (Hale) 352 pages - £14.95.

AN ABC OF WITCHCRAFT PAST AND PRESENT/Doreen Valiente (Hale reprint)  
 400 pages - £9.95.

CORNISH HAUNTINGS AND HAPPENINGS/Donald R. Rawe (Hale) 192 pages - £8.50.



APPEARANCES OF THE DEAD—A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GHOSTS/R. C. Firucane  
(Prometheus) 232 pages - \$18.95.

THE ENIGMA OF DANIEL HOME -- MEDIUM OR FRAUD/Trevor H. Hall (Prometheus)  
152 pages - \$16.95.

MINDSTEPS TO THE COSMOS/Gerald S. Hawkins (Souvenir) 352 pages - ?.

THE MAYA/Michael D. Coe (revised) (Thames & Hudson) 192 pages - £4.95.

AFTER THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT/Gray Barker (New Age Books) \$12.95.

UFOS IN SOUTH AFRICA/Frank Sante (Vantage) \$8.50.

STRANGE MUTANTS/John Keel - £7.95.\*

MY FRIEND FROM BEYOND EARTH/Frank Stranges (New Edition) £3.00.\*

THE UFO CONSPIRACY/Frank Stranges - £5.90.\*

\*The above three books are available from Susan Strebbling, 41 Terminus  
Drive, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 6PR.

#### OBITUARIES.

Lou Zimsstage - Basle, Switzerland on January 19th. - 79.  
Kenneth Arnold - Washington, USA on January 16th. - 68.  
Peter Kolosimo - Milan, Italy on March 23rd. - 62.

#### MAGAZINES AND BOOKS FOR SALE.

A substantial amount UFO and related material is available from  
OSEAP - no silly prices as can be found with dealers. For a comprehensive  
list send 65p. to the Centre's address. Overseas readers write for  
international price, including postage.

#### LATE NEWS.

Bad news concerning the magazine 'Contra', published by Walter Hain  
in Austria. Because of a lack of support the publication has had to  
cease - after a promising start it's sad to see yet another worthwhile  
effort falter.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS.

ASTRONOMY/David Evans (1982) - 290 pages, index, bibliography, illustd.  
Price: £2.95 from Hodder & Stoughton, Mill Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks,  
Kent. This is another title from the publisher's 'Teach Yourself' series,  
this edition being the eighth - having originally been published back in  
1952. The author is well qualified being Professor of Astronomy at the  
University of Texas. As would be expected it is a very good primer on  
the subject, but in a market where numerous titles are available for the  
discerning buyer this book is a bit dull in that, unlike others, it  
has only black and white photographs. One would have thought that with  
the hundred of excellent prints available today, the publishers would  
have updated the older prints. Therefore the appearance of the book  
is very 1950-ish.

THE EVIDENCE FOR VISIONS OF THE VIRGIN MARY/Kevin McClure (1983) - 158 pages, bibliography, index, illustrated. £2.50 from: The Aquarian Press, Denington Estate, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 2RQ. When one started reading McClure's book it was obvious that he was far from happy about the primitive investigations of claimed visions. Chapters one to nine is a collection of visions from 1061 to the present day. The evidence which is assessed in Chapter eleven is very thin indeed and the author deviates into speculation when he attempts to link visions with UFO sightings. There's nothing like linking one unproven subject with another! As an introduction to the subject the book succeeds and should encourage interested parties to pursue the subject further.

STONEHENGE COMPLETE/Christopher Chippindale. (1983). 296 pages, illustrated, index. £12.95 from: Thames & Hudson, 30 Bloomsbury Street, London, WS1B 3QP. "Everything important, interesting or odd that has been written or painted, discovered or imagined, about the most extraordinary building in the world", proclaims the front cover. By "everything", we have to realise that this is the usual overstatement. However, this book is a truly comprehensive work produced to the high standard one expects from the publishers. Excellent photographs, painting, engravings, line drawings and even cartoons make it very pleasing to the eye and a very good coffee-table book. Recommended to all with an interest in this unique monument.

THE YEAR OF THE SAUCER/- GRAY BARKER'S UFO ANNUAL 1983/Gray Barker. 101 pages, illustrated, no index. £12.95 from: New Age Press, Box D, Jane Lew, WV 26378, USA. Another book from the hand of Barker, the annual is supposed to be a Ufological record of the year 1982; but includes a mish-mash of dubious stories and claims from other years besides. Barker really is an enigma. On the one hand he compiles a major work to the UFO subject in his 'UFO Guides to Fate' (reviewed in CU 4), then come along with this book whose only aim seems to be the creation of an entertaining read for the credulous amongst us. In the ten chapters, he finds space to feature the Rendlesham Forest events, 1980, under the heading of 'The Mysterious Forest'. Sorry to say that this is a book that adds weight to the bookshelf, but very little else.

FAIRY TALES - ALLEGORIES OF THE INNER LIFE/Jean C. Cooper. (1983). 159 pages, bibliography, index, illustrated. Price £3.95 from: The Aquarian Press. A fascinating book that examines the recurring themes and motifs in classic fairy tales, and shows how they relate to the symbolic processes of the unconscious mind, although rather too esoteric at times, Cooper makes her point well and the text is accompanied by some fine illustrations, in particular those of Gustave Dore.

FUTURE WEATHER - THE CAUSES & EFFECTS OF CLIMATIC CHANGE/John Gribbin. (1983). 272 pages, index, bibliography, illustrated. £3.50 from Penquin Books Ltd., Harmondsworth, Middlesex. A most readable book by the co-author of 'The Jupiter Effect' several years ago. This latest work concerns the Greenhouse Effect - in simple terms a build up of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere leading to a temperature change. Gribbin structures the book well with some perceptive comments on the political, as well as scientific, aspects of the problem. He is also not too esoteric in his overview of the present state of thinking/research and therefore this book can be recommended to the person wishing to read a 'primer' type book.



UFO REALITY/Jenny Randles. (1983) 248 pages, illustrated, index, references. £9.95 from: Robert Hale Ltd., Clerkenwell House, Clerkenwell Green, London, EC1R OHT. This is the fifth book from the prolific hand of Ms Randles, it is sub-titled, "A critical look at the physical evidence." One might argue that this is a contradiction, for if there was 'physical evidence', surely there would be no UFOs!? The book consists of some 14 chapters written in her usual style, which always makes for easy reading. She adopts what she terms 'the JR set': 1051 UFO cases covering five years, which she has personally evaluated as her hard-data for evidence. This is a great weakness of the book, she has not personally investigated the cases. Just because a case has been investigated up to levels 'A' or 'B', should not give it a higher status. How competent were the investigators involved is just one reservation that should always be taken into account. More and more, Ms Randles, instead of giving the true facts about the UFO subject, prefers to mould the opinions of her readers. UFO Reality fails to balance the open-minded viewpoint with that of the skeptics. This is evident in the lack of references to Klass and Sheaffer (they are only mentioned 3 times in the book) and in the section 'further reading', not one of their books is recommended! Hardly a critical look at the evidence.

Throughout the book I thought many cases were omitted that she could have used for critical study. For example, in Chapter 13 when discussing photographic evidence, discussion is to be found on the Trinidad Island prints, but there is no mention of the Jersey cases from 1973 which showed an identical object with what looks like a vapour trail - Kodak felt that the 'object' was caused by processing irregularities. Another good case which was omitted, was the Wistaston, Cheshire hoax photos from 1978. Here is an example of an English case being evaluated by Ground Saucer Watch in the states and uncovered as a hoax. In the chapter on UFO movies, no mention is made of the 1976 Ben Boyd case from Australia. One could go on; but in fairness Ms Randles may be totally unaware of these cases.

One final point, on page 152, she states the following, "I was told by a former British Government official once that he understood that such a device (a crashed UFO - Ed.) could be found in this country. It was allegedly under wraps at a military base somewhere in South Wales." She says she treats such unsubstantiated stories as nothing more than interesting, and though provocative they tend to be unproveable. One could ask who was the official? Which Base? If some cases tend to be unproveable, does that mean that some have been proved? I won't go on but it is annoying that in too many UFO books, carrots are ritually dangled before the reader without any factual proof. Was it too tempting for Ms Randles to include this 'rumour'? It would appear so. Many books on the subject claim to be critical, many are not and this title, whilst appearing on the surface to achieve the job, many researchers, more knowledgeable, will be able to notice its faults.

THE MEGALITHIC ODDYSSEY/Christian O'Brien. (1983) 176 pages. illustrated. £4.95 from: Turnstone Press (same address as Acquarian-press). This book discusses 'astronomically aligned' stone circles and giant cairns on Bodmin Moor and their origins. Who were the designers and builders? O'Brien claims an advanced race of Master Builders travelled the world overseeing numerous projects. Although the research and text is well-threaded together it hardly statters one's own vision of prehistory.

LEY LINE...THEIR NATURE & PROPERTIES/J. Havelock Fidler. (1983). 144 pages, illustrated. £3.95 from: Turnstone Press. The author incorporates dowsing techniques developed by himself to show, via experimental work, his belief in ways in which a standing stone can be charged with energy and how this charge can then be permanently fixed. One conclusion he comes to is that the energy harnessed by ley-line systems are human in origin. All interesting stuff to read, although I doubt the seriously-interested scientist to latch onto this work.

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INDEXING - THE FIRST THREE YEARS.

Some three years have passed since the indexing of material within the Centre began. In that time 241 U.K. UFO publications have gone onto this system. This period has given me a unique insight into this material which covers the years 1965 to 84. Whilst it must be understood that the type of references one adopts is governed by what is indexed, the following facts and figures make for interesting reading. No one else is indexing U.K. UFO literature to the same degree as OSEAP and the research possibilities are endless. It comes as no surprise to find that editorial preferences start with sightings - out of the 241 publications England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have a total of 706 cases, add on another 38 countries also featured and this total rises to 945! These range from one-liners to detailed case studies.

A brief look at some subject-headings and references show that some themes are better represented than others eg: only 9 references to instrumentation in UFO research, a modest 50 to identified flying objects, 19 to men-in-black, 39 to UFO investigation methods, 59 to Warminster and 14 to the Condon Report. On the 'names' side, UFO skeptic Phillip Klass scrapes in with 8 and, as one would expect, the prolific Jenny Randles - 173. These references represent articles written by said person, letters, cartoons, crosswords, and a mention by other writers.

A breakdown of the present indexing situation clearly shows the fruit of three year's work.

Subject Headings -	1458.
References -	7018.
Abstracts -	1645.

Total: 10121. (241 publications circa 1965-84).

Here's looking forward to the next three years!

Finally, a quiz of sorts - sorry no prizes. Whilst sifting through the above indexing I came across many weird and wonderful items: three subject headings should get your brains working overtime: 1) Euphrosyne, 2) The Mist Agency and 3) Klee Phenomenon. which publications featured the above and who or what are they? (DLR).

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REMEMBER: the conditions of your joint-subscription to OSEAP JOURNAL and CENTRE UPDATE have changed. Please read the enclosed leaflet carefully.

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JOURNAL ABSTRACTS.

- 1) THE PUZZLE OF BALL-LIGHTENING/Nikolai Zhiltsov. An interesting item which gives an insight into Russian thinking on the subject of ball-lightening; includes several cases from the Soviet Union and questions the origins of how this phenomenon gains its power. Source: Anomalous Phenomenon Review, Vol. 1/No. 1 1984 - Pages 4-6.
- 2) RUMOURS AND PUBLICITY - THEIR CAUSES AND EFFECTS/Mark Tyrrell. A well written and perceptive article originally published three years ago, but very relevant today and recommended reading for all serious researchers. The small study featured in the text concerning UFO shapes is illuminating to say the least and concludes that there is a strong indication of ingrained preconceptions as to the UFO phenomenon. Source: UFO Research Australia Newsletter (ISSN 0726-1764), Vol. 5/No. 2 1984 - Pages 24-32.
- 3) THE HANGAR 18 TALES - A FOLKLORISTIC APPROACH/Joe Nickell. A very reasoned debate on a subject, with ufology, riddled with questionable claims and 'conspiracy' overtones. It lays down clear challenges to believers of 'crashed saucers' and 'pickled aliens' to come up with facts! Nickell likens the 'belief tales' as exhibiting the qualities of true folklore! Source: Common Ground, No. 9 1984 - Pages 2-10.
- 4) ON THE ROAD WITH CUPOS: DUBIOUS PHOTO'S ON EXHIBIT/Michael R. Dennett. A review of the Center for UFO Studies' traveling photo exhibition in the States, the credibility of prints on view, and concludes 'the preponderance of sensational 'close encounter' cases in the CUPOS exhibit is another indication of the intellectual bankruptcy of ufology. Perhaps more significant is the brazen use of fake or highly questionable photographs by a supposedly scientific organisation'. Source: The Skeptical Inquirer (ISSN 0194-6730), Spring, 1984. Pages 209-210.
- 5) NEW DATA FROM HESSDALEN/Kim Moller Hansen. Latest news from the Norwegian sighting area of Hessdalen. Data on incidents from this location have already appeared in at least one British publication. In this article the NIVFØ group have collected some meteorological data which may account for some - but not all - of the sightings in the area. The local population have not like NIVFØ's findings. Source: UFO NYT (ISSN 0049-4976), No. 4 1984 - Pages 32-35.
- 6) WHAT DID LONNIE SEE?/Toby Smith. A good piece of journalism by Smith; Zamora and others involved at the time of his sighting at Socorro in 1964 are interviewed. It gives a fascinating and retrospective insight on the incident. Over the years Lonnie has grown weary of defending himself and fed-up of the harassment he has suffered from various quarters. Today he drives an earth mover and supplements his income by serving in the National Guard. He comes across as just an ordinary person who became involved in events he did not understand. On the sighting he says, "people say I saw a Flying Saucer...I can't say if I did because I don't know what a Flying Saucer looks like." He also feels he was at the wrong place at the wrong time and should he ever see anything unusual again he would not tell anyone about it. Source: UFO Newsclipping Service, No. 169 1983 - Pages 6-8 (reprinted from the Impact Journal, New Mexico 2/8/83).

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EXCHANGE MAGAZINES.

The last couple of years has been notable for the drop in UFO reports and also the number of UFO magazines either going out of circulation

or no longer wishing to exchange because (1) finances wouldn't allow it or they (2) did not agree with what OSEAP had to say. OSEAP can understand the first reason but says if it is because of the second, then these people are not really worth dealing with if they're that immature. Without much further ado, here is an updated exchange list. Any changes of address should be notified accordingly:-

#### UK EXCHANGES.

MAGONIA, 64 Alric Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4JW.  
 NORTHERN UFO NEWS, 21 Whittlewood Close, Gorse Covert, Warminster, WA3 6TU.  
 UFO RESEARCH REVIEW, 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 3GU.  
 COMMON GROUND, 11 Asquith Boulevard, Leicester.  
 FORESIGHT, 29 Beaufort Ave., Hodge Hill, Birmingham, B34 6AD.  
 THE LEY HUNTER, P.O. Box 13, Welshpool, Powys, Wales.  
 NESSLETTER, Huntshieldsford, St. John's Chapel, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.  
 KINGDOM VOICE, Riverside Cottage, Harpford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 ONG.  
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We attach a letter which the Prime Minister has received.

It refers to correspondence sent to you on .....

Please arrange for your Department to deal with it as they think fit.

Please arrange for your Department to send a full reply as soon as possible. If you are not responsible for this matter, please transfer the letter to the appropriate Department and let us know. Not writer.

Please co-ordinate any reply with the following Departments, to whom copies have been sent

- ( ) We have not sent an acknowledgement.
- ( ) We have sent a plain acknowledgement.
- We have sent an acknowledgement, saying that the letter is receiving attention.
- ( ) A copy of the acknowledgement which we have sent is attached.

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Section 40

UFO RESEARCH, BROADCASTS & LECTURES

Section 40

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The Prime Minister  
The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP  
10 Downing Street  
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4 June 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

I am sorry to burden you with a question on an apparently trivial and irrelevant subject at a time when you have far more pressing problems to deal with. I refer to the much-ridiculed and controversial subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, which must have been brought to your attention on a number of occasions.

As you are doubtless aware, the subject is treated with the utmost seriousness by a number of intelligence agencies in the United States, notably the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency. With regard to the latter, a Supreme Court ruling in 1982 decreed that the NSA was fully justified in withholding 139 documents on UFOs, in the interest of national security. This has been confirmed for me in a letter from Mr James Devine, Director of Policy for the NSA. The latter has, however, released to me some declassified documents under provision of the Freedom of Information Act which leave little room for doubt that the subject of UFOs is in some instances classified above Top Secret.

X I am familiar with the policy of Her Majesty's Government and have corresponded for many years with the Ministry of Defence on these matters, yet have been unable to secure official confirmation that any serious scientific research is being conducted, other than that reports are treated seriously but not pursued unless there is a defence interest. Apparently there is no evidence thus far that UFOs have any defence significance.

Unofficially it has been confirmed that Top Secret research is being conducted in this country, and I have been informed by reliable sources that in 1978 alone the budget was £11,000,000. I am given to understand that there is close collaboration with U.S. intelligence on the matter. My question then is: Are you aware of this secret research into UFOs? Former Prime Ministers Lord Wilson and Mr Heath have told me that they cannot comment on the subject as they do not know anything about it. I feel sure that you can come up with something better than that! As titular head of the security and secret services, presiding over meetings with the JIC, for example, there must have been an occasion when you were informed about this secret research, as well as national security implications. If not, I am left with the suspicion that the subject is so sensitive that not even the Prime Minister is on a 'need to know' basis.

Finally, a word of encouragement for your fine leadership. I have nothing but admiration for the courage and tenacity with which you pursue the problems facing our country.

With best wishes, I remain,  
Yours respectfully,

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Date 23 May 1985

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. The enclosed letters were recently received on the station. On seeking guidance from OC Ops Wg I was told that HQ P&SS (UK) had advised that they be sent to your department for action.

2. A short letter has been sent to **Section 40** advising him of our action and that he can expect some response from MOD in due course.

**Section 40**

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**Enclosures:**

1. Letter PUFOIC 38/85 dated 10 May 85
2. Letter PUFOIC 42/85 dated 17 May 85



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INVESTIGATION & RESEARCH INTO  
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Section 40

Ref: PUF0IC 38/85.

10th May 1985.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

I am the Chairman of the above Society, and also the Regional Investigations Officer, (South - West) for the British U.F.O. Research Association (B.U.F.O.R.A.).

My reason for writing to you, is to request an appointment, in the near future, at your convenience of course. The subject for discussion is an alleged U.F.O. sighting (and landing), very close to your Base, that occurred in February this year.

We have good reason to believe that the sighting was genuine, and that the witness did not fabricate a hypothetical event. Members of our Society have visited and interviewed the witness for over two hours.

Although at present we are classifying this incident as a 'U.F.O.' incident, we have not dismissed the possibility that what the witness observed, could have been a form of experimental aerial craft - possibly from your Base. That is, of course if you are involved with design and testing of experimental aircraft. Should this be the true identity of this 'U.F.O.' sighting, then a greater measure of safety is certainly required, as this object nearly collided with a moving vehicle!

Should this sighting be truly unexplained, and you were not responsible for it, then I wonder, if you were able to track it on the radar facilities used at R.A.F. St Mawgan?

We have calculated that the object in question, might have passed through your Base, and furthermore - we believe that it landed less than one mile away, burning soil, grass and some small trees. We also believe that when it departed after landing, it hit a tree as it ascended.

Because there was an increase in radiation levels on trees and ground, after the U.F.O. incident at R.A.F. Bentwaters/Woodbridge, in Suffolk in December 1980, we are planning to examine the readings of radioactivity at the place of impact of this case.

Although U.F.O. Investigators experienced a 'mass of denial' over the U.F.O. hypothesis at R.A.F. Bentwaters/Woodbridge - by both M.O.D. and U.S.A.F. Officials and even D S 8 at M.O.D. Offices in London, I truly hope this will not be the case by Officials from a British Air Force Establishment.

I look forward to hearing from you, in the not too distant future.

Yours Sincerely,

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R.I.O. (S.W.)  
B.U.F.O.R.A.



# P U F O I C

PLYMOUTH U.F.O. INVESTIGATION CENTRE.  
Est: 1978.

INVESTIGATION & RESEARCH INTO  
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Section 40

Ref:- PUFOIC - 42/85 (Copy 38/85)

17th May 85

Dear Community Relations Officer,

I am the Chairman of the above Society, and also the Regional Investigations Officer - South- West, for the British U.F.O. Research Association. (B.U.F.O.R.A.).

This is my second letter to you - during a telephone conversation, to your Establishment today, they were not aware of my previous one, therefore, I am writing you another.

I am writing to request an appointment with you, hopefully in the near future to talk about a U.F.O. sighting that occurred early February. The sighting was extremely close to the perimeter of your Base and we believe that the object might have 'landed' on the ground, for some time. Our belief here, lies with evidence of a 'landing' in the discovery of an area of damaged and burned grass, soil and trees, and also another tree that has been hit at the top, snapping several large branches off it. It is this, that I feel more relevant.

Obviously we have not dismissed the possibility, that whatever caused this damage, and more importantly, what our witness observed, was in fact some form of aircraft being tested from RAF St Mawgan. However I must add, that, when airborne, the craft was only 8 -15ft above the ground!

Should you be unable to account for this sighting, then did you manage to record it on your radar system, at the Base? Our own calculations indicate the object could have passed over the Base.

Since my last letter to you, we have taken radioactivity readings at the areas of damage, stated above, and I am happy to report there were no abnormalities detected. However, following the hypothetical theories put forward, which were neither denied, nor confirmed by the M.O.D. ; at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk, after their strange incident in December 1980, our own theories must be similar to those in Suffolk, which were:-  
(a) UFO - (b) crashed aerial craft (c) experimental craft, or (d) missile going astray. I state these simply because the description of the Woodbridge incident, and the one close to your Base, were nearly identical both in description and in size, and also aerial capability.

We thought that the best way to begin our task of solving this sighting, is to ask your advice, prior to approaching D.S.S, in London.

We look forward to your reply to this correspondence.

Yours Sincerely,

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CHAIRMAN - PUFOIC.  
REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER -B.U.F.O.R.A.  
(S.W. 001).



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JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 85.

DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE I DO FEEL IT MAY HAVE SOME BARING, AS TO PAST, AS WELL AS PRESENT AIRCRAFT DISASTERS.

PLEASE EXCUSE MY SPELLING AS I AM BUT AN UNEMPLOYED LABOURER, AND I AM NO LETTER WRITER.

I AM OFCOURSE REFERRING TO THE RESENT INDIAN AIRCRAFT DISASTER, WITH THE LOSS OF ALL CREW, AND 329 LIVES.

I AM A MIDDLE AGED MAN, AND I HAVE NEVER BELIEVED IN UFO'S UNZILL 1982, I LIVE ON THE EXSTREAM EDGE OF THE CITY BOUNDRY, ONE SUNDAY EVENING I WAS BURNING SOME GARDEN RUBISH I GLANCED IN THE SKY I WAS AMASSED TO SEE A ROUND LARGE OBJECT TRAVEZING AT GREAT SPEED, IT WAS OF BRILIANT ORANGE COULER, I HAD AN EXCELENT VEW, THE UFO EVENTUALLY BECAME STATIONARY, WAS SO FOR ABOUT 10 SE-

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ABANDS, IT THEN MOVED OFF AT GREAT SPEED  
 IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION, I WOULD ESTI-  
 MATE IT WAS 3 TO 5 THOUSAND FEET HIGH  
 I WOULD GUESS THIS OBJECT WOULD BE  
 A MILE IN CIRCUMFERENCE, THERE WAS NO  
 NOISE OR SOUND FROM THE UFO, THIS SITING  
 WAS IN EARLY DUNE - THE TIME WAS 9,20  
 PM. THE FOLLOWING MONDAY A REPORT  
 WAS PUBLISHED IN OUR LOCAL PAPER THE  
HULL DAILY MAIL - THAT A LISENCEE OF A  
 PUBLIC HOUSE, HAD STATED THIS UFO ALSO  
 HIS DISCRPTION OF UFO AND DIRECTION,  
 COULDER, TALKED EXACTLY WITH MINE. ON  
 THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY THERE WAS A  
 REPORT OF A LADY MOTORIST WHO HAD  
 AN EXCELENT SITING, BUT FRIGHTENING EXPER-  
 IENCE. SHE STATED SHE WAS MOTORING FROM  
 MARKET-WHETON TO HULL AND WAS HALF WAY  
 WHEN SHE SAW THIS BRITANT ORANGE UFO  
 BUT SHE WENT ON TO STATE IT JUST  
 DISINTERGRATED BEFOR HER EYES AND  
 IT HAD MADE HER EXTREMELY NERVOUSE.  
 I FEEL FURUTHER INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD  
 BE MADE INTO THE SITINGS OF THESE UFO  
 THE DIRECTIONS "TIMES" "DATES" "PLACES"  
 "CONDITIONS"; IT HAS NEVER BEEN PROVED  
 THAT A UFO HAS EVER COLIVED WITH  
 AN AIRCRAF BUT IT IS MAY BE STILL

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POSSIBLE THIS INFAC<sup>T</sup> CAN TAKE PLACE,  
AND MADE ALREDY HAS, IT SHOULD BE NOTE  
THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE IS A MONTH  
WHEN MEANY. DAY TIME SITEINGS ARE  
OBSERVED OF UFO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
THE WHOLE SYBERNETICS OF UFO IS  
A STRANGE PHENOMENON, AND SCIENTISTS SHOULD  
CONCENTRATE MORE INVESTIGATIONS INTO  
THEIR BEHAVIOR, WE NEED MORE EVIDENCE  
TO ANALISE,

MY VERY KINED REGARDS  
AND RESPECTS.

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PS. THE SITEING ABOVE WAS EARLY JUNE.  
1982 AT 9 20 PM.



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Section 40

31st May, 1985

Section 40

Sec. AS.2a,  
 Room Section 40  
 Ministry of Defence,  
 Main Building,  
 London SW1A 2HB

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 May, replying to mine to Section 40 of 25 February.

I am glad of your assurance that unidentified events in British airspace and territory are properly evaluated by the MOD for their possible Defence significance. It is no more than I would have expected from former colleagues !

I gather from the duty desk (which I telephoned recently during 'silent' hours) and also from the Flying Complaints Flight at Rudloe Manor that a standard form is currently in use for noting data reported by the public, the civil police and the CAA. As one of those who are at present attempting to make some scientific evaluation of a surprisingly persistent and not readily explicable phenomenon, I was interested to discover that the MOD and the Flying Complaints Flight have identified several factors which may be relevant in evaluating reports, eg. the proximity of high-voltage lines or bodies of still water in the area of a reported sighting. It would be of great value to myself and scientific colleagues if I might have a copy of the standard report-form which is currently in use in Whitehall and at the FCF. I assume that there can be no security objection to our having it in view of your assurance that no Defence significance has ever been detected in any sighting reported to Defence authorities. It would, on the other hand, be of interest to those who are looking at the matter from a scientific standpoint lest there is any potential factor identified by MOD experts which we may possibly have overlooked.

I assume from your recent re-organisation that the functions of both the former DS8 and the former S4(Air) have been absorbed into the new AS.2. If so, I congratulate you on a desirable piece of tidying-up ! The dividing line between the two former Divisions was never easy to administer. My own Division, DS8 (anyway during my term as Head of DS8 from early 1969 to late 1972) saw only such cases as appeared to have a possible air defence significance; and we doubtless missed many others. Nonetheless, the AD 'cases' were often interesting. I have been a little disappointed to see from the Answers to PQs in recent years that the MOD disclaims having kept on record any material earlier than (as I recall) 1962 or so. Recent enquiries to the Public Records Office suggest that this is not, in fact, quite accurate: I have by me two written reports - freely available from the PRO - which are dated 1950 and 1952, both by serving officers and both recording events in British airspace which closely resemble the mass of material which continues to be reported, and which we, with a scientific interest, cannot altogether dismiss.

I also recall having been shown, during 1970, during my term as Head of DS8, some interesting gun-camera 'clips' which suggested the existence of a puzzling phenomenon observed by RAF pilots (notably during the 'flap' at Bentwaters/Lakenheath in 1956). I hope these have not been thrown away. Now that we have had

your assurance that no Defence significance is attached to these matters, would be of scientific interest if any such material could be made available to a designated and responsible group. (I would make it my business to ensure that you were not in consequence bombarded with similar requests from a multitude of outside bodies !).

Thank you again for your letter. In the light of it, and noting your position that nothing of Defence significance arises, may I recapitulate my requests ? In summary, -it would contribute to serious research if you could now make available to me:-

- a. a copy of the standard form currently in use by the MOD for summarising the data reported by the public, the police and the CAA on unidentified events in British airspace and territory;
- b. the data still held by the MOD on these reported events, particularly any photographic material.

*Yours sincerely,*

*R.N. Noyes*

(R.N. Noyes)

PS. I was interested in your comment that "there has never been any formal liaison with other governments". This used not to be the line when I was around ! If you care to look up the Official Record for 22 November 1967, you will find the following exchange between the Hon. & Gallant Member, Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, and Mr. Merlyn-Rees, S. of S. for Defence.

WALL : "What exchange of information or other co-operation is taking place between his Department and the official American and Russian investigations into UFOs ?"

M-REES : "We are in touch with the Americans on this subject but not with the Russians. I understand the conclusions which the Americans have reached coincide with ours."

This doesn't quite substantiate your "never". I won't embarrass you by asking you to comment; but you might find it useful for your own purposes to refer to the Hansard reference and to refresh your memory on what precisely was the American position at that time and why we went along with it.





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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Hd. Sec. (AS).  
29 MAY 1985  
259/S  
FILE 12/3

Head of

Sec (AS) [Signature]

The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action. The action requested by No 10 is set out on their attached slip.

2. If No 10 have passed to us for action as we see fit you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent, and to action accordingly.

3. If No 10 have asked that a full reply be sent you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.

4. Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

24/5/85

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for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

10 DOWNING STREET,  
WHITEHALL

Sec (AS)

PRIVATE SECRETARY

MOD

We attach a letter which the Prime Minister has received.

It refers to correspondence sent to you on .....

~~Please arrange for your Department to deal with it as they think fit.~~

~~Please arrange for your Department to send a full reply as soon as possible. If you are not responsible for this matter, please transfer the letter to the appropriate Department and let us know. Not writer.~~

~~Please co-ordinate any reply with the following Departments, to whom copies have been sent~~

- ~~We have not sent an acknowledgement.~~
- We have sent a plain acknowledgement.
- We have sent an acknowledgement, saying that the letter is receiving attention.
- A copy of the acknowledgement which we have sent is attached.

Correspondence Section

Date:

22-5-25



- b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as a man-made aircraft.
- c. There is a possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.
- d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered *evasive* when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically, or remotely.

—U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, also a general in the Air Force Reserves, who has repeatedly expressed his opinion that UFOs are real and who has been denied access to top secret UFO files at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, despite his status.

A curious set of regulations exists within NASA. Listed in the Code of Federal Regulations since 1969, 14 CFR 1211, as they are known, provide for the detention, examination, and decontamination of persons and things that have come in direct or indirect contact with a person, animal, or other form of life or matter that has "touched directly or come within the atmospheric envelope of any other celestial body."

Originally designed for our expeditions to the moon and, in fact, instituted only a few days before the first lunar landing, the regulations can be applied to space voyages by vehicles *not originating from Earth*, according to NASA's general counsel Neil Hosenball. Theoretically, anyone who sees and approaches a UFO and, if lucky (?) enough, is able to touch the object, may be liable for a \$5,000.00 fine and/or a year in prison if he or she does not submit to detention.

Now, we don't anticipate that such a thing will ever come down upon a UFO witness. It would hardly be a way to reward someone with physical proof of UFO reality! However, another problem surfaces and that is the fact that when such stories are circulated in the media, a potential witness could be frightened away from reporting a UFO encounter. The threat of a fine and prison term for exposing the public to some as yet unknown peril may be impetus enough to remain silent.

One witness involved in the following encounter had precisely this fear in mind when he came forward to tell us what he had gone through.

Persistent stories had come out of England about an unidentified flying object which had come down into the Rendlesham Forest near the American Air Force Base at Bentwaters on December 30, 1980. Reports included radar tracking from a civilian radar site, which later had been visited by U.S. Air Force officers with the purpose of confiscating the radar tapes, and accounts by USAF personnel of a metallic craft and entities seen in a clearing at Rendlesham. The stories, of course, were unverified and little else could be accomplished unless more concrete data came forth.

Two British UFO investigators, Brenda Butler and Dot Street, followed up on several of the stories and found substance to them. Reportedly, a

security sergeant saw entities associated with a dome-shaped UFO in the woods; another witness, an airman, saw marks in the earth characteristic of what he had heard about UFO landing marks. All witnesses desired complete anonymity, however, and while the story became more intriguing with the increase in the number of confirming witnesses, it still could not be considered a strong case by any means. Anonymous witnesses and scattered rumors are not convincing evidence of anything.

While we were putting this book together, a person came forward as a result of a UFO article he had read. Fascinated by the subject because of his experience, this individual was eventually put in contact with the authors and told a very interesting tale. His identity is known to us, but, by his request, we will change his name to Art Wallace.

Wallace was attached to Bentwaters Air Force Base as a security policeman. He had been assigned to the base for only a short period of time, when at 1:00 A.M. on a night either on or very near to December 30, 1980, his life took a strange twist. While he was on duty at the Bentwaters flight line, a jeep pulled up. Two men, a sergeant and a lieutenant, told Wallace to get in because they were going over to the motor pool. On the way over, Wallace noticed that many animals were running out of the woods nearby; something he had never seen before, even in the States. When they arrived at the motor pool, Wallace and the sergeant were told to get gas-powered "light-alls" (trailer-mounted lights used for illuminating large areas). The lights were attached to the jeep, and they proceeded to the Bentwaters main gate where they met other vehicles.

The convoy moved out toward the Rendlesham Forest a few miles away. Wallace heard radio chatter mentioning names of people he knew plus "OSI," most likely a reference to the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations. Wallace saw security police as well as members of the British military stationed all along the way.

They pulled onto a dirt road and drove about a mile into the Rendlesham Forest, stopping at what Wallace referred to as a "staging point." The men were ordered to check their weapons in since they would not be taking them along. Wallace went into the woods with four other men led by a captain who had met them at the Bentwaters motor pool. As they approached a clearing in the woods, they noticed a brightness in the distance and the sound of helicopters overhead. Wallace noticed an airman crying at the edge of the clearing with a medic attending him. This puzzled Wallace greatly as he couldn't imagine what might have been going on. The first thing the men noticed when they had a clear view was that large movie cameras had been placed surrounding a field in the clearing. Many military and plainclothes personnel were milling about watching something.

The "something" was an object, taking the appearance of a transparent aspirin tablet, hovering about one foot off the ground. Wallace estimated that the object was fifty feet in diameter and had a bright, pulsating, yellow



inside. It did not move from its position. Wallace and some of the men approached the object to within about ten feet. Two cows in the field had come over to the object and according to Wallace, appeared to be just staring at it, oblivious to the security men in the area.

A radio call was heard over a field radio unit. A helicopter pilot said, "Here it comes." In the distance, a red light appeared, first behind a pine tree, then in front of it. The light quickly sped over to the aspirin-shaped object and hovered at a position about twenty feet above it. After maintaining this position for a minute, the red light broke up. No explosion occurred in the conventional sense. The light merely broke up into a shower of particles.

Suddenly, in the place of the red light and the aspirin-shaped object, another vehicle appeared. Wallace said it was a domed disc, bright white in color, with an intricately detailed surface much like the models used in movies like "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters." It had two appendages on the lower flange of the disc which seemed to be the beginning of delta wings but not quite. Shadows were cast on the surface of the disc by some of the raised-relief detail. Wallace and the men with him walked around the object and noticed an interesting effect. Their own shadows were cast onto the object, probably by the bright "light-alls" in the field. Not only did their shadows bend upwards at the head, but as they walked and then stopped, the shadows would appear to advance *one pace more* and then stop. Stunned and disbelieving of this effect, Wallace and the others walked and stopped several times, each time noticing the effect repeat itself. Additionally, the third time that they tried this, a light came over the head of a shadow and moved from one head to another.

Wallace recalled turning to say a few words to one of the men. The next thing he knew, he woke up in bed, fully dressed and muddy up to his knees. Wallace asked one of his companions in the barracks what time he had come in. He replied 4:00 A.M. At that point he did not remember what had happened that night. As he went about his usual duties, Wallace began to recall the events.

A phone call came later in the day. Wallace was summoned to his commander's office along with other security policemen who were at the scene of the UFO activity. Civilians were in the office also, giving Wallace the impression of being CIA personnel. The commander politely advised the men not to talk about the night's events to anyone. They were brought into another room where the civilians, much more stern and rude, reminded the men of their duty and ordered them never to discuss the matter with anyone. They were checked for radiation, debriefed for an hour, and made to sign forms which re-emphasized the high security nature of what happened. Wallace and others were put on a call-in schedule by which they would be required to phone a certain number daily at 11:30 A.M. as a check on their whereabouts and activities.

Wallace recalled being shown a film on UFOs in a room with other

for reasons which he still doesn't understand. The movie displayed film strips, some dating to World War II, of actual UFO activity in various places and times. Several of the sequences showed UFOs near what appeared to be fighter aircraft, and in one sequence from the Korean War, a disc-shaped object passed close to an MIG fighter, causing it to crash. Wallace was told they were being shown this so that they might better understand the need for secrecy on the events of the 30th.

Wallace said that versions of the story leaked to the British media detailing alien meetings in the forest and landing marks on the ground were deliberately contrived by the military to mislead the public. The false evidence was intended to be discovered by UFO investigators so that a negative evaluation would be ascribed to the story, thus preserving secrecy.

It is quite a story, and coupled with other accounts of the Rendlesham Forest events, we are inclined to think that something truly extraordinary may have happened.

What was the Air Force's official response to this? The authors filed a FOIA request with the 81st Combat Support Group at RAF Bentwaters to determine if documentation was on file at the base. A reply dated April 28, 1983, came from Col. Henry J. Cochran, Bentwaters Commander.

Reference your letter dated April 14, 1983 requesting information about unknown aircraft activity near RAF Bentwaters. *There was allegedly some strange activity near RAF Bentwaters at the approximate time in question but not on land under U.S. Air Force jurisdiction and, therefore, no official investigation was conducted by the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing. Thus, the records you request do not exist [emphasis added].*

If no records exist, how did Col. Cochran know that something had happened near Bentwaters? He was not the Bentwaters Commander at the time. Furthermore, under the provisions of Air Force Manual 12-50, such records would either have been destroyed after a short period of time or they would have been passed along to a permanent storage facility for retention; that is, they would no longer be at the base. And the investigation was probably not conducted by the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing but by someone else (OSI?).

On May 7, 1983, CAUS Researcher Director Robert Todd filed an FOIA request with the Air Force's 513th Combat Support Group for information on the Rendlesham Forest affair. The 513th CSG provides document management services for the Headquarters of the Third Air Force in Europe, which covers the Bentwaters area. Our hopes were low for any positive results as it seemed that a tight ring of secrecy was placed around the story.

However, in a June 14, 1983, letter from Col. Peter Bent, Commander of the 513th CSG, an utterly stunning admission was made. Col. Bent said:

It might interest you to know that the US Air Force had no longer retained a copy of the 13 January 1981 letter written by Lt Col Charles I. Halt.



The Air Force file copy had been properly disposed of in accordance with Air Force Regulations. Fortunately, through diligent inquiry and the gracious consent of Her Majesty's government, the British Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force, the US Air Force was provided a copy for you.

The January 13 letter was enclosed with Col. Bent's response. It was on the official letterhead of the 81st Combat Support Group at Bentwaters and signed by Lt. Col. Halt, who was the Deputy Base Commander. The title of the document is "Unexplained Lights," and it reads like science fiction:

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 pulsating red light on top with 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 1½" 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.

Outside of some small variation in detail, the story in the document is amazingly similar to what Art Wallace described. This letter was certainly part of a more detailed file, since it is clear that an official investigation was conducted. Looking back at Col. Cochran's April 28 response to our inquiry on Rendlesham, we now see that it amounts to nothing more than a gross

tempt to mislead the public and constitutes a blatant violation of the spirit and the letter of the Freedom of Information Act.

What could be equally as mysterious as the events themselves is the reason why the letter was released in the first place. We probably would not have known about its existence had it not been given to us. And it surely doesn't help to make the Air Force's official stance on UFOs credible. Could there be a segment within the Air Force that wants us to have the facts on UFOs? It's a distinct possibility.

Our investigation into this most bizarre affair continues.

We have already discussed many of the agencies involved in collecting reports of UFOs domestically and internationally. One other potential source of UFO data has not been mentioned only because it has been relatively unknown until recently through revelations by the *New York Times*.

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is an intelligence agency whose very existence has been classified top secret. It has an extraordinary budget of \$2 billion per year and manages to hide this primarily in Air Forces operations. It functions in such a manner that nothing about it is subject to open scrutiny.

The NRO's mission is to monitor international communications (like the NSA) and to oversee the operation of the nation's spy satellite system. Government officials have even refused to discuss the agency's name if it were brought up. How might the NRO's operations relate to UFO research?

Photo-reconnaissance satellites have advanced to such a degree that even individuals can be specifically identified from orbits one hundred miles up. If strange aerial activity were to be detected in space as has been done in the past by NORAD (see Chapter 1), a photo-reconnaissance satellite could be expected to be pressed into duty by taking high-resolution photos of the UFOs. Significant strong evidence for UFOs may currently exist in the NRO's files but accessibility would be virtually impossible under present security provisions. Such security could also protect an above-top secret version of Project Saint (see Chapter 13) in photographing UFO activity.

Let us summarize in detail our conclusions on the UFO subject. (We refer to the small percentage of total reports which are currently listed as genuine unknowns:

- 1) UFOs are a real, material, physical phenomenon, completely unidentifiable in conventional terms.
- 2) UFOs display intelligence of a very high order.
- 3) Granting that UFOs are real and intelligent, somebody is behind the phenomenon; that is, advanced biological life forms.
- 4) These life forms are here for a purpose. A "clear intent" has been demonstrated numerous times.



- 5) Their purpose at the present time is unknown but may be related to an extended surveillance of what might be termed a primitive, embryonic society.
- 6) The origin of the biological life forms is unknown, but the extraterrestrial hypothesis seems to be the most attractive explanation, although not the only one.
- 7) UFOs have overflowed U.S. military and other government facilities since World War II, as evidenced by official U.S. document releases from a variety of federal agencies.
- 8) This activity has extended to other nations, as evidenced by official U.S. government document releases.
- 9) UFO activity over some U.S. military/governmental facilities has been of such a sensational, dramatic nature that a definite threat to U.S. national security is considered as fact within the highest levels of government. (This scenario also applies to foreign governments.)
- 10) Documented UFO reports of national security significance have been and continue to be withheld, under tight secrecy regulations, from all but the most highly-placed government officials.
- 11) Despite tight secrecy regarding release of UFO documents, government officials most closely associated with UFO data of national security importance probably do not have a definite "answer" to the UFO problem, but they monitor the phenomenon in pursuit of an answer.
- 12) The monitoring procedure probably includes the use of unmarked helicopters as convenient vehicles of transportation to and from scenes of UFO and other related activity.

Part of why this book exists is to urge people with any knowledge of the events discussed here to contact us and fill in the missing details. Other events related to the subject matter of the book, but not mentioned, would also be of great interest.

We would like to stress that no information is being sought other than UFO data. Sensitive material about the defense of the United States, military and government personnel, and the internal functions of federal agencies is not of interest to the authors. The protection of such details is fully and understandably recognized under the Freedom of Information Act. Since the government has declared many times that UFOs are no threat to national security, we feel fully justified in asking that data about UFOs be released and put out before the public for a fair and open-minded assessment of what is one of the most intriguing topics in recorded history.

In particular, we solicit any information on the existence of long-rumored movie films on UFOs—some in general documentary format, others showing actual footage of UFOS filmed by people on the ground and by pilots in the air, equipped with aerial cameras. Additionally, a document written in the summer of 1948 by Air Force Project Sign personnel entitled "Estimate of the Situation" is sought. Although the original document was supposedly destroyed in 1948, copies were known to exist years later.

The "Estimate of the Situation" is a curiosity of UFO history. The

Document concluded that UFOs were interplanetary, according to those few individuals who saw it, including the former head of Project Blue Book in the early 1950s, Captain Edward Ruppelt. Ruppelt stated that at least one copy, legal-sized with a black cover stamped "Secret," survived its original destruction order. Since then, all attempts to locate the document have failed. The Air Force's responses to such inquiries have been strangely contradictory.

One letter to a UFO researcher by the Air Force's Director of Legislative Liaison, Major General W. P. Fisher, said, "There has never been an Air Force conclusion that flying saucers were real and were interplanetary space ships. The alleged 1948 document mentioned in your letter is nonexistent."

Yet, in 1967, the Air Force's Chief, Civil Branch of the Office of Information's Community Relations Division, Lt. Colonel George Freeman, said:

Regarding the 1948 "Estimate of the Situation" the late Captain Ruppelt in his book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, provides the answer. The Top Secret Estimation was working its way up to the higher echelons of the Air Force. It got to the late General Hoyt S. Vanderberg, then Chief of Staff, before it was "batted down." The General wouldn't "buy" interplanetary vehicles. The report lacked proof and the Estimate died a quick death. Some months later, it was completely declassified and relegated to the incinerator. I am sorry, but we have no copies of this document.

The "Estimate" obviously survived destruction by several accounts. Knowledge of its location would be of great historical importance.

We have tried to give a rational assessment of UFOs. Old questions have been answered and new ones have been raised. To be sure, UFOs have not been given a fair day in court, which is why the subject remains cloaked in rumor and ambiguity. Some scientists are aware of the challenge placed before us, but the scientific community at large must shoulder some of the blame for the way the UFO phenomenon has been treated. Scholars have descended upon UFO enthusiasts in righteous indignation, accusing them of promoting pseudoscience and misinforming the public to an almost irreversible degree. Indeed, some of the criticism is well-deserved. Serious UFO researchers were, for some time, a small minority in a subject dominated by religious fanatics, pseudointellectuals, and a variety of space explorers, whose alleged trips to "lush, green Venus" and the marvelous cities on the far side of the moon titillated millions.

Inevitably, the wheat is separated from the chaff and the true nature of a mystery manifests itself. This is what present-day UFO logists are promoting—a serious look at real events, not a 1980s version of "Earth vs. Flying Saucers" or "Invaders from Mars."

The U.S. government is convinced that UFOs are a serious matter. It is only through a concerted effort by the world's braintrust that UFOs can be dealt with effectively, almost surely leading to the revelation of new truths.



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Section 40

UFO RESEARCH, BROADCASTS & LECTURES

Section 40

Secretariat AS-2  
Ministry of Defence  
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London SW1A 2HB

18 May 1985

Dear Sirs

I would be extremely grateful if you could answer the following questions regarding the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, in which we share a common interest:-

- (1) Is AS-2 now the sole recipient within the MoD for collating UFO reports from members of the public?
- (2) Which department within the MoD now handles reports from the military?
- (3) Is there a department within the MoD where all reports (i.e. from the public, police, military, civilian pilots etc.) are collated and analysed?
- (4) How many reports from the defence services of the United Kingdom have been received by the MoD between 1959-1984? I realize that this is a tall order, but wish to point out that for the period June 1957-June 1958 a figure of 54 reports (from military sources) was confirmed in the House of Commons by Mr Charles Orr-Ewing, the then Under-Secretary of State for Air, on 10 June 1958. I therefore assume that such figures can be made publically available.
- (5) DS-8 has repeatedly stated that all reports of UFOs received by the MoD prior to 1962 have been destroyed. "If there had been any evidence or important papers the records would have been retained," I was told in November 1980 by Section 40 (Your ref: D/DS8/75/2/1J). Since I have now obtained a number of Air Ministry reports prior to 1962 from the Public Records Office, may I assume that the MoD's assertion is demonstrably untrue, and that I am now in possession of "important papers"?

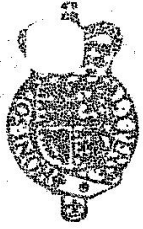
I thank you in advance for your trouble, and remain,

Yours faithfully

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FROM: Section 40, SECRETARIAT (AIR) DIVISION, ROOM Section 40



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/12/B ✓

Date 15 May 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 24 February and 23 March 1985; I am sorry that I have been unable to reply before now. I regret that the Department could not justify the expenditure in terms of time and effort which would be required to collate information on reports of UFO's in the Dyfed area since 1977.

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.

We have to recognise that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, but we believe there are adequate explanations for them. They may be satellite debris re-entering the earth atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or many other things. There is certainly no evidence that "alien spacecraft" have landed on the planet. Although we have not carried out our own studies, we are aware of independent studies into the UFOs, notably by the University of Colorado published in 1969. This concluded that 90% of all UFOs reported could be plausibly related to ordinary phenomena.



I am sorry that you might find this reply somewhat disappointing, however I enclose details of 3 magazines which publish articles on UFOs and the address of the British UFO Research Association. I do not know whether any of these will be able to help you, but it may be worth writing to them.

Yours sincerely

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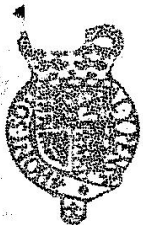
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From: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40 Noyes

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(CAS)12/3 ✓

Date

15 May 1985

Dear Mr Noyes

Thank you for your letter of 25 February 1985, addressed to Section 40 who, as I believe you now know, has left this division (now Sec(AS)). I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before now. Thank you also for sight of the extracts from your proposed book.

In his letter of 20 March 1984, Section 40 explained the MOD's position regarding Colonel Halt's reports on events near RAF Woodbridge in 1980, and I have little to add to the views expressed. I know from your letter that you are well aware of the limited extent of the MOD's interest in the subject. Nonetheless, there are, perhaps, one or two points which I should make. Firstly, whilst I cannot, of course, comment on the proportion of UFO sightings which are not reported, I can assure you that those which are reported to local police forces and to the Civil Aviation Authority should all be passed on to this division of the MOD. We treat all these reports seriously in case they show anything of defence interest. However, we have never found any reason to believe that, in the defence context, such reports warrant more detailed research. Equally, since our interest extends only as far as defence of the UK, there has never been any formal liaison with other Governments.

Turning to your specific questions about the Woodbridge incident, I can assure you that no unidentified object was seen on any radar recordings during the period in question, and that the MOD has no knowledge of the tape-recording or cine film you mention. As we have said in the past, the report sent by Colonel Halt was examined by those in the Department responsible for the air defence of the UK and since then there has been nothing to alter the view that there was no defence significance to the incident.

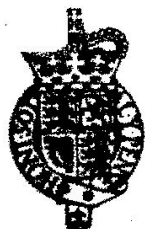
Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40, Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/12/3 ✓

Date 14 May 1985

Dear Section 40

You wrote, some time ago, concerning two photographs taken in October 1982; RAF Manston have passed your letter to me for reply. I am sorry that I have not been able to reply until 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.

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I attach copies of two recent Parliamentary Questions on the Ministry of Defence's interest in UFO reports, which you may be interested in.

Thank you for your interest in this matter, I am returning the negatives which you kindly loaned to RAF Manston. I am afraid I cannot explain the objects which appear in the photographs, however, if they were not visible in the sky at the time the pictures were taken, it is likely that they are, in fact, blemishes on the negatives, possibly produced during the developing process.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Hansard Extract

13 March 1984

Cols 132 & 133

**Unidentified Flying Objects**

Sir Patrick Wall asked the Secretary of State for Defence (1) how many alleged landings by unidentified flying objects have been made in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively; and how many have been investigated by his Department's personnel;

(2) how many unexplained sightings there have been in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively; and which of these had been traced by radar and with what result.

Mr. Lee (*pursuant to his reply, 9 March 1984, c. 728*): For the years in question, the Ministry of Defence received the following numbers of reports of sightings of flying objects which the observer could not identify: 350, 600, 250, and 390. Reports of alleged landings are not separately identified. The Department was satisfied that none of these reports was of any defence significance and, in such cases, does not maintain records of the extent of its investigations.



PARLIAMENTARY EXTRACT

24 OCTOBER 1983

Col. 62

RAF Woodbridge (Alleged Incident)

Sir Patrick Wall asked the Secretary of State for Defence (1) if he has seen the United States Air Force memo dated 13 January 1981 concerning unexplained lights near RAF Woodbridge;

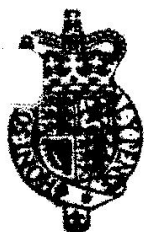
(2) whether, in view of the fact that the United States Air Force memo of 13 January 1981 on the incident at RAF Woodbridge has been released under the Freedom of Information Act, he will now release reports and documents concerning similar unexplained incidents in the United Kingdom;

(3) how many unexplained sightings or radar intercepts have taken place since 1980.

Mr. Stanley: I have seen the memorandum of 13 January 1981 to which my hon. Friend refers. Since 1980 the Department has received 1,403 reports of sightings of flying objects which the observers have been unable to identify. There were no corresponding unexplained radar contacts. Subject to normal security constraints, I am ready to give information about any such reported sightings that are found to be a matter of concern from a defence standpoint, but there have been none to date.

From: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/12/3 ✓

Date 14 May 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 1985, addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence. 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.

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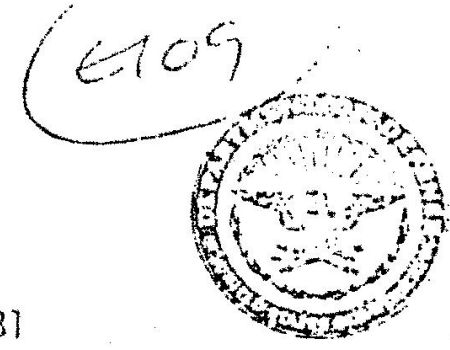
Turning specifically to the incident at RAF Woodbridge, the incident was reported to the MOD on 13 January 1981 in the report from Lt Col Halt which you mention in your letter. A copy of this report is attached for your interest. At that time we satisfied ourselves that the incident was of no defence significance and no further investigations were undertaken. There is no question of a cover up over this incident.

Yours sincerely

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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REPLY TO  
 ATTENTION: CD

13 Jan 81

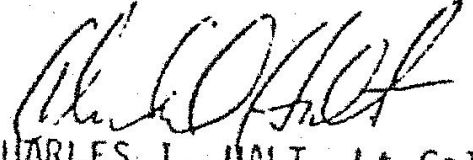
SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

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

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Secretariat (Air Staff)2a  
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Ministry of Defence  
Whitehall  
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22 April 1985

Dear Section 40

Your Ref: D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Thank you for your letter of the 16th instant informing me that as far as your staff at the Knightsbridge Military Barracks are concerned no mysterious shining flying object was sighted by them on the 21st December 1984 and 21st Jan'85.

May be what my colleagues and I saw on the above dates was an illusion on our part and, therefore, I would ask you to accept my apologies for wasting everybody's time unnecessarily.

Yours sincerely,

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