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Rt Hon. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1.

Re. The U.F.O. problem.

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

I have seen authentic reports on UFOs from the Police to Military in this country (not in breach of National Security), and I have been doing this for the past 30 years privately, and now I am starting to see many more reports coming in via the US courts, but these reports are, some of them, still classified SECRET here.

In 1952 while I was in the military in the far-east the whole base I was on, was subjected to close UFO scrutiny, but even today, with all the evidence recorded at the time, Whitehall will not say more than deny the incident, and therefore I am forced to let things go for the sake of the government.

I am fascinated to know what our government has found out on the subject of UFOs since they started coming in large waves from 1947 onwards.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (AIR)
Whitehall, London

April 20, 1985
Ypäjä, Finland

Dear Members of Ministry of Defence

I have read several hundred British newspaper articles of so-called "flying saucers" or unidentified flying objects.
For that reason I decided to ask you for some information about the subject.
How many reports of UFOs you have received after World War II and have you any office or staff investigating the matter? Have you any printed matter on the subject?
And I ask for photostatic copy of the famous ufo-article published in RAF Flying Review July 1957 (it is an unofficial magazine, but it is in your library).
I have received similar help from other foreign ministries and I want this type of information for my private library. And I have been interested in ufo-problem for twenty years.

I am waiting for your reply.

Sincerely Yours

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F I N L A N D

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 2 MAY 1985
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Royal Air Force Boulmer
Alnwick
Northumberland NE66 3JF

Telephone Section 40

MOD FLO
Theobold Rd
London

Please reply to Officer Commanding
Your reference

Our reference
BMR/1028/P1
Date
17 April 1985

REQUEST FROM CIVILIAN FOR INFORMATION ON UFO SIGHTINGS

Please find enclosed a letter from a Section 40 which requests information on any UFO sightings reported at RAF Boulmer. A copy of our reply is enclosed. We would be grateful for any assistance that you could offer

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Enclosure:

1. Letter from Section 40
2. Reply to enclosure 1.

please reply
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Section 40
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16.3.85

Dear Sir,

I'm a member of the British U.F.O Society, I do hope you don't mind me writing and asking if it would be possible for you to let me know of any sightings you may get.

I know it may not be possible for you to do so but I thought it would be alright to ask as if we could find out when there are sightings it would be of a great help for us.

I've been interested in U.F.OS for many years now a stimulating subject is it not

May I say that the R.A.F do a marvellous job for this country as do all the forces but I feel the R.A.F is special to me. I love aeroplanes.

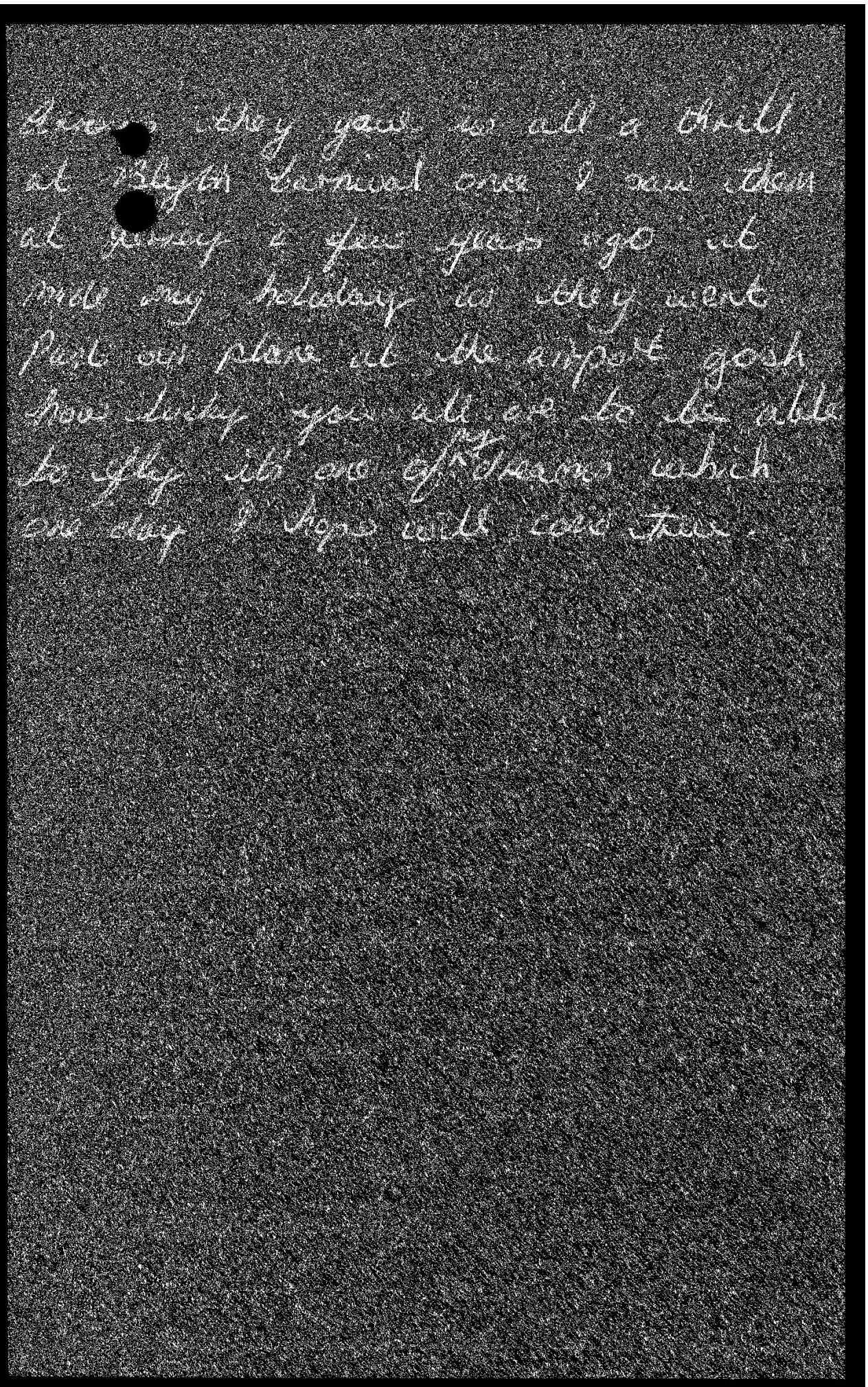
I would very much like to help the R.A.F. Northern Ireland if that would be possible could you let me have an address I could write to, or if you have any raffle tickets to sell I'll be happy to do so.

I think you're great bunch of lads and should all be more thought of hope you don't mind me saying so but your great and we need you in this country to-day

God Bless you all

Section 40 [redacted]

P.S. Pass on my regards to the Red



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BHM/1028/P1

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4 April 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 16 March 1985, it is most gratifying to receive such high praise of the Royal Air Force.

Your interest in UFO's sounds fascinating, but unfortunately I am unable to supply any information that would be of value to you. I have however, passed your letter to a higher authority and I am sure they will reply to you in due course.

Thank you for your kind offer of helping an RAF Charity, please find listed below the address of the Northumberland Branch of Soldier, Sailor and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) who, I am sure, would be delighted to hear from you.

SSAFA
Section 40

Thank you again for your kind words.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Flying Officer
for Officer Commanding

rom: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
Room Section 40

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Section 40

D/Sec(AS)/12/3

16 April 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 1985 addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence. We have looked into the sightings reported in your letter but have no records which would offer any explanation of what you saw. You may find it useful if I explain that the sole interest of the Ministry of Defence in reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of the country.

There is no organization 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. 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.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Head of Sec (AS)

Are ? dealing with this? 1874 [redacted]

I attach a letter which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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for APS/Secretary of State

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Hd Sec (AS)
18 APR 1985
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[redacted] one of yours I think

Sec (85)

Section 40

M. Reseltine Esq
Defence Secretary
Ministry of Defence
WHITEHALL
London S.W.1

9 April 1985

Dear Mr. Reseltine,

Sec(85)19/3

Would you please advise me as soon as possible of the action taken by you so far in connection with my letter dated the 11th ultimo so that I may bring my records up-to-date.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to you as we discussed

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ROYAL AIR FORCE
Manston Ramsgate Kent CT12 5BS

Telephone Manston Section 40

MOD Main Building
Attn: S4F(Air)
Whitehall
SW1

Your reference

Our refprence,
MAN/135/SY

Date
12 April 1985

REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UFO - Section 40 - OCT 1982

Reference:

A. MAN/135/Sy dated 23 Jan 1985

1. Reference A contained an account of a sighting of an alleged UFO in Oct 82 by a Section 40 along with some film negatives.

2. Since Section 40 visit to this Unit and the handing over to me of the negatives I have received numerous telephone calls from Section 40 asking me what was the outcome of sending the reported sighting to you.

3. I have pointed out to the Section 40 that these matters take time and further that they should not necessarily expect a reply.

4. Despite these assurances the Section 40 have persisted in contacting me and have recently requested the return of the film negatives.

5. I would be grateful if someone could please reply to them or if this is not possible, the negatives could be returned to this Unit for return to the Section 40

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Head of Sec (A1)

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for APS/Secretary of State

12.6.85

Section 40 [redacted]

5th April 1985

Sec(A5)

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D ear M inister,

Please look at the following papers and explain without endangering national security wha t happened that night and why t he Ministry did not centrel the U.S.A.F. in confiscated radar tapes.

The Ministry made this fellewing statement about this incident; "WE are aware of the report but this is a matter for the U.S.A.F . not us". A U.S.A.F. spokesman at Mildenhall,Suffolk said "All reports of this incident are now with your Defence Ministry"

Please don't put responsability on the U.S.A.F. but work together to find out what happened after this cover-up.

Yours sincerely

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WAS THERE A COVER-UP OF A U.F.O. IN BRITAIN?

Section 40 [redacted]

Was there a cover-up of a U.F.O in Britain?

It seems so; for on the 2nd. of October 1983 an article in "The News of The World" was about a U.F.O. in Suffolk.

It reports that a U.F.O. landed in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on the 27th. December 1980 at Tangham Wood a half mile away from R.A.F woodbridge where the United States Air Force are.

Lt. Col. Halt, Beputy Commander of the U.S.A.F. 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, wrote a confidential report on this. It stated what the security saw and what was seen afterdards - three star-like objects in the sky.

One security guard said that what he and the other men saw was classified Top Secret.

The security men were sent to the base security office were civilians, that they presumed to be C.I.A. men, said that if they talked "B ullets were cheap."

One of the security guards said he was being brain-washed by having to watch American astronaunts on the moon with the U.F.O. in the background.

Top Secret documents were sent to "The News of The World" which showed that the B ritish Secret Service invented a plane crash to hush up the U.F.O., and an American beleived he was being brainwashed.

R adar stations that followed the U.F.O. had their tapes taken away

Why has there been so much secrecy about a routine sighting?

W ere the U.S. Testing a new weapon or spy equipment?

Questions must be asked in Congress and in Parliament and people must write to their M.Ps for the sake of open government and democracy.

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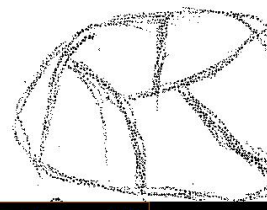
3/4/85. WE WROTE
2/4/85.

DEAR SIR,

YESTERDAY APPROX 3PM. MYSELF AND MY BOYFRIEND SAW AN OBJECT IN THE SKY, IN MY OPINION IT LOOKED LIKE A DETECTOR. I MYSELF SAW THE OBJECT CLOSER. THAN MY BOYFRIEND, CONSEQUENTLY. HIS EXPLAINATION OF THE SIGHTING THE OBJECT LOOKED DIFFERENT TO HIM

WE WILL NOW IN TURN.

DRAW THE OBJECT.



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SAW. THE ~~OBJECT~~ Sighting AS A Heavy Grey Metal OBJect like a encased machine. it was certainly no Space-Ship in my opinion as I don't believe in space-Ships any-way.

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CIVILIAN AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

file 12/3

Section 40

Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB

Your Ref:

Our Ref: BL/RD1 E

4 April 1985

No. of Pages: One (1)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above named subject.

During the last few years UFO organisations have made several enquiries to DS8 regarding UFO phenomenon. It has come to our attention that the handling of all such enquiries has now been taken over by SEC AS (Air Staff) - 2. Can you please confirm this matter?

If the above statement is correct could you respond to two research letters submitted to Section 40 DS8 Room Section 40 (last known room) on the dates of 8 March 1985 and 3 December 1984.

This organisation looks forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Director of Research

One Copy: SEC AS-2 MoD

Section 40 British Representative of NICAP USA

NICAP NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

A Private, Nonprofit Corporation Founded in 1956

Tel: Craigavon 44271

No Reply

[redacted]

28-3-85.

Dear Sirs.

I am sending you information which I have investigated concerning UFO's that are eminating from Lough Neagh. (Map inclosed).

I have been investigating from 1966 almost 19 years, from 1966-1968 I sent reports to a [redacted] at the MOD in 1968 I gave a talk on the subject to Lyrout Baltain [redacted] Co. (Aldergrove) and some of his staff.

Over the years the world press published reports of flying football size glowing white OBJECTS that followed aircraft cars. people.

May I point out to you that this object is a decoy?

The main object is just above this craft it is around 20 feet in diameter and about 9 feet high it has a brilliant lit cabin, It uses as a camouflage Invisibility if they are caught of guard.

IT works just like switching an electric light on or off.

Also the lights on the craft work from right to left.

I found this out one February night
of this year when I was tracking two
moving white lights near Jurgan Golf
course with a friend.
Suddenly I saw this round object
above me about 50 Feet up hovering
making no noise, I flooded my torch
at it, at once it flashed on this football
size white ball beneath it and made
a dive towards us, it was then I
saw this brilliant bit colin as it
was just going over our heads the
main object just vanished only
the glowing white ball could be seen.
Later that night I photographed
two white revolving white lights
that seemed to be attached till
two invisible objects sitting on
the golf course.
I would like to point out to you
that I sent another different sketch
of an object to RAF Aldergrove on
the 27-11-84 the letter reference
No is. ALD/525/PL.
NOTE Tolans Flat is were this
sighting happened.
Note These creatures Yours faithfully
are not human.
They are Fallen Angels.

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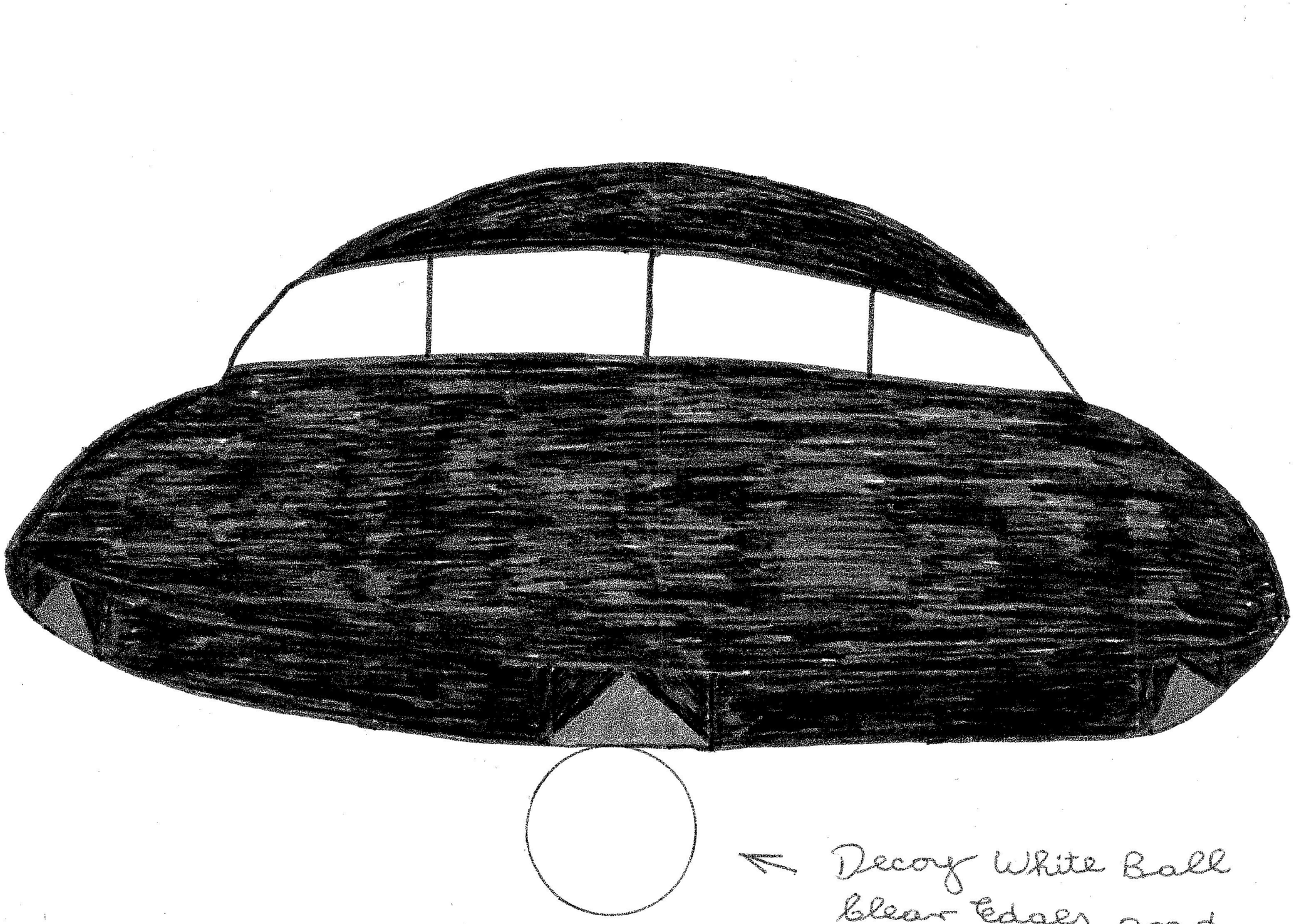

Decoy White Ball
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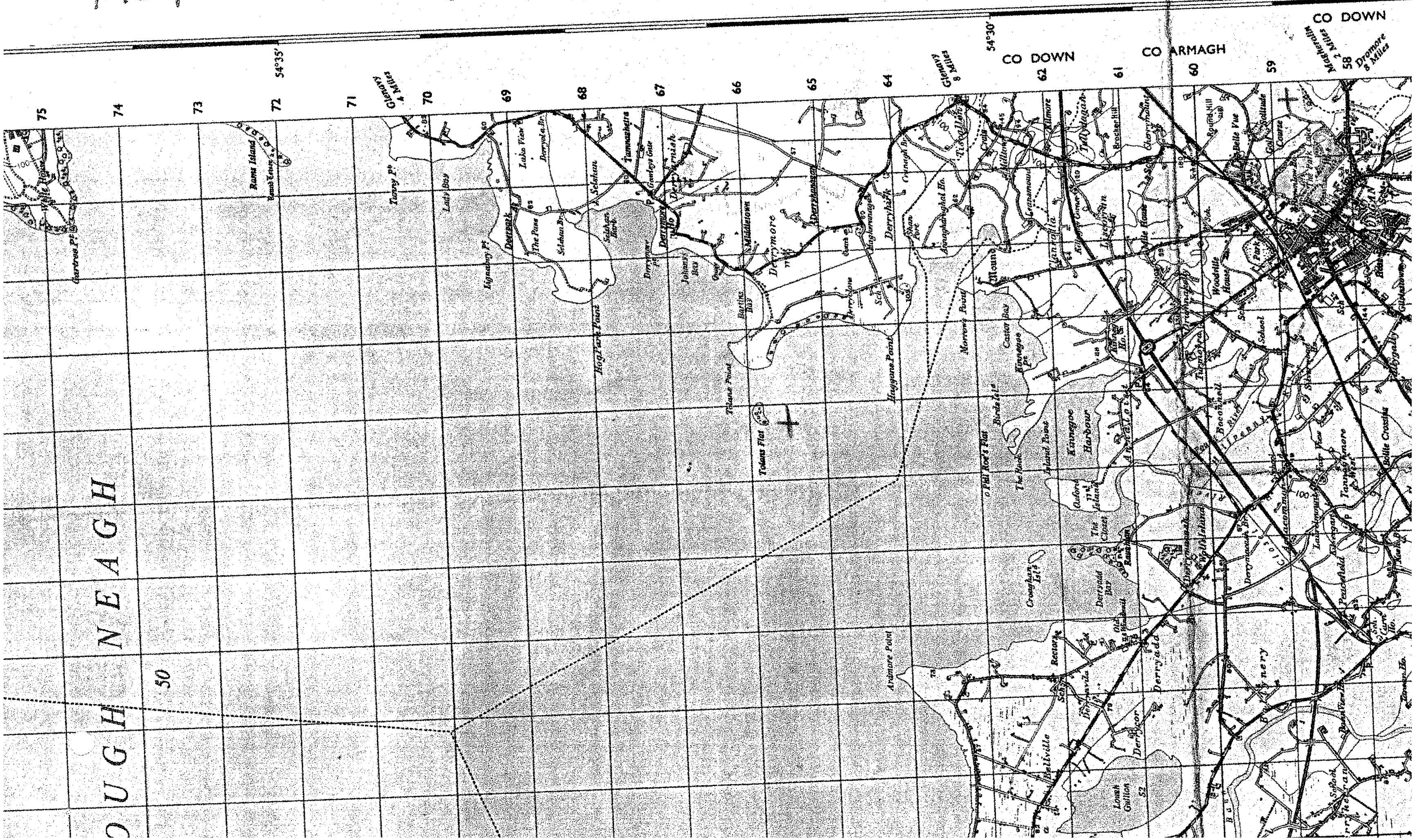
Not Zuggy.

Map – East Tyrone Ordnance Survey.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Head of Sec (AS)

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for APS/Secretary of State

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Sec (A)

Section 40 [redacted]

His Excellency M. Heseltine
Defence Secretary
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London S.W.1

11 March 1985

Your Excellency,

Being a Tory Party supporter I would like to bring to your kind attention that I have delivered myself personally three letters to your Knightsbridge Military Barracks requesting them to let me know what the shining flying object we saw on 21st December 1984 and 21st January 1985 is, but no reply or acknowledgement has been received from them so far.

I enclose herewith copies of my letters, in this connection, for your information and shall be grateful if you would kindly instruct them to comply with my request.

I thank you in anticipation of your kind help in this matter.

Your wellwisher,

Section 40 [redacted]

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The Officer-in-Charge
Military Barracks
Knightsbridge
London S.W.1

11 February 1985

Dear Sir,

Further to my previous two letters dated the 31st December 1984 and 21st January 1985 we saw the shining flying object over your Barracks again on Wednesday the 23rd January at 2.00 p.m.

Would you please confirm as soon as possible that none of your people has seen this mysterious object on 21st December and 23rd January so that I may take up this matter further.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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The Officer-in-Charge
Military Barracks
Knightsbridge
London S.W.1

21 January 1985

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 31st ultimo would you please advise me as soon as possible what the shining flying object above your Barracks on that day was so that I may bring my records up-to-date.

I thank you in anticipation of your kind help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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The Officer-in-Charge
Military Barracks
Knightsbridge
London S.W.1

31 December 1984

Dear Sir,

For your information I work in Knightsbridge.

My office colleagues and I saw a shining object above your Barracks on Friday the 21st December at about 2.00 pm which stayed up for a while and then, all of a sudden, disappreared from our view.

Did any one of your people see this shining object above your Barracks on that day and, if so, what was it? I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Dept D58a. MOD office. 2K 2.85.

Section 40

Dear Sir,

Please could you help me? Your office was suggested to me by RAF Brawdy Haverfordwest Pembs Dyfed "Comm Relations officer Section 40 " I was asking about Ufo sightings - an officer at RAF Brawdy wrote back and told me of your office - as you would most like keep records of the Broad Haven Ufo area (Dyfed). Could you please send me any details about the going ons in South Wales.

Any information possible would be greatfully accepted.

Please help.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of
State for Defence. MOD.
Ministry of Defence. London.

Dear Sir,

I so sorry to have bothered
you again, but I've wrote several time
but I've had no reply.

Please could you help me
I'm interested in the Dyfed/South Wales
UFO sightings over the years since 197
up to the year present is. As I'm
writing a book of the subject and
area.

What I'm interested in form you
is could you please send me back if
you might have on the area and could
you please send me a statement on
the current policy of investigations UFO.

Yours Sincerely.

Section 40

23/1/85.

My Address:

Section 40

[redacted]

P.S. Please do your best to help me
I would be so greatful to you.

Thanks Again

file 12/3

To, The British Ministry of Defence.
UK England 1985

Dear Sir,

After witnessing a UFO and then investigating the case myself. your office (MOD) has been suggested to me several times.

And so could you please send me:

A statement regarding the present policy on UFO's"

Yours Sincerely.

Address.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE
Fylingdales Pickering North Yorkshire YO18 7NT

Telephone Section 40

MOD
Sec(AS)2
St Giles Court
1-13 St Giles High Street
WC2H 8LD

Your reference
-
Our reference
FYD/1816/1/Ops
Date
8 Mar 85

UFO REPORT - SCARBOROUGH

References:

A. RAF Fylingdales MUJ 171420Z Jun 80
B. BLD/RD1 dated 23 Feb 85
C. FYD/1816/1/Ops dated 7 Mar 85

1. A UFO report was received on 17 Jun 80 and was reported by signal, at Reference A, in the normal way.

2. We have received a query concerning that report from the Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, at Reference B, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. I have replied with the letter at Reference C, a copy of which is also enclosed. Section 40

Sqn Ldr
for OC

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

2. FYD/1816/1/Ops dated 7 Mar 85.

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Director of Research
Civilian Aerial Phenomena
Research Organisation

Section 40

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D/RD1

RD/1816/1/Ops

7 March 1985

Dear Sir

UFO REPORT - SCARBOROUGH

1. Your letter D/RD1 dated 25 February 1985 was passed to me as Squadron Leader Todd is no longer at this Unit.

2. All UFO reports received at Fylingdales are passed to the Ministry of Defence and we take no further part in the process. A copy of your letter has been sent to the appropriate department and they will no doubt contact you direct.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

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CIVILIAN AERIAL PHENOMENA
RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

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Squadron Section 40
Royal Air Force Fylingdales,
Nr Pickering,
North Yorkshire

Your Ref: FY/T1

Our Ref: BL/RD1

23/2/1985

No. of Pages: ONE (1)
No. of Copies: TWO (2)

SUBJECT: UFO SCARBOROUGH
SOURCE: Section 40

ADDITIONAL SOURCE: SCARBOROUGH POLICE

Dear Sir,

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

With regards to the above named subject and source. It has come to our attention that on the 19th June 1980 a Miss observed a large spherical shaped object heading out to sea at a slow speed. The object was seen for several minutes to display a pulsating red glow. The witness states the time was approximately 14.00.

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

Miss failed to identify the subject image and therefore contacted the local police at Scarborough. At approximately 3.30pm, some 90 minutes after observing the phenomena, the witness was contacted by personnel at Fylingdales. They asked numerous questions in relation to the purported sighting.

We would be grateful for a copy of the report held by your base. Ministry of Defence policy is not to release 'UFO' reports due in the main for witness confidentiality purposes. However the witness requires no such assurance and therefore the non-release of this report would perhaps indicate one potential. RAF Fylingdales has the capability to track just about anything anywhere and one must pressume the advanced system used by your base received a return from this target?

We would be pleased to forward a detailed copy of Section 40 report, any information received will be used for research purposes only. Thank you for your time and we look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Director of Research

Section 40 · British Representative of NICAP USA

NICAP — National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

A Private Nonprofit Corporation Founded in 1956

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CIVILIAN AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

Section 40
Defence Secretariat,
DS8 Room Section 40
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB

Section 40

Your Ref: D/DS8/10/209

8/3/1985

Our Ref: WL1

No. of Pages:

Subject: Massey/Goddard/Dowding 'UFO' Research

Dear Section 40

With reference to a letter dated 3rd December 1984 forwarded to your Dept.

In that letter we submitted a number of specific reports in the hope that these would constitute some kind of information which would help you find data obtained by the above named officials. However MoD response has been nil. Perhaps the following information may help you trace any documents which are held in relation to this research:-

We have found new information that the 'project' was started by Lieutenat General Massey in 1943. This was specifically designed to study the unknown phenomenon termed 'Foo Fighters' by the R.A.F. However, it is quite clear to everyone concerned with UFO research that the German pilots witnessed such phenomena and both parties felt that 'the other' side had constructed a secret weapon.

Perhaps this type of phenomena was natural? In any event we would appreciate some response to this request and any information held on this type of aerial phenomenon.

Thank you for your valuable time.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Director of Research.

Section 40 British Representative of NICAP USA

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
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a Private, Nonprofit Corporation Founded in 19

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Section 40

25th February, 1985

Section 40 Esq.,
Head of DS8,
Ministry of Defence.

Section 40

You may remember that I wrote to you in November 1983 about the reported occurrence of unusual events near RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. Your reply, D/DS8/10/209 of 20th March 1984, told me that the MOD saw no Defence significance in Colonel Halt's report of 13th January 1981. You suggested that the events reported by him probably reflected some entirely down-to-earth, but misperceived, phenomenon.

I am aware that DS8 has had several approaches on this matter from outside groups and individuals who possibly show more enthusiasm than judgement in the questions they press. I hesitate to place a further burden on the patience and courtesy of your Division. Nonetheless, there do remain some puzzling, and perhaps disquieting, features of this case on which I think it would be in the general interest to cast some further light.

I owe it to you to explain my interest. It lies in the following - not necessarily in the right order of priority !

First, as an ex-MOD chap, I have been asked from time to time by various bits of the media to comment on the Woodbridge affair. I have in fact done so on several occasions on local radio and on foreign television. One of the television programmes is now likely to be shown here before long and may excite some public interest. If I am invited to comment again, I would not wish to do so irresponsibly.

Secondly, I am publishing a book this June on the UFO phenomenon generally. My publishers are keen that it should say something about Woodbridge. I have already drafted a passage which reflects my own study of the case, and I am attaching to this letter the relevant extracts which deal with it. I do not, of course, expect you to comment on this (unless you wish to do so), but I feel it is no more than proper to give former colleagues some advance notice of what I am proposing to publish.

Thirdly, as the attached extract implies, I have come to the conclusion over the past year or so - somewhat reluctantly and by no means hastily - that something of importance (and something which is not illusory) underlies the persistent stream of reports of well authenticated occurrences, both in the UK and elsewhere, which can be loosely grouped under the UFO heading. Some of these reports reach the MOD from members of the public (and they doubtless also continue to do so from Service establishments as well); but a far larger number get no further than the local police, civil aviation authorities, or the amateur research groups. These occurrences may or may not prove to have any vital interest for Defence, and the Woodbridge case may or may not properly belong among them. But the sizable and persistent hard core of the more disquieting instances - particularly those in which there appears to be some degree of temporary interference with electronic equipment and/or minor damage to individuals and the environment -

seems to me to deserve closer and more expert attention in Whitehall than we are led to believe it gets at present. There is evidence that at least three other governments take the phenomenon seriously. A mass of documents released in the US under the American Freedom of Information Act shows a close and continuing interest by governmental agencies. The French agency GEPAN (Groupe d'Etudes des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés) which was set up by the then French Minister of Defence in 1977 under CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales) remains in existence despite the heavy retrenchment in French government expenditure and continues to collect and analyse UFO reports country-wide. And there is a degree of recent evidence in the Soviet Press that the Russians take a close interest in the phenomenon through the Moscow Aviation Institute and (possibly) the National Academy of Sciences. Is it really the case that the British MOD takes no systematic interest (as distinct from dealing ad hoc with what are felt to be tiresome enquiries from the public) ? If there really is no systematic study of the phenomenon, viz. something in the nature of a small expert committee in Whitehall or the placing of responsibility on a designated and expert directorate in the MOD, should there not be ? Is there no liason with French and US agencies ?

I hope that you will feel able to comment on the three questions at the end of the preceding paragraph. I ask them, not in any spirit of contention, but because I believe that we cannot afford to ignore a persistent phenomenon which other countries appear to take seriously. It seems to me to deserve systematic study within a Defence context, even if only to dismiss it in the end as trivial. I think you will know that there are others, whose judgement is to be respected and whose experience qualifies them, who take a similar view, Lord Hill-Norton among them.

To return to the particular case of RAF Woodbridge, you may already be aware that television documentaries of the occurrence have been made by two foreign companies. The programme made by Cable News Network is now likely to be shown in this country before long. I have not yet seen the documentary in full, myself, but I understand from the organisation that they claim to have established a number of facts which are very much at odds with the view that Col. Halt and other USAF personnel merely misperceived some phenomenon with a wholly conventional explanation (the Orfordness lighthouse, a satellite re-entry, a bright meteor). The following are among the more important points which Cable appear to be claiming.

1. Col. Halt adheres to the report of 13th January 1981, of which the MOD has a copy. He also confirms the authenticty of a tape-recording made by himself on site on the night of 29th December 1980 which tallies with paragraph 3 of his report (and in some respects goes beyond it).

2. Other witnesses to the events of 27th and 29th December 1980 reported by Halt have made sworn depositions.

3. Although not reported by Halt, there was an unusual occurence near RAF Woodbridge on the night of 26th December 1980. An unidentified object in an area of Rendlesham Forest sufficiently worried USAF personnel to cause them to seek help from the Suffolk police. Police officers at Woodbridge (the village) have confirmed that they responded to this call, albeit without establishing unambiguous evidence at the site of the 'sighting' claimed by the USAF contingent which had been sent to investigate it.

4. There is evidence that RAF Watton (and perhaps other radar installations) had radar traces on at least one of the three nights in question of an unidentified aerial object in the area of RAF Woodbridge/Rendlesham Forest.

5. There is evidence that a 16mm cine-film was made at the site by USAF personnel on 29th December 1980 and was referred for study by the USAF headquarters in Germany.

In your letter to me of 20th March 1984 you said, "The Department satisfied itself at the time that there was no reason to consider that the alleged sightings had any Defence significance". You added, "I can assure you ... that there is no evidence of anything having intruded into British airspace and 'landing' near RAF Woodbridge". In the light of the research which Cable News Network claim to have undertaken I hope you will not think it unreasonable if I invite your replies to the following questions.

1. What steps were taken by the MOD when Col. Halt's report of 13 January 1981 was received in the Department ? In particular:-

   a. What consultations took place with the USAF ?

   b. Was any on-site investigation made by MOD or British Service personnel ?

   c. Was any enquiry made to RAF Watton or other radar establishments for possible traces of an unidentified occurrence in the Suffolk area on the nights of 26/27, 27/28 and 29/30 December 1980 ? If so, what was the outcome ?

2. Is the MOD aware of the tape-recording which Col. Halt claims to have made on 29 December 1980 (and of which alleged copies are now in the hands of several members of the public) ? If so, what interpretation does the MOD place on this recording ?

3. Is the MOD aware of the cine-film allegedly made on site on 29th December 1980 ? If so, what interpretation is placed upon it ?

4. In the light of the answers to these questions does the MOD adhere to its view that nothing unknown or untoward intruded into British airspace in late December 1980 ? Is this also the view of the USAF ?

4. If this does indeed remain the MOD's considered conclusion, does the Department feel any disquiet at an apparent and persistent misperception of presumably innocent phenomena by USAF personnel based at an important installation in British territory and charged with military tasks the mismanagement of which might have grave consequences ?

I regret burdening you with these questions and with those contained in my sixth paragraph above. But I think they are potentially important, and I doubt that we have heard the last of them.

(Ralph Noyes)

Enclosure: Extract from forthcoming book, A SECRET PROPERTY.

Yet the phenomenon is undoubtedly under study in at least some back rooms... That air of governmental indifference is an assumed one...

From documents released under the Freedom of Information Act in America we have undeniable evidence of a keen interest in the phenomenon on the part of the CIA, the National Security Agency, and other government departments. The facts are meticulously documented in a recent book, CLEAR INTENT by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood (Prentice-Hall, 1984). We know that the French government remains interested: GEPAN continues in existence despite singeing cuts imposed on many departments by the Mitterand government a little while ago (though we can only speculate on what use is made of its material by its directing body, the French equivalent of NASA). We know that the Russian Academy of Sciences regularly buys a surprising number of each issue of the most prestigious British journal on the UFO phenomenon (though its importation by ordinary Soviet citizens is forbidden !). We must strongly suspect - to put it no higher - that the British Ministry of Defence is taking a close interest in the phenomenon. As a former Ministry of Defence officia I sincerely hope so ! Anything which can enter and leave British airspace with impunity, land on British territory, leave confusing traces in our radar system, interfere with electrical and electronic devices, register itself on film and out-manoeuvre British aircraft (and I think there is evidence for all these things) must surely be of more than passing interest to a government department which is charged with our defence. I hope I shall be thought to compliment rather than criticise my former colleagues and present acquaintances in Whitehall if I ruefully congratulate them on the suave effrontery with which they pretend to be taking no notice of the stranger occurrences reported to them !

It grieves me to add that I think we have some evidence of direct and deliberate mis-statement on the part of the Ministry of Defence in at least one important case, the occurrence of strange events on two nights in late December 1980 in a part of Rendlesham Forest adjoining the USAF Base at RAF Woodbridge. We have the evidence for these events in a statement signed on 13th January 1981 by the then Deputy Base Commander, Lt.Col. (now ~~Brigadier General~~ COLONEL) Charles Halt of the United States Air Force. This statement was not made public until 14th June 1983 when - following persistent pressure by the authors of CLEAR INTENT (see above) - its release was authorised by the USAF in America under the Freedom of Information Act. Whether this release was an inadvertency at rather low level in the USAF we may never know: despi the Freedom of Information Act, American agencies have proved perfectly capable (and often no doubt with good reason) of sustaining objections in the courts to the release of documents. There is certainly some evidence that Halt was not consulted abou the release and that it somewhat dismayed him. Be that as it may, however, the lette of release included the extraordinary statement that the USAF had disposed of its ow copy of Halt's report but that: "... through diligent inquiry and the gracious conse 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 Ministry of Defence have confirm in reply to a Parliamentary Question tabled by Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, that a copy of Halt's report was indeed received by them. Yet we are told in a recent book - SKYCRASH by Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles (Neville Spearman Ltd., 1984 that the Ministry of Defence had flatly denied any knowledge of supposed EVENTS in Rendlesh Forest when enquiries were made to them in 1981, following strong local rumours of a extraordinary occurrence.

The Ministry of Defence may well have good reasons for witholding information about the Rendlesham incidents. As a former Defence official,I would not wish to press questions on any matter touching national security; and in those circumstances I would not be surprised if questions pressed by others were met by a refusal to reply. But I cannot help feeling that it is something of a lapse from the usual standards of a government department to issue a direct mis-statement. Concealment is one thing (and is often justified), false denial is quite another.

The RAF Woodbridge case of December 1980 strikes me as one of the most interes ing and important of recent years, anyway in this country - perhaps the most signifi cant military sighting (or supposed sighting) since the celebrated events of 13th/14 August 1956 near RAF Bentwaters and RAF Lakenheath (both of which are, by an entertaining coincidence, quite close to Woodbridge in that much-haunted county of Suffol Those who wish to study the Bentwaters/Lakenheath incidents will find descriptions of them in the books mentioned below. The RAF Woodbridge case is described at length in SKYCRASH (see above). It is also to be the subject of several radio and televisio programmes. Much was said about it in THE NEWS OF THE WORLD in 1983, mainly in its issues of 2nd and 9th October. Alone in Fleet Street, the then editor, Derek Jameson decided to give space to Halt's report; and Keith Beabey of THE NEWS OF THE WORLD pursued it vigorously in the face of the kind of ridicule which the "quality" newspapers seem to find it expedient to attach to this mysterious and persistent phenomenon.

It was the Woodbridge case which prompted me to take up a long-shelved intenti to write a "UFO book". I have chosen, quite deliberately, to cast it as a piece of fiction. Fiction allows the imagination to range widely, and it seems to me that thi can sometimes be productive in turning better-qualified minds to new aspects of a problem. A false hypothesis can often have as much heuristic value as a good one ! It does, at the least, enable serious researchers to consider - and properly test - a new idea, even if only to throw it away when it fails to stand up to scrutiny. I a far from being wedded to the hypothesis on which A SECRET PROPERTY is based. The main object of the book is to entertain, and to do so in the form of a thriller. It most certainly does not reflect any inside knowledge or startling revelation on the part of a former Defence official. (If I had such knowledge, the Official Secrets Ac would forbid me to reveal it !).

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British UFO Research Association

Please reply to: Section 40
Section 40

31 January 1985

Dear Section 40

I will skip the introductions, as we both know who one another is.I apologise for placing several requests in one letter, but trust that you will bide with me.

1: RAF Woodbridge 27 December 1980: I realise we have discussed this matter at length, but a great deal of vital new information has come our way since concluding our book "SKY CRASH" last year. I would like to pose some specific questions to you:-

(a) What is your position regarding the involvement of the British civilian police in the taking of photographs of the landed object? We have excellent evidence for this, and presume that the British police would advise the MoD.If not, then why not?

(b) You have doubtless seen the extensive "smear" campaign being successfully waged by the British media (under whose guidance I wonder?).Eg "The Guardian",5 Jan 1985. On this thesis a gross mistake was made (a lighthouse seriousky misperceived,backgrour radiation levels viewed as sinister,rabbit holes regarded as something else). Not only that,but this "evidence" was supported by the US deputy base commander and the UK base commander,whom 17 days later could surely have figured some of these cock-ups out This grand blunder is then perpetuated over the course of years;the UK commander remains in charge, the two base commanders (US), at the time and subsequently, endorse all the evidence (we have it in writing) and the deputy commander gets promoted to base commander. Now regardless of what sort of MoD investigation into these events was (or was not) conducted this leaves one with a serious dilemma.IF the "lighthouse/ normal radiation/rabbits" theory is correct then all your strategic commanders at a NATO base (for which you certainly have jurisdiction) are incompetent dodos who might be expected to misinterpret Orford Ness lighthouse for an invading MIG jet,not have a clue whether they have been irradiated by an exploding neutron bomb, and waste a great deal of the war filling in bomb potholes made by the Rendlesham Forest wildlife! I think the people of this country might be rather worried if that were the case. And frankly, unless you can help us refute this lighthouse nonsense then we are just going to have to make sure the British people see this interesting paradox.Believe me we have people in the right place to make sure this happens! Comments please.

(c) Since it is vital to the Section 40 theory that the date not be 27 December 1980, but 26 December,then have you any way of confirming or denying the real date? Of cours the Halt memo to you says the 27th, but that is dated 17 days later and Section 40 suggests that he just made yet another mistake.(In view of such a plethora of errors how could Halt possibly have merited a base commandership?) However, some sort of action must have occurred between 26/27 December and the 13 January memo; either at your end, elsewhere in government, or at the base.The correct date would have been essential to confirm or refute options (eg a spy-plane mission).So I am sure there are ways you can look into this. I am not asking for details - just a statement regarding your level of confidence in the Halt memo dating.

2: We are investigating an incident dated 2 August 1984 from Salisbury Plain, Wilts. This occurred at 23.00 BST and was reported by [redacted] and family,of Bedfordshire.We have received excellent cooperatiom from them and from PC [redacted] of the Kitchin police, who investigated the matter at their request on 3 August. The matter was reported to the MoD,as both witness and police affirm. We recognise that certain aspects of the case fit a military manouvre that was going on that night; although some puzzles remain. It would help us in our resolution of this case if you could offer any data you have at your end. I know you regard things as confidential, and that you have decided not to release data generally. I respect the reasoning for this But here I am making a specific request with the backing of police and witnesses, so there is no real purpose in confidentiality. Any records you have for that event/or potentially related events on the same night would help.

3: Finally I am making a request for any information you may have regarding an incident which occurred around midnight on the night of 23-24 August 1984 in the vicinity of Ipswich. We have details of an in-flight collision between an aircraft and something (which at this point we have no reason to suspect is UFO related). The airport involved and the investigators of the accident have been helpful.But it would be useful to have any data which the MoD have at their disposal on this affair. If you have any reports of sightings around this time it would be interesting to know; although in this case there is more than a fair chance the source was not a UFO-related phenomenon.

I address my communication direct to [redacted] or the current section head of DS 8, rather than [redacted] I know [redacted] courteously asserts that he is the person we should communicate with, but with all due respect we have good reason for in this instance not doing so. No offence on [redacted] intended. I am sure he is very able at his job. And our reasons for contacting [redacted] direct are not personal.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

(Director of Investigations)

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Your reference

Our reference
MAN/135/Sy

Date
23 January 1985

REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UFO

1. Please find attached an account of a sighting of an alleged UFO in Oct 82 written by a [redacted]

2. [redacted] came personally to RAF Manston with this account of a sighting, he also gave me the negatives of photographs he had taken, which I enclose.

[redacted]
Fg Off
for OC

Enclosures:

1. Account of UFO Sighting
2. Film negatives

Section 40 [redacted]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I TOOK THESE PHOTO'S IN OCT 1982, AT JOSS-
BAY CAR PARK, ON GETTING THEM BACK FROM THE
DEVELOPERS (BOOTS CHEMIST RAMSGATE) THERE APPEARS
TO BE A MYSTERY OBJECT IN THE SKY WITH TWO TRAILS
COMING FROM IT. ENCLOSED ARE THE NEGATIVES FOR
YOUR INSPECTION.
IN OCTOBER 1984 I WAS SITTING ABOUT HALF WAY
BETWEEN JOSS BAY CAR PARK AND THE SEWERAGE PUMPING
STATION (NORTHFORELAND). WHEN IN THE EARLY HOURS OF
THE MORNING I SIGHTED A VERY LARGE WHITE LIGHT
IN THE SKY. IT APPEARED TO HAVE COME FROM
KINGSGATE CASTLE DIRECTION AND HEADING TOWARDS
VIKING BAY BROADSTAIRS ON PASSING BROADSTAIRS ITS
LIGHT TURNED BRIGHT GREEN. IT THEN DISAPEARED INTO
THE SEA OFF RAMSGATE.
I HAVE WITNESSED MANY SHOOTING STARS, BUT NONE
AS LARGE AS THIS ONE

P.S. I HAVE'NT REPORTED THESE INCIDENTS BEFORE
AS PEOPLE ONLY LAUGH AND SAY YOUR MAD,
~~BUT~~ PERHAPS THESE NEGS MIGHT PROVE DIFFERENT.

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Section 40

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Section 40

Your Ref D/DS8/75/2/I

Our Ref WU/EXL

Jan., 1985

Dear Section 40

I am writing in response to the letter recieved, dated 9 March 1982. As my infomation can no longer be concidered as classified, I am now able to pass it onto you.

The letter that I sent to you, was only a small fraction, of the work that I had done on U.F.O. reseearch. I was in fact in physical and psychic contact with an E.T. called Algar; whom I have had a relationship with since 1958, and it continued until 1981, when he was killed by another race of beings.

So to start at the beginning. I was seven years old, when I first saw traces left by a U.F.O. At the time I lived at Section 40 Glasgow. One Saturday, morning I had the impression that I should go out to the back, so much it was like an obsession(DIA 1). When I did go to the back, I found three indentations in the ground, they were in triangular formation. Each indentation was the same distance from it's partner, and they gave the impression that three large ball bearings had been dropped there. My first thought was that it was a U.F.O.; but I had never ever heard of U.F.O. or flying saucers, and yet the thought seemed normal to me, as if I used it on a regular basis. I told my father, who was rather quick at ridiculing and poo-pooing what I had told him. Anyway, a couple of monthe later, the first visit came from E.T.s, which was followed by a few more. They were of green gas which solidified when it came in from the passage way,which led to the toilet under, the door, and the wardrobe, which was situated against the door preventing it from opening. (DIA 2). There was one which was green and very large, that had eyes all over it, this one came three times. Then there was a woman with very sharp features, and what looked like fat worms sticking out of her head, where the hair should be. The last visit from the large green thing happenend when my father tried to get into the bedroom, as usual I was against the door, with fear. My father was at the time, fairly atheleltic and no weakling, but no matter how hard he pushed he could not get the door open; not until the large green thing had gone.

I959, I found semi-transparent, slug like creatures crawling up the wall on the opposite side of the back. At this period of time I was in with a band, especially,the lead singer Section 40 [redacted] and the drummer [redacted] Both of them saw the creatures. The end product of this was that we armed ourselves and started to shoot them, we used •22 air rifles at a range of fifty to seventy five yards. When we did kill them, they fell off the wall and took on the appearence of cement that had got damp and solidified. Quite often they would fall and appear to go through the ground leaving no trace at all. One day we found that we were unable to hit our targets, and we could see our shots pass through the targets, by the ricochete off the wall, and after that we found that it was a waste of time trying to shoot them, so we gave up as a bad job. (DIA 3).

I was stationed at Keogh Barracks - Sept. I968 April I969 - when I was in the R.A.M.C., and Algar was with me then, even in spite of other R.T.s going away. A strong bond was forming of friendship and trust. One incident involves telepathic contact, and that occured, following an incident when I was unusually indecisive. It was when I was on guard duty, and I was asked if I would like the first tour, to which I normally said yes, but thank God I eventually declined, for the first onewas critically injured with the pick elf he was carrying. It was onethe basis of safety, that we were to go in pairs from then on,,and it was under these conditions that I got a telepathic link with Algar. We were returning to the guard house after our patrol, and to our right was a field, which had lighting only on the road on which we were walking. Apart from the lighting mentioned, the field was totally dark. I heard only what I can describe as a whisper, and it was saying that someone was creeping about in the field, to the front and slightly right. I immediatly looked in that direction but saw nothing. But as I had heard this whisper several times before, and it had proved accurate, I decided to follow it through. I sent my partner around the camp museum, which was situated about twenty yards behind us, and I went to a lamp, and prepared to go into the field. It was at this point, when someone came out of the dark. I then called my partner and after a few heated words, I convinced the stranger who had no i.d. on him, to accompany us to the guard house. (DIA 4).

The real work began in May, I979, when my wife and I formed a team, and together we collected such data as;- what the different coloured lights on a U.F.O. means, how they manage to evade radar, what fuel they use and what it looks like, I have been to their bases which were in Wirral and Cheshire. There was a curious incident which took place over the river Mersey, by the Wallasey Town Hall. There were six U.F.O.s flying at speed up and down the river, when I noticed a black one was trying to manoeouvere the other six. Unfortunately,,the black one was shot down, it hit the water in front of the Town Hall. As I was watching , the front end of the U.F.O. hit the water, then the whole U.F.O. dissapeared; leaving the water to splash, as if done by an invisible entity.

In June, I98I, Algar, was ready to approach the goverment in person. I was over the moon with pride to be used as the medium between alien race and our own race. Unfortunately, another race of E.T. decided to attack Algar, and his team of scientists, and killed Algar and several members of his team. That of course was that. It was not until October, 24 I98I, that they sent some one to dominate me by using threats, and eventually attacking me, the E.T. died during his attack on me. Since there have been four responsea to my telepathic messages sent out, but two of those contacts have been lost. But of the two who are still in contact, one is a woman, but I am unable to give you her name. The other is a male and his name is Malcben, he says he comes from the Milky Way, and that his planet is called Platone.

I am intending to make contacts strong, and hopefully make a meeting between the alien race and our Coverment, with the infomation that I have now given you, I hope that you would reconcider sponsoring my research. The infomation that I have given you is accurate and truthful. Although there is lots more, I decided to give you what I thought was the most important to you.

Yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

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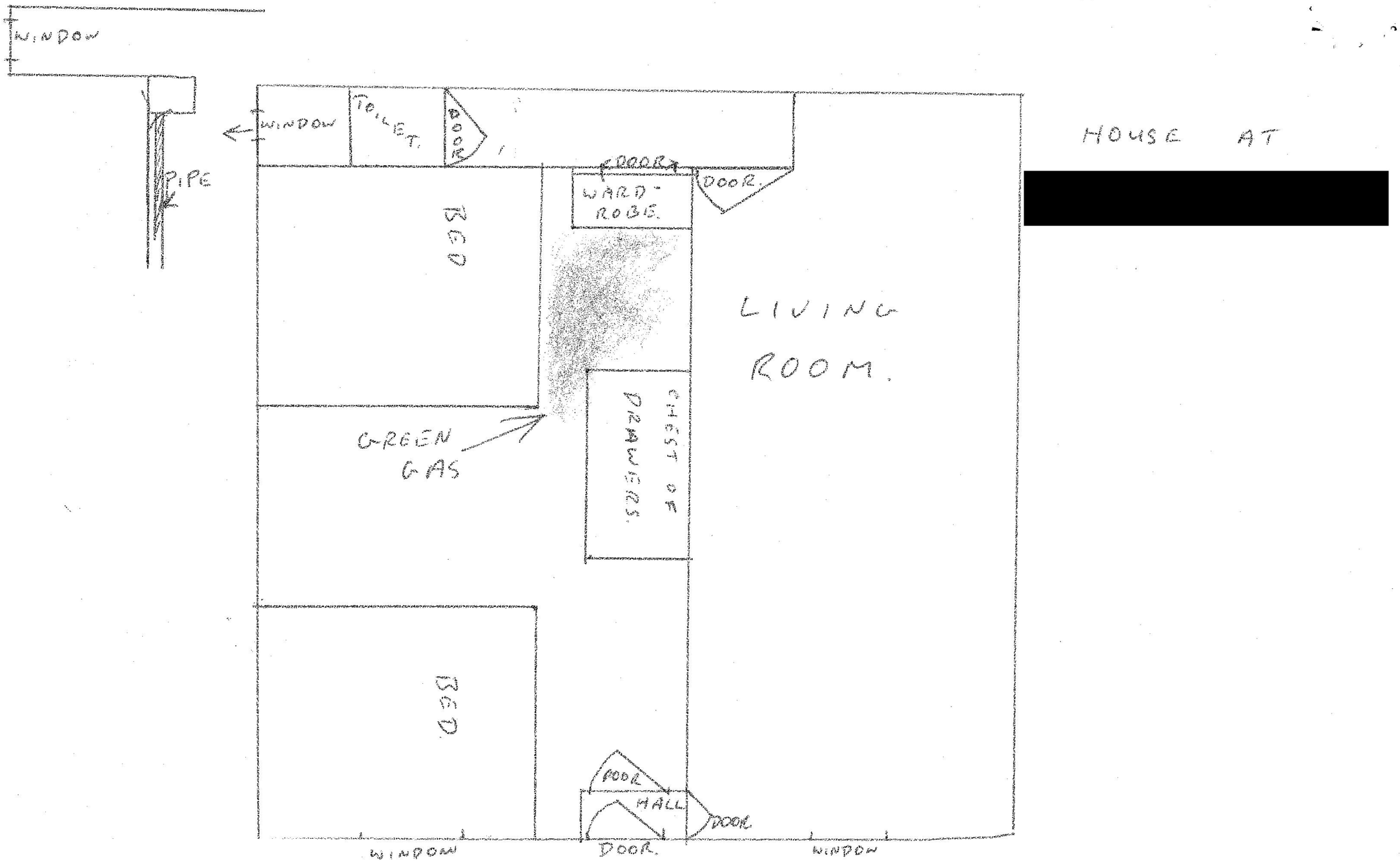

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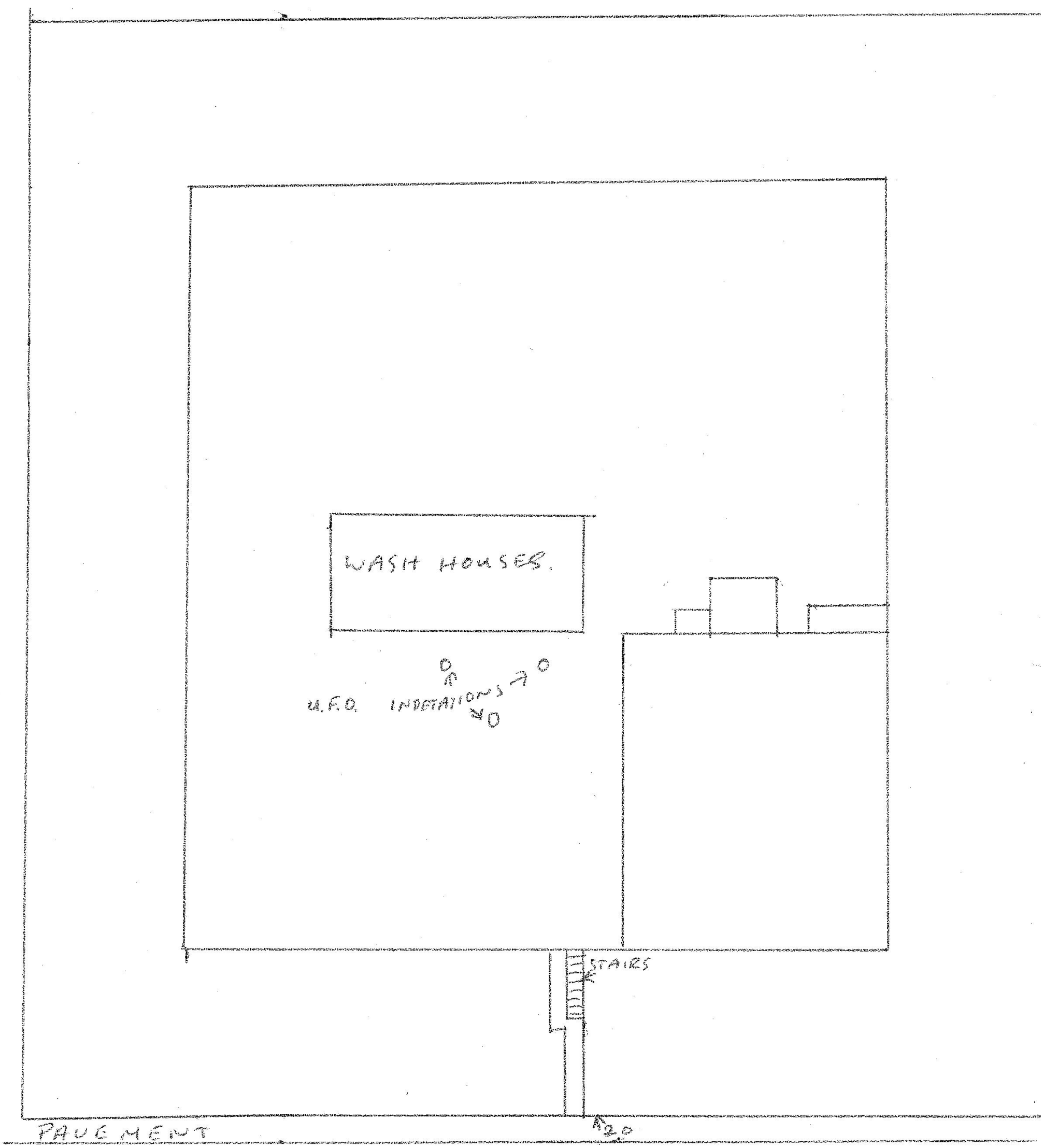

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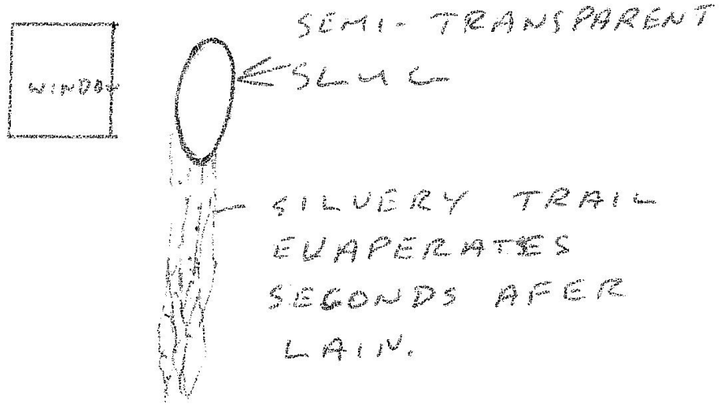

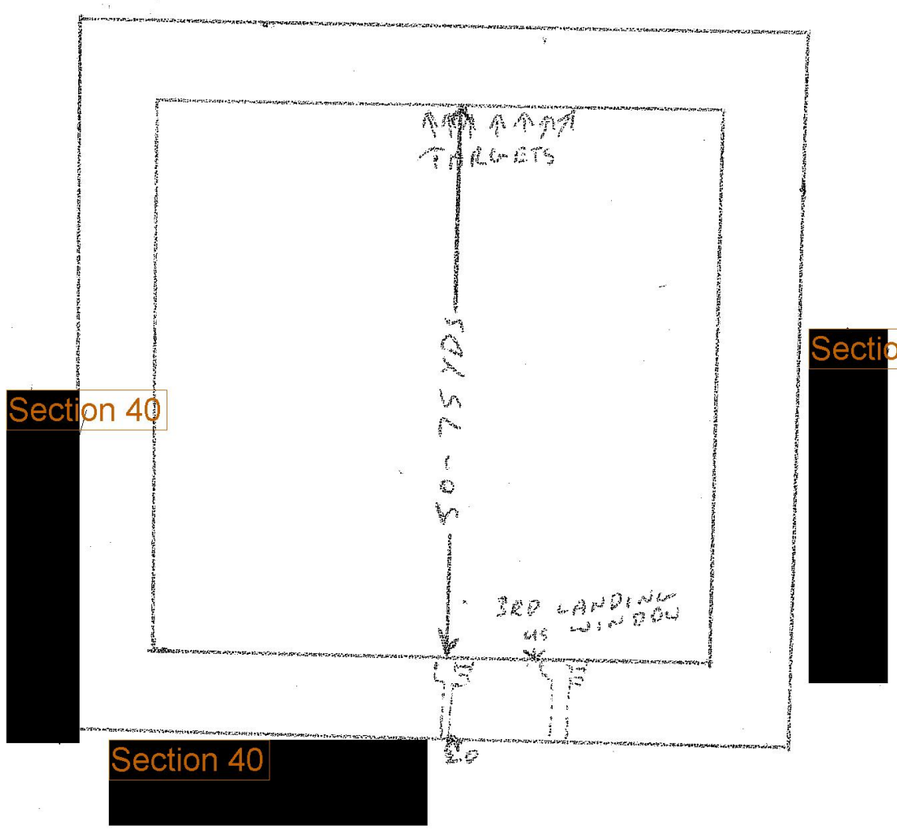

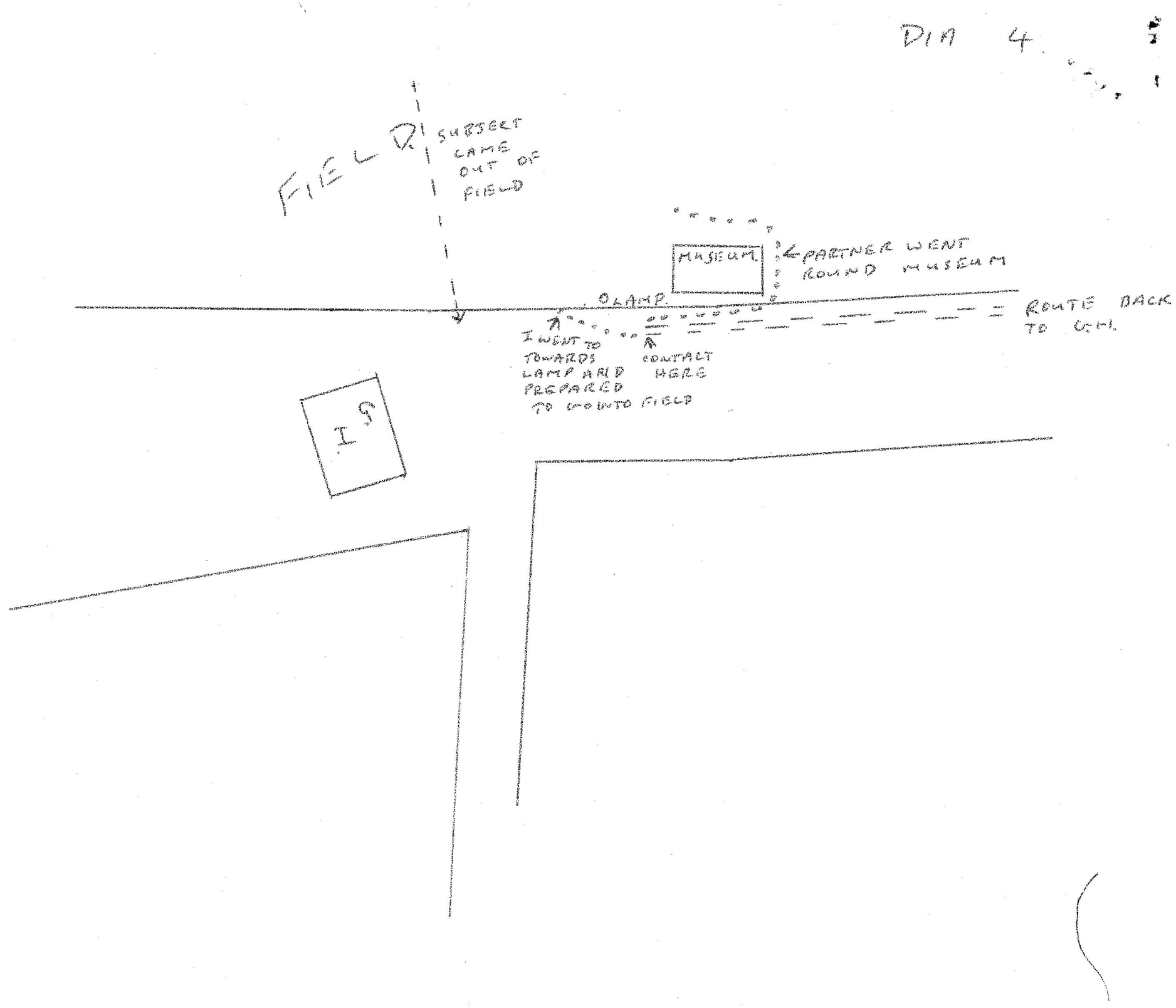

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Dear Sir,

Could you please supply me with all the informatiom that your department has on the following reports of unidentified flying objects.

Date:6th July 1984.
Time:03.00 hours approx.
Location:Wingerworth,Chesterfield in Derbyshire.
Witness:Section 40

Date:23rd July 1984.
Time;From 21.00 to 24.00 hours approx.
Locations:Numerous locations throughout Yorkshire and Humberside.
Witnesses:Numerous.
This sighting was reported to Leeds/Bradford airport.

Date:17th October 1984.
Time:19.40 and 20.00 hours approx.
Location.Clayton-Le-Moors,Accrington in Lancashire.
Witnesses:Section 40 and a Section 40
This sighting was reported to Manchester airport.

I would appreciate any information you have on the above three reports.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

6th Jan 1985

Dear Sir,

As was mentioned in the National Press last week, offical files have been released from the Public Records Acts. As a UFO researcher, and a British citizen, I request that UFO files from 1954 be readily avalible to the British public. I would be most greatful to receive such files.

No-douts a recent UFO book by Miss Jenny Randles, entitled "Sky-Crash" has caused quite a stir. Not only dose the book bring forth evidence to show that a UFO landed in Rendelsham Forest in December, 1980, buts that members of the government/Air force were on hand to greet them. A further claim was made by Section 40 She claims to have been told by an official at the Pentagon that both the Americans and the British are coporating with the aliens, and that major Air force bases across the world are open to use by these aliens. One such major base is alleged to be RAF Bentwaters. What dose the MOD have to say to that?
Let's now hope that the government has seen the lights at the end of the tunnel, and realises that it can no longer hide the truth from the public.
I do hope my request for UFO documents from 1954 is possible. Now that 30yrs head elapsed, what excuse has the government got left?

Yours Sincerly.

Section 40 : British UFOlogist.