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Considered by CS(RM) for permanent preservation

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Subject: Section 40

Section 40

We've received the attached letter which details the alleged activities of one Section 40 ('investigative journalist') at RAF Rudloe Manor.

There are no dates of when all this is supposed to have happened. I suppose it must also be borne in mind that it is in the interests of such individuals to give the impression that they are 'doing a Roger Cook' and it may not have happened at all.

But as a first step do you know anything about any of this?

Grateful for a chat when you've a moment.

Regards Section 40

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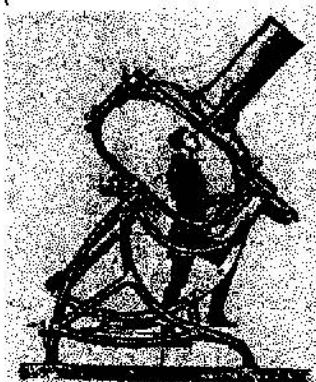
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# UFO Times

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23rd August 1997.

Ministry of Defence,  
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,  
Room 8245,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A 2HB.



Dear Sir/Madam,

As the branch of the MoD concerned with reports of unidentified aerial objects, I thought that you might find the attached letter of interest. It was written to us by a concerned BUFORA member after our big Sheffield Conference last weekend, and it concerns the breaking into of RAF/ Ministry of Defence installations by one **Section 40** a Welsh UFO "investigator". He was a speaker at the Conference, and has also spoken to at least one other group (Strange Phenomena Investigations in Scotland) about his exploits. The SPI talk was accompanied by slides showing his entry into RAF Rudloe Manor and of concrete tunnels and underground chambers; at the BUFORA conference he also showed a videotape of various people breaking into RAF Woodbridge/Bentwaters in front of a large audience.

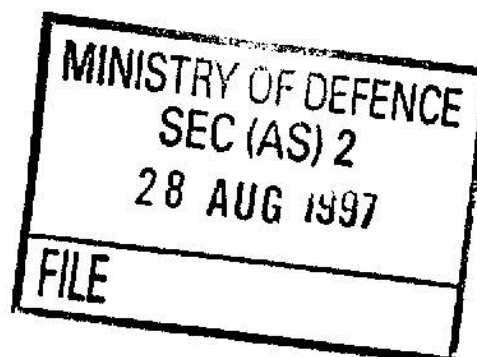
I would just like to point out that BUFORA does not condone or support illegal activities such as these. As you can see form the attached letter, **Section 40** is not acting with the support of BUFORA members and his activities are a matter of concern to the organization's ruling body. We are well aware that the official MoD line is that UFOs "are of no defence significance", but this matter surely is. Does the Ministry take legal action in cases such a this?

I will await your response with interest.

Yours faithfully,

**Section 40**

cc. RAF Rudloe Manor, Wiltshire.



**The British UFO Research Association**

## OPEN LETTER OF CENSURE TO THE BUFORA COUNCIL

To all BUFORA members

Originally having seen the Rudloe Manor presentation, I felt the need to write a letter which I was originally going to call 'COVER UP? OF COURSE THERE'S A COVER UP, BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MATTER?'. But then to be shown at the BUFORA Conference a video tape showing the Conference organiser along with **Section 40** trespassing on Ministry of Defence land at RAF Bentwaters and gaining access to what had appeared to be a previously secure hardened storage facility, made me feel compelled to write this letter.

I am a BUFORA member. Both my husband and I investigate UFO sightings. We have willingly passed the results of these investigations to BUFORA. We both have a lengthy and detailed knowledge of the subject.

First let me assure **Section 40** that most military bases have underground facilities and yes, some are indeed connected by subterranean transport systems. There is nothing unusual or sinister about this. It is merely a military fact of life. Since the commencement of the Second World War, with increased and accurate aerial and satellite surveillance, aerial bombardment and nuclear warfare, it has become necessary for the military to protect its supply and command and control structures in hardened underground facilities. If Rudloe Manor was the Headquarters of RAF Southern Sector, I would find it surprising if it did not have substantial underground facilities. But what has a detailed presentation of the military infrastructure to do with UFOs?

Why does **Section 40** feel aggrieved with Ministry of Defence personnel, whom he states acted in a hostile and aggressive manner towards him? Why does he feel the need to exact revenge? He made an unauthorised incursion on to Ministry of Defence property.

My husband is **Section 40** in **Section 40**. His **Section 40** On his visits to the base in an official capacity, he is accompanied by an armed military escort. He is not allowed to walk freely around the base. Had such an unauthorised incursion onto military property not been met by a military response, with or without drawn weapon, then those same military personnel would be guilty of neglect of duty. There is a substantial terrorist threat in the United Kingdom and all military bases are on a permanent state of heightened alert. Did **Section 40** expect to be treated differently? The military are tasked to defend this country - that's me and you. I find nothing unusual in their use of covert and overt surveillance of persons and vehicles loitering in the vicinity of sensitive military establishments. I think **Section 40** it's time to exercise a degree of maturity. Incidentally I will be unable to look at a dog walker in green wellies and a wax jacket in the same light again. You have destroyed my innocence!

But to return to a more serious note. The military's primary role is the defence of our country. The RAF in particular are tasked to identify and evaluate, both radar and visual incursions into UK air space. I found it perplexing that an hour of conference time should be given to proving that Air Intelligence investigated UFO sightings in the 1950s and 60s. Of course they did. To think otherwise shows an amazing degree of naïveté. From Roswell onwards any student of this subject will be aware that the military and the government have covered things up, time and time again. There is nothing unusual in this. There are many valid reasons why this should be so. They may not wish to display their ignorance of the an event and therefore display their inability to counter a real or potential threat. There are factions in all societies who would exploit such vulnerability and thus undermine the government and the military and in turn its ability to defend its people. Perhaps they wish to cover up a crashed experimental weapon system. To do otherwise would be to expose its level of weapon technology. Remember the Cold War has only recently ended. The former Soviet Union is hardly a model of political stability. The world is not a safe place peaceful place. If only it were so.

My advice to Messrs. **Section 40** and **Section 40** is to take a leaf out of **Section 40**. He admits there was a cover up at Rendlesham from day one. He does not become obsessed with that cover up but goes on to probe the facts concealed behind it revealing truly amazing results. As UFO investigators we all acknowledge that facts are covered up and official denials issued. We have come to expect this. Our task is to penetrate the cover-up and reveal the concealed facts, --not to become obsessed with proving a cover up exists. It is easier to investigate static terrestrial targets, rather than the elusive and enigmatic subject of unidentified flying objects.

Finally **Section 40** have you considered the consequence of your actions? You seem inordinately proud that you have over flown a sensitive military establishment and published photographs of it. Did you sign the Official Secrets Act when you worked for Her Majesty's Customs and Excise? Your need to name underground bases -underground command and control structures and the existence of Intelligence Agencies at Rudloe Manor, places this sensitive material in the public domain for the use of aggressors both internal and external. Investigation without responsibility is dangerous.

I believed when I joined BUFORA that it was a mature organisation dedicated to research into UFOs. To my dismay, I find its members openly boasting their ability to make over flights of sensitive military establishments, to make illegal and unexpected visits to RAF Rudloe Manor and to trespass on to Ministry of Defence Property at RAF Bentwaters and to gain entry to what appeared to be a previously locked facility. The action of the trespassers on the video tape footage show that they knew what they were doing was wrong. Contrary to **Section 40** protestations, trespass, with or without acts of damage or theft, is an offence against civil law and an Association of its members found committing acts of pure trespass may be sued in the Civil Courts.

To find such a respected organisation as BUFORA actively or passively condoning such behaviour at its Conference, is an act of suicidal folly. Recently the UFO movement has gained much credibility in the eyes of the public and its past image of 'crankiness' is beginning to disappear. But with its members committing such acts is to play directly into the hands of our detractors and opponents. It will give the authorities the excuse they need to quietly withdraw any support or co-operation that may have existed and sympathetic MPs may, in the future, go out of their way to avoid contact with such an organisation and its members. Ultimately it will do the movement much harm.

I believe that UFOs are a topic worthy of serious, lengthy and detailed investigation. I feel that the study of the subject will ultimately lead to a profound realignment in how we see ourselves, our place in the world and the universe and perhaps our view of reality itself. It is a widely challenging and exciting topic. The search for an answer will require hard and dedicated investigation, but it is primarily the study of unexplained aerial phenomena. Both Rudloe Manor and RAF Bentwaters are identified and terrestrial.

I lay before the BUFORA Council a challenge to respond collectively to this letter. I know from the comments of the Association's membership and the members of the public who attended the conference at Hallam University that the Conference did much to harm the Association's public image.

Consider your reply carefully. I am not sure that I wish to remain a member of an Association, which either passively or actively condones such illegal and irresponsible acts. I feel that the Association should censure those individuals concerned and ask them to consider their future as members of BUFORA. The Association must seem to operate at all times in an open responsible manner within the legal framework of this country. The Association and its membership are not above the law.

I feel that the emphasis on conspiracy theory will ultimately mean that BUFORA will lose its way in those dark subterranean tunnels of the secret bases that seem to preoccupy so much time of the advocates of a such a theory. BUFORA is dedicated to research into UFOs, unexplained aerial phenomena. I feel the answer will not be found underground.

With heartfelt concern,

Yours faithfully,

**Section 40**

17/8/97

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For info

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DI55/108/15

To: Section 40 Historical Review Team, Room 014 OWOB.

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**RELEASE OF UAP(UFO) POLICY FILES**



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- Refs: A. DI55/40/9/1 PART 1 (Closed 18 Nov 67)
- B. DI55/40/9/1 PART 2 (Closed 22 Dec 67)

1. You asked me to comment on the contents of the above-referenced files, which are 2 of the only 4 policy files held by this Department. Part 3 is missing. Part 4 covers the period 1971 to 1996. Part 5 is the current file in use. Although classified SECRET, almost the whole contents of these files is RESTRICTED.

**Comments on PART 1.**

2. Ref A comprises 25 enclosures, which, from their intermittent numbering, shows that they were 'weeded' at some time from another earlier file. The whereabouts of the missing enclosures (E2 to E6 and E8 to E11) is unknown. Although the file front cover is dated Jun 1967, it is clear that the material is of much earlier origin - the first-dated material is at E12, July 1958. The final item on the file is dated October 1963. Hence, the overall file contents is much older than 30 years and it could have been surveyed and possibly released earlier - if it had not been from the misleading date on the front of the file.

3. During my search, at your request, for any indication of OPERATION AENEID - of which there is no mention - I found the following items which are drawn to your attention, and may possibly be misinterpreted by the public and may influence your decision on public release:

- E21 Para 2 (a photocopy of this is attached) The second sentence is clearly either a typing or grammar error which implies that the 'British Bodies have access to those who are in regular contact with the operators of flying saucers. [One can imagine what the fringe ufologists will make of this! Further, please note that this enclosure has been re-numbered and started life on another file which has presumably been destroyed. One again suspicions of a 'cover up' - however unfounded, are bound to be raised]

- Letters on file frequently refer to other (SECRET & TS) files which the public might request to see. Examples are DDI(Tech)/S290/B4989, FC/S.92/23, AFL.2/S1381/ITY/PARTIII, and AMOC/TS.92/2. The latter may raise eyebrows even further as these suspicious persons and the media frequently imagine things to be 'TS' which are not.

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- Contact with the US Air Attache (this is mentioned at Minute 1 - see minute sheet).

- E21 para 3 refers to contact with Italians.

- E57A and E59 refer to 'adequate contacts with the Americans and the possibility of Russian Scientific Commission results.

- E58 refers to possible Canadian links

- E61 Confirmation of UK discussions with the USA and Pentagon interest in any Russian information.

4. There is no mention of Operation AENEID on this file (see comment at para 11, below)

#### COMMENTS ON PART 2

5. The contents of file Reference B commences with a loose (untagged) sheet of paper (which is now stuck to the file cover), stating that file extracts from D/DSTI/126/6 have been moved to this file. From the staple mark at the top this loose note was probably attached to the pile of papers to be put on this file. and these were probably weeded at the hand-over period during Tech Int (Air's)- DI61e transfer to DI55. The contents of this file is 70 enclosures plus 6 minute/record sheets. By 1967, DI55f(Air) was assimilated into the new DI55 Branch and had taken over responsibility for UFOs (see first E1). A second E1 is also on file, with consecutive numbering thereafter starting on 13 July 1966. A brief review of the contents has been made for areas of sensitivity and for evidence of 'AENEID'.

6. Enclosure 1 to 8 were apparently transferred from file D/DSTI/126/6, but although referred-to on the first minute sheet, only Enclosure 1 to 4 exist here. Others E6 to E8 probably all went to file 40/9/2 (which we do not have). A note at the foot of Minute Sheet 1 requests correspondence with the USA to be brought on file. (these are all Unclas or Restricted and seem to be E1 to E4: but E5 is missing). The 4 enclosures E1 to E4 embrace the period May to August 1967 (and thus are older than the start of the file contents proper). Hence, other US-related correspondence (and repeated correspondence appears later in the sequence, for example at E26. Some of the other enclosures have clearly been transferred from yet another file - as it is noted that E6 to E19 have one (or even more) previous enclosure numbers. At E10 is a minute sheet from another file (see para 8 below)

7. With reference to the contacts with the USA, please note that we replied to a question from AS2 quite recently (presumably to follow-up a question from the public), to the effect that we have no record of formal meetings with the USA Government on the topic of UFOs. Section 40 who was contracted by the US Government in the 1960s made a brief visit to the UK and presumably met with Mod Staff. There are no formal recorded minutes of this meeting. We do, however, at E26B, have a presumed input to Section 40 Study and a

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brief summary of this meeting is at E44. We do not have **Section 40** final report on file, even though it is promised in his note at E45/E46; and again via the USAF at E61.

8. E10, at Ref B, as mentioned above, is a minute sheet from a closed (and probably destroyed) file. M5 on this sheet refers to an E50 (which may be the current E15), and which seems to be a re-numbered sequence dealing with establishments. You will see that this minute refers to 'three spacemen and probably a fourth later'. Although on close examination this refers to the staffing of the department to handle Space Intelligence (as the Combined DI55 did in those days), one can imagine how this might be misinterpreted by the public. [Note: The well publicised Roswell incident in the USA is alleged to have involved 3 damaged and one less-damaged alien!].

9. At E17, due to the DIS reorganisation taking place at the time, the scope of work of DI55 is mentioned, as are the responsibilities of several DIS departments - which we do not disclose publicly today and, for example are not even in the MOD 'Buff' Telephone Directory. It is suggested that the implied connection/ mention of France, Israel and Egypt might be considered sensitive in 1967 - the year of the YOM KIPPUR war. An earlier document (Jan 1967), at E3 reviews the work of DI61(Air) and DI62 well beyond that of UFOs.

10. No mention of Operation AENEID was found on Part 2, and apart from some decisions on the potential public and media misinterpretations pointed out above and any disclosure of DIS responsibilities and international contacts which may be considered sensitive and might need deletion, I see no reason why both files should not go to the PRO.

#### AENEID

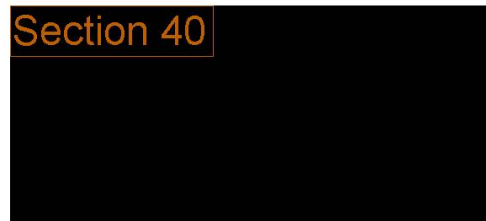
11. As the existence of OP AENEID is currently the subject of a public question, I might mention here that, while searching for other data I came across a 1995 request and reply, following a question from a Member of Parliament. This is attached. I also, quite by accident, came across a series of 1994 newspaper articles which reported AENEID - as taking place in 1970, and furthermore, as a joint US/UK operation. Last week's archive search of issued operation names, by the MOD central issuing authority, over this period has revealed that this name was not issued. Further, since it might be possible that the name had been issued by the USA, our DI55 US Exchange Officer, via DIALL and other personal contacts had this carefully checked-out this week with the relevant US organisation - again without success. It seems, therefore, that, in the 1970s 'AENEID' was the figment of imagination of a journalist. The fact that we have been able to check this out easily with the US organisation should not be loosely used in any reply to the public, in case of possible misinterpretation of official MOD UFO intelligence links with the USA - which there are not.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Air Ministry (S.6), Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.1.  
To : H.M. Air Attache, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.  
Ref : 84/S6  
Date: 27th August, 1958.

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AI(7)

1. Please refer to your A.A. No. 60 of 18th August about the N.I.C.A.P.
2. Compared with similar bodies whose activities have been brought to our attention the N.I.C.A.P. does seem to be attempting an honest evaluation of the facts although to some extent I fear with preconceived ideas. Comparable British bodies seem to have considerable advantages over the N.I.C.A.P. in having access to reports from those in this country who are in regular contact with the operators of flying saucers. Visits have been exchanged and the subject tends to be entering fields where the Air Ministry has no wish to follow. It is likely in the future therefore that the Air Ministry will be found less forthcoming than in the past to inquiries about investigations into unidentified flying object
3. We should be grateful therefore if you would return the N.I.C.A.P. a reply on the following lines:-

"The Air Ministry has investigated many reports that flying objects have been seen which the observers were unable to identify. In most cases investigations have produced an explanation though not always one that satisfied the observer. The more common explanations have included aircraft, balloons, kites, fireworks, car headlights and latterly artificial satellites. Among the less common have been a model airship and a hayrick on fire. When it has not proved possible to produce an explanation it has invariably been because the evidence has been incomplete and uncorroborated.

"No evidence available to the Air Ministry suggests that it is necessary to look for extra terrestrial explanations in the reports made to it."

D. A. WEST

(D. A. J. WEST)

Copy to: D.D.I.Tech. ✓

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UFO file

Text of minute and  
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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/12/4

4 May 95

APS/US of S

D/USofS/OH/1407/95; GERRY SUTCLIFFE, MP - "UFOs"

1. Mr Sutcliffe's constituent, Section 40 is a regular correspondent on the subject of unidentified flying objects and has written on five occasions over the last four months. The detailed replies he has received to each of his letters very clearly sets out the MOD's specific and limited role with respect to "UFO" sightings. Section 40 however, refuses to accept our explanation.

2. The alleged "UFO" research operation called "Aeneid" is not recognized by this office or others, under this or any other name, and the MOD certainly does not send "spies" to "UFO" Conferences. The matters raised concerning the United States and South Africa are not for us to comment upon.

3. I attach a draft response.

original signed

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Section 40



DRAFT

D/US of S/OH/1407/95

May 1995

Thank you for your letter to Malcolm Rifkind of 13 April regarding an enquiry you received from **Section 40** of **Section 40** Bradford, concerning unidentified flying objects. I have been asked to reply.

**Section 40** has written to the MOD on a number of occasions recently on this subject and my officials have replied to each of his letters. These responses have explained the specific and limited role and responsibilities my Department has in connection with reports of "unidentified flying objects". We look at such reports solely in the context of our responsibilities for identifying any potential threat to this country's security. We consider reports of unexplained aerial phenomena submitted to us in order to establish whether what was seen may have been of defence significance. If no threat is discerned, and this has been case in all such instances to date, then our interest in the sighting ceases. As such a sighting can remain unexplained, but not result in any further official action. We have no role in "UFO" research of the type alluded to by **Section 40**

Gerry Sutcliffe, MP

**Section 40** letter refers to the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. Based on the available substantiated evidence at the time, a collective decision by those within the MOD/RAF sections with responsibility for air defence matters at that time judged that nothing of defence concern occurred in or around Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge on the nights in question. Nothing has emerged during the last 14 years to make us question that original judgement. My Department has no knowledge of the films which **Section 40** claims exist and alleges to be in our possession.

**Section 40** makes reference to "UFO" research activity entitled "Operation Aeneid". Neither I nor my officials are aware of any such operation under this or any other name. I have already explained that my Department has no role whatsoever in "UFO" research and as such my officials are not sent to "UFO" Conferences.

**Section 40** queries in connection with the United States and South Africa are matters for the Governments of those countries and should be addressed directly to them. It is not for me to comment.

I hope this is helpful.

LORD HENLEY

11 SEP '97 09:07 FROM CS (RM)

TO **Section 40** P.01/01

File ref. 2/RAD 73.4

10 September 1997

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Dear **Section 40**

**UFO related documents in the PRO**

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By way of explanation, files on any subject (not just UFOs) are usually reviewed five years after the date of the last enclosure on them so that, if they are not required for administrative purposes and do not warrant permanent preservation, they can be destroyed in a timely fashion. Twenty five years after the date of the last enclosure the surviving files are reviewed again so that those which warrant permanent preservation can be transferred here in good time for their opening to the public at the thirty year point.

As I said in my previous letter, I have been unable to identify any files on this subject which are currently subject to extended closure, by which I mean any files which are closed for longer than the statutory thirty years.

I hope that this clarifies matters and will avoid the need for protracted correspondence on this subject.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**  
Government Services Department



File Note

MEETING WITH DI 55 STAFF - 'UFO' SIGHTING REPORTS

Wg Cdr [redacted] Section 40  
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DI55's interest is strictly technology based.

In support of sighting reports made by credible witnesses they have asked to have any other reports made on the same day. We have agreed to provide on request.

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LOOSE MINUTE

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**BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC**

Reference:

A. D/DPR/336/4 dated 22 Aug 97.

Thank you for your comments in response to the Reference. Enclosed, for your retention, is a copy of the final, signed, Agreement.

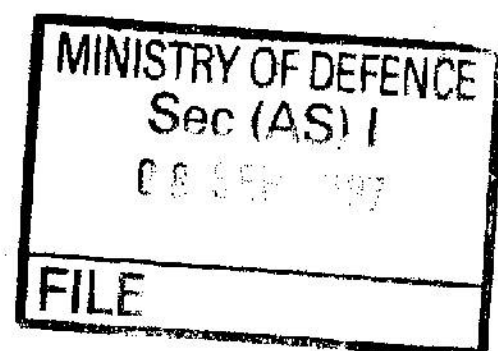
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Enclosure:

- I. Agreement - MOD and BBC Scotland - "Invasion Earth"



AGREEMENT

D/DPR/336/4

Dated the 3 day of September 1997

**Parties**

1. Ministry of Defence  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Herein known as "MOD"

2. BBC Scotland  
Broadcasting House  
Queen Margaret Drive  
Glasgow  
G12 8DG

Herein known as "the BBC"

**Background**

3. The BBC is currently producing a Sci Fi drama series 'INVASION EARTH' in which the principal character is an RAF F3 pilot.
4. MOD agrees to make a Chinook, Puma and Sea King helicopter and RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth available to the BBC to shoot certain scenes for the series, on the terms and conditions set out herein.

Services to be Provided

5. In accordance with Annex A MOD will provide the following:
  - a. Access to RAF Lossiemouth to film a Sea King helicopter on 22 Sep 97.
  - b. A Chinook and a Puma helicopter at Wroughton on 17 Sep 97.

A:BBC

- c. Members of the Queen's Colour Sqn RAF Regiment to appear as film extras. Such officers/airmen will sign a Multi Purpose Voucher in the form of Exhibit One, attached, assigning all rights to their performance in the series to the BBC.
  - d. A number of military vehicles to be operated by members of the Queen's Colour Sqn.
6. The MOD will also provide the following:
- a. Access to RAF Leuchars to film Tornado F3's, on a date to be decided.
  - b. A selection of new/used uniforms for hire.
  - c. 4 sets of flying clothing for hire.

#### Charges and Payment

7. In accordance with standard MOD policy, appropriate charges will need to be raised to cover each element of assistance provided. Accordingly, charges will be levied as follows:

- a. Chinook Helicopter
  - (1) Flying Time - £3,358 per quarter of an hour.
  - (2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.
- b. Puma Helicopter
  - (1) Flying Time - £1,860 per quarter of an hour.
  - (2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.
- c. Filming at RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth. A fixed daily charge of £2,000 to cover access, security, parking and filming, but excluding personnel employed as "extras". There will also be an additional charge of £150 plus VAT to cover costs of raising the Licence Agreement.
- d. Use of RAF Personnel as Extras. Any RAF personnel used as "extras", ie those personnel whose contribution is sufficient to necessitate the signing of a Multi Purpose Voucher, will be charged for at the following rate: £65:50 per day.

e. Filming of RAF Aircraft at their bases. Provided that the aircraft are carrying out their normal roles and no extra costs are incurred by the RAF as a result of a request from the BBC, no extra charges to those already detailed in para 7c will be raised.

f. Vehicle Costs. The charges for vehicles operated by RAF personnel will vary according to the type. Examples, excluding VAT, are as follows:

(1) Land Rovers Hire £9.50 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 21.08p per mile.

(2) Trucks 4-10 tonne Hire £35.21 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 60.17p per mile.

(3) Coach 24-39 Seats Hire £36.82 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 49.35p per mile.

g. Clothing. The charges for the provision of clothing will be as follows:

(1) Flying Clothing. Approximately £2600 for the hire of 4 sets of flying clothing.

(2) Uniforms. Not to exceed £2500.

h. Other Costs. Any additional costs incurred by the RAF as a result of assistance to the BBC which would not otherwise have arisen, will attract charges. An example of such charges would be the standard messing and accommodation charges that would apply if overnight accommodation were required on any military establishment, or if meals were taken in messes.

8. Payment for services provided should be made in full within 28 days of presentation of the authorised bill from MOD. Details of payment will accompany the bill.

#### **Indemnity and Insurance**

9. MOD facilities used and/or modified by the BBC are to be returned to their original state and condition, which includes repairing damage either deliberate or accidental, caused in the course of the BBC's work. Payment for any work carried out by MOD to restore such facilities to their original state, will be charged to the BBC.

10. a. The BBC will satisfy MOD, PL(LS)Claims, that sufficient insurance cover has been established to cover any damage to MOD aircraft and



property before access to RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth will be allowed.

b. MOD acknowledges that the following coverage is sufficient to satisfy it under the terms of this clause:-

(1) for bodily injury and/or property damage to the Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD property and personnel, liability insurance in the amount of Seventy Five Million US Dollars (\$75 million).

#### **Security**

11. The BBC is to provide at least 48 hours notice of personnel and vehicles attending at each location. Details required are full names of personnel and their official title, vehicle details to include make, type, colour and registration number. Details of vehicles/personnel should be notified to the contact addressee at paragraph 15.

12. Access to RAF Leuchars and Lossiemouth and onboard the helicopters is to be restricted to those employees of the BBC who have a specific need to be there. Employees of the BBC are not permitted outside of the areas allocated to them by MOD personnel as notified to the BBC by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative.

#### **Health and Safety**

13. The BBC is to take all reasonable precautions for the safety of MOD personnel and property. Items and areas considered unsafe by MOD personnel are to be made safe as instructed by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative. The BBC are to observe all the relevant Health and Safety regulations.

#### **Force Majeure**

14. In the event that the MOD is unable to meet its obligations to provide the services detailed in this contract due to Act of God, Weather, Perils of the Sea, War, Riots, Civil Commotion, Blockade, Sabotage, Fire, Explosion, Accident, Security or Operational Reasons then the MOD shall not be liable for any costs arising out of any failure or delay in providing said services.

#### **Point of Contact**

15. The point of contact is as follows:

MOD Project Officer

Wing Commander **Section 40**

AD INFO (C&T)  
Room 0366  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Tel: 0171 218 **Section 40** Fax: 0171 218 **Section 40**

**Controlling Officers**

16. The MOD Project Officer is also the Controlling Officer for MOD for the facilities named.

17. The BBC point of contact is:

**Section 40**  
Line Producer  
BBC Scotland  
Caterham Barracks  
Coulston Road  
Surrey CR3 5YB

Tel: **Section 40** Fax: **Section 40**

**Assignment of Rights**

18. a. MOD confirms it is aware of the subject matter of the Film and the characters therein and the use to be made of the MOD facilities specified in this agreement. MOD approves such use of its facilities in the Film.

b. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC shall own all rights (including but not limited to all copyright) in the still and film photographs made of the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD facilities pursuant to this agreement. Should it be necessary, MOD will execute any assignments or other documents to give effect to this clause.

c. MOD acknowledges and agrees that the BBC may incorporate scenes featuring the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and the other MOD facilities specified in this agreement in the final version of the Film either as a sequence on its own or preceded, interlaced or followed by such other scenes as the BBC may require, or the taking of publicity stills.

d. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC may exploit and exhibit the Film and excerpts therefrom in any manner and in any medium now known

or hereafter devised throughout the world in perpetuity without restrictions whatsoever.

e. MOD hereby acknowledges that all rights and releases granted or agreed to in this paragraph shall be deemed to extend to all persons, firms or corporations distributing, exploiting or exhibiting the Film.

**Miscellaneous**

19. This agreement will be extended to cover episodes 4 to 6 of the series; exact requirements will be notified once scheduling is complete.

20. In the event that due to a force majeure or otherwise filming cannot occur on the dates set out herein, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to find alternative dates.

21. In the event of any dispute, MOD agrees not to seek equitable or legal remedy which would enjoin or prevent the development, production, advertising distribution or exploitation of the film.

22. The BBC will provide a credit to MOD and Royal Air Force in the end roller credits of the Film acknowledging the assistance provided.

23. This agreement is governed by English law.

Signed for and on behalf of  
Ministry of Defence

Air Commodore **Section 40**  
Director of Public Relations (RAF)  
Ministry of Defence  
London

Signed for and on behalf of  
BBC Scotland

**Section 40**  
Manager Contracts Scotland

**Section 40**  


3 Sep 97

5 Sep 97.

**EXHIBIT ONE**

**MULTI PERIOD VOUCHER**

From: BBC Scotland "The BBC"  
To: ("the Artiste")  
Re: INVASION EARTH ("the drama Series")

1. The BBC hereby confirms the engagement of the Artiste in the capacity of Background Artiste in the Film on the following days:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Artiste's services are provided pursuant to a contract between the BBC and the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Defence shall be responsible for paying the Artiste.
3. The Artiste hereby gives the BBC all necessary consents under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as currently in force, and assigns all rights (including copyright) in the Artiste's performance to the BBC.
4. The Artiste hereby agrees that the Artiste's voice may be dubbed into any language.

Signed for and on behalf of  
BBC Scotland

Signed by

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNEX A TO  
D/DPR 336/4  
DATED 3 SEP 97

INVASION EARTH - MANPOWER/VEHICLES AND HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS  
EPISODES ONE - THREE

**Note:** Radcliffe's Squad is script term for Queen's Colour Squadron RAF Regiment.

**Sunday September 14: Travel & Shoot at Wroughton**

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 x 4 Ton Truck

**Monday September 15: Shoot at Wroughton**

14 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 4 Ton Truck
	1 x Coach

**Tuesday September 16: Shoot at Wroughton**

4 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Military Ambulance
2 Male RAF Drivers	1 x RAF Armoured Landrover
3 x RAF Officers	1 x RAF 4 Ton Truck
1 Male RAF Ambulance Driver	2 x RAF Motor Bikes
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 1	1 x RAF Landrover (Not armoured)
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike Riders	2 Staff Cars?
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck Drivers	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Crew	

**Wednesday September 17: Shoot at Wroughton**

	RAF Puma & Crew
	RAF Chinook & Crew
20 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Armoured P Carrier
1 x Male RAF Ambulance Driver	1 x Military Ambulance
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 1	2 x Armoured Landrover
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 2	2 x RAF 4 Ton Trucks
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike Riders	2 x RAF Motorbikes
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck Drivers	

**TOTAL WROUGHTON**

**66**

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**Thursday September 18: TRAVEL SCOTLAND**

**Friday September 19: Aviemore**

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

2 x RAF Landrovers  
(Continuity Swindon)

**Saturday September 20: Aviemore**

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

1 x RAF Landrovers  
1 x 4 Ton Truck

**Monday September 22: Lossiemouth**

Sea King & Crew

**Tuesday September 23: Loch Ness**

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

2 x RAF Landrovers

**Thursday September 25: Aviemore**

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

**TOTAL SCOTLAND**

**50**

**GRAND TOTAL**

**116**

**NOTE:**

**IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME NUMBER OF MEN AND VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EPISODES 4 TO 6 ON DATES TO BE ADVISED.**

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September 1997

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Section 40  
Government Services Department

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25 August 1997

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Govt. Services Dept  
Public Record Office  
Russkin Avenue  
Kew  
Richmond  
Surrey  
TW9 4DU

Your Ref: 2/RAD 73.4

Dear Section 40

I am grateful to you for your letter and enclosures of the 20 August.

I would hope that all the UFO-related files on the PRO Eureka Database will be made available with immediate effect in the spirit of the forthcoming FOIA - can you confirm whether this will be the case?

I note that the files only go up to 1970, does that mean there are no files under extended closure from 1970 onwards? This is important because the RAF instigated *Operation Aeneid* in the period 1971-72 which I understand came to some pretty incredible conclusions.

Between 1964 and 1967, some defence research laboratories (eg Aldermaston) analysed various "satellite debris" with some pretty amazing results. A lot of UFO incidents from the 1950s were investigated by The Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Technical). I understand that a lot of Intelligence Files are kept under 50 and 100 year extended closure; however, I do hope that in the case of DDI (Tech) and its related bodies that these files are accessed sooner.

Finally, without trying to sound too melodramatic, keeping any UFO-related file secret is to all intents and purposes, a bigger threat to National Security than releasing it. The more restricted a subject, the fewer the "brains" working on it and slower development will inevitably result. Certainly the files on the "satellite debris" and *Operation Aeneid* should be released and publicised in a professional journal. It just so happens that I am preparing an article at this time for the Royal Society of Chemistry Magazine *Chemistry in Britain*.....

Yours sincerely

Section 40  
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**Section 40**

Since attached Pro's reply to **Section 40**

I will wish to note x. I suspect **Section 40**

will next ask about the release of files

in advance of 30 years!

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TO **Section 40** P.02/06

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20 August 1997

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**Section 40**

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Dear **Section 40**

**UFO related documents in the PRO**

Your letter of the 12 August to our Reprographic Department has been referred to me in order to respond to the queries raised in the second paragraph.

I understand from our Reader Services Department that we have not published any guidance on this topic but they do hold a memorandum (undated) compiled by a member of their staff which is used for reference by their staff; I enclose a copy in the hope that you may find it useful but I cannot vouch for its currency or completeness. They have also provided me with a printout from their Eureka database using the topic keyword "ufo" which gives additional references to those included in the memorandum, although the majority of these are to files which are still subject to the 30 year rule; if you require further information about the scope and content of the Eureka database please refer directly to our Reader Services Department.

Your other query concerned the impact of a Freedom of Information Act on UFO related documents which are currently subject to extended closure. I have been unable to identify any files on this subject which fall into this category but if you have certain files in mind and are able to quote their PRO references, I will, of course, be happy to clarify their current status. However, I should point out that I feel it would be unwise for me to speculate on what may or may not be required by the proposed Act.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Government Services Department

cc. Reader Services Department

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TO **Section 40** P.03/06

RSD MEMORANDUM NO 639

**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND FLYING SAUCERS****AIR 2 Air Ministry: Registered Files**

AIR 2/16918 1961-1963, alleged sightings of UFO's. Letters from members of the public on alleged sightings. Magazine entitled Cosmic Voice - "Mars and Venus Speak to Earth" - dated November/December 1961. Article entitled "Men from Outer Space: Are they visiting Britain?"

**AIR 16 Fighter Command**

AIR 16/1199 1952, Royal Air Force Topcliffe. Special Occurrences (Flying Saucers). Reports on UFO's from members of the public sent to RAF Topcliffe.

**AIR 20 Unregistered Papers**

AIR 20/7390 1952, Reported sightings of UFO's. Memorandum prepared for Ministry of Defence.

AIR 20/9320 1957, Parliamentary question 17 April 1957 Mr Stan Awbery: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what recent investigations have been made into unidentified flying objects; what photographs have been taken; and what reports have been made on this subject. Reply by Secretary of State (Mr Ward). Notes on UFO's provided for the Ministers use. UFO incident at West Freugh in Wisgatownshire in 1957, incidents and signals at RAF Church Lawford, RAF Bempton and RAF Lakenheath. Newspaper clippings 6 April 1957: News Chronicle and Evening Standard. Daily Sketch 6 April 1957: Photographs of object over Channel Islands.

AIR 20/9321 1957 Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 Major Patrick Wall: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, how many unidentified flying objects have been detected over Great Britain this year as compared with previous years; and whether the object picked up by radar over the Dover Straits on 29 April has yet been identified. Further question to Minister from Mr Beswick. Notes for Minister on reported sightings. Replies by Mr Ward. Newspaper clippings: The Times, News Chronicle, Daily Worker, Daily Mirror, Daily Sketch, Daily Telegraph, Daily Express, Evening News. April - May 1957.

AIR 20/9322 1957, Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 Mr Frank Beswick: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what was the nature of the aircraft or other object sighted on the radar air defence screens on Monday night and which occasioned the despatch of aircraft of Fighter Command. Reply by Mr Ward. Notes for Minister.

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AIR 20/9994

1957, Headquarters Southern Sector Intelligence. Reports on Aerial Phenomena, including "observation of unusual aerial phenomena at Royal Air Force Ventnor on 29 July 1957".

Two copies of "Track Tracing" Sheets.

Description of UFO's, eg RAF Lyneham 9 December 1957: "Description large bright crescent shaped object or could be a sphere with trails from edges. Travelling on a course of 290 degrees at a moderate speed. Seemed to be descending and not at a very great height".

#### AIR 22 Periodical Returns, Summaries and Bulletins

AIR 22/93

1955, Air Ministry Secret Intelligence Summary March 1955 Volume 10, No 3 Article on Flying Saucers "An object was reported....."

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#### PREM 11 Prime Minister's Office: Correspondence and Papers, 1951-1964

PREM 11/855

1952 Personal Minute from Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to Secretary of State for Air, Lord Cheswell, 28 July 1952: "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience." Minute from Secretary of State, dated 9 August 1952, dismissing stories about flying saucers.

## PRO Eureka Database

Public Record Office

Tel Section 40 18 August 1997  
Fax

Your search terms were:-	Topic Keyword:	Subject	Date:	Document Ref:
	ufo			

## Document references and descriptions found by your search are:-

Document Reference:	Topic Description:	Date:	Further Information:
AIR 14/2800	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports of UFOs on RAF (Royal Air Force) bombing raids	WW2, December 1943	
AIR 18/1199	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports by RAF (Royal Air Force) service personnel at Topcliffe, Thirsk	1952	
AIR 2/16918 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO sightings reported by members of the public	1961-1963	Open 1994
AIR 2/17318 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports	1963	Open 1994
AIR 2/17526-17527	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO reports in Air Ministry papers	1964-1965	AIR 2/17527 closed until 1996
AIR 2/17982-17984	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO reports (with photographs)	1965-1967	Air 2/17982 + 17983 - Jan 1966 17984 - closed until 1998
AIR 2/18183 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Registered File	1968-1969	
AIR 20/11612	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers	1967-1968	
AIR 20/11895-11902	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers: monthly reports	April-November 1968	
AIR 20/12055-12067	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers: monthly reports	January 1969 - January 1970	
AIR 20/12297-12306 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers	February - November 1970	

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Document references and descriptions (continued):-

Document Reference:	Topic Description:	Date:	Further Information:
AIR 207390; 9320-9322; 9994 (Codes S/1, B1 and 67/1)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOS): Aerial phenomena - Reports and Parliamentary questions	1950-1957	
PREM 11/855	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOS): Aerial phenomena - Prime Minister's request for an explanation of stories about flying saucers	1952-1955	

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Text: in a web of deceit" in Alien Encounters. It covers MIB, files conspicuously absent from the PRO (DIS files) and the now notorious AIR 2/16918. Somewhat disturbingly a PRO official is alleged to have suggested that it was not unusual for MOD to recall sensitive files released by mistake. I plan to take this up with the PRO,

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Annex A

## TOP ENCLOSURE

## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE TOGETHER WITH SCHEDULED RELEASE DATES - AS AT AUGUST 1997

Already open	-	14	
To be released:			
1998	-	10	
1999	-	14	
2000	-	13	
2001	-	11	
2002	-	2	
2003	-	14	(1 awaiting assignment to AIR 2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	

## AIR 2

16918	1961-63	UFO's: sightings; reports by members of the public	AF/X59/64 Pt 5
		[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised form. Extracts now released]	
17318	1963	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 6
		[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised form. Extracts now released]	
17526	1964	UFO files	AF/X59/64 Pt 7
		[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised form. Extracts now released]	
17527	1965	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 8
		[Released 1996]	
17982	1965-66	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 9
		[Released 1997]	
17983	1966	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 10
		[Released 1997]	
17984	1966-67	ditto	AF/X59/64

Pt 11

[To be released 1998]

18115 1967 Unidentified flying objects: AF/CX38/67  
reports Pt 1

[To be released 1998]

18116 1967 ditto AF/CX38/67  
Pt 2

[To be released 1998]

18117 1967-68 ditto AF/CX38/67  
Pt 3

[To be released 1999]

18183 1968-69 Unidentified flying objects AF/7463/72  
Pt 2

[To be released 2000]

18564 1957-71 UFO Reports: West Freugh 1957

[To be released 2002]

18565 1970-71 UFO Reports

[To be released 2002]

TBA April 1972 UFO's 10/45/120

[Awaiting allocation of piece no.  
To be released 2003]

**AIR 14**

2800 1943 No 115 Squadron: news sheet  
"Bang On" No 1.  
[Released 1972]

**AIR 16**

1199 1952 Sept Flying saucers: occurrence IIH1/188/1/17  
reports: service personnel  
at Topcliffe station, Thirsk  
and local public sector

[Open]

**AIR 20**

7390 1950-54 Unidentified aircraft II/127/3/48  
(flying objects): reports

[Open]

9320 1957 Parliamentary question on MR 008614/193

UFO's			
	[Open]		
9321	1957	ditto	MR 008614/213
	[Open]		
9322	1957	ditto	MR 008614/220
	[Open]		
9994	1953-57	Reports on aerial phenomena	IIH/273/10/4
	[Open]		
11612	1967-68	Unidentified flying objects	MR 073414
	[To be released 1999]		
11694	1968 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)512
	[To be released 1999]		
11695	1968 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)513
	[To be released 1999]		
11696	1968 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)523
	[To be released 1999]		
11887	1967 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)507
	[To be released 1998]		
11888	1967 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)508
	[To be released 1998]		
11889	1967 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)509
	[To be released 1998]		
11890	1967 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)509
	[To be released 1998]		
11891	1967 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)510
	[To be released 1998]		
11892	1967 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)510
	[To be released 1998]		
11893	1967 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)511
	[To be released 1998]		

11894	1968 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)514
	[To be released 1999]		
11895	1968 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)515
	[To be released 1999]		
11896	1968 May	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)516
	[To be released 1999]		
11897	1968 Jun	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)517
	[To be released 1999]		
11898	1968 Jul	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)518
	[To be released 1999]		
11899	1968 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)519
	[To be released 1999]		
11900	1968 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)520
	[To be released 1999]		
11901	1968 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)521
	[To be released 1999]		
11902	1968 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)522
	[To be released 1999]		
12055	1969 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)524
	[To be released 2000]		
12056	1969 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)525
	[To be released 2000]		
12057	1969 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)526
	[To be released 2000]		
12058	1969 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)527
	[To be released 2000]		
12059	1969 May	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)528
	[To be released 2000]		
12060	1969 Jun	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)529
	[To be released 2000]		

12061	1969 Jul	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)530
	[To be released 2000]		
12069	1969 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)531
	[To be released 2000]		
12063	1969 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)532
	[To be released 2000]		
12064	1969 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)533
	[To be released 2000]		
12065	1969 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)534
	[To be released 2000]		
12066	1969 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)535
	[To be released 2000]		
12067	1970 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)536
	[To be released 2001]		
12297	1970 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)537 ID/48/94
	[To be released 2001]		
12298	1970 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)538 ID/48/95
	[To be released 2001]		
12299	1970 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)539 ID/48/96
	[To be released 2001]		
12300	1970 May	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)540 ID/48/97
	[To be released 2001]		
12301	1970 June	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)541 ID/48/98
	[To be released 2001]		
12302	1970 July	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)542 ID/48/99
	[To be released 2001]		
12303	1970 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)543

ID/48/100

[To be released 2001]

12304 1970 Sept ditto AF/S4f(AIR)544  
ID/48/101

[To be released 2001]

12305 1970 Oct ditto AF/S4f(AIR)545  
ID/48/102

[To be released 2001]

12306 1970 Nov ditto AF/S4f(AIR)546  
ID/48/103

[To be released 2001]

12399 1971-72 UFO reports ID/47/274 Pt 4

12400 1972 Jan ditto ID/48/117

12401 1972 Feb ditto ID/48/118

12401 1972 March ditto ID/48/119

12403 1972 April ditto ID/48/120

12404 1972 May ditto ID/48/121

12405 1972 June ditto ID/48/122

12406 1972 July ditto ID/48/123

12407 1972 Aug ditto ID/48/124

12408 1972 Sept ditto ID/48/125

12409 1972 Oct ditto ID/48/126

12410 1972 Nov ditto ID/48/127

12411 1971 Dec ditto ID/48/128

[Pieces 12399-12411 due for release 2003]

**AIR 22**

93 1953 Air Ministry Secret Summary. IIG/101  
Vol 10. No 3 Article on Flying  
Saucers.

[Released 1984?]

**BJ5**

311 1968-70 UFO: Met aspects AF/M 396/68

[To be released 2001]

**Annex B**

**PRO CLASSES CREATED FOR INTELLIGENCE RECORDS - UFO RELATED RECORDS  
- AS AT 23 JULY 1997**

8 classes have to date been raised for records originating from defence "intelligence" branches. They contain between them more than 15,250 intelligence records selected for permanent preservation.

**THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE UFO RECORDS.**

They are, together with the date range and the total number of pieces in each class:

**ADM 223 - Naval Intelligence Papers, 1914-1965, 840 files and volumes.**

**ADM 231 - Naval Intelligence Reports, 1883-1965, 54 volumes**

**AIR 40 - Directorate of Intelligence and other Intelligence Papers - 1926-1963, 2706 files and volumes**

**DEFE 21 - Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files - 1946-1978, 77 files**

**DEFE 32 - Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files - 1957-1979, 99 files**

**DEFE 44 - Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports - 1946-1971, 100 files and volumes**

**WO 106 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence - 1937-1961, 6228 boxes, files and volumes**

**WO 208 Directorate of Military Intelligence - 1917-1961, 5187 boxes, files and volumes**

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26 Aug 97

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AD INFO(C&T) - Wg Cdr Section 40

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Hd Sec(AS)

DCS(Sec&CTS) HOSTC

DLA RAF IO - Section 40

BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC

Reference: D/DPR/336/4 dated 22 Aug 97

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference, and for sending a copy of the draft Agreement between the MOD and BBC Scotland, setting out the terms under which we will provide assistance to the BBC with regard to the production of their drama series "Invasion Earth".

2. I can confirm that we are content with what you propose, and have no specific comments to make on your draft.

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E Mail: GF(POL)1B-1

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MBE

I can see nothing to  
comment on so far as  
the attached is concerned.  
I believe we should  
continue to keep our  
distance. Since a nil response  
equals no comment I  
do not intend we should  
make any contact at all

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DPR/336/4

22 Aug 97

GF(Pol) 1  
PL(LS) Claims  
PL(LS) Legal  
Hd Sec(AS) ←  
DCS(Sec+CTS) HQSTC  
DLA RAF IO

Copy to:

PSO/ACAS  
DPS  
DPR(RAF)

**BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC**

1. The MOD and BBC Scotland have reached agreement on the financial implications of assisting BBC Scotland in the making of the Sci-Fi drama series "INVASION EARTH" and a draft Agreement is attached.
2. Filming of RAF assets commences on 14 Sep 97 and the Agreement must be in place before that date. Therefore, addresses are requested to forward any comments to the undersigned by cop on Monday 1 Sep 97. I apologise for the short notice of this request but it is due to circumstances outside of my control. Nil responses will be taken as concurrence with the draft.

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DRAFT AGREEMENT

D/DPR/336/4

Dated the            day of September 1997

**Parties**

1. Ministry of Defence  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Herein known as "MOD"

2. BBC Scotland  
Broadcasting House  
Queen Margaret Drive  
Glasgow  
G12 8DG

Herein known as "the BBC"

**Background**

3. The BBC is currently producing a Sc Fi drama series 'INVASION EARTH' in which the principal character is an RAF F3 pilot.
4. MOD agrees to make a Chinook, Puma and Sea King helicopter and RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth available to the BBC to shoot certain scenes for the series, on the terms and conditions set out herein.

A:BBC

Services to be Provided

5. In accordance with Annex A MOD will endeavour to provide the following:

- a. Access to RAF Lossiemouth to film a Sea King helicopter on 22 Sep 97.
- b. A Chinook and a Puma helicopter at Wroughton on 17 Sep 97.
- c. Members of the Queens Colour Sqn RAF Regiment to appear as film extras. Such officers/airmen will sign a Multi Purpose Voucher in the form at Exhibit One, attached, assigning all rights to their performance in the series to the BBC.
- d. A number of military vehicles to be operated by members of the Queen Colour Sqn.

6. The MOD will also endeavour to provide the following:

- a. Access to RAF Leuchars to film Tornado F3's, on a date to be decided.
- b. A selection of new/used uniforms for hire.
- c. 4 sets of flying clothing for hire.

**Charges and Payment**

7. In accordance with standard MOD policy, appropriate charges will need to be raised to cover each element of assistance provided. Accordingly, charges will be levied as follows:

a. Chinook Helicopter

- (1) Flying Time - £3,358 per quarter of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

b. Puma Helicopter

(1) Flying Time - £1,860 per quarter of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

c. Filming at RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth. £2,000 per day, to cover access, security, parking and filming, but excluding personnel employed as "extras".

d. Use of RAF Personnel as Extras. Any RAF personnel used as "extras", ie those personnel whose contribution is sufficient to necessitate the signing of a Multi Purpose Voucher, will be charged for at the following rate: £65:50 per day.

e. Filming of RAF Aircraft at their bases. Provided that the aircraft are carrying out their normal roles and no extra costs are incurred by the RAF as a result of a request from the BBC, no extra charges to those already detailed in para 8c will be raised.

f. Vehicle Costs. The charges for vehicles operated by RAF personnel will vary according to the type. Examples, excluding VAT, are as follows:

(1) Land Rovers Hire £9.50 per day + Fuel & Running Costs  
21.08p per mile.

(2) Trucks 4-10 tonne Hire £35.21 per day + Fuel & Running  
Costs 60.17p per mile.

(3) Coach 24-39 Seats Hire £36.82 per day + Fuel & Running  
Costs 49.35p per mile.

g. Clothing. The charges for the provision of clothing will be as follows:

(1) Flying Clothing. Approximately £2600 for the hire of 4 sets of flying clothing.

(2) Uniforms. Not to exceed £2500.

h. Other Costs. Any additional costs incurred by the RAF as a result of assistance to the BBC which would not otherwise have arisen, will attract charges. An example of such charges would be the standard messing and accommodation charges that would apply if overnight accommodation were required on any military establishment, or if meals were taken in messes.

8. Payment for services provided should be made in full within 28 days of presentation of the authorised bill from MOD. Details of payment will accompany the bill.

### **Indemnity and Insurance**

9. MOD facilities used and/or modified by the BBC are to be returned to their original state and condition, which includes repairing damage either deliberate or accidental, caused in the course of the BBC's work. Payment for any work carried out by MOD to restore such facilities to their original state, will be charged to the BBC.

10. a. The BBC will satisfy MOD, PL(LS)Claims, that sufficient insurance cover has been established to cover any damage to MOD aircraft and property before access to RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth will be allowed.

b. MOD acknowledges that the following coverage is sufficient to satisfy it under the terms of this clause:-

(1) for bodily injury and/or property damage to the Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD property and personnel, liability insurance in the amount of Seventy Five Million US Dollars (\$75 million).

### **Security**

11. The BBC is to provide at least 48 hours notice of personnel and vehicles attending at each location. Details required are full names of personnel and their official title, vehicle details to include make, type, colour and registration number. Details of vehicles/personnel should be notified to the contact addressee at paragraph 14.

12. Access to RAF Leuchars and Lossiemouth and onboard the helicopters is to be restricted to those employees of the BBC who have a specific need to be there. Employees of the BBC are not permitted outside of the areas allocated to them by MOD personnel as notified to the BBC by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative.

### **Health and Safety**

13. The BBC is to take all reasonable precautions for the safety of MOD personnel and property. Items and areas considered unsafe by MOD personnel are to be made safe instructed by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative. The BBC are to observe all the relevant Health and Safety regulations.

**Force Majeure**

14. In the event that the MOD is unable to meet its obligations to provide the services detailed in this contract due to Act of God, Weather, Perils of the Sea, War, Riots, Civil Commotion, Blockade, Sabotage, Fire, Explosion, Accident, Security or Operational Reasons then the MOD shall not be liable for any costs arising out of any failure or delay in providing said services.

**Point of Contact**

15. The point of contact is as follows:

MOD Project Officer  
Wing Commander **Section 40** RAE  
AD INFO (C&T)  
Room 0366  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Tel: 0171 218 **Section 40** Fax: 0171 218 **Section 40**

**Controlling Officers**

16. The MOD Project Officer is also the Controlling Officer for MOD for the facilities named.

17. The BBC point of contact is:

**Section 40**  
Line Producer  
BBC Scotland  
Caterham Barracks  
Coulson Road  
Surrey CR3 5YB

Tel: **Section 40** Fax: **Section 40**

**Assignment of Rights**

18. a. MOD confirms it is aware of the subject matter of the Film and the characters therein and the use to be made of the MOD facilities



specified in this agreement. MOD approves such use of its facilities in the Film.

b. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC shall own all rights (including but not limited to all copyright) in the still and film photographs made of the F3 Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD facilities pursuant to this agreement. Should it be necessary, MOD will execute any assignments or other documents to give effect to this clause.

c. MOD acknowledges and agrees that the BBC may incorporate scenes featuring the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and the other MOD facilities specified in this agreement in the final version of the Film either as a sequence on its own or preceded, interlaced or followed by such other scenes as the BBC may require, or the taking of publicity stills.

d. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC may exploit and exhibit the Film and excerpts therefrom in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised throughout the world in perpetuity without restrictions whatsoever.

e. MOD hereby acknowledges that all rights and releases granted or agreed to in this paragraph shall be deemed to extend to all persons, firms or corporations distributing, exploiting or exhibiting the Film.

**Miscellaneous**

19. In the event that due to a force majeure or otherwise filming cannot occur on the dates set out herein, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to find alternative dates.

20. In the event of any dispute, MOD agrees not to seek equitable or legal remedy which would enjoin or prevent the development, production, advertising distribution or exploitation of the film.

21. The BBC will provide a credit to MOD and Royal Air Force in the end roller credits of the Film acknowledging the assistance provided.

22. This agreement is governed by English law.

Signed for and on behalf of  
Ministry of Defence

Air Commodore **Section 40**  
Director of Public Relations (RAF)  
Ministry of Defence  
London

Signed for and on behalf of  
BBC Scotland

**Section 40**  
Line Producer

**EXHIBIT ONE**

**MULTI PERIOD VOUCHER**

From:	BBC Scotland	"The BBC"
To:		("the Artiste")
Re:	INVASION EARTH	("the drama Series")

1. The BBC hereby confirms the engagement of the Artiste in the capacity of Background Artiste in the Film on the following days:

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Artiste's services are provided pursuant to a contract between the BBC and the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Defence shall be responsible for paying the Artiste.

3. The Artiste hereby gives the BBC all necessary consents under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as currently in force, and assigns all rights (including copyright) in the Artiste's performance to the BBC.

4. The Artiste hereby agrees that the Artiste's voice may be dubbed into any language.

Signed for and on behalf of  
BBC Scotland

Signed by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNEX A TO  
D/DPR 336/4  
DATED SEP 97

INVASION EARTH - MANPOWER/VEHICLES AND HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS  
EPISODES ONE - THREE

Note: Radcliffe's Squad is script term for Queens Colour Squadron RAF Regiment.

**Sunday September 14: Travel & Shoot at Wroughton**

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 x 4 Ton Truck

**Monday September 15: Shoot at Wroughton**

14 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 4 Ton Truck
	1 x Coach

**Tuesday September 16: Shoot at Wroughton**

4 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Military Ambulance
2 Male RAF Drivers	1 x RAF Armoured Landrover
3 x RAF Officers	1 x RAF 4 Ton Truck
1 Male RAF Ambulance Driver	2 x RAF Motor Bikes
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 1	1 x RAF Landrover (Not armoured)
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike Riders	2 Staff Cars?
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck Drivers	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Crew	

**Wednesday September 17: Shoot at Wroughton**

	RAF Puma & Crew
	RAF Chinook & Crew
20 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Armoured P Carrier
1 x Male RAF Ambulance Driver	1 x Military Ambulance
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 1	2 x Armoured Landrover
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover Driver 2	2 x RAF 4 Ton Trucks
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike Riders	2 x RAF Motorbikes
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck Drivers	

**TOTAL SWINDON**

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Thursday September 18: TRAVEL SCOTLAND

Friday September 19: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers (Continuity Swindon)
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Saturday September 20: Aviemore

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrovers 1 x 4 Ton Truck
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Monday September 22: Lossiemouth

Sea King & Crew

Tuesday September 23: Loch Ness

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers
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Thursday September 25: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

TOTAL SCOTLAND	50
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GRAND TOTAL	116
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NOTE:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME NUMBER OF MEN AND VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EPISODES 4 TO 6 ON DATES TO BE ADVISED.



Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

22nd August 1997

OMD/AD(Management)

Copy to:

CS(RM)1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I attach a copy of a letter from **Section 40** a persistent correspondent on the subject of UFOs, something in which the Department has only a limited interest.

2. **Section 40** earlier letter to the Prime Minister was forwarded to Sec(AS) for reply (copy also attached). **Section 40** has now taken up the matter of the Freedom of Information Act and clearly wishes to make his views known to those responsible for taking it forward. I would like to be able to say something about how he might do this in our next letter to him and should be grateful for your advice on what it might be.

3. Is it the intention to issue a FOI White Paper sometime after the House returns in the Autumn? Is it also the intention to have a consultation period whereby members of the public can contribute their views? If you could let me know the Cabinet Office's plans in this respect and the form of words I might use in reply to Dr Ridyard, I should be grateful.

4. In order to meet the deadline it would be helpful to have something, please, by 4 September.

**Section 40**

Sec(AS)2

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CHOTS: **Section 40** SEC(AS)2

FAX : **Section 40** MB

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

No action has been sent.  
It is the form of  
by your  
FULL REF 0433  
department  
IF NECESSARY

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27 June 1997

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair PM  
10 Downing Street  
London  
SW1A 2AA

**SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the response dated 11 June, Ref D/Sec(AS)/64/3 to my correspondence of 7 May. I am writing to you again on this subject as I understand from the reply that the Cabinet Office is taking forward the Manifesto pledge on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I would like to see a commitment in the FOIA to making the subject of unidentified craft a special one and that as a goodwill gesture, steps be taken to start releasing all UFO documentation, no matter whether it is held under 30, 50 or 100 year extended disclosure.

A potential problem with the FOIA is how far exactly do you go to making information freely available. I recall for example that under the last administration, some vital information on BSE that, although technically available, was hidden in the middle of a file and not circulated to the appropriate departments. In effect, departments should really be going out of their way to publicise important information.

To avoid this problem, I would strongly urge that any significant UFO-related event (e.g. similar to West Freugh 1957, RAF Topcliffe 1952, RAF Bentwaters 1980, Operation *Aeneid* 1971) be publicised in the form of a Press Conference and craft details such as size, colour, flight pattern etc. be formally revealed within a maximum of two days after the event. This will be vital in the case of a CE2 incident as it will give ample time for soil and vegetation samples to be collected. Analysis of these samples can verify as to whether an incident took place and the tools to carry out these studies are routinely available in most university science departments.

I look forward to hearing your comments on these matters.

Yours Sincerely

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P.S. Friday 27 June; a live debate on TV asked phone pollsters whether or not they believed 'ETs' had been to Earth. Result 100,000 calls 92% believed they had !!!

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Section 40



7 May 1997

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair PM  
10 Downing Street  
London  
SW1A 2AA

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MOD  
Defence

**SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT**

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 24 February, I now enclose evidence that the MOD and PRO were a little economical with the truth regarding the fate of AIR 2/16918 (see Appendix 1).

In Appendix 2 I have included:-

- (i) 26 Mandatory Occurrence Reports (some involving UFOs) kindly supplied by the Safety Reg. Group (CAA), Gatwick Airport.
- (ii) Extracts from AIR 20/9320 and 20/9321
- (iii) Halt Report, 13 Jan 1981

*copy to...*

These are only a few of the documents in my possession and I am willing to give yourself and your Defence Ministers a full briefing should you so require. If you (or your ministers) are to be briefed on this subject by the MOD or The Department of Transport, please take the above documents with you. It may be an idea to produce the documents at the end of the briefing as I know from experience that reports are scattered about different Secretariats and you may (more by accident than design) well not get the full picture.

Alternatively I will be happy to attend any briefing as a scientific adviser.

I would also be grateful if New Labour could continue the work of The Late Martin Redmond MP and make a commitment to releasing all UFO-related material for public scrutiny. I note that a petition to this effect was presented to The Commons on March 17 last.

*release under...*

To conclude, I am hoping to give a lecture on this subject to a Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Symposium at UCNW Bangor. I have written to The RSC President, Prof. Eddie Abel, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0BN (Tel: 0171 437 8656) due to the sensitive nature of the material. It would mean a lot to me if yourself or one of your ministers were to endorse my efforts.

I thank you in anticipation and appreciation of your kind attention on these matters.

*Yours sincerely*

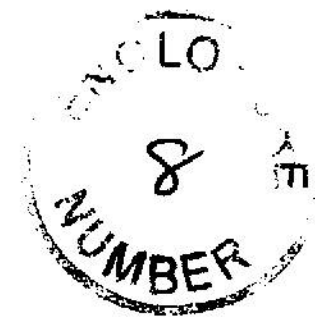
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From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1  
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**Section 40**

**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference  
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3  
 Date  
 11 June 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 7 May addressed to the Prime Minister about "unidentified flying objects". I have been asked to reply.

2. It is the case, as with other government departments, that MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. The files selected for preservation are then transferred to the Public Record Office for release into the public domain.

3. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However, since 1967 there has been an increase in public interest in this subject and "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. A few files from the 1950s and early 1960s did, however, survive and are available for examination by members of the public. They may be viewed at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199	AIR 2/16918
AIR 20/7390	AIR 2/17318
AIR 20/9320	AIR 2/17526
AIR 20/9321	AIR 2/17527
AIR 20/9322	AIR 2/17982
AIR 20/9994	AIR 2/17983
PREM 11/855	

4. You may also find it helpful to know that the Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The

timetable currently envisaged involves the publication of a White paper before this year's Summer Recess. This would be followed by a period of open consultation leading to a draft Bill early next year and further consultation.

5. Finally, you will wish to know that I have contacted the CS(Records Management) branch concerned with regard to the comments contained in the first paragraph of your letter about the location of a MOD file (AIR 2/16918). They have established that due to a clerical error, the date given in their letter to **Section 40** **Section 40** of 15 April 1997 was incorrect. The file was not with the MOD last year since the date should have read 9 November 1995.

6. I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**

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We shall continue to keep out of this!

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
THE ARMED FORCES

Section 40

20 Aug 97

D/MIN(AF)/JR/8/1

18 August 1997

Section 40

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Thank you for your letter dated 21 July to Secretary of state, concerning the charging policy applicable to your drama series "Invasion:Earth".

We recognise that PR and recruiting benefits can stem from series such as this, when the Services are shown in a positive light, and I am pleased to say that we are able to be flexible in such circumstances.

I am aware that since you wrote your letter there have been a series of meetings between BBC staff and some of our finance and PR staff, and I am pleased that agreement has now been reached on this matter.

As you know, we intend to charge a licence fee of around £2000 per day, granting you access to the Defence Estate, and permission to film. There will also be charges levied for the use of military equipment - the major element here being helicopters. With regard to the use of Service personnel as "extras" - which had been the only area of potential difficulty - you will be aware that we intend to charge you the sum of £65.50 per person per day. I believe this to be an acceptable compromise which reduces costs to an affordable level, whilst ensuring that the Defence Budget is sufficiently recompensed for our assisting you in a commercial venture. In settling upon this figure we were also conscious of the need to avoid undercutting the Equity rate.

Our respective staffs are already in touch at working level, and clearly this dialogue will continue. The next step is to formalise this agreement by producing a written contract; my PR staff are already working on this.

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Recycled Paper

In a drama about alien invasion?



I am pleased that we have reached agreement on this issue, and that we have been able to help with your venture. I should like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with this project.

*Kind regards*

Section 40



**HIDDEN COPY TO;**

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AUS(GF)  
PSO/ACAS  
Deputy Press Secretary  
DPR(RAF)  
DLA RAF IO - **Section 40**

D/Sec(AS) 64/1



File Note

**Section 40** [redacted] /RAF VALLEY

Reference: E73

1. Gp Capt **Section 40** to say that he had spoken to the Station Commander at RAF Valley about **Section 40**'s assertion that the Station was referring those reporting 'UFO' sightings to him.
2. The telephone operator(s) at the exchange at RAF Valley had noted **Section 40**'s name and number on their reference pad as he had, it seemed, convinced them he was a recognised 'UFO' expert in regular contact with the MOD and it was, therefore, in order for them to refer 'witnesses' to him.
3. Our earlier request for this practice to cease had not, it appears, survived through staff changes. All have again been reminded of the proper arrangements.

**Section 40**

12th August 1997

Sec(AS)2

WEEK BEGINNING 4 AUGUST 1997**04/08/97**

At 09:22 [Section 40] telephoned to report a sighting seen on 3 August at 20:50 over Bexley, Kent. He described the object simply as huge and that part of it came down in the woods near Bexley village. His daytime phone number is: [Section 40].

ACTION: Report made and filed on 64/2 part F enc 52.  
NFA required.

At 14:27 [Section 40] telephoned. On 2 August at midnight he saw a very bright football-like object several hundred feet up in the sky above the Nightingale Triangle in London, SW12. It skimmed across the sky and left a trail behind, then it just disappeared. He saw it for about 10 seconds. It was not a rocket, shooting star or anything else explainable. He contacted the police who had not received any other reports. His address is: [Section 40].  
[Section 40]. Tel: [Section 40].

ACTION: Report made and filed on 64/2 part F enc 48. Wrote to [Section 40] explaining our role. See file 64/3 pt J enc 73.

**05/08/97**

[Section 40] telephoned. His exact words were:  
"Hello, this is [Section 40] here. Phone number is [Section 40].  
[Section 40] address - [Section 40], I think you have it on file. I'm phoning concerning a report that occurred over the Hoole area of Chester on 28/7/97. The time was between 11 and 12pm. Now the two witnesses phoned RAF Valley on Anglesey and were actually referred to me which is how I actually got to know of this particular incident. The witnesses have sent me a map of the area, a report and pictures of the unidentified craft. The description seems to roughly correspond to the craft that was reported in Mandatory Occurrence report number 8201614C, which was filed with the Safety Regulation Group at Gatwick. This referred to a Dan Air B 727 which witnessed what looked like a twin hulled structure with a globe crowned by a silver cone. I'll be sending the details through the post over the next day or two. I'd be interested to know if there were any other reports to Secretariat 2A1 of this particular incident. Thank you for your time. Bye now."

**06/08/97**

No messages

**07/08/97**

[Section 40] telephoned at 08:22 to report a sighting that she could only describe as a star. She was feeding the foxes in her back



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Tue 12 Aug, 1997 10:01 mailbox standard Page 1

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Delivered: 12/08/97 at 9:58

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: /GUID:F311459BA312D1119C240020AFF4C999

From: OMD/AD(Management)

Auth by:

Subject: Freedom of Information

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In your D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 30 Jun, you asked to be kept up to date with the situation on a Freedom of Information Act. The position has changed since I was last in touch in that Ministers concluded last month that it would not be possible to produce a White Paper in time for the recess, especially as they wished to take a close personal interest in the development of policy on the issue. The publication of the White Paper has therefore been deferred until towards the end of the year.

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

12 Aug 97

AO-AD1

**RAF VALLEY - REFERRAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REPORTING "UFO" SIGHTINGS TO Section 40**

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/3 dated 8 Jan 97.

1. You may recall my LM at Reference (copy attached) in which I drew attention to Section 40's links with RAF Valley. On 5 August he wrote to the Department and left a message on the "UFO" answerphone. On both occasions he said that RAF Valley had referred 'UFO' witnesses to him.

2. I should be grateful to know asap if you would yourself wish to remind RAF Valley of the correct procedures when dealing with alleged 'UFO' sightings or if you would prefer that I do so direct.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

1 Aug 97

DPO(RAF)

**REQUEST FROM AN AMERICAN TV COMPANY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A "UFO" PROGRAMME**

1. I have received the attached fax from an American TV production company who will be filming a programme in the near future entitled "Sightings". As you will see they have requested a statement on the UK MOD's policy in respect of "UFOs" and asked if we would wish to front-up a spokesman during the programme.

2. I should be grateful if you would respond to **Section 40** along the lines of the attached draft. With thanks for your assistance once more.

**Section 40**

Sec(AS)2a1

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CHOTS: **Section 40** SEC(AS)2A (2)

Enc.

D R A F T REPLY TO **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your facsimile message of 30 July addressed to Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, in which you seek a statement from the UK Ministry of Defence setting out its interest in respect of reports of "unidentified flying objects".

2. Please find attached a MOD statement of policy which you may find of use. Thank you for offering the opportunity of providing a MOD spokesman to take part in your programme, but as the Department has no remit in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters it would not be appropriate for the MOD to participate.

DPO(RAF)

**STATEMENT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE REMIT IN  
RESPECT OF REPORTS OF "UFO" SIGHTINGS**

The UK Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it remains open-minded. To date, however, the UK MOD is unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

The UK Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFO" sightings it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely is there any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

The reports are examined, with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts as required. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" sighting has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.



# SIGHTINGS

Section 40 Sherman Oaks, CA Section 40  
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## FACSIMILE

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From: Section 40  
To: Section 40  
Of: Secretariat 2a  
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# SIGHTINGS

BEYOND IMAGINATION INTO THE REAL

July 30, 1997

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a  
Ministry of Defence

Dear Section 40

I am writing in regards to a special we will be shooting in the near future for the U.S. television program "Sightings". The program will explore various UFO incidents around the world and their possible explanations.

A portion of the program will deal with the British experience with UFO's and we will be speaking to a number of specialists in the area, such as Section 40 and Section 40. As it stands now, we will most likely explore the Bentwater Case, possibly Salisbury Plain, and the recent East Anglia sightings.

I have gathered that in most cases, or atleast the more recent ones, the Ministry's position has been one of "No Defence Significance", which I take to mean there is no threat to British Airspace. If you would care to comment on this or state a definitive policy in regards to UFO's, we would greatly appreciate your input. In addition, we will be shooting in England in August if you would be interested in being interviewed for the program.

We can be faxed at Section 40 if you would care to send a reply. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Section 40



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Production Offices

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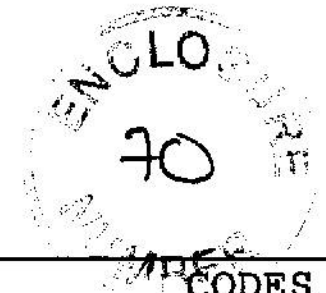
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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
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Sent: 29/07/97 at 14:19  
 To: DPO(RAF), DPO(RAF)SO2  
 CC:

Ref: 1271  
 Subject: CUMBRIAN TV - VIDEO FOOTAGE OF A "UFO"

Text: Tip Off. I've just come off the phone to a S/L **Section 40** at Spadeadam. He said Cumbrian TV wanted him to look at some video footage of a "UFO". I told him to ask them to send the video here with a letter explaining what they want. I also said that if they wanted to follow up by phone to liaise through your office. **Section 40**

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From: Section 40 Head of Secretariat (Air Staff)

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D/Sec(AS)64/1(MF184/97)

Section 40  
Barter Media  
c/o Bartercard Adelaide

Section 40

21 July 1997

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about tendering for the UFO-related work of Sec(AS)2a.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Defence's interest is confined to the establishment of whether the sighting may have any air defence significance. This function, which involves consultation with other staff concerned with air defence, is not one that could be performed by a contractor.

I am grateful, nevertheless, for your expression of interest.

*Yours sincerely,*

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Would you be happy for me to reply to **Section 40** :

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Head of Sec (AS)

Yes, I had not achieved the attached <sup>(TAB A)</sup> because

**Section 40** mentioned to me that another missile was

on the way. I do wonder how someone in Australia  
 has managed to identify, by name, PFW personnel and  
 you. He also seems to be able to find telephone  
 numbers - not, I would have thought, published on  
 the internet.

**Section 40**

Capping the amount of activity allowed in all LFAs would unacceptably impact on low flying training. Not only would it restrict the tactical freedom of aircrew to plan varied routes, but would also reduce the amount of training available for aircraft, such as helicopters, with a limited range capability. Furthermore, the unpredictable nature of the UK's weather frequently adversely affects flying conditions in individual LFAs at short notice. Capping the daily, weekly or monthly amount of flying would mean that valuable training opportunities could not be rescheduled forwards and would be lost.

#### **Activity in LFA 14C (north of Peterhead, Scotland)**

Whilst the number of movements into this LFA have increased since 1988, this must be set against the relatively few flights the area experiences. In 1988 it saw 100 flights. In 1996 it saw 367 and, when judged against its relative size, saw less than its proportionate share of low flying in both 1995 and 1996.

#### **Foreign Aircraft in the UK**

Low flying in the UK by foreign aircraft is strictly controlled and is conducted on a reciprocal basis. Consequently, foreign aircraft operating in the UK are generally restricted to those heights at which we are permitted to fly in their countries. I can assure the [Rt] hon Member that no foreign airforces train in the UK under more favourable conditions than apply to our Armed Forces in the country concerned.

[Some 4% of the overall amount of low flying in the UK is by UK-based USAF aircraft, and around 1% is flown, on a reciprocal basis by aircraft of other NATO countries, mainly during exercises and squadron exchanges.]

#### **Low Flying in Germany**

The general minimum height of 1000 feet applied to low flying military jet aircraft in Germany is a matter for the German Government. I should, however, point out that this is a general limit and that the German authorities do allow some low flying below this height.

We believe that restricting our aircrews to this height during training would impair their operational effectiveness. Indeed, it is our view that low level training above 500 feet is of little benefit in preparing aircrew for operations.

#### **Discipline**

Our military aircrews are highly trained, professional airmen who do not behave recklessly. However, all complaints from members of the public are carefully examined and any which suggest that a breach of flying regulations might have occurred are thoroughly investigated. Should indiscipline or disregard for the rules play any part in an incident, the RAF has no hesitation in instigating formal disciplinary action, up to and including court martial.

#### **Aircraft Accidents**

**BarterMedia**

c/o Bartercard Adelaide

**Section 40**Ph. **Section 40** Fax. **Section 40****ATTENTION Section 40**

7 July 1997

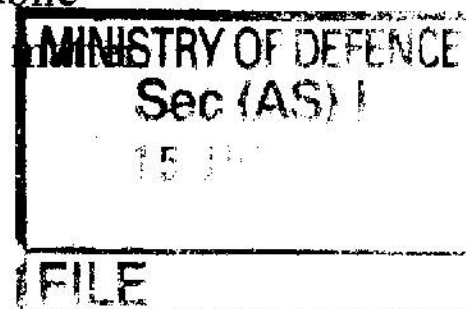
I had sent this proposal to the PFI and **Section 40** has passed it to you for a view to be formed. I felt I should elaborate on various points before you form a view. The function I refer to is known to you as the public UFO report line which comes under your direction and which I have referred to as atmospheric anomalies in keeping with it's official explanation.

In regards to the first paragraph of my original letter the point is based on research into this function via the RAF media liason, **Section 40** **Section 40** **Section 40** and other sources. Based on this I will assume that this scenario is it's position in 2A and propose my tender accordingly. I am happy to be corrected to it's official position and tender appropriately.

Bartermedia is a media brokerage and we would fully fund this function on the understanding that we would use it as a marketing opportunity for future expansion in the UK and that we would seek proprietary control over information generated via a Defcon 90 arrangement under your departmental guidelines.

We are open to negotiation and are thinking along these lines;

- 1/ By placing this function with us we can distance the MOD from the public perception as to the official involvement in this matter which generates adverse publicity for the MOD. We also feel that we will have no difficulty in co-opting a leading PR firm in UK to aid this objective.
- 2/ We would suggest a MOD officer with meteorological experience that would further assist the public in the MOD's understanding of this phenomina although the current supervision of 2A would also be acceptable to us.
- 3/ We wish to float ideas such as these to help 2A in it's public perception. We would look to co-operating with you in this



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We feel that you should take this tender seriously. We leave you with this one simple fact, via **Section 40** and other similar sources the public perceives that this is the only function 2A does.

Surely the time to correct this perception has come and we look forward to facing that challenge.

I will contact you shortly.

**Section 40**

BarterMedia

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Attn **Section 40**

Bartermedia

**Section 40****Section 40**

Australia

**Section 40**Phone **Section 40**

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Dear **Section 40**

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- 2/ We would fully fund the MOD supervision costs which includes a MOD officer (our nomination) who will review and assess these reports.
- 3/ We think we can strengthen the remit along the lines of better liaison capacity, departmental assistance in dealing with the public and public education.

I am aware of the department's policy in the matter of public initiated reports and will strictly adhere to this policy.

I will contact you by phone after receiving your fax regarding the process of tendering for the above contract.

Regards

**Section 40** Bartermedia**Section 40**

Section 40

*for action please!*

D/PFU/10/1

8 July 1997

Section 40

Head Sec(AS)

**UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL**

1. I attach a proposal from a **Section 40** in Australia to take over part of the responsibilities undertaken by Sec(AS)! I am quite sure that this is nothing to do with PFI, and I would be grateful if you could take on any further action that is required.

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To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: 368

From: Hd of CS(RM)1

Auth by:

Subject: INTELLIGENCE RECORDS/UFOs

Text: **Section 40** enquiry from the PRO this am re "Men in Black" and "X Factor" (magazine!) and assertion that records open in PRO. I directed attention to 3 most recent releases (possible DI report). In anticipation of further enquiries I have initiated the attached exercise. It will result in a nil return, but useful none the less!! **Section 40**

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CS(RM)/4/6/37

July 1997

**CS(RM)1c = Section 40**

**INTELLIGENCE RECORDS PRESERVED - RECORDS RELATING TO UFOs**

1. With the recent publication of **Men in Black** by Jenny Randals, the imminent release an unconnected film and a book alleging a cover-up by HMG in respect of this phenomena I think a little work is now called for on our holding of intelligence records preserved for the PRO.

2. A few years ago I established no records of "PROable" age, emanating from DIS, relating to ufos, survived local destruction. I would though like updated information just in case of enquiries.

3. The PRO Guide reveals a number of classes created for intelligence records covering the post WWII period. Please arrange for the date range to be updated and the number of pieces currently assigned to each class.

**CLASSES CREATED FOR INTELLIGENCE RECORDS**

**ADM 223 - Naval Intelligence Papers, 1914 - 1961 - 734 files, vols**

**ADM 231 - Naval Intelligence Reports, 1883 - 1965 - 70 vols, booklets**

**AIR 40 - Directorate of Intelligence and other Intelligence Papers, 1926 - 1963, 2620 files, vols**

**DEFE 21 - Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files, 1946 - 1978, 59 files**

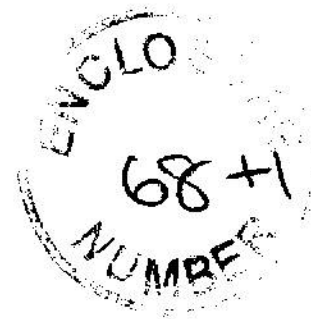
**DEFE 31 - Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files, 1957 - 1979, 44 files**

**DEFE 44 - Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports**

**WO 106 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence, 1837 - 1961, 6156 boxes, vols, files**

**WO 208 - Directorate of Military Intelligence, 1917 - 1968, 5019 files, vols**

4. Additionally, please provide me with a copy of the following class lists DEFE 21, 31 and 44 (is 44 the class created by **Section 40** from an index formerly held by DI that bears no resemblance to reality?). Also confirm the other classes contain no records



Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

11th July 1997



DPR(RAF)

**BBC DRAMA SERIES 'INVASION EARTH' - MEETING 14TH JULY 1997**

1. I have seen a copy of your minute D/DPR/336 of 9th July about a meeting on this proposed BBC drama production and have been giving some thought about whether or not I might ask if I could sit in. However, it is clear from the agenda that the topics for discussion are the nuts and bolts arrangements for the facilities and equipments that might be made available during the filming of the series and that there is no intention to discuss MOD policy on 'UFOs' and related issues. On this basis I can see no reason for Sec(AS)2 to attend.

2. I met Flt Lt Section 40 recently who is, I understand, working with the 'Invasion Earth' Project Officer, Wg Cdr Section 40. It occurred to me that neither might be as familiar as we both are with MOD policy on 'UFOs', and that for the duration of the project they might find it helpful to have to hand for their own use the official lines to take on this subject. These are attached.

3. Finally, as the focal point for MOD policy on 'UFOs' and related issues, it would be helpful to be kept informed should your discussions widen into these areas. It would also help if the Project Officer could alert Sec(AS)2a to any approaches by the 'UFO' fraternity to solicit their views during the filming of the series. You will know that we receive a considerable volume of correspondence about 'UFO' issues and it is always helpful to know if other avenues of approach have been tried by the letter writers.

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**MOD POLICY IN RESPECT OF REPORTS OF "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"****General**

The Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it is open-minded. To date, however, the MOD is unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

The MOD examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

**Secretariat(Air Staff)2a**

Sec(AS)2a is part of a larger Secretariat Branch which provides advice to Senior Staff on a wide range of issues. Sec(AS)2a is the focal point for handling queries directed at the MOD in connection with "UFO" sightings. Sec(AS)2a assesses UFO reports to determine whether there might be any defence interest.

**'Alien' Abduction**

Investigations into claims of any form of abduction are a matter for the civil police. The police, however, can only take the matter forward and investigate if there is evidence to support such an allegation.

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personnel wishing to publish a book which draws on their official experience, uses information obtained in the course of their duties, or which expresses views on official matters, are required to seek departmental approval to do so. Clearance to publish does not imply MOD approval of, or agreement with, the contents.

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11/07/97	OMD14	INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED FREEDOM OF	[ ]

Sent: 11/07/97 at 9:50  
 To: OMD14  
 CC:

Ref: 1264

Subject: INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Text: We understand from media reports that the date for publication of the White Paper on the above has slipped to the right and probably won't now happen before the Summer recess. Is this correct? I should be grateful for an update in order to keep our lines to take for "UFO" correspondence up-to-date.  
 With thanks, Section 40 Sec(AS)2a1

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For now use the line.

"The Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act." only. Until we hear from OMD14 again.

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In light of the confusion surrounding what is happening to the FoI White Paper I think that it is perhaps best that you don't allude to when it will be released. As soon as a firm line (the same or new) is announced, then I will let you know. Just continue to answer the questions as posed in line with the Code of Practice, as I know you do. Sorry I can't be more helpful - but I would hate to be the one making up a new Govt policy before they (may) decide it!

Regards,

**Section 40** OMD14

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**INVASION EARTH - BBC REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hardware Required</b>	<b>Date ( All dates are approx )</b>
Lossiemouth.	2 x F3, Vehicles, HAS.	19 Sep.
-"	Sea King, life raft.	18/19 Sep.
Aviemore.	Chinook.	20 Sep.
Wroughton.	2x Puma, Chinook.	For 1 day between 16/23 Sep.
-"	Mil ambulance.	-"
-"	Mil convoy of approx 15 vehicles (Ambulance, APC, land rovers etc.)	Between 12 & 23 Sep.
-"	Misc vehicles and equipment for exterior dressing.	-"
Not yet known	Flying clothing, uniforms, headphones, notice boards, Ops boards, lighting lockers, maps, interior parts for a mock up F3 cockpit, identity tags etc.	Duration.

**Note:**

**1. The requirements for the aircraft and the vehicles includes the crews/manpower associated with them.**

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