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Section 40

Section 40

Bury St Edmunds,
 Suffolk.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

21 December 1998

DEAR **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you and your daughter observed on the morning of 18 December. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Honington to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 18 December from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

*Report held on
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 enc. 123.*



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Section 40

New Haven,
 East Sussex.

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 21 December 1998

DEAR **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 17 December in which you described seeing unusual objects and vapour trails in the sky. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 17 December from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Report held on
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Section 40

Bradford,
 West Yorkshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

21 December 1998

DAW **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 18 December in which you asked for a 'UFO' sighting report form to be sent to you.

As you made it clear you do not wish to leave details of your sighting on the answerphone, may I suggest you write to me at the above address giving the date, time, location and a description of what you saw. As explained in my letter of 7 March 1997, 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us.

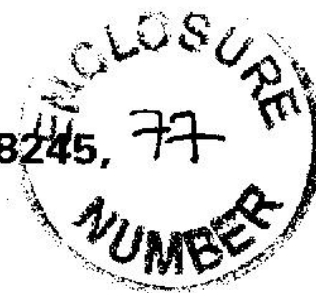
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Moseley,
 Birmingham.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 21 December 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 15 December in which you described seeing a very bright and unusual star-like object in the sky. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 December from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

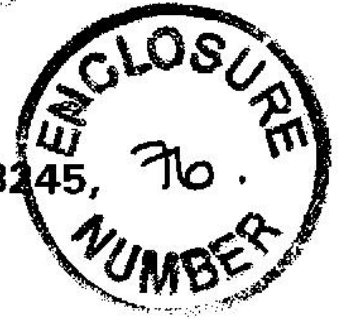
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Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

16 December 1998

March,
 Cambridgeshire.

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 10 December in which you have asked for information on reports of 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Reports from members of the public of sightings are usually made to Police stations, RAF stations and air traffic control centres and are then forwarded to this office. Members of the public sometimes telephone this office directly to report a sighting. The reports, which are usually very brief and vague, are considered in consultation with air defence advisers within the MOD, and a decision is taken as to whether what was seen represents a threat to the security of the UK. Sightings reports are kept on file within this office for future reference.

You may be interested in the attached statistics relating to the number of sightings which have been reported to the MOD since records were first kept in 1959. I should, however, emphasise that the vast majority of these figures relate to sightings of things like aircraft lights, weather balloons, etc. and should not be

considered to reflect sightings of 'UFOs' in the popular sense of the term, i.e. craft of extraterrestrial origin. I have also enclosed copies of maps which show the geographical distribution of sightings around the United Kingdom reported to us from 1990 - 1997.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

18/11/98

When writing to Members of Parliament, please give your previous home address in order to avoid delay in your case being taken up by the MP.

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:

Number... **Section 40** Name... **Section 40**

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Section 40
MARCH
CAMBS
Section 40

10.12.98

Dear Sir / Madam,

Wonder if you can help?

Would it be possible for you to send me either an information pack, or details of your department's role in the investigation of U.F.O. reports?

This would be most helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
16 DEC 1998
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Section 40

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Amesbury,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
16 December 1998

DOAV **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 17 November addressed to RAF Fylingdales and 3 December addressed to **Section 40** RAF Fylingdales have passed your letter to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'. **Section 40** no longer works in this branch of the MOD and I have been asked to reply.

You have asked at what height can military radar pick up aircraft. This figure can vary but it is in excess of 50,000 feet.*

Your letters concern an unexplained sighting you observed whilst watching a satellite in August 1997. In **Section 40** letter of 17 March 1998, the MOD's policy regarding unexplained aerial sightings was fully explained to you and there is nothing further I can add.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

* Info from Wg Cdr **Section 40** ADGE 1.

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conditions

3 December 1998

My ref: MR-MOD3.

Section 40

Amesbury
Salisbury
Wilts.

Section 40

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
Ministry of Defence
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London. SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Due to my current programme of research I have been unable to drop you a line before now.

The reason I write is as follows. In your first reply to me dated 17 March 1998, ref D/Sec(AS)/64/3, you wrote that the MOD did not receive any other "unexplained" aerial sighting reports in your immediate or surrounding areas on 15 August 1997. Furthermore, there was no evidence to substantiate an unauthorized incursion of the UK ADR by foreign military activity.

I of course accept this was the information you had to hand at the time of your reply, however, that object is still up there and my concern remains the same.

Having operated UK and USA Radars, I am well aware of the capabilities of the long and short range Radar equipment, that are installed around the UK, (Thankfully) which provide an excellent cover throughout the ADR. Can you now tell me, at what "Height" would an "Intruder" be when he entered what the MOD calls our "Air Defence Region.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

FILE

With Compliments

From the
Space Information Office

Flt Lt [redacted] S Inf O
Sergeant [redacted] S Inf O/A



Royal Air Force
Fylingdales
PICKERING
North Yorkshire
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Tel 01751 77000 Ext [redacted]

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17 Nov 1998

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Amesbury,
Salisbury,
Wilts.

Section 40

The Director
S.S.N.Facility.M.O.D.
Fylingdales Moor
North Riding.
Yorkshire.

Dear Sir or Madam,

On August 15 1997 I was observing a very slow Satellite in its orbit from Sth/Sth East to Nth/Nth East. As it got to a point some 10/15degs North of due East, a large dark shadow came into my field of view, and was travelling from Nth/Nth East to Sth/Sth East.

This shadow past right over the Satellite I was observing, clearing it by approximately one to five miles, it was also noticeable that this shadow blacked out the stars as it continued in its orbit, this being a special check I made to eliminate any possible "Refraction Error" in my binoculars.

Being satisfied it was a large object in a low orbit, I came off the Satellite and continued to follow it into the Sth/Sth East, where it was suddenly illuminated to a colour of "Dark Grey", this illumination being due to I believe the Moon, which was at that time approximately 15deg West of Due Sth, and as I was in a completely shaded area there was no chance of a minute reflection through the eyepiece.

When this shadow first appeared, I started "Counting Seconds" through force of habit, this I have done for some 30 years or so.

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The total time taken from sighting to losing this object was "14Seconds". When I lost it, it was approximately 30deg above the Sth/ Sth East Horizon.

Now here I had a problem, how could I find out what it was? The shape of the object when seen in the dark grey colour, was to me, just like a huge lump of "Misshapen Rock". The question was, could it be a "Meteoroid or an Asteroid" that had somehow come into a "Low Orbit"? This gave me great concern, the possibility of an impact by even a small part of it would cause untold damage, not to mention considerable loss of life.

I sent a report of this to BUFORA, followed later by a report to the M.O.D. to which I received the standard reply, which in no way helped me. I therefore got in touch with a contact in the U.S.A. who kindly sent me information on the Satellites, S.S.N. etc. From this information I was able to place the object in an orbit some 300 miles above Earth. I then started to calculate what the "Size" of this object was.

My calculations were: Length 22:5miles Width 15miles.

I have signed the Official Secrets Act on three occasions, once in Private Industry, twice for the M.O.D., therefore am not intent on divulging anything of a "Sensitive Nature".

I know that this object could not have been "Missed" by a number of the S.S.N Sites, and all that I request is "Conformation" that my calculation as to size is correct.

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To enable you to calculate the size, details are as follows:

Object Altitude: 300 miles.

Observed: 22:35hrs.

Date: 15 Aug 1997.

Equipment: 10 x 50 Wide angle binoculars.

Field of view: 122mtr at 1,000mtr.

Object occupied: 75% Length in FOV.

" " " " " : 50% Width in FOV.

Question. What is the size of the Object?

Confirmation that the object was not an Meteoroid or Asteroid will suffice, the rest I can work out for myself?

I am at present half way through my first Book, and as an Amateur Astronomer of some 57 years I have seen a lot of strange things up there in the night time sky, (and I don't mean Satellites or Debris) and there will of course be some mention of this in a Chapter on "Strange sightings over the years".

Should it be your wish, that none of the correspondence that passes between us be used (In part or in full) in my book, then please advise me of same. I have already given such undertaking to my contact in the U.S.A.

I am still convinced it is a Meteoroid or Asteroid, at the same time I pray that it is not.

Hoping that you can at least confirm the size.

Yours Faithfully

Section 40



LM/157/Ops

11 Dec 98

MOD (Sec (AS)2a)

ENQUIRY ABOUT UNKNOWN OBJECT IN SKIES OVER EDMONTON – 17 NOV 98

I enclose a copy of a letter from a **Section 40** dated 7 Dec 98 requesting information about an unknown object observed over Edmonton. My response is also enclosed for your information.

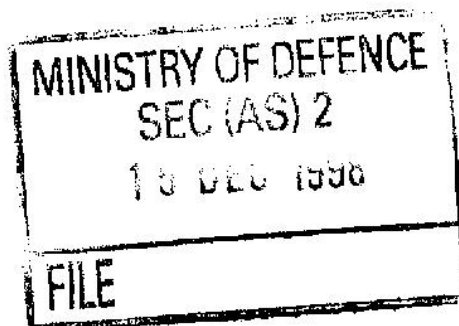


Wg Cdr
for OC

Ext **Section 40**

Enclosures:

1. Letter From **Section 40** dated 7 Dec 98.
2. Reply to Enclosure 1 dated 11 Dec 98.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Section 40

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10/12 A/OC

Edmonton
London

Section 40

7th December 1998

Dear Sir

On the 17th November 1998 at approximately 12.05 am there was a sighting of a large V shaped formation in the skies over Edmonton, north London.

The sighting was witnessed by two individuals and was described as the similar size of the left hand triangular section of the star constellation "casseepeia". There were 11 amber/orange lights which were quite large but dimly lit giving the impression they were extremely high up. There was no apparent sound to the object/s and it traversed the sky in approximately 10 to 15 seconds heading from the north west towards the east.

We have contacted Heathrow's air traffic control who are currently seeking M.O.D. permission to replay their radar tapes. However, they informed us that their radar system is tuned only to civilian aircraft and advised us to contact yourselves to see if you had any explanation for the fore mentioned sighting.

Any assistance you can give in this investigation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

REGISTRY
LATCC (MIL)
10 DEC 1998

WEST DRAYTON



**LONDON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
CENTRE (MILITARY)**

West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU

Telephone: (01895) 426510 Military Network: x5243 6510
Fax: (01895) 426089



Section 40

Reference: LM/157/Ops

Edmonton
LONDON

Section 40

Date: 11 December 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 December 1998 in which you asked for some information about an unknown object in the skies over Edmonton.

We have examined our radar recordings for the area covering a 10 minute period either side of the observed timing, and regret to advise you that we have nothing recorded. Good luck with your investigation.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

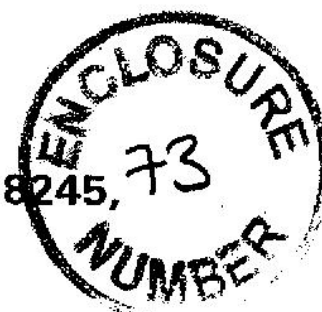
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for Officer Commanding



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Highgate,
 London.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 16 December 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 13 December in which you described seeing unusual flashing lights in the sky. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 12 December from in or around London, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Report held on

64/2 pt 4

enc. 120 ~

This enclosure has been taken off and placed on File 64/3/2 Part A *Enclosure 10*



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Section 40

Frinton-on-Sea,
Essex.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date

9 December 1998

DAV **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 23 November regarding strange lights in the sky over Essex and Buckinghamshire.

If you wish your photographs of the lights to be examined by a scientist or any other organisation then please feel free to do so. As I stated in my last letter, the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'unidentified flying objects' or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded.

I am sorry to send what I know will be a disappointing reply but there really is nothing further I can add.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
27 NOV 1998

Frinton-on-Sea,
Essex

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23/NOV. 1998

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Section 40

Leaf

In regards to the letter that I received this morning from the Air Ministry explaining the situation of what I sent to the R.A.F.

Well maybe these things that I see in the Sky could very well be U.F.O.'s but then they could be a very large Star which wants looking into I have tried to get in touch with Patrick Moore but without success but I think that the ~~regrets~~ ^{regrets} that I have got

should be of the photographs
 should be sent to a Scientist
 to be looked at.

these objects which I even saw
 last night is this shape they
 start looking like a letter Z
~~Z~~ then it turns into this
 shape  its like the moon

last night it had 8 rings
 and it looked huge;

about a year ago I was
 away for a holiday to my
 Daughters in ~~Colt~~ Colchester
 and I'm a light sleeper there
 was a noise outside and I
 opened the curtains in my

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bedroom and I had never seen
 anything like this in my life
 it was like a city in the
 sky the shape of all of its
 buildings was round with a
 knob that look black these
 things was covered all in
 pink it was around a mile
 square, then Whitson of this
 year I saw these things again
 when I went for a holiday
 and stayed with one of my
 Son's in Buckinghamshire.
 so if they are not U.F.O's
 then what are they really?

yours Sincerely,

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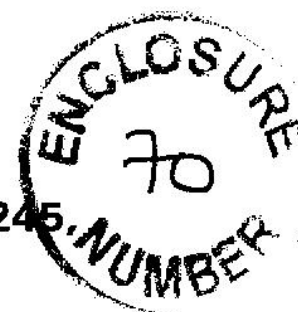


A retired War Widow
Late Husband S.A.B. or
Special Air Service.

P.S. Sorry about the writing and
mistakes.



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Blairgowrie,
 Perthshire.

Your reference

Our reference
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Date 8 December 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 2 December in which you described seeing an unusual light in the sky. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

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With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1st, 2nd or 3rd December from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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64/2 pt H

enc. 116



SAFETY REGULATION GROUP

WITH COMPLIMENTS

Identical letter sent to MOD.
Replied on 26 Nov 98.
See encl. 66.

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Our ref 9/66/70/02

26 November 1998

Section 40

Rugby
Warwicks

Section 40

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter on the subject of UFOs, the organisation dealing with this subject is the Ministry of Defence. Your letter has therefore been passed to them. The contact is:

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Ministry of Defence Main Building
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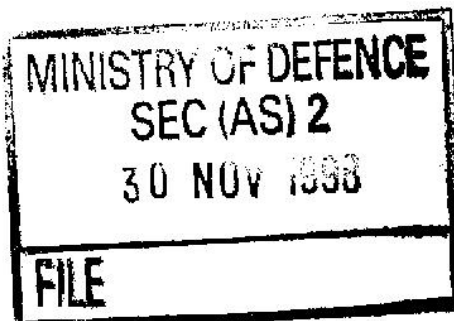
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For your information, CAA has received 9 reports from civil aircraft in the last 5 years where the object seen or encountered has not been positively identified. All such reports are passed to MOD.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

Head Safety Data Department



cc MOD

~~SAJ~~

POST NO 66

Research & Analysis Dept
 Aviation House
 Gatwick Airport South West
 Sussex RH6 0YR



Section 40

Rugby
Warwick Section 40Tel : Section 40
Fax

Date 19/11/98

Dear Sir

Recently I have just joined the International UFO Research Network as an investigator covering the Warwickshire area. The network is based in Bradford and as up to this moment nearly all the investigators are covering the North of the country.

Being as I am the only person representing IUFORN in this area, I am in the process of establishing contacts that may be able to assist me in any future investigations that may occur. So far I have contacted three airports in the Midlands area who have supplied me with information concerning radar systems and their areas of coverage. During my discussions with them, I did ask what was the procedure for civilian pilots if they wanted to report UFO sightings. I believe there is an official report that witnesses can fill in and send to you.

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It would be much appreciated if you can give me any information concerning the above questions and I look forward to your reply. Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Your reference

Our reference
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 Date

27 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 6 November addressed to the Prime Minister regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'unidentified flying objects' or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. Reports received by the MOD of 'unidentified flying objects' are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec(AS) 2

Ref No 7060 /1998

Date 17/11/98

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

- A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days.**
- ~~B~~ - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.
- C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

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

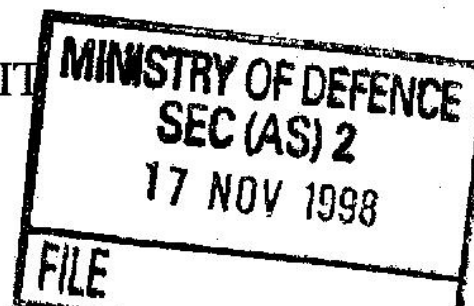
A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force on January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section MB 40**

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

MB 6140 EXT **Section MB 40**



6 NOV 1998

WOOLWICH UFO RESEARCH GROUPDear **Section 40**46 MOD
DEFENCE

Many thanx for the speedy reply to my last letter & all the security service arbitration stuff I was sent back (yet again!), I've been through all that in the past, it's a waste of time, both you & I are well aware this is an absolutely impenetrable smokescreen to hide what little *they* know about the matter of Ufology (esp: almost nightly intrusions into British airspace & subsequent abduction cases). I have also virtually given up with Airstaff 2A (MOD), its just an answerphone service.... God forbid! **Section 40** does a better job at 'BT UFO Call' Tel: 0891 121 886

That wasn't as you can guess the main reason I'm writing. As I know you personally have more than just a passing interested in the subject. I thought I'd bring a couple of points to your attention. Firstly I have enclosed a news cutting written by former Apollo 15 astronaut Edgar Mitchell. Which I guess you might have already read? He has been a believer now for some years. All I'm asking is please read the article and make up your own mind. Though I've never met Edgar personally I have spoken to 2 of the Apollo astronauts how have actually walked on the moon. James Irwin (Apollo 15 & a Lunar Rover driver!) told me similar, in confidence some years ago, but it was, 'worth more than his life was worth'. In my twenty plus years of research I have seen things and have been shown evidence that I find conclusive. As Edgar insinuates the day when the *real evidence* will be shown is not far off. I therefore presume you will be joining the cause to promote this and not to try to keep it hidden. Secondly do you want a free copy of our research groups latest CD-ROM? (I've enclosed a flyer). All proceeds help to fund our *free* research for TV, radio & press. Very good way of passing large data collections around, don't worry it doesn't contain any too controversial stuff & I guess MI5 (MOD or whoever?) have already managed to get a copy (we have given away over 1000 already....Being able to share this data around makes up for for having our computer F-Disc'd & all our back-up data stolen this spring doesn't it? We know who did it, who else could break through the latest high tech central station alarm system and only touch data, a thief would have stolen things of material value and probably done a lot of damage in the process).

Anyway I wish you luck in your political career. Best Wishes,

Section 40**WOOLWICH UFO RESEARCH GROUP****Section 40****LONDON****TEL/FAX:****Section 40****E-MAIL:** **Section 40**

EXCLUSIVE: U.S. ASTRONAUT REVEALS UFOS HAVE VISITED EARTH

I AM an American astronaut and a trained scientist. Because of my position people in high places confide in me.

And, as a result, I have no doubt that aliens HAVE visited this planet.

The American government and governments throughout the world have thousands of files of UFO sightings which cannot be explained.

As a scientist, it is logical to me that at least some of these will have been witness of alien craft.

As a former astronaut, the military people who have access to these files are more willing to talk to me than to people they regard as mere cranks.

The stories I have heard from these people, who are more highly qualified than me to talk about UFOs, leave me in no doubt that aliens have already visited Earth.

I've been interested in the subject since I joined NASA 40 years ago. Probably my most visionary moment was when I actually landed on the moon with Apollo 14.

I felt an overwhelming sense that the universe itself is in some way a conscious being in its own right. This means that all life-forms, whether on Earth or elsewhere, are all part of one giant consciousness.

So when I learned that aliens really do exist, I wasn't too surprised. But what did shock me when I started investigating extra-terrestrial reports a decade ago is the extent to which the proof has been hushed up.

It isn't just the US government which has kept quiet about alien visits. It would be arrogant of an American like myself to assume that ETs would only choose to visit my country.

'Make no mistake, Roswell happened'

Indeed, I've heard convincing stories about governments all over the world that know of alien visits - including the British government.

Not all governments are anxious to keep their findings quiet. The Belgians have admitted that aliens may be out there and have released information about sightings that cannot be explained away as military planes, weather phenomena and so on.

There is a very simple reason why governments have been so secretive: fear.

Modern UFO sightings really began with the Roswell incident in 1947, when a crashed craft containing the corpses of several aliens was found in Roswell, New Mexico.

Make no mistake, Roswell happened. I've seen secret files which show the government knew about it - but decided not to tell the public.

There were very good security reasons for not informing the public about Roswell. Quite simply, we wouldn't have known how to deal with the technology of intelligent beings advanced enough to send a craft to Earth. The world would have panicked if we'd known aliens were visiting us.

The question of whether or not aliens are still visiting us is more complex.

Such is our existing secret

Yes, aliens really are out there says the man on the moon

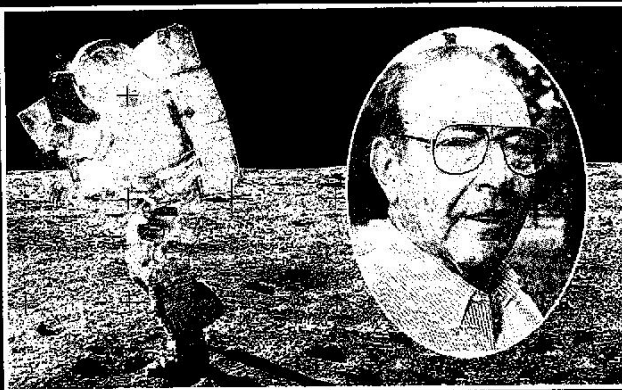
FORMER astronaut Edgar Mitchell is one of only 12 people to have walked on the moon.

A highly-intelligent scientist, Edgar caused a sensation at a UFO conference in America this month when he claimed he has seen proof that aliens exist.

In 1971, Edgar became the

sixth person to walk on the moon. Now 68, he works as a consultant to the hugely popular science-fiction TV series *The X Files*.

In an exclusive interview from his Florida home, Edgar told JOHN EARLS why he is convinced there is life on other planets and that aliens have, in fact, landed on Earth.



SPACE ACE: Mitchell (inset today) walks on the moon in 1971

technology that what might look like an alien craft may well turn out to be a top-secret military plane. On the other hand, the craft may be an alien spaceship. Personally however, I'd say, "Yes, it's quite possible we are currently being visited".

The whole question of extra-terrestrials should be looked at in an historical context. Five

hundred years ago, the astronomer Copernicus was condemned as a heretic for saying that planet Earth wasn't the centre of the universe but merely a small part of it.

Now we laugh at those long-dead fools for not listening to the truth. People who believe in aliens aren't all cranks and some may be looked upon in the

future as visionaries similar to Copernicus. Meanwhile, the majority of us still believe mankind is the *biological* centre of the universe.

We will refuse to accept that intelligent life exists outside Earth unless we personally bump into an alien while we're doing the shopping. Is this attitude really any different from those "simpletons" of 500 years ago?

My training at NASA only allows me to look at things scientifically. Even if I hadn't been shown evidence of alien landings on Earth, the assumption must be that somewhere in the universe another planet is capable of supporting alien life.

Those life-forms need not be "little green men". The scientists' definition of intelligent life is whether or not it can use and manage information. Even the most primitive microbes on Earth qualify by that definition, and surely there are at the very least similar microbes thriving on planets throughout the universe.

If you are starting to think walking on the moon added my brain and that I'll believe any old crank theory about ETs, think again.

I would describe myself as a cynic. I wasn't convinced about the existence of aliens until I started talking to the military old-timers who were there at the time of Roswell. The more government documentation on aliens I was told about, the more convinced I became.

It must be stressed that the wackier people on the fringe of alien matters do the subject no end of damage. Contrary to rumour, there are no alien buildings and structures on the moon. I should know, I was there!

'I'd love to meet an extra terrestrial'

I even became caught up in these rumours when a theory started that a moon structure was reflected on my helmet during TV transmissions of my landing. That just isn't true.

It's that kind of disinformation which stops credible people admitting that they too believe in aliens.

Thankfully, things are changing for the better. It's a snowball effect - the more scientists admit that ETs are a viable prospect, the more they are investigated in a scientific manner. And the more that happens, the more chance there is of us discovering inarguable proof of extra-terrestrials.

It helps too that those in possession of documentation of alien visits to Earth are starting to come forward. The military people I spoke to are tired of the secrecy surrounding Roswell and similar cases, particularly as the information is being leaked.

I firmly believe that this documentation will have to be made public within the next three or four years. And if proof of ETs is finally made public, nobody will be happier than me.

What I don't think will happen is that I will ever see an extra-terrestrial. I'd love to see one, though it's not the biggest priority in my life.

But, as they say on a TV show I'm associated with, the truth is out there...

'Don't forget - not all people who believe in aliens are cranks'

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Godalming,
Surrey.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
26 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**,

Thank you for your letter of 17 November in which you expressed concern that a geostationary satellite is causing you physical harm.

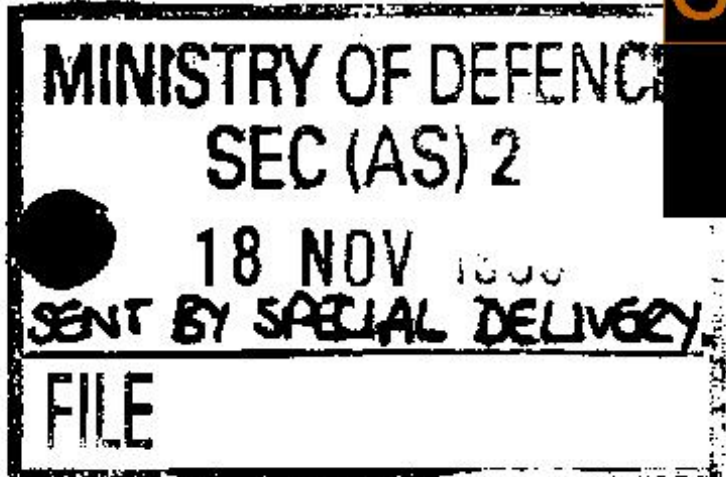
There are a number of geostationary satellites positioned above the United Kingdom at any one time, however, these satellites are not capable of causing the physical effects you are suffering from.

Once again, I would advise you to visit your GP who could give you a full medical examination based on your symptoms.

Yours sincerely,

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17.11.98.

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

Your ref.: D/Sec(AS)/64/3.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Early this year I wrote a letter to the Secretary of State for Defence, complaining about having been persecuted; treated as a "guinea pig"; treated with pure spite by "sick" minds of "mad scientists" activating one or more U.K. geostationary military satellites. This affair has been going on per-

incidentally since at least as long ago as early 1985. The letter of reply, dated 23.3.98, from a member of the Secretariat, was totally useless to me.

I did not receive a reply to a letter I sent to the Prime Minister on the day I received your reply.

The persecution has now continued daily for several months. I assert that my experiences are not the result of medical conditions.

In the letter I sent to the Defence Secretary I stated that my eyesight deteriorated quite a bit during the week beginning 1.2.98 (I went in a local super-market one morning and found that the print was blurred on

boards above the shelves, viewed from the ends of the passages, (formerly, I found the print of quite good definition). I will mention that the quality of my vision, when looking at the print on the supermarket boards returned to its former self on 20.8.98, only to be back to the deteriorated state on 10.9.98.

I request that my complaints be brought to the attention of the Defence Secretary. Of course, he would not admit anything to me, nor, I consider, to any member of the Secretariat.

I do not believe the Secretariat, and any Under Secretary of State for Defence have been informed of the full capabilities

(obviously, to me, absolutely-top U.K. state secrets) of U.K. military satellites.

I do not believe that Tony, and Bill on the other side of the Atlantic would be at all pleased if millions of leaflets (in the visually-appealing colours of the Icelandic flag: a beautiful light blue, and red and white), revealing some of the top-secret capabilities of U.K. military satellites, were to fall from the sky over London. The revelation that a number of people in Surrey have had their minds controlled from space would be very displeasing to a lot of people!

I am hoping for an intelligent response to this letter.

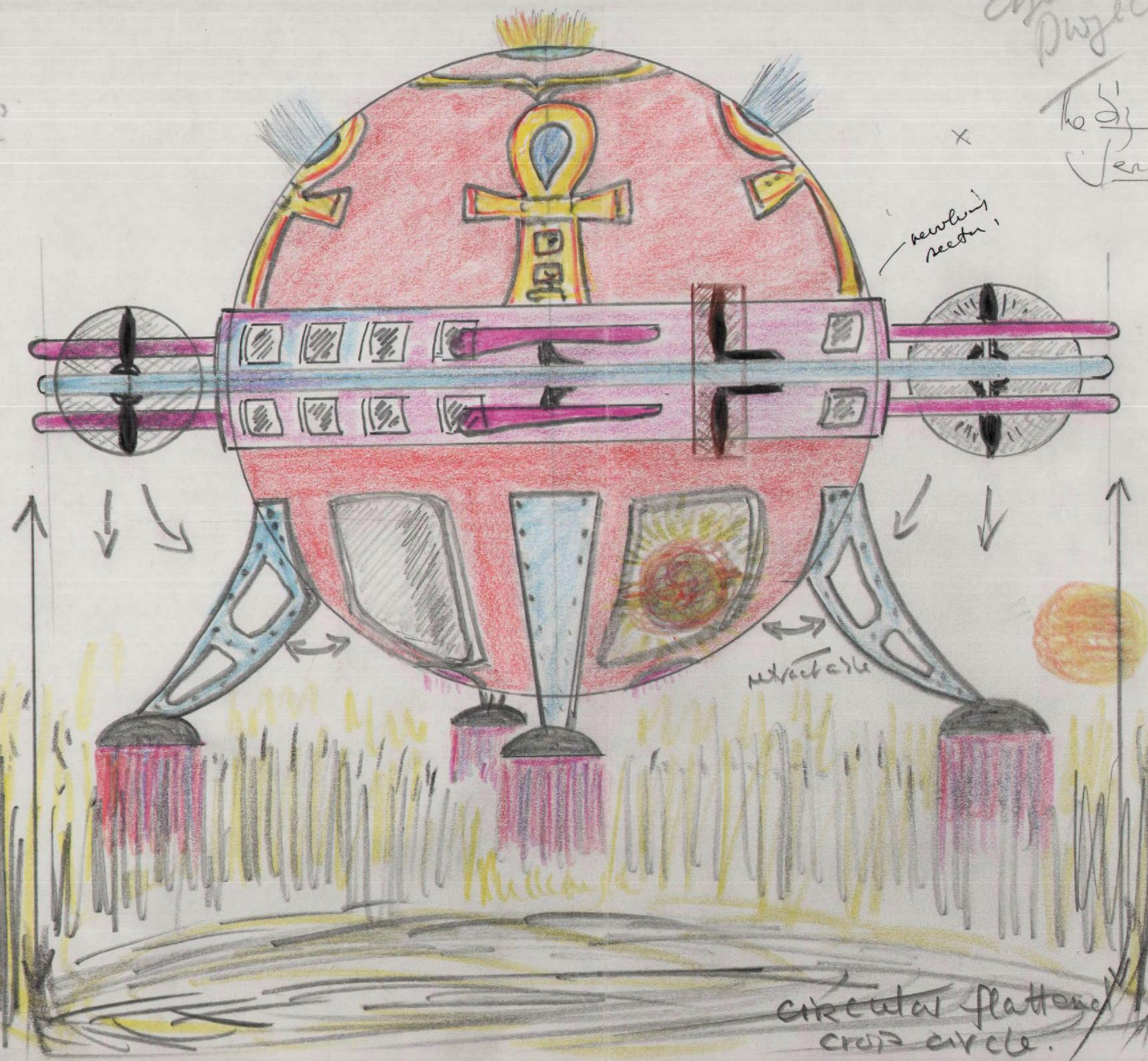
Yours sincerely,

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Jerusalem



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Rugby,
 Warwickshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
 26 November 1998

DMW **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 19 November in which you have asked for information on 'unidentified flying objects' for your research group. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to reports of 'UFOs'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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Reports from members of the public of sightings are usually made to Police stations, RAF stations and air traffic control centres and are then forwarded to this office. Members of the public sometimes telephone this office directly to report a sighting. The reports, which are usually very brief and vague, are considered in consultation with air defence advisers within the MOD, and a decision is taken as to whether what was seen represents a threat to the security of the UK. Sightings reports are kept on file within this office for future reference. We do not contact every witness on a routine basis.

You may be interested in the attached statistics relating to the number of sightings which have been reported to the MOD since records were first kept in 1959. I should, however, emphasise that these figures relate to reported sightings of unidentifiable aerial activity; the vast majority of which usually have mundane explanations such as aircraft lights, weather balloons, etc.

Yours sincerely,

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**NUMBERS OF UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

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1960 - 31	1982 - 250
1961 - 71	1983 - 390
1962 - 46	1984 - 214
1963 - 51	1985 - 177
1964 - 74	1986 - 120
1965 - 56	1987 - 150
1966 - 95	1988 - 397
1967 - 362	1989 - 258
1968 - 280	1990 - 209
1969 - 228	1991 - 117
1970 - 181	1992 - 147
1971 - 379	1993 - 258
1972 - 201	1994 - 250
1973 - 233	1995 - 373
1974 - 177	1996 - 609
1975 - 208	1997 - 425
1976 - 200	1998 -
1977 - 435	
1978 - 750	
1979 - 550	
1980 - 350	

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

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Section 40

**Rugby
Warwicks**

**Tel :
Fax :**

Section 40

Date 19/11/98

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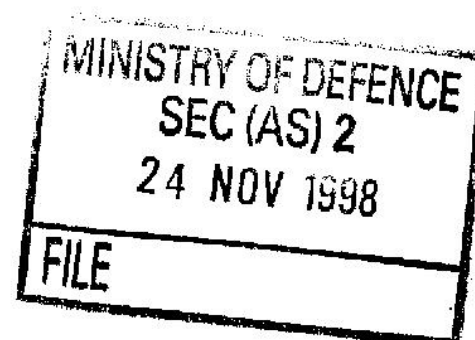
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 5. Is the procedure the same for military pilots?

It would be much appreciated if you can give me any information concerning the above questions and I look forward to your reply. Many thanks for your assistance.

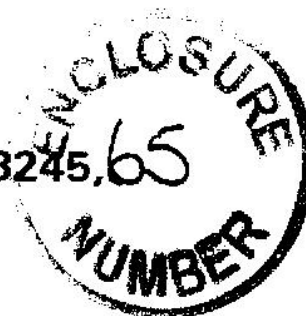
Yours sincerely

Section 40





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Section 40

Section 40

Bury St Edmunds,
 Suffolk.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 26 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 20 November in which you described seeing a strange object in the sky while driving along the A11. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 20 November from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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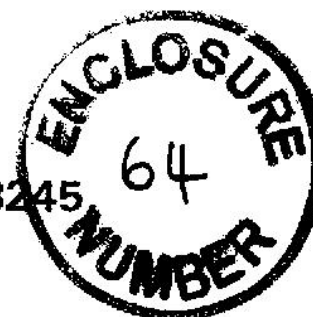
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Section 40

Attleborough,
 Norfolk.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date:
 26 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on the evening of 19 November while driving along the A11. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Innsworth to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft which is, as stated above, our only concern.

Yours sincerely,

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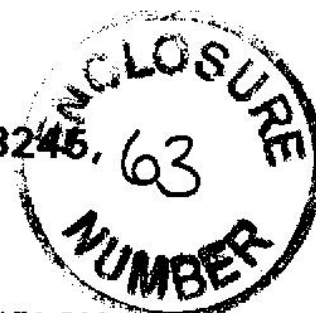
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Section 40

Section 40

Bury St Edmunds,
 Suffolk.

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 26 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 20 November in which you described seeing a strange object in the sky while driving along the A14 towards Newmarket. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 18 November from Suffolk or the surrounding areas, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Section 40

Newcastle-Under-Lyme,
 Staffordshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

24 November 1998

DDW **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 18 November in which you have asked for information on an alleged 'UFO' sighting. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to the particular sighting you are investigating, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 November from the Staffordshire or Cheshire regions. I have also made enquiries and have established that there were no military jets operating below 2000 feet in that area. Any aircraft travelling on the Manchester Airport flight path would be under the supervision of Manchester Air Traffic Control so you may wish to write to inquire whether they are aware of any information that would be of interest to you. However, the Ministry of Defence is satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft which is, as explained above, our only concern.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
23 NOV 1998
FILE

NEWCASTLE
STAFFS

Section 40

18 11 98

Dear Sir,

I am an active member of S.P.I (Staffs Paranormal Investigations), and part of my investigations are concerning sightings of UFOs.

At this moment I am investigating a sighting, of four white lights in a straight line travelling across the flight path of Manchester Airport. This was followed a few

Minutes later by two military Jet Fighter aircraft, travelling in the same direction as the lights. The two Jets then returned a few minutes later flying low in the opposite direction before finally flying off.

This incident took place on Friday 6 November 1998 at 18.00 hours, in the Werrington area of Stoke-on-Trent.

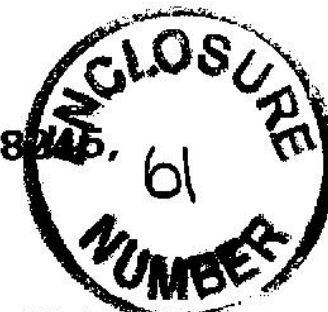
I would be most grateful if you can assist in this enquiry by confirming if Jet Fighters were in the area at that time, and if so were they trying to apprehend a UFO

Yours faithfully

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Section 40

Section 40

Oxfordshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
23 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 14 November addressed to **Section 40** regarding the creation of crop circles. **Section 40** has now left this branch of the Ministry of Defence and I have been asked to reply.

There is no evidence to suggest that crop circles are caused by anything of military concern and the MOD does not therefore investigate reported sightings or carry out any research into them. However, the content of your letter has been noted and placed on a Departmental file.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1.
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall.

Oxfordshire.

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NOV. 14th.

Dear Section 40

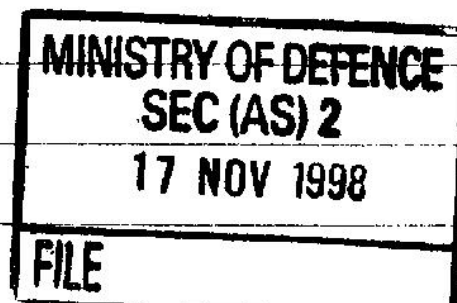
I write to inform you of the disturbance that is creating the crop circles, and which design ties in very explicitly with the work of Lyell that NASA Scientist Bloomfield developed into a craft design.

Through the use of the Ormus development I have become aware of much more reasonable designs and enclose details of these.

I have developed contact with these craft and their energy forces but unfortunately the designs I am perceiving are too complex for me to draw, these include the anti-gravitational fields that allow the craft to access time.

It would also seem from my work, the Ormus Experiment, you ref. D/Sec(AS)/64/3, that section I relating to the disaster in Central America was as you will see, not quite correct though incredible in content.

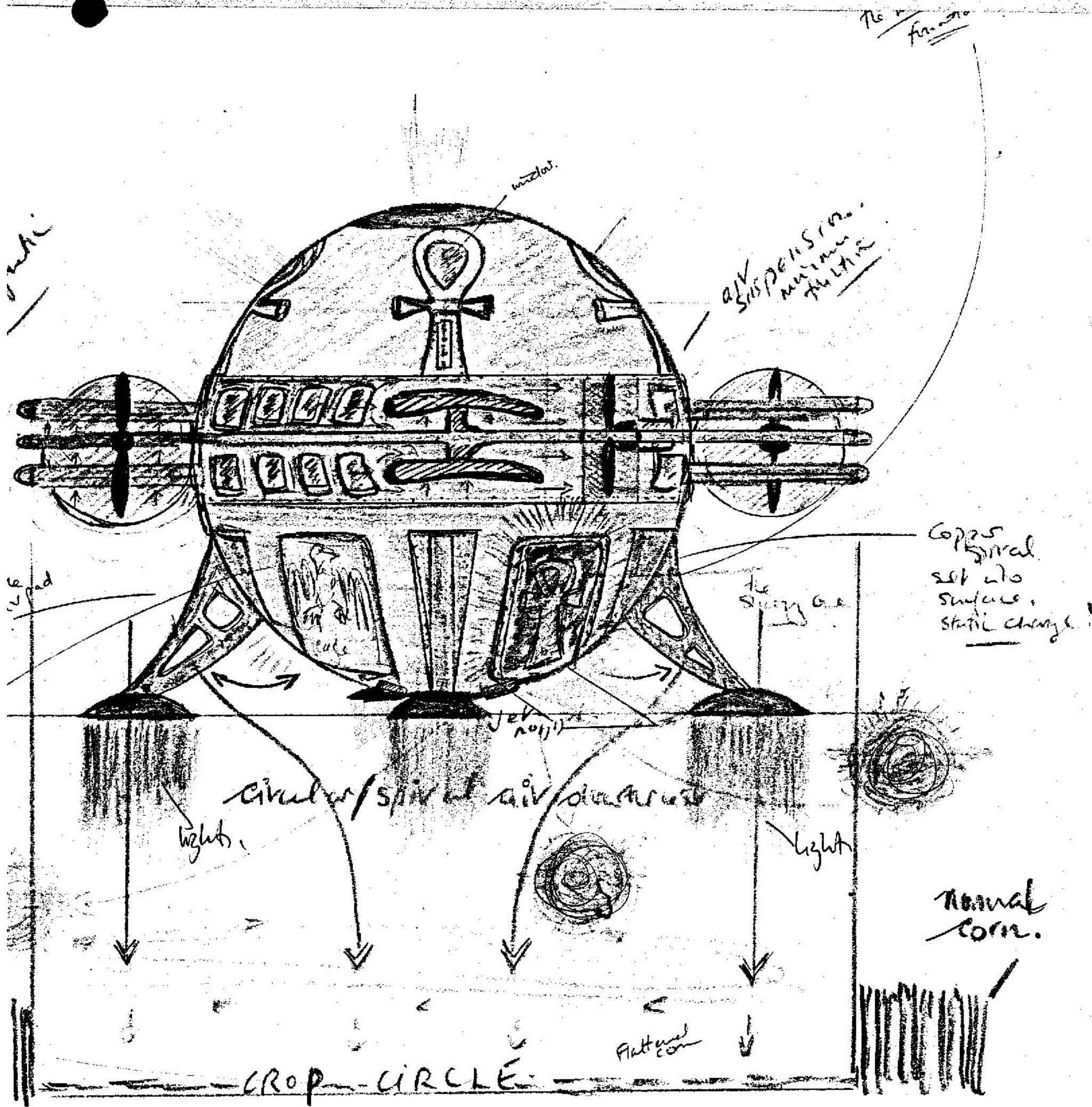
The Ormus device needs time, and more research to develop the exact science of communication and time viewing, I feel the bridging over of the canal, referred to the rebuilding of bridges over the devastated river in the recent troubles, I doubt I have the time to develop this further at the present moment.



● I am too tired, poor, and without reasonable support to be able to continue my work, I feel therefore that the Onus Exponat will be lost, but perhaps that is for the best.

Your truly.

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Section 40

Section 40

Glenrothes,
 Fife.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 20 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on the evening of 16 November. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Leuchars to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 16 November from the Fife area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

South Ockendon,
 Essex.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 20 November 1998

DDW **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 16 November in which you described seeing a strange light in the sky over East London earlier that morning. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 16 November from the East London area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Report held on

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Section 40

Section 40

Kilsyth,
 Glasgow.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

20 November 1998

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 16 November in which you provided further details of an alleged 'UFO' sighting originally reported to this office in May 1998. At the time, I explained the Ministry of Defence's policy in relation to reports of 'unidentified flying objects' but could not offer any explanation to your particular observation as you did not specify an exact date.

In your latest letter you have stated that you think your sighting may have occurred on 26 October 1986 as you saw a television programme about 'UFOs' in which this date was mentioned and it jogged your memory. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any sighting reports for that date from anywhere in the UK.

Although I did not see the television programme mentioned in your letter, I think it may have been referring to an incident which occurred on 26 October 1996 off the coast of the Isle of Lewis. On that date, the MOD received media reports of an explosion in the air near the Butt of Lewis. These reports were initially attributed to a mid-air collision but, after an extensive search of the area by RAF and Coast Guard Search and Rescue, it became clear that no aircraft had been reported overdue. HQ US 3rd Air Force were approached and they confirmed that there had been no US military activity in the area at the time.

Finally, you have asked for addresses of organisations that may be able to give you more information on the 'UFO' phenomenon. You can find details of civilian 'UFO' research organisations in the numerous 'UFO' magazines sold in most newsagents.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

16.11.98.

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
18 NOV 1998
FILE

KILSYTH

GLASGOW

Section 40

Dear Section 40

earlier in June of this year

I wrote to your organisation telling you of my encounter with as I believe to a Flying Saucer,

but at the time of writing I couldn't give a specific date but a few weeks ago while watching a program there was a case of a sighting just off the Isle of Lewis which happened on the 26th of October 1986 when I seen this it jogged my memory because this was around the same date as I watched what I believe to this day was a UFO (Flying Saucer) I would

be very gratefull if you would if possib
ly send me any information on the British
UFO encounters or if you cant send
me information could you possibly send
me a list of usefull addresses where
I can aquire the aproppriate informati
on.

I have written to the FBI in the USA
they sent me some information pluss
a price list of the cost.

Ive also written to and recieved
a reply from the petegon so as I've said
I'd be really gratefull for any infor
mation you can send me.

Hopefullly yours

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Section 40

Frinton-on-Sea,
 Essex.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

20 November 1998

DDW

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 30 October addressed to RAF
 Innsworth regarding strange lights in the sky near your home. Your
 letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point
 within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of
 Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by
 hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United
 Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO'
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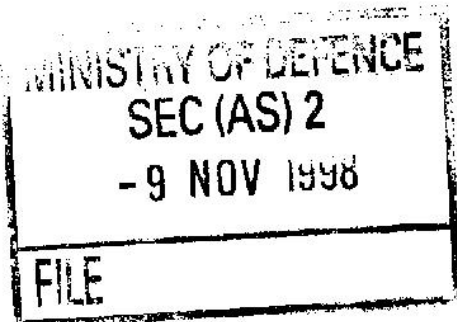
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 otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains
 totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no
 evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged
 phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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RETIRED WAR WIDOW.

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FRINTON-ON-SEA,
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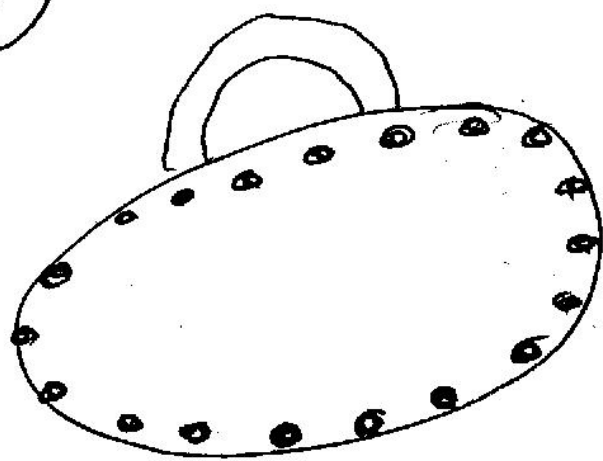
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Dear Sis

I hope you don't mind me sending you these photographs as I took them about 2 weeks ago and one of my Sons has told me to send them to you.

These U.F.O.'s come out at night around 10-0 clock^{P.M.} and they are still in the Sky at 5 o'clock A.M. I have even watched them out own aeroplanes seem to go near them but they do not touch they don't move.

I will try and draw what I see ²



The dots underneath are lights. like
candles, they are really beautiful.

Yours Sincerely -

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It would be best if you could
see these in real life like I do.

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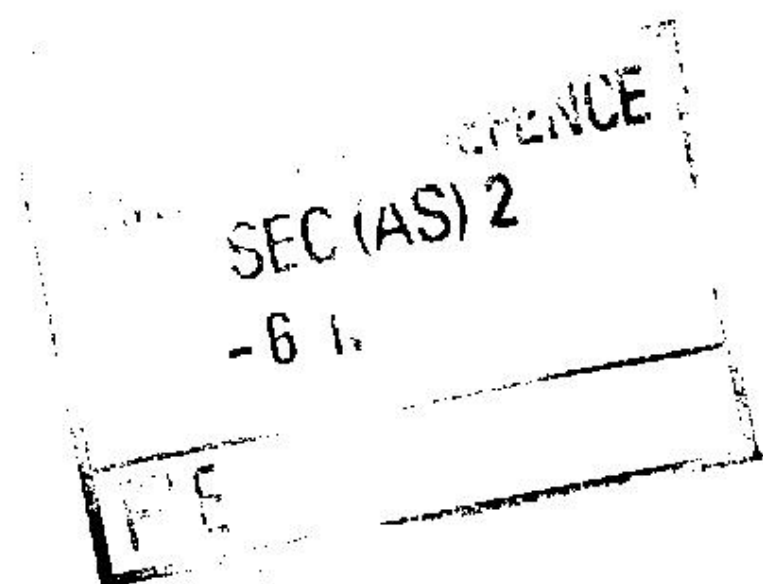
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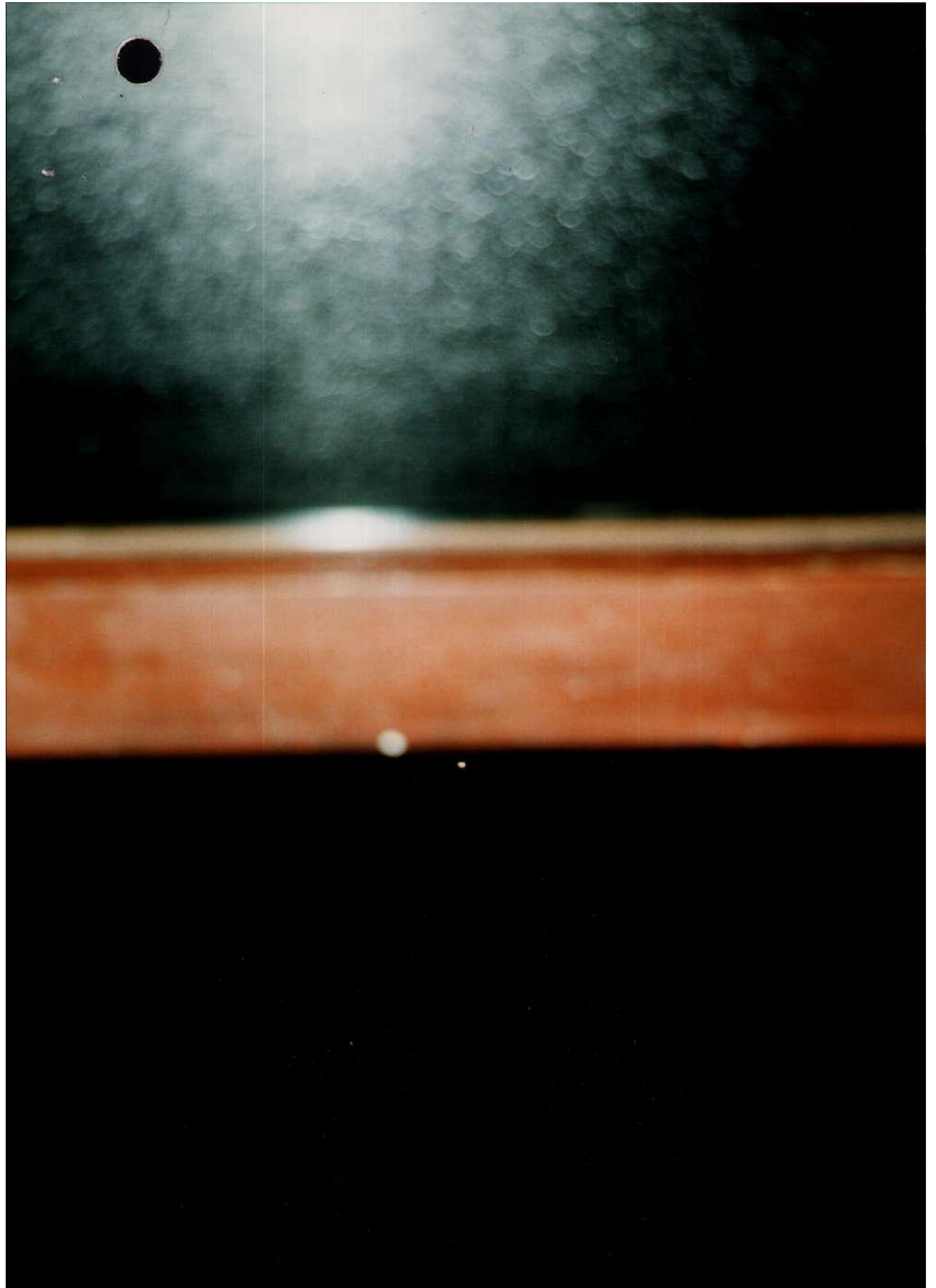
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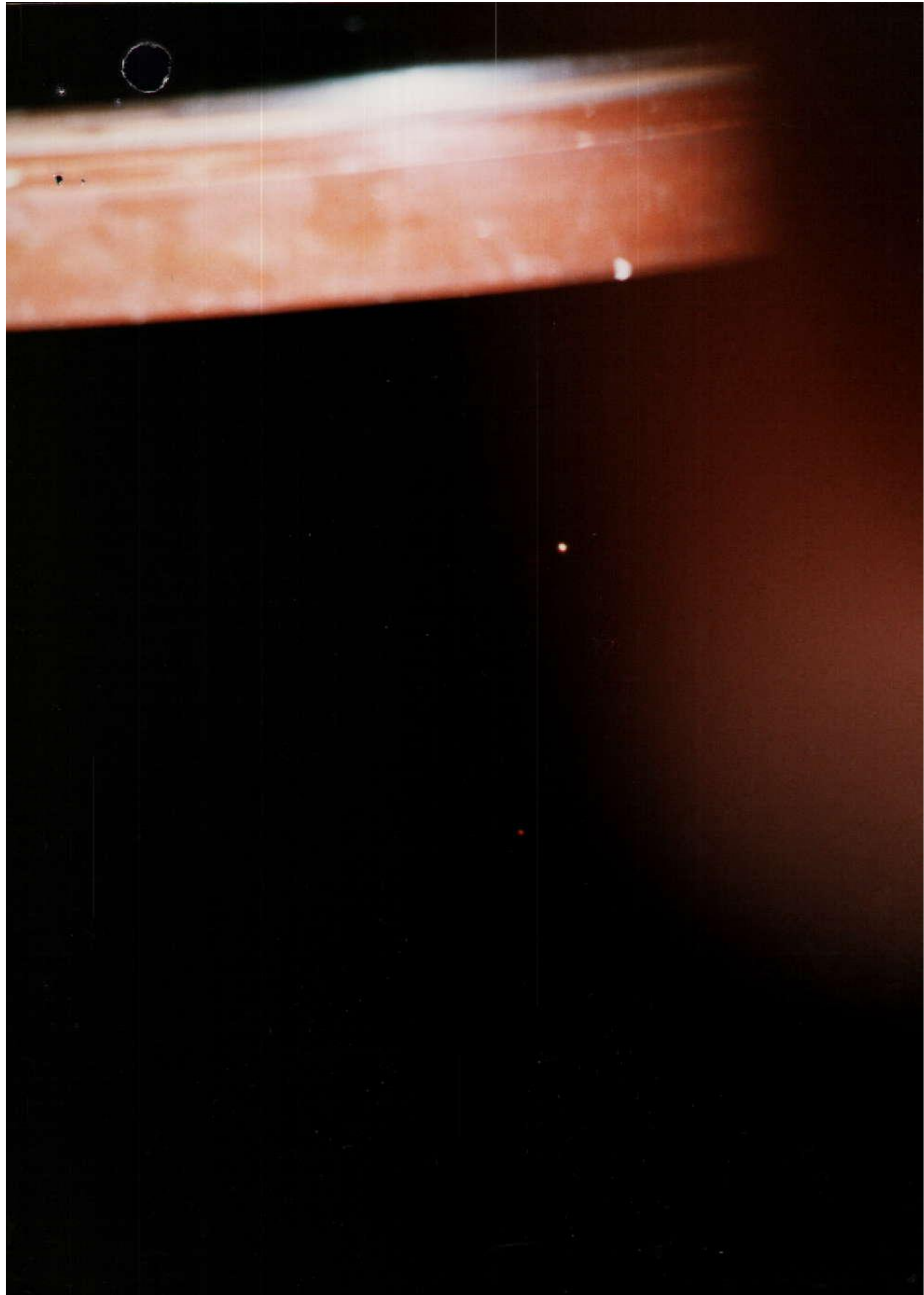
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Mr G W Birdsall
Quest Publications International Ltd.,
Lloyds Bank Chambers,
West Street,
Ilkley,
West Yorkshire.
LS29 9DW

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
20 November 1998

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter of 17 November in which you asked whether the Ministry of Defence could provide any information on an alleged 'UFO' incident which occurred over Scotland on 2 October 1998.

I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we did not receive any 'UFO' reports from anywhere in the UK on that date.

Yours sincerely,

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UFO MAGAZINE

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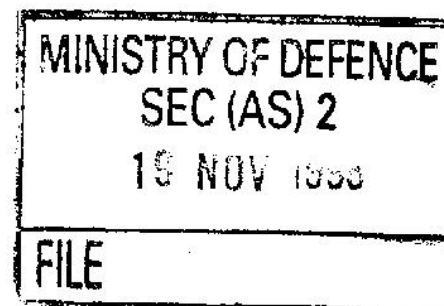
To whom it may concern,

I would be grateful if you could provide any information and/or comment concerning an alleged UFO incident in our airspace over Scotland on 2 October 1998.

Should you have to forward this request to another office, I recommend you attach the term "E-11".

Yours faithfully,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

18 November 1998

Canterbury,
 Kent.

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 4 November in which you have asked for information on 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a 'potential' threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Reports from members of the public of sightings are usually made to Police stations, RAF stations and air traffic control centres and are then forwarded to this office. Members of the public sometimes telephone this office directly to report a sighting. The reports, which are usually very brief and vague, are considered in consultation with air defence advisers within the MOD where necessary, and a decision is taken as to whether what was seen represents a threat to the security of the UK. Sightings reports are kept on file within this office for future reference.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Low Flying / UFOs



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To SEC (AS) 2

Ref No 06870/1998

Date 11/11/98

The Secretary of State, / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

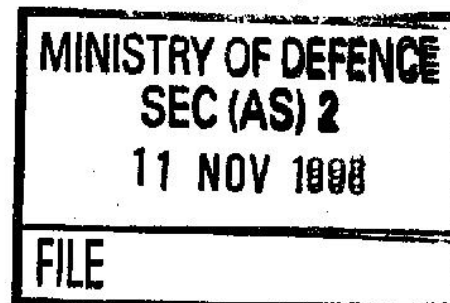
Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force on in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section MB 40**

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MB 6140 EXT **Section MB 40**



Section 40

Canterbury, Kent, Section 40

**Ministry Of Defence
Whitehall
London**

Wednesday 4 November 1998

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a student at Section 40 currently studing an Advanced GNVQ in Media and as part of my print and graphics project I have to produce a specialist magazine. I have chosen to do mine about UFO's.

To help me with this project I have been writing to a number of organizations for additional information.

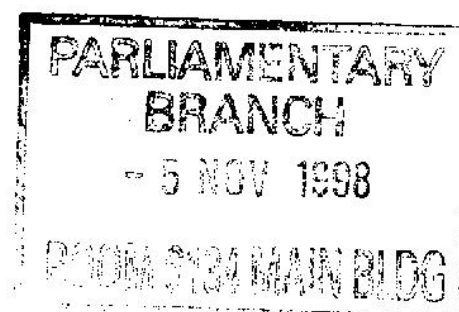
Please could you send me information about your policy on UFO's i.e, do you believe?

Thank-you very much for your time and help.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

PS: Please could you send the information c/o Section 40 Media Department to the above address.





From: **Section 40**, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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 (Switchboard) 0171 218 9000
 (Fax)

Section 40

Section 40

Whiston,
 Merseyside.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 18 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 28 October addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You asked about the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest. When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 18 years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

LOW FLYING UFO'S



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To SEC(AS)2Ref No 6792/1998Date 9-11-98

The Secretary of State, / _____ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force on in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section MB 40**

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MB 6140 EXT **Section MB 40**

Section 40

Whiston,
Merseyside.

Section 40

28/10/98

Ministry of Defence,
Defence Secretary at Division 8,
Main Bulding,
Whitehall,
London.
SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Section 40. I am a pupil at Section 40
Section 40 and am in Section 40. I am writing to you on behalf of my
debating group. We are organizing and partaking in a debate to prove
that aliens do exist, and UFOs have been sighted, and are not
hallucinations.

We would like to know your thoughts on this subject. Can you prove
all incidents in which "alien beings" have been contacted or UFOs to
have been sighted, untrue? How would you explain the Rendlesham
Forest "close encounter"? What do you have to say to people who truly
do believe that the government are part of a conspiracy to cover up
the contact that we have already made with aliens? I look forward to
your reply.

Yours faithfully

Section 40





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Section 40

Section 40

Morden,
 Surrey.

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 13 November 1998

Dear

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 4 November in which you described seeing a 'ball of changing colour' in the sky over Morden. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 4 November from the Surrey/London area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Section 40

Deal,
 Kent.

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 13 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 12 November in which you described seeing two 'fireballs' in the sky over Deal. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 November from the Kent area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

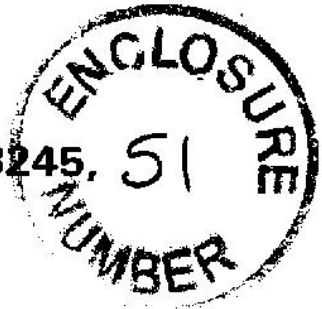
Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Section 40

Darlington,
 Co Durham.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

4 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 30 October in which you have asked for a statement on the MOD's policy regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for dealing with reports of 'UFOs'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You have asked how we deal with enquiries from the Press. The MOD has a dedicated Press Office for handling all media enquiries and can be contacted by writing to the Defence Press Office, Room 0389, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

Co.Durham,

Section 40

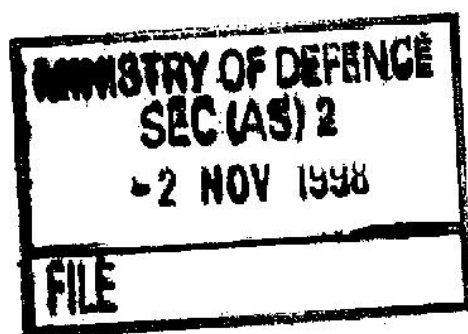
30th October 1998

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please could you forward me the MoD's current press statement relating to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. Additionally, could you spell out for me your relationship with the press and how you field media enquiries.

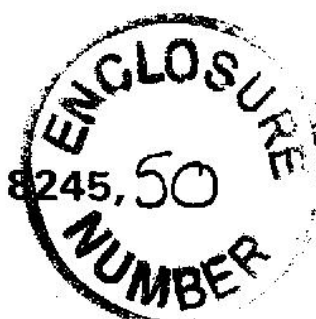
Yours Sincerely,

Section 40





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Section 40

Section 40

Farnborough,
 Hampshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date

4 November 1998

DDW **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 2 November in which you described seeing what was possibly an airship between Farnham and Guildford. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 November from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

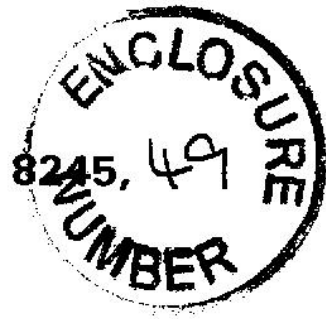
Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Section 40

Forest Hill,
London.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date

4 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**,

With reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 3 November, please find attached a copy of the letter I sent you of 20 May which explains the Ministry of Defence's policy regarding reports of 'unidentified flying objects'.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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Forest Hill,
London.

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Our reference
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Date
20 May 1998

D&A **Section 40**

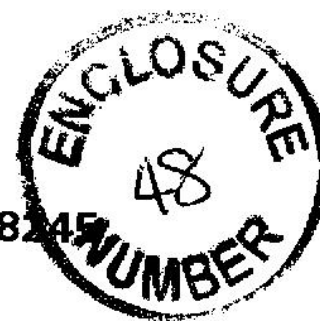
1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone regarding the strange occurrences in your household over the past 18 months. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".
2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence 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.
3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.
4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Section 40

St Andrews,
 Fife.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 3 November 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on the evening of 29 October. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Leuchars to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 29 October from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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BRUNI



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



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Section 40

Ms G Bruni
Section 40
Chelsea,
London.
Section 40

Your reference
Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
28 October 1998

Dear Ms Bruni,

Thank you for your letter of 20 October in which you asked for a copy of the covering letter under which Lt Col Halt's memorandum concerning strange lights in Rendlesham Forest was sent to the Ministry of Defence in January 1981.

I have attached a copy of the letter as requested.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



RAF LIAISON OFFICE

Royal Air Force Bentwaters Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 2RQ

Telephone Woodbridge 3737 ext ~~2333~~ ~~XXX~~ 2257

(E110)

Your reference

MOD (DS8a)

Our reference BENT/019/76/
AIR

Date 15 January 1981

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO's)

I attach a copy of a report I have received from the Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters concerning some mysterious sightings in the Rendlesham forest near RAF Woodbridge. The report is forwarded for your information and action as considered necessary.

D H MORELAND
Squadron Leader
RAF Commander

Copy to:

SRAFLO, RAF Mildenhall

Georgina Bruni

Section 40 Chelsea, London [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted] Section 40

20 October 1998

Section 40
Sec [AS] 2a
Room 245
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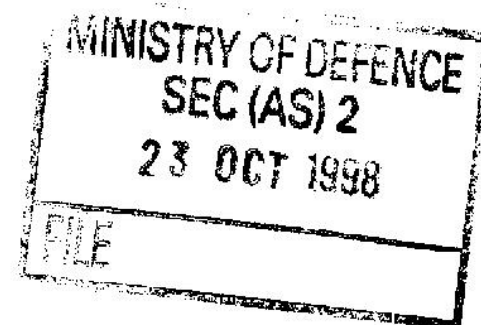
Dear Section 40

I am writing to you under the terms of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, requesting that you send me a copy of the covering letter under which the so called Halt Memorandum was sent to the Ministry of Defence in January 1981. I believe this letter was signed by Squadron Leader Donald Moreland.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Georgina Bruni





From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2b
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40
Swansea
Section 40

Your reference
Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/98/10/470
Date
28 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary of State for Defence concerning military helicopter activity in the Swansea area on 8 October. I have been asked to reply.

The two 'unidentified' helicopters you saw land at Swansea Airport were both Sea Kings on a routine training sortie. One was from RAF Valley and one was from RAF Chivenor. Both had been given permission to land at Swansea Airport during their respective sorties.

We have a responsibility to train military aircrews as part of the UK's defence commitments. However, in meeting this requirement we will continue to do all we can to minimise intrusion.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

Section 40 may write again concentrating more on the 'UK' PSA of the incident. This letter will be helpful when/if I need to respond.

Section 40
28-10-98

14 OCT 1998

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Section 407/38 E46
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SWANSEA

Section 40

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Section 40

Dear Sir,

At about 8.00 p.m on the 8th Oct
3 helicopters (said to be Sea Kings
painted red, without identification
markings) were seen apparently pursuing
an unidentified flying object down
the Bristol Channel off Gower (40
or more witnesses of the UFO.)

Two unidentified helicopters landed
at our small local airport.

I do not expect you to be able to
explain the mysterious objects sometimes
sighted in our skies, but I think
that unidentified helicopters are not
acceptable in a democratic society.

Please could you let me know to
whom the helicopters belong and who
gave the order to scramble them.

Yours faithfully

Section 40



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Section 40

Section 40

Ledbury,
 Herefordshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date

28 October 1998

DDW

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 14 October which has been passed to this office for reply as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You asked about an incident which occurred in 1956. As is the case with other government files, 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. 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, following an increase in public interest in this subject "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Files from 1967 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.

You also asked about the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest. When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 18 years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

Finally, I am afraid I am not sure which radar tape from RAF Watton you are referring to, therefore, I am unable to provide any information on its whereabouts.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

INFORMATION OFFICER

AIR SECRETARIAT (2a)

WHITE HALL

LONDON

14 OCT 1998

Section 40

LEDBURY

HEREFORDSHIRE

Section 40

RE U.F.O ENQUIRY R.A.F BENTWATERS / LAKENHEATH 1956

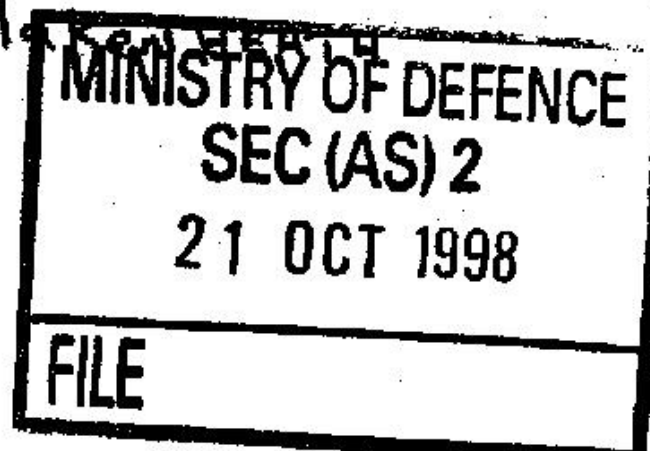
RAF BENTWATERS / WOODBRIDGE 1980

Dear sir / madam

I am writing to ask if you could answer or direct me to where I can find an answer to the following questions

- 1) What is the current GOVERNMENT and ARMED FORCES Brief in relation to the U.F.O. ENIGMA?
- 2) Incident Reported 1956 at RAF Bentwaters / Lakenheath? on that night a R.A.F. VENOM NF2a was scrambled from RAF WATERBECH. Can I have the details of the Pilot who claimed visual and radar contact? What was the results of the intercept and where is the TAPE of the intercept stored.
- 3) Any Period details concerning RAF WATERBECH, RAF BENTWATERS and RAF LAKENHEATH

PTO



Incident RAF Bentwaters (Woodbridge)
Dec 1980

1) What Documents are available on the above incident

2) The RADAR TAPE TAKEN by The U.S. from RAF Watton

(a) was it returned?

(b) where is its current location?

(c) its availability for analyst - 2

3) The Results of the Radiation Readings which were sent to the Defence Radiological Protection Service?

4) The location of the Defence Radiological Protection Service and in Remit?

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Section 40



From: **Section 40**, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245
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Section 40

Section 40

Barnes,
 London.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS/64/3)

Date
 28 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**,

Thank you for your letter of 26 October addressed to **Section 40** regarding an 'unidentified flying object' which you saw above your home. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply as **Section 40** has now left this branch of the MOD.

First it may be useful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so. However, from your description of the craft, I believe you saw an airship.

As for your possible abduction theory, the clocks were put back one hour at 2am on Sunday and I think you will find that this would account for you gaining an hour. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40
Section 40 Barnes,
London **Section 40**

Section 40

M.O.D.
Room 8245,
Main Building,
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB



26th October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I have been given your name as the person who records UFO 'sightings'. I experienced a sighting in the early hours of Sunday morning and I would be very interested to hear what you 'make' of it.

I found it difficult to sleep on Saturday night and at about 12.15am went downstairs for a glass of milk. As you know it has been unseasonably mild of late and I decided to take my milk into the garden and sit on the bench. After a few moments I heard a 'distant roar' of engines getting louder and louder. Suddenly a huge 'craft' appeared over the house, heading in a westerly direction at speed. It was a large cigar shaped vehicle with big projectiles on each side like wings. It seemed to have two very bright lights at the front and a white light flashing round and round underneath. I think there were also coloured lights at the ends of the projectiles but I'm not certain - I WAS TOO BLOODY TERRIFIED! There also seemed to be a line of lights (which I took to be windows) along the side. It disappeared into the distance but as it did so it seemed to be getting closer to the ground.

As you can imagine I felt quite quite shaken. I thought of reporting it to the police immediately but decided to leave it until the following day. I then returned to bed and surprisingly fell asleep.

HOWEVER! in the morning my wife and I were having breakfast and listening to the radio when the presenter gave a time check. He said, 'Here is the news at nine o'clock.' I thought that seemed a bit early and looked at my watch which said TEN o'clock! Somehow, during the night I had gained A WHOLE HOUR! I said nothing to **Section 40** as I didn't want to scare her, but I am now beginning to wonder if I was ABDUCTED. I have checked my body for marks but found nothing. NEVERTHELESS I am very concerned. I have told NOBODY but you. I didn't sleep a wink last night and have made an appointment with my doctor to get some tranquillisers.

What do you think? Have I had a CLOSE ENCOUNTER?

Please write back as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

PS I am going to send this letter 'recorded' to make sure you get it.





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Section 40

Section 40

Stamford,
Lincolnshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date

28 October 1998

DEAR **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter regarding reports of 'unidentified flying objects' seen in the Stamford and Peterborough areas last month.

I have looked back through our sighting report files and I can confirm that the MOD did not receive any 'UFO' reports for 20 September 1998 from anywhere in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Section 40

Head of Investigations

Section 40

Stamford

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SKYLIGHTS

ufo research group

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you concerning a number of reports my group has received concerning a set of 'unidentified flying objects' seen on or around the 20th of September in the Stamford and Peterborough areas.

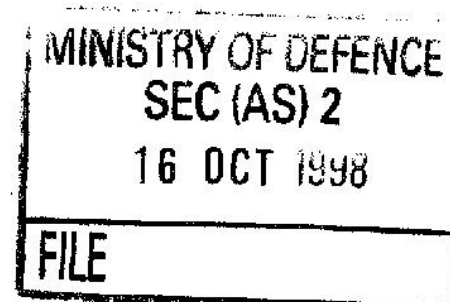
Firstly a set of lights, flying in the shape of a 'W' on its side were seen flying high and very fast in the vicinity of Stamford, flying in a Northerly direction at about 2030hrs on the 20th Sept., witnesses describe it as being "huge and solid", it was then seen at 2050hrs, flying back in a south easterly direction. On both occasions, the witnesses say it was totally silent, and its form never changed, nor did it display any flashing lights, we have discounted shooting stars, meteors and any known aircraft, due to its size, noise and speed, and the fact that it returned to fly the other way just 20 minutes later.

On the same night, 2 glowing, solid, golden objects were reported flying, also in a South Easterly direction but at about 2245hrs. again, these were silent, fast and high, never once deviating from their apparent course, and never displaying any flashing lights. These objects were seen to have some form, this time described as "upside-down antique brass ashtrays.... looked like a golden silhouette of a bird of prey, except much, much bigger"

I was wondering if you could tell me of any other similar reports and also if several reports of 'u.f.o's', over RAF Wittering and Cottesmore areas, flying at an estimated 1,500mph and described as "huge and solid" are of any defence significance.

I look forward to your comments on this matter,

yours sincerely,



Head Office

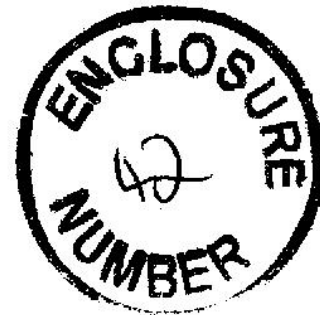
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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/3

27 October 1998

CS(RM)2e1

REQUISITION OF CLOSED 'UFO' FILES.

1. Sec(AS)2a is the MOD focal point for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects' and I am currently researching a query made under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information from a member of the public. To answer their specific question, I need to see closed 'UFO' files **D/DS8/10/209 parts A-D.**

2. I would be grateful if you would send me the files as soon as possible so I can give the correspondent a prompt reply. I will, of course, return the closed files as soon as I have completed my research. If you have any problems with this request, please give me a call.

Ms. G. Bruni.

*Letter replied to
on 28 Oct. See
enc. 47*

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Section 40

Section 40

Mt Marion,
 New York.

Section 40
 USA

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 27 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 28 September regarding radar returns caused by 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

It may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so. As a result, we are unable to assist with your particular query.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

9/28/98

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to inquire about any radar returns you may have records of where solid objects have been detected, but not identified (ie UFO radar returns) My name and address are below.

Thank you

Section 40

Northampton NY

Section 40

United States

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
- 5 OCT 1998
FILE

Section 40

*Please add
the sentence
to our
paragraphs*

Section 40

*add this sentence
to our para*



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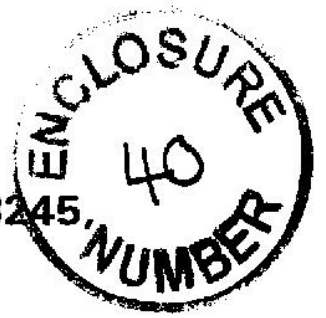
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The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. ~~(I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.)~~



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Aberdeen.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 26 October 1998

DAV

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed during the afternoon of 23 October. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Leuchars to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 23 October from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Egham,
 Surrey.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 26 October 1998

DDW **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 23 October in which you described seeing a strange light in the sky between Staines and Chertsey. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 13 October from anywhere in the UK, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Birmingham

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 23 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 5 October in which you have asked for information on a number of alleged 'UFO' sightings.

Firstly, you asked about a sighting over Northumberland which occurred sometime during August 1971. I am afraid I cannot provide any information in this instance as the files for 1971 are not held in this office; they were transferred to the MOD archives a number of years ago.

Secondly, you asked for information regarding a sighting near RAF Lyneham on 23 August 1995. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that the MOD did not receive any reports from the Wiltshire area on that date. I can also confirm that we did not receive any reports from the Kidderminster area for 5 September 1998.

With regard to the RAF Cosford/Shawbury story referred to in your letter, I have attached a recent extract from Hansard which you may find of interest. As you will see, it explains that the facts reported were fully examined at the time (March 1993) but the events were not judged to be of defence significance.

Contrary to what Mr Pope has told you, **Section 40** has left Sec(AS)2a to join another branch within the MOD on promotion.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

EXTRACT FROM HANSARD
DATED 15 JULY 1998 .

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

How many military personnel witnessed the unidentified craft that overflew RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury on 31 March 1993; and whether, when the craft has not been identified, such an event ought to be classified as being of no defence significance.

[HL2612]

Lord Gilbert: The Ministry of Defence is aware of a single report from two military personnel of an alleged sighting in the West Midlands on 31 March 1993. The facts reported were fully examined at the time. No firm conclusions were drawn then about the nature of what had been seen, but the events were not judged to be of defence significance. The MoD has no reason to doubt the judgments made at the time.

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Section 40
BIRMINGHAM,
Section 40

5th October, 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Can you help us, please, in respect of a Sighting which took place in August, 1971, in the Tynemouth area of Northumberland, when two men described a UFO, seen for a 3 hrs. duration -

Section 40 Tynemouth, and a **Section 40**

We understand that they sent you a sketch of the UFO concerned. Can you help us with a copy of this, please, or confirm that the matter is known to you, and of an incident which took place at 8.00 p.m., on 23rd August, 1995, near to RAF Lyneham, Wilts., when a UFO was plotted on Radar, and involved an intercept by Jet Aircraft?

Any knowledge re: copy of attached letter, please?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
- 8 OCT 1998
FILE

Enclos.

P.S. we appreciate your help, and assistance given to us so far, and hope, we have not outgrown our welcome! regards to **Section 40** who we are told by **Section 40** is showing to retire, we ~~sup~~ presume there is little point in asking you for any knowledge of the RAF Showbury/Cosford UFO incident, which took place recently, of which **Section 40** told us about a matter which according to him, received no publicity!

A.N.O.M.S.,

Section 40
BIRMINGHAM,

Section 40

Tel: Section 40

15th September, 1998

Dear Madam,

Can you help us, please?

We are investigating a report made by a Police Officer, living in Clent, Worcestershire, of seeing six matt black Triangular Aircraft pass over, heading in the direction of Kidderminster, at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, 5th September, 1998.

The Officer, who actually has some experience in Aircraft recognition, has never seen anything like the Aircraft he described, which were 'joined as if on a wire', which indicates to us the possibility that they were practising Formation Flying, in view of the Farnborough Air Show being held on the Sunday (6th September, 1998), although no sound or vapour trail was seen.

Can you advise as to whether you have any information on this, please?

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40





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Section 40

Waterlooville,
 Hampshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 22 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on 19 October in which you described seeing strange lights from your home in Lovedean, Hampshire. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

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With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 18/19 October from your area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Chineham,
 Basingstoke,
 Hampshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
 22 October 1998

Dear

Section 40

I am writing with reference to your telephone call to the Low Flying Complaints Department on Monday 19 October in which you described seeing strange lights from your home in Chineham, Hampshire. Your query has been passed to this office as this is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 19 October from your area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Brighton,
 Sussex.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date

21 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 29 September addressed to the Prime Minister regarding 'unidentified flying objects' and aliens. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You asked about the alien abduction phenomenon. As the MOD is not aware of any evidence which might substantiate the existence of extraterrestrial activity, the matter of abduction by alien lifeforms is a non-issue as far as the MOD is concerned. Abduction/kidnap in the general sense is, of course, a criminal offence and as such would be a matter for the civil police.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Low flying/UFOs



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To SEC(AS) 2

Ref No 6129 /1998

Date 6-10-98

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

- A** - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.
- B** - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.
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Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force on January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section 40**

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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MB 6140 EXT **Section 40**

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
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Defence

Dear Tony Blair,

My name is **Section 40** and I am 9 and a half years old.

I would like to know about aliens because I am very interested in them and watch films about people getting adopted by aliens and having to change their diet. And I wonder if anything similar to this has happened before. My address is **Section 40** Brighton, Sussex, **Section 40**

Yours sincerely

Section 40

p.s.

I can't wait to get your reply and show all the other kids and I can't believe that I'm sending a letter to the Prime Minister! Bye bye.

PARLIAMENTARY
BRANCH
- 6 OCT 1998
ROOM 6134 MAIN BLDG

This enclosure has been taken off and placed on File 64/3/2 Part A *Enclosure 9*



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DK-
DENMARK

Your reference

Our reference
 D/Sec(AS)/64/3
 Date
 21 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letters of 20 September addressed to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letters have been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

The Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT 6029

To SEC(AS) 2

Ref No _____ /1998

Date 1/10/98

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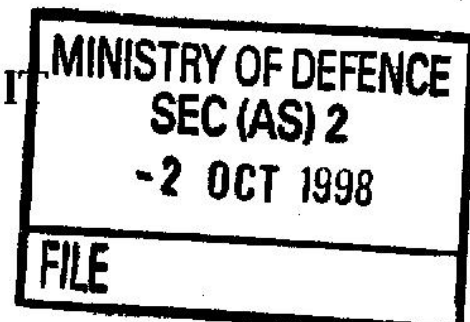
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20-09-98

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If UFOs are real, what do we do about them?

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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How will your government react? Do you have any plan? And what about the European Union? Sure there are a lot of questions to this issue in advance but even more will arise if an official contact takes place!

Let us assume the visitors are friendly. If they were not, they would have attacked us long time ago, because as you properly know; they have been here for many years. You can find the evidence in ancient cave paintings, the bible, different scriptures and increasing observations all over this planet after World War II.

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Back to the questions: What will the population of this planet think? Perhaps some kind of soulsearching would take place. We have to accept the fact that we are not alone in the Universe. We are no longer the center of the Universe when it comes to intelligent life. That is for a lot of people hard to accept. Everybody more or less agrees that we are not alone but when it comes close then it is much harder to cope with.

What if the intelligent lifeforms who visits us are 100.000 years ahead of us in development? Can we handle the fact that we are inferior to them? It must demand a high ethical level and readiness to change our way of living. A small example is solving problems/conflicts by war! That must end. We can not determined right or wrong by killing people. Is war not a picture of lack of wisdom? Or is it because the money and power which rules the world?

Are we ready? Ready to handle an official contact with the visitors from outer space? Have we considered the huge impact it would have to the powerstructure, military, politics, religion and science?

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Yours faithfully,

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6-10-98



I enclose a letter forwarded to us from FCO, can you deal with as fit please.

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Thanks.

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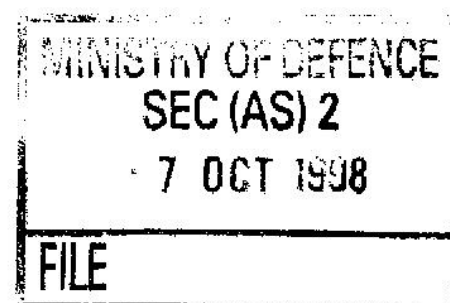
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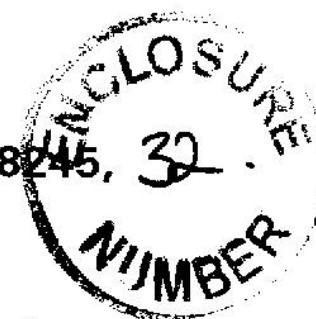
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Our reference
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Section 40
 NORTHERN IRELAND

Date
 14 October 1998

Dear **Section 40**,

Thank you for your letter of 5 October addressed to DI55 in which you have asked which Ministry of Defence branch will be handling enquiries relating to reports of 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature.

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence 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 United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

As Secretariat (Air Staff) is the MOD focal point for reports of 'unidentified flying objects' DI55 will not be handling any enquiries of this nature.

Yours sincerely,

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LOOSE MINUTE

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12 Oct 98

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U.F.OS

1. I attach a letter from a member of the public asking about U.F.Os. We would be grateful if you would run with it.

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Send a copy of our reply to him.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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14 OCT 1998
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Antrim

N. Ireland

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Dear Sir,

5th October, 98

I would like to know if the department D155 - Space Division will now be answering public enquiries regarding U.F.O. activity over the U.K.

Yours faithfully

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/3

7 October 1998

MAR F&S - **Section 40**

'UFO' SIGHTING DATED 2 AUGUST 1994

Ref: 242630E of 5 Oct 98

1. Thank you for your minute at reference in which you asked for a response to your report of an 'unexplained' aerial sighting seen over Bath on 2 August 1994.

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3. I have looked at your original report. The desk officer at the time, **Section 40**, has noted that she advised you by telephone that no other reports were received from the Bath area for 2 August 94 and that we were satisfied that there was no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft which is, as explained above, our only concern.

4. You may wish to be aware that we do not routinely contact or reply to every witness who reports a 'UFO' sighting to us (on average the Department receives 200-300 reports annually). Such contact is only necessary if what has been seen has a defence interest and it is necessary to interview the witness further.

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References:

A. D/SSC/P(F&S)NP/20/1 dated 4 Aug 94

B. JOB 3973/98

1. The recent advertised EO vacancy in Sec(AS)2 (Reference B) reminded me that I never received a written response to my reported UFO sighting on 2 August 1994; Reference A refers.
2. Although some 4 years has passed since this event, I would be grateful to learn what was the outcome of my reported sighting.
3. I enclose a copy of Reference A to aid your search of what must be numerous reports that you process in the hope you can shed light on what I witnessed that morning on arrival at work at MOD Foxhill, Bath.

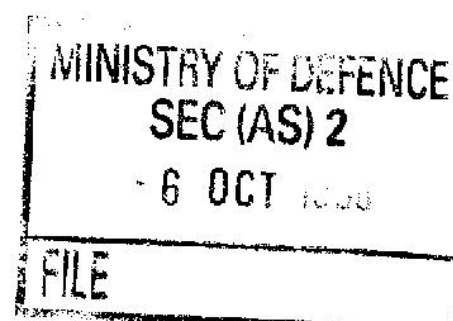
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4 Aug 94

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UFO SIGHTING

1. I wish to report what appeared to be a Unidentified Flying Object(UFO) in the vicinity of the MOD Foxhill site, Bath at approximately 0800 on Tuesday 2 August 1994.
2. On our normal arrival time my passenger drew my attention to an unusual object in the sky. During the matter of seconds it was in sight, we could determine it was coloured silver, appeared wingless and was travelling at unusually high speed north westerly towards Bath. It's apparent steep angle of descent was particularly noticeable. Although it was raining a little, visibility was good. I have enclosed a copy of the Foxhill site plan and an extract of the Bath AZ street plan duly annotated to show our position in relation to that of the UFO.
3. I apologise for not reporting this sighting sooner but had difficulty establishing the Department's point of contact for UFOs.
4. I would be grateful to learn whether any other equivalent sightings have been reported and whether this matter warrants further official investigation.

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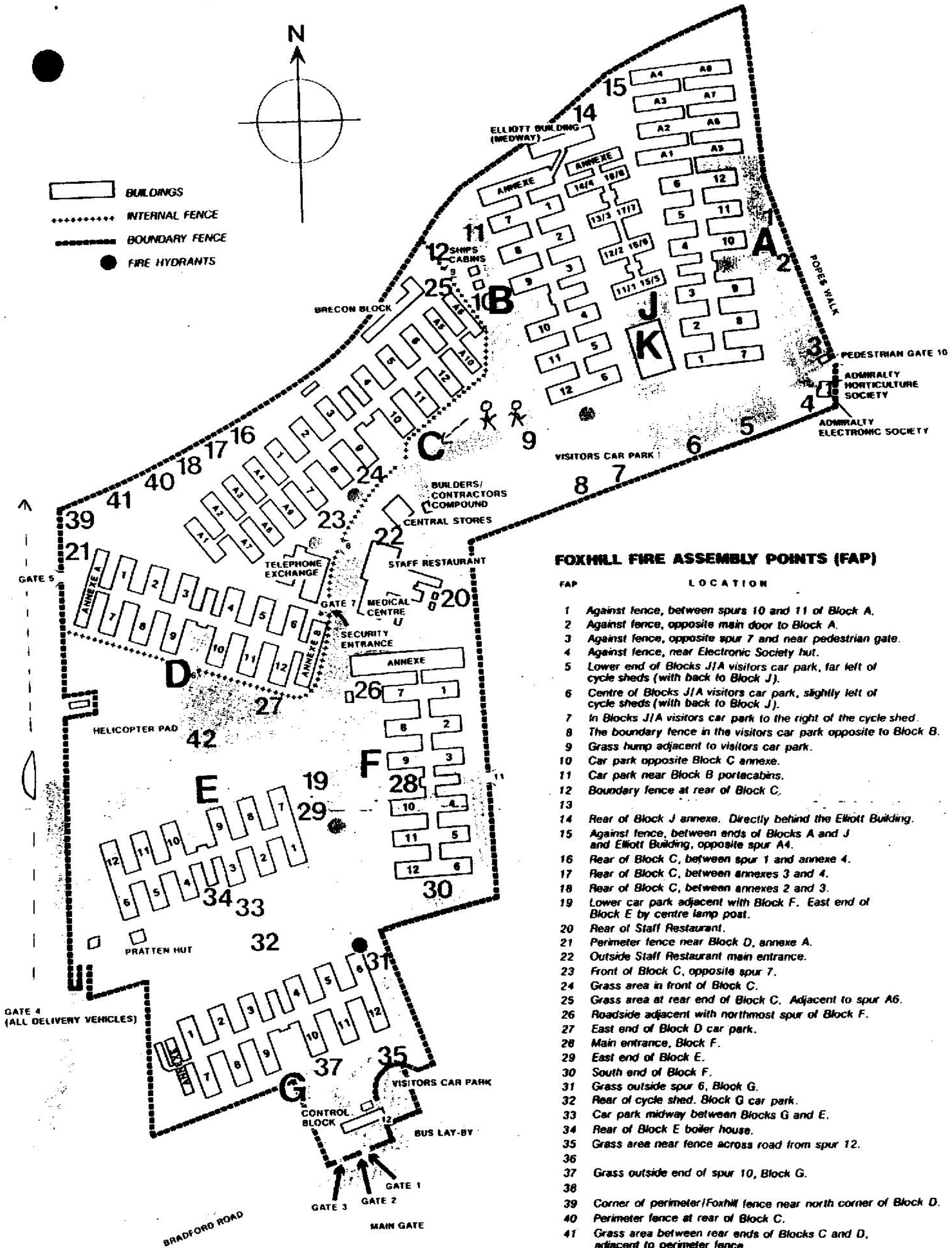
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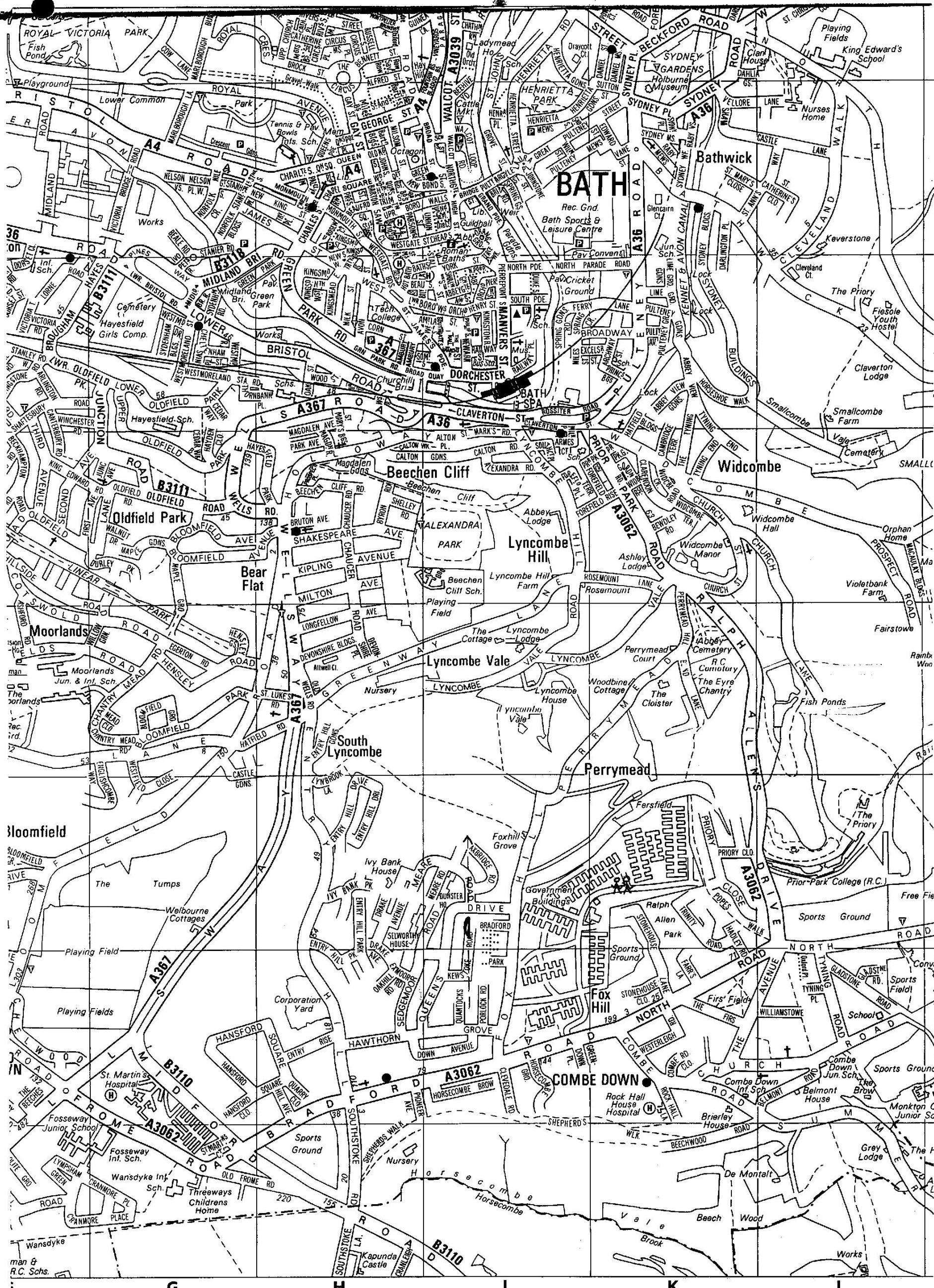
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