

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2008 15:12

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 15-07-2008-080805-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 July 2008 asking to see our files on UFO sightings and paranormal incidents that have been reported to the MoD over the last 12 months.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. The MOD examines any reports of sightings solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance. The MOD's only concern therefore, is to establish 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.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 are available for viewing on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching under *UFO Reports*. Reports for the year 2008 will be published in the same place in January 2009 and therefore, as provided by exemption s.22 (Information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the MoD are not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

This is not the end of the matter however, of course; exemption 22 is a qualified exemption, meaning that the MoD must assess the balance of the public interest in release of the information which is outlined below.

Whilst there is undoubtedly public interest in details of sightings being released to the public, there is no overriding reason why the public should have that information immediately. It is part of the effective administration of government that the publication of information is planned and managed within the department responsible. Details of UFO sightings are of great interest to researchers and writers. By placing the information on the MoD website in January, all interested parties receive the information at the same time, which ensures no one has any particular advantage over their competitors.

Turning to the matter of paranormal sightings, it would be helpful if you would explain what you mean by the term, as I suspect it means different things to different people. If you can state what exactly you are looking for, I can check our correspondence files to see if we have anything that fits the bill.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the

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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 14 July 2008 19:36

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI Written Request PS 15-07-2008-080805-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 19:36:26

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postzipcode: **Section 40**

country: UK

e-mail: **Section 40**

telephone: **Section 40**

informationrequest: To Whom it may concern,

Please could I view the files on all of the UFO sightings and unexplained paranormal incidents that have been reported to the MOD over the past 12 months.

Many thanks

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submit: Send Form



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From: Section 40
Sent: 04 March 2008 16:32
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: UFO incident, Cosford March 1993

To whom it may concern.

If possible I would like to see the above report, when going to view it on the mod site it states that its been removed for copyright reasons.

Sincerely

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CLARIFICATION
NEVER REVIEWED

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From: Section 40

Sent: 26 March 2008 11:48

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: UFO INCIDENT - COSFORD MARCH 1993

Dear Section 40

Your e-mail of 4 March asked to see the Cosford documents that had previously been held on the MoD website but which had recently been removed.

I am unable to send them electronically due to their size, however, if you provide me with a postal address I will forward them in hard copy.

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From: **Section 40**
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Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
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(Fax) **Section 40**
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

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Our Reference
06-03-2008-152201-006

Date
3 April 2008

Newcastle upon Tyne

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Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 5 March 2008 asking for a copy of any and all files held on the Rendlesham UFO incident.

The MoD only has one file on the Rendlesham incident, D/Sec(AS)12/2/1, which appears to be a compilation file created some considerable time after the event, and which is currently being prepared for release to The National Archive. However, I should be in a position to send you a copy of the file in the very near future. You have not specified whether you want a hard (paper) copy or an electronic (PDF) version which can be provided on CD. I am afraid that due to the size of the document, I am unable to e-mail it to you.

If you would let me know what format you would like the information in, I should be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

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RECEIVED

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From: Section 40
Sent: 06 March 2008 15:23
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 06-03-2008-152201-006 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

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-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 05 March 2008 18:32
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 06-03-2008-152201-006 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 18:32:22

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txtaddress1:
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txttowncity: Newcastle Upon Tyne
txtstatecountry: Tyne & Wear
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtinforequest: Please could you send me a copy of any and all files held on the rendlesham UFO incident.
Thanks



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From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2008 12:59

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-07-2008-153423-008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 6 July 2008 asking for copies of documents mentioning the UFO sightings on 7th June 2008 over Tern Hill barracks and 8th June 2008 involving the a police helicopter. Additionally, you asked for copies of any other UFO reports sent for those dates. Finally, you asked for a copy of current material held by the MoD press office relating to UFOs.

I believe that my previous responses to you on 10, 11 and 17 July 2008 have provided you with the relevant MoD documentation on both the Tern Hill and Cardiff police helicopter incidents.

Turning to your request for material held by the press office, it is as follows:

The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported.

If the press office requires more specific information, they will ask for it.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 09 July 2008 15:48
To: Section 40
Subject: Press Office UFO Statement

Hi Section 40

As discussed, this is what we send out and inform the journalists that it is attributable to MOD Spokesperson:

"The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

Thanks

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Press Officer – Policy Desk
Ministry of Defence

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UFO DATA

www.ufodata.co.uk

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Leeds Section 40
Tel: Section 40

09-07-2008-157427-008
Exp: 7 N6 08

Please reply to: Section 40 Pontefract, West Yorkshire,
Section 40
Tele: Section 40 Email Section 40

Date: 6th July 2008.

Dear Sir,

This is a freedom of information act request. I request that you send me copies of any documents (paper or electronic) that mention the UFO sightings on 7th June over Tern Hill barracks and 8th June, involving the crew of a police helicopter unidentified aircraft). I request copies also of any other UFO sightings reported to you on the dates in question.

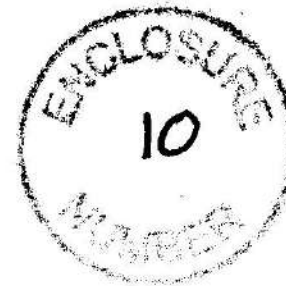
I request that you send me a copy of the current material held by the MoD press office relating to UFOs, which press officers refer to in their dealings with the media.

Yours sincerely,

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Features Editor.

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2008 JUL 10 11:52
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 22-07~~5~~-2008-175323-005 Expiry: 19 Aug 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

1. Any and all info on Rudloe Manor including operations research and activities
2. Rudloe Manor UFO related work and research
3. US Project Luna
4. Non Terrestrial officers (I think this means do we have any extra-terrestrials working for the MoD)
5. Information on Gary McKinnon

Case for release of information

Request is far too inexact and would exceed £600

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: *B2* Name:..... **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40**

Date:..... *23/7/08*

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From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2008 10:07

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 22-07-2008-175323-005

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 July asking for any and all information regarding Rudloe Manor. You include any and all information regarding to operations, research and activities carried out there. Additionally you request any and all information regarding Rudloe Manor and its relationship to UFO activity and UFO tracking, logging and research. You request any information you have regarding the US secret project titled LUNA, non-terrestrial officers and an individual named Gary McKinnon, currently facing extradition to the US.

Answering your request would far exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. Your request covers a number of different topics. If you could limit your request to one specific item, I may be able to help. I would also advise you to limit the scope of your request to a specific and shorter time period such as two years.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Sent: 22 July 2008 18:23

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI Written Request 22-07-2008-175323-005 **Section 40**

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country: UK

e-mail: **Section 40**

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Thank you

submit: Send Form



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Section 40

Santa Monica,
 CA 90404
 USA

Our Reference
 21-07-2008-092511-001

Date

21 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 July 2008 asking for a copy of documents on the Cosford Incident that had previously been available on the MoD website, which I enclose.

Some personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers etc has been withheld as they are not directly relevant to the information requested. You will notice that whilst most of the information withheld has been blacked out manually with a marker pen, some has clearly been blacked out electronically. These are amendments to bring the documents into line with current MoD practice and therefore the documents do not exactly match those that appeared on the website. That having been said, I do not believe that these amendments substantially alter the documents.

You may also wish to know that the original file that these documents were drawn from is one of 160 due for transfer to The National Archives as part of the three year programme that has recently been featured in the UK media.

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Yours sincerely,

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*copy of disk held
 by SAS-FoS*

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From: Section 40
Sent: 21 July 2008 17:11
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - COSFORD DOCUMENTS

Address:
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MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION, INC.
Section 40
Santa Monica, CA 90404 USA

Best

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MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION, INC.
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Santa Monica, CA 90404
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www.motionpictureprod.com

From: Section 40 @mod.uk]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 5:58 AM
To: Section 40
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - COSFORD DOCUMENTS

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 July 2008 asking for copies of documents on the Cosford Incident.

I am afraid that I am unable to e-mail you the documents you have asked for (they are too big), but I can provide you with them on disk if you would confirm your postal address.

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~~21-07-2008~~ 21-07-2008-092511-001
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From: Section 40
Sent: 18 July 2008 01:25
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: document request

I would like a copy via email of the following:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationSc>

Best,

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Santa Monica, CA 90404

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www.motionpictureprod.com

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Pontefract
 West Yorkshire

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Our Reference
 01-07-2008-161311-003

Date

17 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 29 June 2008 asking for all documentation relating any unidentified aircraft for 7-8 June 2008. Additionally, you asked for any material held by Tern Hill on the 7 June sighting and any material sent between this office, the MoD press office and Ministers.

The MoD does not attempt to identify all flying within the UK and as I stated in my e-mail of 27 June 2008, does not record Air Traffic Control itself. Again, I suggest you contact the CAA.

My letter of 10 July has provided you with copies of documents held by Tern Hill on the UFO sighting on 7 June 2008 which was passed to this office in order for us to answer your Freedom of Information request 01-07-2008-131609-002. It also includes press office and Minister's Offices documents on the subject.

I enclose copies of documents relating to UFO reports for 7-8 June 2008. This includes the alleged sighting near Cardiff on 8 June 2008. You may wish to be aware that the MoD has not received a copy of any report on that particular incident. You will note that some personnel information such as names and telephone numbers, have been withheld as they are not directly relevant to your request.

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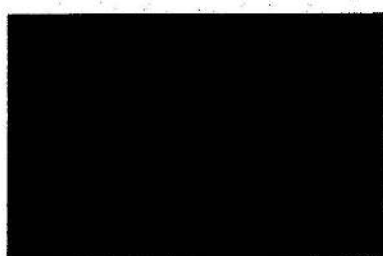


From: [REDACTED]
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone (Direct dial)
 (Switchboard)
 (Fax) [REDACTED]



Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

17 June 2008

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 June 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. 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 unauthorised air activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, 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.

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 7 June 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely



REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 June 2008 15:18
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI written request 16-06-2008-151317-006 Section 40
Categories: FOI Information Request

Can you answer this as a normal sighting report. It does not need to be a FOI response.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 June 2008 15:14
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI written request 16-06-2008-151317-006 [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 13 June 2008 18:43
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 16-06-2008-151317-006 [redacted]

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 18:42:46

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txtcountry: [redacted]
txtemailAddress: [redacted]

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txttelephone: [REDACTED]

inforequest: Not sure whether this is the correct email address to use, but my partner and I saw a very strange object in the sky over Croydon on 07/06/08 at just before 11pm. We continued to watch it for several minutes before it flew off. It did not behave like a conventional aircraft. I have photos which look disturbingly like objects described in your "UFO" reports. We are intrigued to know what it might be.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2008 15:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 June 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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.

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
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Whitehall
London
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Safety Regulation Group

with compliments

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18 JUN 2000
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Please find enclosed a report
of a UFO sighting.

Kind regards



Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House Gatwick Airport South West Sussex RH6 0YR
www.srg.caa.co.uk

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SDD

From: InfoServices
Sent: 09 June 2008 09:35
To: SDD
Subject: FW: Objects leaving Heathrow Area.
Attachments: P1010138.JPG; P1010139.JPG

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 June 2008 12:29
To: InfoServices
Subject: Objects leaving Heathrow Area.

Dear Sir/Madam,

25 of these amber object were seen leaving the Heathrow area at 12.30pm 07/06/08 traveling west at 45 degrees 200-300 knots. My girlfriend and I saw these from my 10th floor apartment in Battersea **Section 40**. The blue lights on the lower left are the Putney Bridge Building.

Please let me know you have received this.

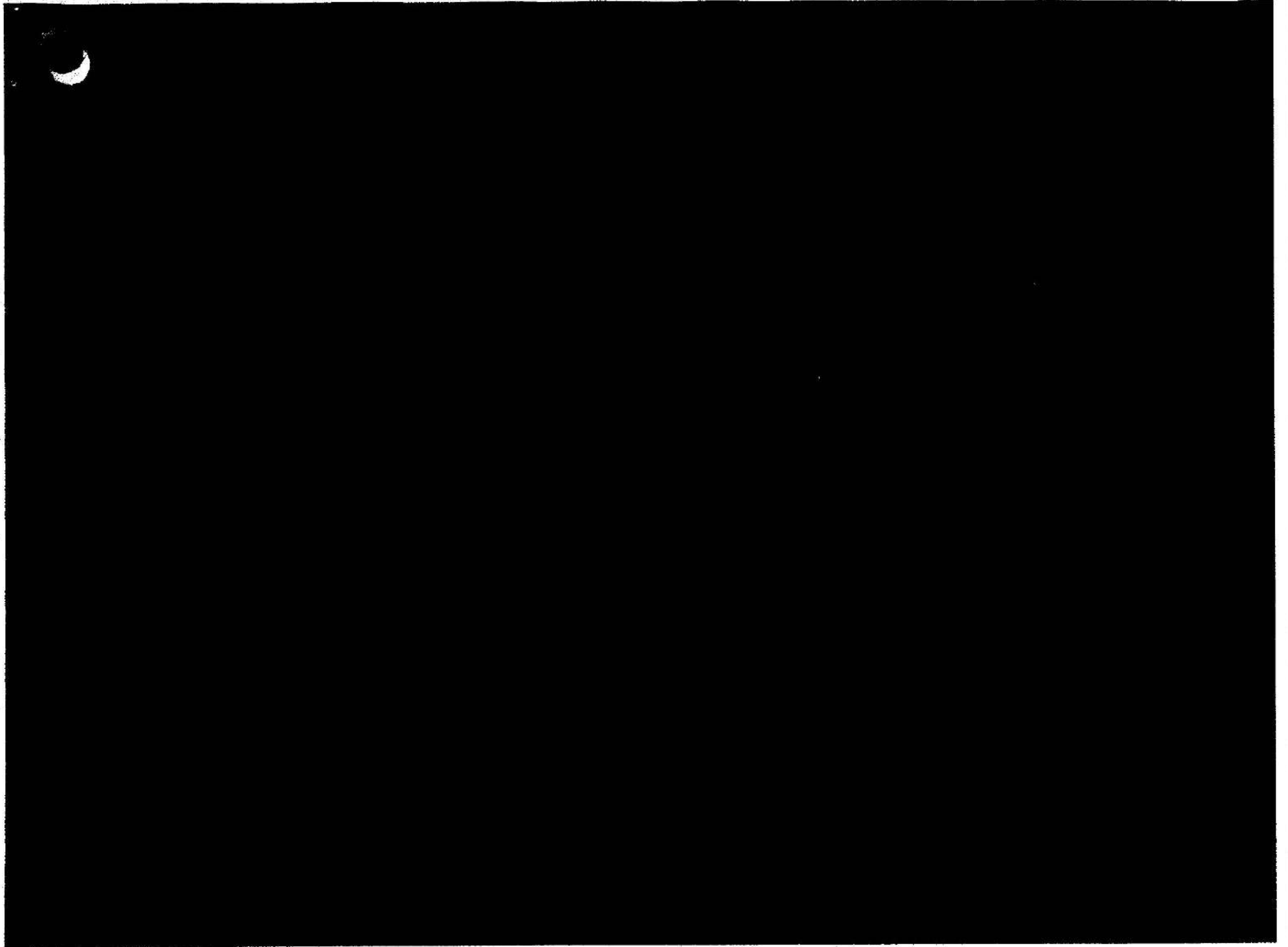
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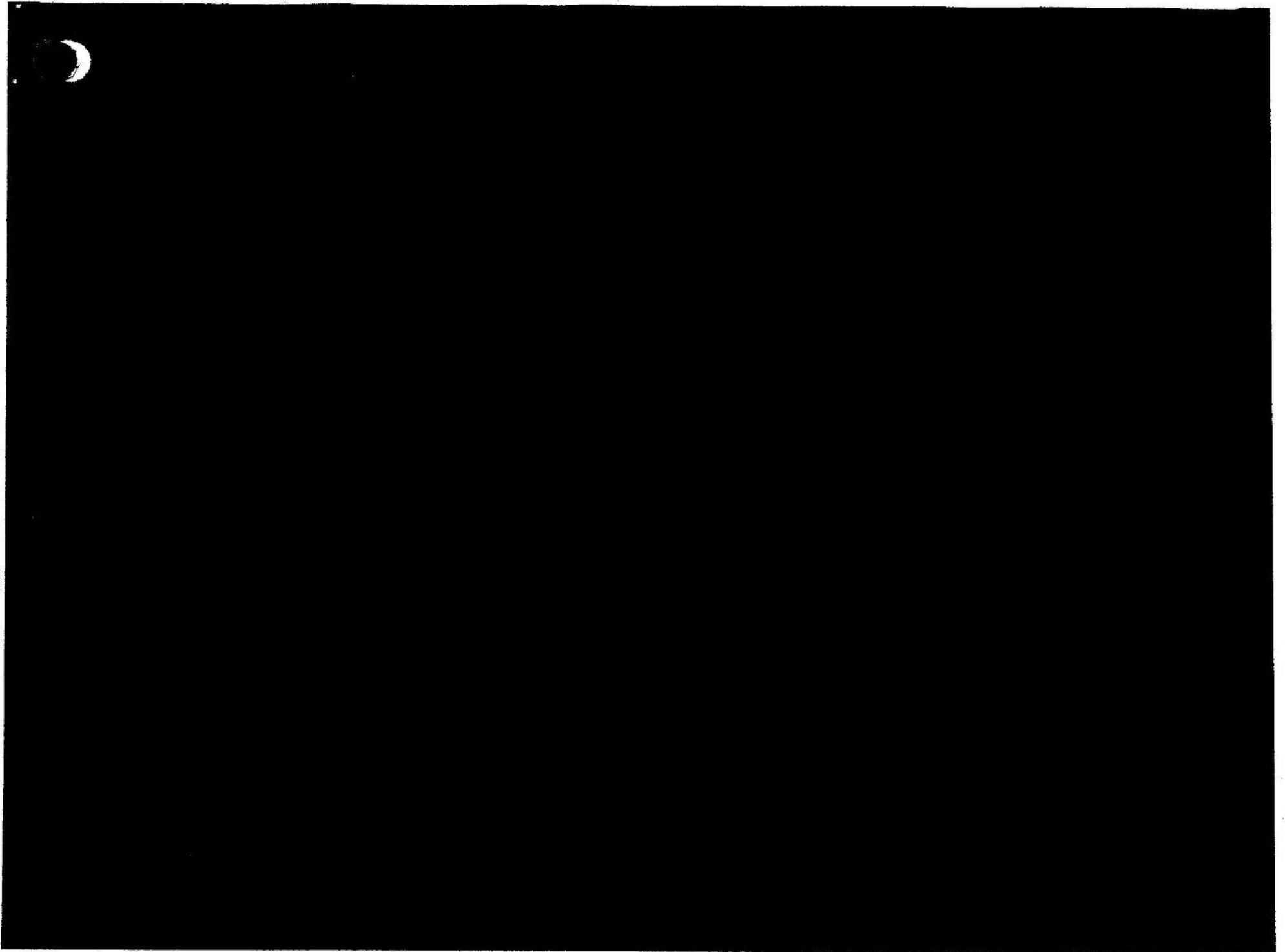
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Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 269.24.6/1488 - Release Date: 6/6/2008 5:48 PM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr

Sent: 26 June 2008 14:37

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

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[REDACTED]
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SO1 Air & Ops Dev
CT & UK Ops
MOD Main Building
Floor 4 Zone I

[REDACTED]

From: FYL-Stn Cdr
Sent: 23 June 2008 17:12
To: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Subject: RE: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[REDACTED]
Nil return from us too.

[REDACTED]
Wg Cdr
Stn Cdr, RAF Fylingdales
Tel (MOD) [REDACTED]
Tel (Civ): [REDACTED]
RAFMail: FYL-Stn Cdr
Email: [REDACTED]
<http://www.raf.mod.uk/raffylingdales/>
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Pickering
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2008 10:54
To: BOU-AFC-COS OPS; SCA-STN CDR; FYL-Stn Cdr; [REDACTED] Sqn Ldr
Subject: FW: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

Gents

Have you had any reports about the UFO sighting below over Cardiff? I assume if you had it would have worked its way to me

[REDACTED] can you check with AIRDO

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
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CT & UK Ops
MOD Main Building
Floor 4 Zone I

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2008 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[REDACTED]

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RAFMail: FYL-Stn Cdr
Email: [REDACTED]
<http://www.raf.mod.uk/raffylingdales/>
The Officer Commanding
Royal Air Force Fylingdales
Pickering
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SO1 Air & Ops Dev
CT & UK Ops
MOD Main Building
Floor 4 Zone 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2008 14:43
To: Section 40 [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted] Wg Cdr
Sent: 01 July 2008 08:51
To: [Redacted] Wg Cdr; [Redacted]
Subject: Release-authorized: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted] FYI.

[Redacted]

Wg Cdr
ATC COS

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 01 July 2008 08:43
To: [Redacted] Wg Cdr
Subject: RE: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[Redacted]

No reports from Swanwick , but there was something reported at Cardiff. Police were dealing with it so no formal action taken

[Redacted]

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Section 40
Head Policy & Standards
NERL Strategy & Investment

[Redacted]

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Fareham, Hants PO15 7FL
www.nats.co.uk

From: [Redacted] Wg Cdr [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 25 June 2008 08:57
To: [Redacted] OC ScATCC(Mil); [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Sqn Ldr
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[Redacted]

A request from our colleagues in the MOD. Do you have a point of contact for dealing with unusual incidents such as UFO sightings?

Chaps,
As below. Any UFO sightings recently?

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[REDACTED]
Wg Cdr
ATC COS
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Sent: 25 June 2008 08:45
To: [REDACTED] Wg Cdr
Subject: FW: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

[REDACTED]
Any report from Prestwick or Swanwick? Who deals with such report on your side or is it a NATS thing?

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From: [REDACTED]
 Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) [REDACTED]
 (Switchboard)
 (Fax) [REDACTED]



Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

26 June 2008

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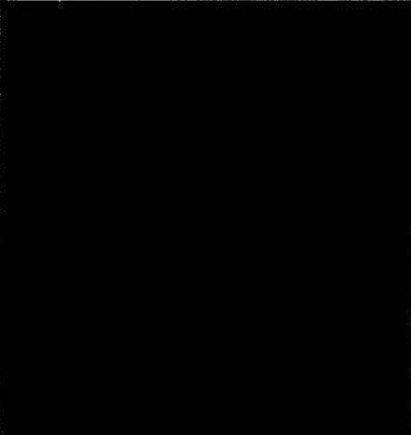
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	7 June 2008 23.00L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Westbury, Shrewsbury in Shropshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

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9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Tern Hill who then in turn gave out the DAS answerphone number.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	25 June 2008 14.45L

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UFO DATA

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Section 40
Leeds Section 40
Tel: Section 40

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01-07-2008 -161311-003
EXP 29 JUL 08

Please reply to: Section 40 Pontefract, West Yorkshire,
Section 40 Tele: Section 40 Email: Section 40

Date: 29th June 2008.

Freedom of Information Act Request.

Dear Sir,

I would respectfully like to request copies of any documentation (written or electronic) MoD holds on the UFO sightings of 7th and 8th June, including any material sent to or from your office, the MoD press office and Ministers. Please also send me copies of any documentation held on these matters by staff at Tern Hill barracks. I would also like to request copies of any documentation (written or electronic) MoD holds on any reports of unidentified aircraft for 7th and 8th June.

Yours sincerely

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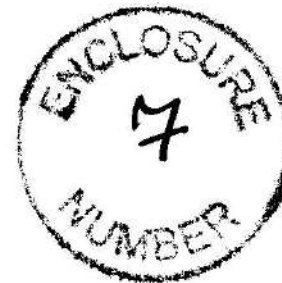
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UFO DATA Magazine.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



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 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Cwmbran
 Gwent

Section 40

Our Reference
 30-06-2008-134023-008

Date

15 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests of 23 June 2008 asking for copies of all files and reports associated with an alleged incident involving a police helicopter and a UFO near Cardiff on 8th June 2008.

Other than being aware of the incident via the media and members of the public such as yourself asking for information on the subject, the MoD has not received any report on the incident and therefore has no file on the matter. I can confirm however, that military radar reported no unusual activity for the time in question.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk> <<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>> ."

Yours sincerely,

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15-06-2008-134023-008

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23rd June 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has been widely reported of an incident involving a Police helicopter and an unidentified object on June 8th 2008 over Cardiff/RAF St Athan. Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting copies of all associated files/reports on the incident.

Yours faithfully Section 40

Section 40





AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** [redacted]

Case Number: 09-06-2008-111316-002

Expiry: 08 Jun 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

- 1. Details of Rendlesham Incident

Case for release of information

No reason to withhold

Personal Details withheld under s.40 (Personal Information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40** [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05... **Section 40** [redacted]

Date: **14/4/08**

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Tamworth
 Staffordshire

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Our Reference
 09-06-2008-111316-002

Date
 14 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 June 2008 asking for details on the Rendlesham Incident. I enclose a copy of our file on the subject in CD format, in line with your e-mail of 12 July 2008.

Some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers has been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The file is a compilation file comprised of documents that were removed from their original file and placed on this file. This would account for the non sequential enclosure numbering. Although the file cover states the file was opened on 25 October 1982, it is clear that this was not the case. Sec(AS) was not in being at this time, only being formed in early 1985 and therefore no file with a reference number commencing with D/Sec(AS) could have been in existence in 1982. No record of when the file was created can be found.

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If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk or on 020 7679 4974 to ask more about the study.

If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 12 July 2008 11:45

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-06-2008-111316-002

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your email, enclosed are the details you require to forward the CD to.

Section 40

Tamworth
Staffordshire

Section 40

----- Original Message -----

From: Section 40

To: Section 40

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2008 3:34 PM

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-06-2008-111316-002

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 June 2008 asking for details of the Rendlesham Incident.

The MoD has a file on this matter and I am happy to provide you with a copy. In order to save paper, I would prefer to provide you with a CD if that is acceptable to you. In any event, as the file is too large for me to send by e-mail, I will require your full name and postal address.

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DAS-FOI

05-H Section 40

MoD Main Building

Whitehall

London

SW1A 2HB

14/07/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2449/1

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09-06-2008-111316-002
EXP 7 JUL 08

From: Section 40

Sent: 08 June 2008 19:17

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: UFO incident at Rendlesham Forest in 1980

Please forward to me details of the above incident, Publication Scheme 6/8/2008

09/06/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2449/1



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant **Section 40**

Case Number: 30-06-2008-132308-006
30-06-2008-133333-007 .
30-06-2008-131554-005 .

Expiry: 24 Jul 08

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

3 separate requests asking for copies of photographs for 1990-95, 1995-2000 and 2000-08

Case for release of information

The requests will be treated as a single request.

Information should be withheld on the basis of cost

1 file = 1 hour to read
77 files = 77 hours to read
77 hrs @£25 = £1925

Even if treated separately, costs for each likely to exceed £600

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information subject to the above exemption

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05. **Section 40**

Date: 14/7/08



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Our Reference
 30-06-2008-132308-006
 30-06-2008-133333-007
 30-06-2008-131554-005

Date
 14 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests of 23 June 2008 asking for copies of any UFO photographs held by the MoD for the period 1990-2008

Providing you with the information you requested is likely to exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If you could narrow the scope of your request, perhaps to one or two years, I may be able to help you.

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Yours sincerely,

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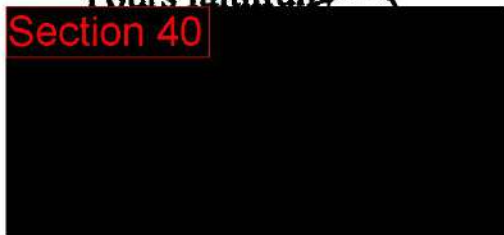
23rd June 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting copies of any UFO photographs you have on file from 1990 – 1995.

Yours faithfully

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27 JUN 2008

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23rd June 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting copies of any UFO photographs you have on file from 1995 – 2000.

Yours faithfully

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30-06-2008-131554-235

DG INFO ADMIN

27 JUN 2008

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23rd June 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting copies of any UFO photographs you have on file from 2000 - 2008.

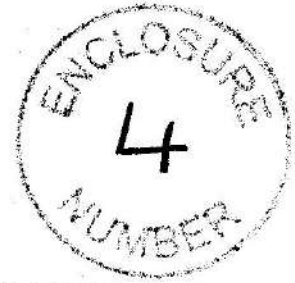
Yours faithfully

Section 40





From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
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 e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

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Section 40

Our Reference
 07-07-2008-162830-003

Date
 10 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 July 2008 asking for all information including paperwork, photographs and film regarding the Tern Hill UFO sighting of 7 June 2008.

I enclose documents that relate to the reported sighting. You will note that some personnel information such as names and telephone numbers, have been withheld as they are not directly relevant to your request. You may be interested to know that no written sighting report was made.

A copy of the video taken at the time is also provided. You should be aware that the MoD does not hold the copyright for this video and should you intend to publish or reproduce it, you should first seek legal advice.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2008 15:33
To: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [REDACTED]
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008 TERN HILL BARRACKS

Dear Capt. [REDACTED]

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.

Given the reports of the nearby hotel setting off Chinese Lanterns around the time of the sighting at Tern Hill and the above policy, I do not intend to investigate the matter any further.

I should however, be grateful if you would pass this decision on to the soldier that reported the sighting. I assume he has retained a copy of the video. If not, I shall return my copy to him, otherwise, it will be destroyed.

[REDACTED]
DAS-FOI
05-H-Section 40
MoD main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

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03/07/2008

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2008 14:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TERN HILL SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008

The Sun has reported a UFO sighting over Ternhill Barracks in Shropshire at about 11pm on 7 June 2008. It appears that a number of soldiers saw lights in the sky and made a video which they have passed to the newspaper. They have not made a formal written report on the matter, although they did inform their superiors.

The MoD in London became involved when the press office was contacted by the newspaper on 24th June. On 25th June I requested a copy of the video from Media Ops at HQ 5 Div where it had been passed by the unit concerned. It shows a number of lights in the sky. As reported in the paper, the lights change colour and appear square, but this looks like the pixels showing up as the photographer zoomed in. They do not appear to be moving very quickly.

The BBC has reported that at the same time as the alleged incident, a local hotel was letting off Chinese lanterns and, apparently, the hotel manager thinks the whole UFO story is "highly hilarious".

I do not intend to investigate any further as I think we have our answer and, as I suspect there might be copyright issues surrounding the video, do not intend to retain a copy on our files.

I will inform the soldiers of my decision through their 2ic.

[REDACTED]
DAS-FOI
[REDACTED]

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03/07/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2449/1

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From: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: UFOs at Ternhill

As requested

From: [REDACTED] Lt Col [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 27 June 2008 08:33
To: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: UFOs at Ternhill

[REDACTED]

Here is what looks like the explanation for the 'UFOs'. Looks pretty sound as an explanation to me.

Can you update me as to what is happening to the two soldiers pse?

Thanks

[REDACTED]
SO1 D News Army

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2008 08:24
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col
Cc: [REDACTED] Col [REDACTED]
Subject: UFOs at Ternhill

Dear all,

Please see link below to our local BBC website which gives a possible explanation for the UFOs at Ternhill.

The same story was also reported on BBC Mids Today last night.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7474160.stm>

[REDACTED]

E1
5 DIV MEDIA OPS
Mil: [REDACTED]
Civ: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

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***Please forward official correspondence to 5 DIV-G2G3-G3MediaOps Group
Mailbox***

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 09:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Forecast
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Orange

Thanks – any news on what we're doing on this **specific** incident? Does this not count as "may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity"?

[REDACTED]

Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Mil: [REDACTED] Civ: [REDACTED]
DII: SofS-Private Office

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 08:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Forecast

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2008 17:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Forecast

Sun: UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers. LTT: The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported. "

[REDACTED]

Press Officer – Policy Desk
Ministry of Defence

Tel: [REDACTED]
Mob: [REDACTED]
Mil: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 09:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: UFOs
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Orange

[REDACTED]

Sun: UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers.

Generic LTT: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

Have asked for more specifics w.r.t. this particular incident.

[REDACTED]

Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Mil [REDACTED] Civ: [REDACTED]
DII: SofS-Private Office

[REDACTED]

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Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2449/1

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From: [REDACTED] C1 - SIO [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2008 12:27
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Col; [REDACTED] Col [REDACTED]
 Mrs [REDACTED]
Subject: release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

[REDACTED]

We spoke, but the following is the basic story:

I took a call this morning from the 2IC rear party at 1 Royal Irish at Tern Hill
 Capt [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

A soldier who was part of a fire picket stagg on at the camp on 7 June took video footage with a camera on a mobile phone of what he says were "UFOs" in the sky above the camp – which they have emailed to The Sun – and which The Sun is apparently planning on splashing – probably tomorrow.

I don't have all the details/timings but what I do have is the following:

1. Soldier is Cpl [REDACTED] who the phone belongs to – he was accompanied by Pte [REDACTED] who also witnessed the "UFOs".
2. The footage was taken on 7 June at 23.03hrs – with a 5 megapixel camera on the phone.
3. 2IC rear party says the video images are very good.
4. The 2IC says the images could not have been anything to do with nearby RAF Shawbury.
5. They show lots of multi-coloured dots and zoom in on a cube shaped object which then flattens.
6. The Sun has already interviewed Cp [REDACTED] – he has explained to them what he saw.
7. There is some suggestion of payment being offered – though I think a discussion about that has still to happen.
8. I have reminded all, the 2IC and Cpl [REDACTED] about their responsibilities ref the DIN on communicating with the media.
9. Cpl [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] an editor at The Sun (?)
10. Cpl [REDACTED] mobile number is [REDACTED]
11. I spoke to the CRO at RAF Shawbury who said he was not aware –
 Sqn Ldr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Information Officer C1
 Media Ops
 HQ 5 Div
 DTN: [REDACTED] CIVIL: [REDACTED] MOBILE: [REDACTED]
 E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

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 Please forward official correspondence to 5Div -G2G3-G3 MediaOps Group (Mailbox)

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Section 40

2nd July 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting all information including paperwork, photos, film regarding the Tern Hill barrack sightings. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

Section 40





Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 July 2008 16:09
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-07-2008-144623-005

Section 40

The description of the June 2008 sighting is as follows:

A diamond/orb shaped object. Was white and bright. It never moved. It was a few thousand feet up in the sky.

Details of sightings for the other years are on the website.

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DAS-FOI

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 July 2008 16:05
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-07-2008-144623-005

Section 40

Thanks you for the speedy reply! Would you be able to provide me with a description of what was seen -e.g. was a light hanging in the sky, or flashing moving object, etc? If I need to submit another FOI for that, could you let me know?

Regards,

Section 40

From: Section 40 [redacted]@mod.uk]
Sent: 10 July 2008 16:00
To: Section 40
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-07-2008-144623-005

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 July 2008 asking for the number, location, time and date of any UFO sightings in Lincolnshire in 2004-2008.

There has been one sighting in 2008 to date. This was at 17:50 on 23 June 2008 in the Lincoln/Welton area.

Details of sightings for 2004-07 can be found on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching in the publication scheme under *UFO Reports*.

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I hope this is helpful.

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-----Original Message-----

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]

Sent: 10 July 2008 13:53

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI Written Request 10-07-2008-144623-005 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on
Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 13:52:46

firstname: **Section 40**

lastname: **Section 40**

occupation: Reporter

org/company: Lincolnshire Echo

address1: The Lincolnshire Echo

address2: Brayford Wharf East

towncity: Lincoln

statecounty: Lincolnshire

postzipcode: LN5 7AT

country: UK

e-mail: **Section 40**

telephone: **Section 40**

informationrequest: Hi,

I'd like to make a Freedom of Information request about UFO sightings
around Lincolnshire. I would like to know:

How many UFO sightings there have been in the county so far in 2008;

How many sightings there were in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004;

For all of those years:

Which areas they were spotted in;

What times and dates they were spotted;

If you require any more information on the above request, please
contact me on **Section 40**

I look forward to hearing the response within the allotted 28-day time
scale attached to e FOI request.

Regards,

Section 40

submit: Send Form



From: **Section 40**
 Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

York
 North Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 20-06-2008-093132-003

Date:
 10 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking if we could release any information/reports relating to either the 15% of sightings occurring in North Yorkshire and the information/reports on the 33 sightings in and around Selby in 2004.

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 unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external 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 regards to information/reports relating to UFO sighting in North Yorkshire, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains information on UFO sighting reports from the year 1997 up to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme>, by searching under 'UFO' Reports.

Finally, you may also wish to know that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1987 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, or telephone, 0208 876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 20 June 2008 10:28
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 20-06-2008-093132-003 Section 40
Categories: FOI Information Request

Can you deal with this? Just direct him to our website.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 20 June 2008 09:32
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 20-06-2008-093132-003 Section 40

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Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

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FOI Helpdesk
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-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 20 June 2008 10:38
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 20-06-2008-093132-003 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, June 20, 2008 at 10:38:24

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: ?
txtorganisation: ?
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: york
txtstatecountry: north yorkshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Hi, was wondering if you could release any infomation/reports relating to either the 15% of sightings of 2005 occuring in North Yorkshire or if you

had any infomation/reports on the 33 sightings in an around Selby in 2004?
ankyou.

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txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: york

txtstatecountry: north yorkshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

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Section 40

Pontefract
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Our Reference
 01-07-2008-131609-002

Date

10 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 June 2008 asking for all documentation relating to the alleged UFO sighting at Tern Hill on 7 June 2008. Additionally, you have asked for a copy of the video taken at the time and for any reports made by military personnel at Tern Hill on the night in question.

I enclose documents that relate to the reported sighting. You will note that some personnel information such as names and telephone numbers, have been withheld as they are not directly relevant to your request. No written (or electronic) reports were actually made so I am unable to assist with this part of your request.

A copy of the video is provided as requested. You should be aware that the MoD does not hold the copyright for this video and should you intend to publish or reproduce it, you should first seek legal advice.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk> <<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>>."

I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

*NOTE: VIDEO HELD
 BY DAS-FI*

The Constitution Unit, a research body at University College London, is carrying out an independent evaluative study of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in co-operation with a number of public authorities, including the Ministry of Defence. An important part of the evaluation process is gathering the experiences and opinions of FOI requesters like you. Any information you provide will only be seen by the Constitution Unit and will be handled in accordance with its privacy policy explained in the survey. The Ministry of Defence will only see the published results: no individual responses will be visible to us and your participation will have no effect on your future dealings with the Ministry.

If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk or on 020 7679 4974 to ask more about the study.

If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.

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From: [REDACTED] C1 - SIO [REDACTED]
 Sent: 24 June 2008 12:27
 To: [REDACTED] Lt Col
 Cc: [REDACTED] Col; [REDACTED] Col [REDACTED]
 Mrs [REDACTED]
 Subject: release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

[REDACTED]

We spoke, but the following is the basic story:

I took a call this morning from the 2IC rear party at 1 Royal Irish at Tern Hill
 Capt [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

A soldier who was part of a fire picket stagg on at the camp on 7 June took video footage with a camera on a mobile phone of what he says were "UFOs" in the sky above the camp – which they have emailed to The Sun – and which The Sun is apparently planning on splashing – probably tomorrow.

I don't have all the details/timings but what I do have is the following:

1. Soldier is Cpl [REDACTED] who the phone belongs to – he was accompanied by Pte [REDACTED] who also witnessed the "UFOs".
2. The footage was taken on 7 June at 23.03hrs – with a 5 megapixel camera on the phone.
3. 2IC rear party says the video images are very good.
4. The 2IC says the images could not have been anything to do with nearby RAF Shawbury.
5. They show lots of multi-coloured dots and zoom in on a cube shaped object which then flattens.
6. The Sun has already interviewed Cp [REDACTED] – he has explained to them what he saw.
7. There is some suggestion of payment being offered – though I think a discussion about that has still to happen.
8. I have reminded all, the 2IC and Cpl [REDACTED] about their responsibilities ref the DIN on communicating with the media.
9. Cpl [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] an editor at The Sun (?)
10. Cpl [REDACTED] mobile number is [REDACTED]
11. I spoke to the CRO at RAF Shawbury who said he was not aware –
 Sqn Ldr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Information Officer C1
 Media Ops
 HQ 5 Div
 DTN: [REDACTED] CIVIL: [REDACTED] MOBILE: [REDACTED]
 E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

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Please forward official correspondence to 5Div -G2G3-G3 MediaOps Group (Mailbox)

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2008 15:33
To: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [REDACTED]
Subject: UFO SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008 TERN HILL BARRACKS

Dear Capt. [REDACTED]

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.

Given the reports of the nearby hotel setting off Chinese Lanterns around the time of the sighting at Tern Hill and the above policy, I do not intend to investigate the matter any further.

I should however, be grateful if you would pass this decision on to the soldier that reported the sighting. I assume he has retained a copy of the video. If not, I shall return my copy to him, otherwise, it will be destroyed.



[REDACTED]
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MoD main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2008 14:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TERN HILL SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008

The Sun has reported a UFO sighting over Ternhill Barracks in Shropshire at about 11pm on 7 June 2008. It appears that a number of soldiers saw lights in the sky and made a video which they have passed to the newspaper. They have not made a formal written report on the matter, although they did inform their superiors.

The MoD in London became involved when the press office was contacted by the newspaper on 24th June. On 25th June I requested a copy of the video from Media Ops at HQ 5 Div where it had been passed by the unit concerned. It shows a number of lights in the sky. As reported in the paper, the lights change colour and appear square, but this looks like the pixels showing up as the photographer zoomed in. They do not appear to be moving very quickly.

The BBC has reported that at the same time as the alleged incident, a local hotel was letting off Chinese lanterns and, apparently, the hotel manager thinks the whole UFO story is "highly hilarious".

I do not intend to investigate any further as I think we have our answer and, as I suspect there might be copyright issues surrounding the video, do not intend to retain a copy on our files.

I will inform the soldiers of my decision through their 2ic.

[REDACTED]
DAS-FOI
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 09:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Forecast
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Orange

Thanks – any news on what we're doing on this specific incident? Does this not count as "may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity"?

[REDACTED]
Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Mil: [REDACTED] Civ: [REDACTED]
DII: SofS-Private Office
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 08:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Forecast

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2008 17:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Forecast

Sun: UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers. **LTT:** The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported. "

[REDACTED]
Press Officer – Policy Desk
Ministry of Defence

Tel: [REDACTED]
Mob: [REDACTED]
Mil: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2008 09:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: UFOs
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Orange

[REDACTED]

Sun: UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers.

Generic LTT: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

Have asked for more specifics w.r.t. this particular incident.

[REDACTED]

Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Mil [REDACTED] Civ: [REDACTED]
DII: SofS-Private Office
[REDACTED]

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www.ufodata.co.uk

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Leeds Section 40
Tel: Section 40

01-07-2008-131609-022
EX 28 JUL 08

Please reply to: Section 40 Pontefract, West Yorkshire, Section 40
Section 40
Tel: Section 40 Email: Section 40

Date: 26th June 2008.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a Freedom of Information Act request. I would like to request copies of all documentation either written or electronic relating to the alleged UFO sighting by Corporal Section 40 and colleagues over Tern Hill barracks near Market Drayton in Shropshire on June 7th 2008.

I understand that Corporal Section 40 reported the incidents in question to his commanding officers. I would therefore like to request a copy of this report either written or electronic and any other reports submitted by any other military personnel at Tern Hill barracks on the night in question (June 7th 2008).

I would also respectfully like to request a copy of the video film footage taken by Corporal Section 40 and any other such footage that may have been taken by other military personnel at the times.

Yours sincerely,

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UFO DATA MAGAZINE.

RETAIN TERN HILL
VIDEO FOR 6
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COMMENT ON TALKING
TO THE PRESS ALB
NOT ABOUT SIGHTING
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RELEVANT.



From: **Section 40**
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Our Reference
01-07-2008-131609-002

Date

11 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Further to my letter of 10 July 2008, please find two pages that were missed in error from my original response.

I apologise for the oversight.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 9:09 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: UFOs at Ternhill

As requested

From: [redacted] Lt Col [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: 27 June 2008 08:33
To: 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [redacted]
Subject: RE: UFOs at Ternhill

[redacted]

Here is what looks like the explanation for the 'UFOs'. Looks pretty sound as an explanation to me.

Can you update me as to what is happening to the two soldiers pse?

Thanks

[redacted]
SO1 D News Army
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2008 08:24
To: [redacted] Lt Col
Cc: [redacted] Col [redacted]
Subject: UFOs at Ternhill

Dear all,

Please see link below to our local BBC website which gives a possible explanation for the UFOs at Ternhill.

The same story was also reported on BBC Mids Today last night.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7474160.stm>

[redacted]

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5 DIV MEDIA OPS
Mil: [redacted]
Civ: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]

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Mailbox***