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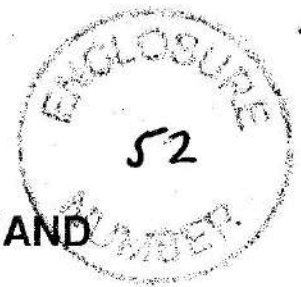
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East Hunsbury
Northampton
Northamptonshire

Section 40

Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

20 July 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2009, concerning the views of the Disclosure Project. It has been passed to this office to deal with as we have responsibility for answering questions relating to UFOs.

Unfortunately, we did not receive it until after we had responded to your previous letter to Secretary of State for Defence, Bob Ainsworth, which we sent to you on 13 July 2009.

Since the concerns you raised are the same, I do not intend to restate the MoD position. ✖
However, I would like to return the two disks you provided.

Yours sincerely

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [Section 40]

From: [Section 40]@mod.uk]

Sent: 13 July 2009 11:50

To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [Section 40]

Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Letter dated 1 Jul 2009 to Member of the Royal Air Force-DMC PR RAF-U

Hi [Section 40]

For you I think?



Regards

[Section 40]

From: [Section 40]

Sent: 13 July 2009 11:26

To: [Section 40]

Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Letter dated 1 Jul 2009 to Member of the Royal Air Force-DMC PR RAF-U

One for you [Section 40]

Regards,

[Section 40]

From: DMC-PR RAF [Section 40] Gp Capt)

Sent: 10 July 2009 16:22

To: [Section 40]

Subject: Release-Authorised: Letter dated 1 Jul 2009 to Member of the Royal Air Force-DMC PR RAF-U

Dear [Section 40]

Thank you for your letter dated 1 Jul 2009 to a 'Member of the Royal Air Force' which I read with interest when I received it earlier today.

As the subject matter of your letter relates to UFO events and projects and requested a response from the Royal Air Force on how we plan "to help get the truth out to the public of the UK", I have passed your letter and the CD on to our Team in the Air Staff who deal with such enquiries.

Best regards

[Section 40]

Gp Capt [Section 40]

Gp Capt RAF PR

[Section 40]

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DMC-PRRAF@mod.uk

1 JUL 2009

From: Section 40

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Northampton

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E-Mail: Section 40

Mobile: Section 40



Dear Member Of The Royal Air Force,

It has come to my attention many years ago that there is a very important matter that is not being given the attention it deserves, for a number of reasons. People regard it as either a curiosity or an irrelevance and consider those that disagree with this view as either strange or mad. This has happened because of a deliberate campaign of ridicule and mis-information, which has continued for about 60 years.

I am now writing to bring this matter to your attention and, though it may seem a complete waste of time to you, I am asking you to study this matter and come to an informed opinion. Unfortunately, most people in your position, and those around you, are almost completely uninformed about this matter (because the mis-information campaign has been so successful) and therefore are either completely unaware of it or are not interested and so do not deal with it appropriately. Please read on.

The Obama administration has shown a renewed commitment to bold changes for the world and to a free exchange of ideas. Information is available to help you with this important task.

A real solution exists that would result in a new emancipation of the people of the world from economic slavery. The alternative energy options that you have been considering, such as clean coal, wind, and solar, are not the answer. The Orion Project (www.TheOrionProject.org) has answers to the energy problems facing the world.

In addition, the Disclosure Project (www.DisclosureProject.org) has gathered together over 500 military, intelligence and corporate contractor witnesses to alternative energy, UFO events and projects, and other evidence that proves that UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence are very real. The technologies related to their energy and propulsion systems are known but are withheld from a world sorely in need of their disclosure. We need to work in concert with the French, the United Nations, the Chinese and nations all over the world to move this subject forward in a clear and definitive way.

The Disclosure Project, headed by Dr. Steven Greer, is dedicated to informing Heads of State, Legislators and the General Populace in the U.S. and abroad on issues surrounding the looming fossil fuel and energy crisis we are and will be facing in the very near future. We must find alternative fuel and energy sources, which do not pollute and destroy Earth's delicate ecosystems, as current methods are in the process of doing. Of course, there are a number of significant environmental groups already engaged in similar activities.

The recorded testimony of our witnesses supports strong evidence of the existence of an UFO/Extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth. The testimony includes internal UFO-related government projects and covert activities, space-based weapon programs, and covert, reverse-engineered energy and propulsion system projects. These technologies, when publicly released within a planned transition period, will provide solutions to global, environmental and security challenges.

These witnesses constitute only a small portion of a vast pool of identified present or former military, intelligence, corporate, aviator, flight control, law enforcement officers, scientists and other witnesses, who will come forward when subpoenaed to testify at Congressional Hearings in the USA. Without a grant of immunity releasing them from their security oaths, many such unimpeachable witnesses fear to speak out.

On May 9, 2001, the Disclosure Project held an unprecedented news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Twenty courageous men and women with various military and government backgrounds came forward before the world and testified to the issues I mentioned above. Unfortunately, this event went largely unnoticed and to find out the reasons for this, please see the Web Site above.

I encourage you to pursue this matter further. The technologies that are being suppressed will play a vital role in our future. This subject and the related information need to be put on the political platform and not treated with disdain. Special action is required, because of the nature of this subject.

The secrecy surrounding this subject has eroded our constitutional form of government. Illegally classified projects, unsupervised by the normal government and the priminster, continue to withhold from the public this important information about new energy and propulsion technologies that could replace our need for foreign oil, and eliminate much of the pollution in the world.

Please study this matter and call for open, UK, secrecy-free hearings at which these military and government witnesses may testify under oath. The excessive, illegal secrecy associated with these 'black' budget projects is a threat to our way of life, our democracy and now to our national security. The time for this change has come. If not now, when, and if not us, who?

To receive more info on this matter please go to the Disclosure Project. The web site: <http://www.DisclosureProject.org> and The Orion Project at <http://www.TheOrionProject.org>.

Please review the two disks I have sent you and get back to me on how YOU are going to help get the truth out to the public of the UK????????!!!!!!!

Thank you for reading and, in advance, for your considered response ASAP?!?!

I will be awaiting your reply!

Yours Sincerely,

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P.S.

Looking forward to hearing from you and please don't ignore this issue as
sooooooooooooo many already have and just treat this subject correctly as I do please.
Many Thanks! ☺

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Rochester
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Our Ref:
UFO Correspondence

25 June 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning the message you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 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 or 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.

We have not had any other UFO reports from Rochester so far this year, but if you are concerned that your legs are in pain, you may wish to consult your GP.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Our Ref:

UFO Report

22 June 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 5 June 2009 confirming the time of your sighting of the 23 May 2009.

As I explained in my previous letter, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) is not resourced to provide an aerial identification service and it would be an inappropriate use of our resources to do so. I am therefore unable to provide you with an explanation for what you have seen.

I would however, like to assure you that the Ministry of Defence takes air defence matters very seriously and the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Policing Area would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft).

You might be interested to know that details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under the phrase *UFO Reports*.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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5th June 2009

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 28th May 2009.

I am writing to confirm that my sighting took place at night on 23rd May approximately 22.30.
Unfortunately I did not take down the exact time.

Since my sighting colleagues have reported that there were further sightings at the same time on Hayling Island! When I read their description of events on the internet it became clear that they had seen the same thing apart from I only saw one object!

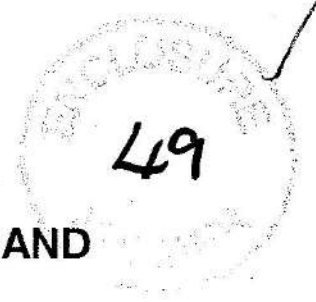
I am not a time waster, neither am I going mad! I know what I saw, it is a shame there are no explanations for it! Quite a coincidence that other people are convinced the same as me though!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

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Krakow
Poland

Our Ref:
UFO Report

19 June 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter and DVD regarding the phenomena picked up by your camera.

It may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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I am sorry I could not provide a Polish translation. I am returning your DVD to you.

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FILE NOTE:

LOOK LIKE A DAY
LENS FILTER EFFECT.

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NAS SEC
UFO'S

Dear Sir / Malcolm

Thursday

When my brother visited me in the U.K at Hemel Hempstead (Herts) in September '08 we filmed with my digital video camera a very unusual phenomenon. I have attached a copy of original recording of things which took place in September '08 and shows such things as UFO's and many other paranormal situations here. In my opinion it's a very big event of the world. I send this disc to you.

Original video disc with full film is available.

If you're interested, please contact me in polish language (if it's possible). If not I've given to you all contact (telephone, address and e-mail).

He lives in the U.K and he will be helpful.

My brother's contact:

DVD SENT IN POST

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Thank you for your ~~time~~ time and consideration.

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Hemel Hempstead
Redbourn, Herts

My full contact:

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e-mail:

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Poland

tel. number:

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 **Section 40**

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 **Section 40**

Sent: 18 June 2009 15:05

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-authorised: 20090617-Response to **Section 40**

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Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail about the orbs you and your fellow Cubs saw.

At the Ministry of Defence we receive a lot of UFO reports but I want to reassure you that we have never received one that we thought was a threat to people's safety.

We only ever investigate a handful of reports like yours a year because it would be very expensive to investigate them all, but we suspect that if we did, most of them would be caused by aircraft, stars or the light playing tricks with people's eyes. When we do investigate them, it's only to see if the country's airspace might have been affected but we haven't any evidence of this so far.

I hope this is helpful

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From: Section 40 [redacted]@mod.uk] on behalf of Low Flying
[LowFlying@mod.uk]
Sent: 05 June 2009 15:36
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 Section 40
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 04 June 2009 15:45
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

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txtlastname: [redacted]
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txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: Gillingham
txtstatecountry: Kent
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 15:00approx,feb'09.
txtrequest: I have seen various recent press articles of sightings of mysterious glowing darting orb circular type things in our airspace?

To aid any kind of research, I can vow that we saw exactly the same type as these sightings on our cub's winter camp at Skreens park,essex and there was quiet a few of us totally mystified on these sightings.
If I could help please contact me.
Kind Regards,

Section 40
[redacted]



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Spilsby
Lincolnshire

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Dear Section 40

Our Ref:
Correspondence

16 June 2009

Thank you for your letter of 5 June 2009 concerning the lights you have been witnessing.

As I explained in my previous letter, the Ministry of Defence is not resourced to provide an aerial identification service and it would be an inappropriate use of our resources to do so. I am therefore unable to provide you with an explanation for what you have seen.

I would however, like to assure you that the Ministry of Defence takes air defence matters very seriously and the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Policing Area would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft).

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Tom Sweeney
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5th June 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter received this morning 5th June 2009. I have never thought what I saw was a UFO, this was the number I was given to phone, and I would have given you my information if I had been contacted.

On Sunday 30th May 2009 at 01.00 to 01.20 a.m. I heard a noise as if a security chain had dropped from an open bedroom window. I looked out and saw a large wall of red light which covered a big area over towards Spilsby, I went down stairs for my camera the wall of light was still there, I took two photographs, I watched as the red light gradually went out leaving a red dot and then another red dot behind this. I know this was'nt an aeroplane as there lights are big white lights when they come towards you at night time. This was confirmed by Coningsby there had been no aircraft in the area that night.

I have also seen and been watching a ring of lights from the bedroom window for a long time one light is an extra very bright light and has come on when I've been looking at the night sky then more have come on and gone off in a ring. What explanation is there for this? On nights there has been a light in the sky which was brighter than a star, on one night one of these lights sent a beam of light up to it, was this to a satellite? I also took a photograph of this extra very bright light. Are these lights illegal?

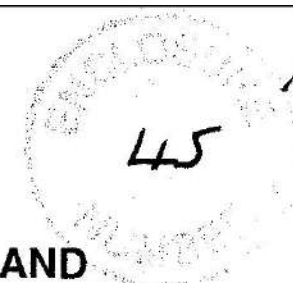
One night from this extra very bright light a light came from behind it and went over the top of each light in this ring and disappeared.

I am in a flight path, and can see across to Coningsby. With the Air Force safety in mind and Royalty which have been in the Lincolnshire area recently and will be on the 17th June 2009 for their security I have written to you regarding what I have seen.

I would like an explanation for this for security and safety please.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Cwmbran

Gwent

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Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

16 June 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter explaining where you saw the reference to DI25 and asking what the role of DI52 was.

We have checked the page you quote, but are unable to see any reference to DI25 on it. Could you have been thinking of another document?

DI52 was the name of a branch in the Defence Intelligence Service, which has not been in use since October 2002. The branch has covered a number of issues. At the time of the document you quote, this included studies of the worldwide transfer of military related technologies.

I hope this is helpful.

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[REDACTED]CWMBRAN
GWENTSection 40
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In regards to your letter dated 29 May 2009, the term DIS2 is mentioned in the recently released file defe-31-180, page 201. The document is a report filed by someone at DIS2, this is also in the document reference 'DIS2/TMCK/1'. The reporter then states 'I am new to DI' which I assume is Defence Intelligence. If you could illuminate me as to what DIS2 deals with I would be most grateful.

Yours sincerely

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [Section 40]

From: [Section 40]@mod.uk]

Sent: 10 June 2009 13:32

To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [Section 40]

Cc: [Section 40]

Subject: 20090610-FOI Request [Section 40]

[Section 40]

As discussed, please find an amended input below on the FOI request from [Section 40] ref the question 'what DI52 deals with'.

"DI52 was the name of a branch in the Defence Intelligence Staff, which has not been in use since October 2002. The branch has covered a number of issues. At the time of the document, it included studies of the worldwide transfer of military-related technologies."

Regards

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10/06/2009

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2451/1



Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

Sent: 01 June 2009 14:43

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090601-Response to **Section 40** Link to UFO files-U

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 31 May 2009 asking for a link to access all files on reported UFOs since the start of the Second World War to the present.

The MoD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MoD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing at the national Archives, who can be contacted at Ruskin avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The MoD currently has a programme to transfer some 160 UFO files for the period from the late 1970's up to 2007 to The National Archives by the close of 2010. It is hoped that files for the period 1992-2000 will be transferred by the end of this year and they will be made available for public viewing on the internet.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "UFO Reports". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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Sent: 31 May 2009 19:14

To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)

Subject: foi email request

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txtinforequest: Please can you give me the link to access all files on reported ufos since the start of the second World war to the present?Thank you,

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Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

29 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 18 May 2009 asking what the term DI25 refers to and whether various media articles held on the recently released UFO files were submitted by the public for consideration or whether they were filed as procedure by MoD staff.

I have been unable to identify what the term DI25 refers to. However, if you can provide me with a reference and date for the document you saw it on, it may be possible to conduct a more thorough search of our records.

Turning to the various media articles found on the files, it is impossible to say in each case why articles were kept, but that it is probable that they are a combination of documents sent by the public and items placed on file by staff if they thought they were of interest or had relevance for answering a future queries. I am not aware of any formal procedure surrounding the collection of these items but I suspect it would be a matter left very much to the judgement of individuals.

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18th May 2009

Dear Section 40

In one of the recently released UFO files from the MoD there is reference to 'DI25'. Could you explain what department DI25 refers to? Also in these files are numerous articles from the media (covering UFOs, Aurora etc). Are these articles submitted for your consideration by the public in connection to a query or are they filed as procedure by MoD staff?

Yours faithfully Section 40
Section 40

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

From: **Section 40** @mod.uk]

Sent: 27 May 2009 14:44

To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

Cc: **Section 40**

Subject: 20090527-UFO CORRESPONDENCE-U

Section 40

We have investigated the reference to DI25 as well as DIS25 and D125 without success. There are no references to it in our file database but to absolutely rule it out you may wish to request that the originator provides further references if he has them and we can do a more thorough search.

I have also been advised that the open source reporting in the files resulted from over eager desk officers within DIS and within DAS at the time. They do not relate to any enquiries from the public. There was not a formal process for culling open source, but for some desk officers it aligned with their outside hobbies.

Therefore, it may be more correct to state:

Secondly, he does not state which particular files he was looking at, but I intend to say that it is impossible to say in each case why articles were kept, but that it is probable that they were ~~it was a combination of items sent by the public and those placed on file by staff if they thought they were of interest or may have relevance to answering a future queries. they had received~~, and that I am not aware of any formal procedure surrounding the collection of these items.

Hope this helps.

Regards

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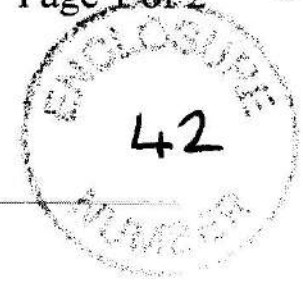
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DIS does only.
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for me to draft
a wider response.*

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Section 40**From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 21 May 2009 14:25**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090521-Response to **Section 40** UFO Weapon-U

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 May 2009 regarding details of your weapon that could shoot down UFOs.

I can assure you that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) appreciates your concerns and takes most seriously its' departmental aim to deliver security for the people of the United Kingdom and the Overseas Territories by defending them and acting as a force for good by strengthening international peace and security.

On 26 February the MOD launched the dynamic Defence Technology Plan (DTP) available online at www.science.mod.uk to enable transparent prioritisation and coherence across MOD's R&D programme. The DTP aims to encourage fresh and innovative thinking, to demonstrate the value of the research programme to Defence and to enable more effective working across the R&D community. This is a cost-balanced expression of research priorities for the MOD that takes forward the Defence Technology Strategy (DTS), published in October 2006.

I have had my colleagues in the Science Innovation Technology area conduct an assessment of your proposal. The outcome this assessment is that they are satisfied that our capability to ensure the air defence of the UK can be delivered without the need for new equipment. My colleagues will contact you if a future requirement emerges that could be met by your weapon. Until then I trust that this concludes the correspondence on this matter.

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 20 May 2009 09:26
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: 20090520-Response to Section 40 UFO weapon

Thank you for your response.

I must insist. Let me give submit my theory to you, please? Give me a chance. I deserve that much. At least give me the contact details for the appropriate person within the RAF?

I await your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Subject: 20090520-Response to Section 40 anti UFO weapon
Date: Wed, 20 May 2009 09:02:55 +0100
From: Section 40 @mod.uk
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2009 regarding your theory for a device to shoot down UFOs.

I should like to assure you that Defence technology, including the effectiveness of our air defence systems, is constantly evolving and we are confident that our air defence capabilities fully meet the air defence threat and protect the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region. However, at this point we are not intending to develop a weapon to shoot down UFOs.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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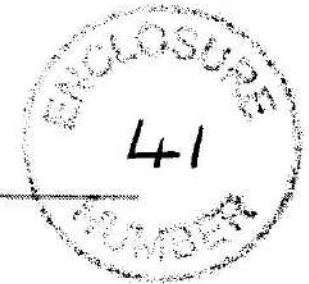
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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 21 May 2009 10:17**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090521-Response to **Section 40** BUFORA-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2009 asking if the Ministry of Defence (MoD) would pass on your details to individuals reporting UFO sightings to us and to any other organisations we might be in contact with, asking them to do the same.

As a BUFORA investigator I am sure that you are aware of the very limited role the MoD has in UFO matters. The Ministry of Defence (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 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.

Unfortunately, what you suggest falls outside the scope of what we are funded by the taxpayer to undertake, consequently, I believe that it would be inappropriate for us to agree to your request. Additionally, any such action by us could imply some sort of formal relationship between BUFORA and MoD which could distort the public's perception of our limited role in investigating UFO sightings and could erroneously suggest official endorsement of your organisation. I am sorry to have to give what I know will be a disappointing response.

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 18 May 2009 10:35
To: **Section 40**
Cc: **Section 40**
Subject: RE: BUFORA Introduction

Section 40

I think we should reiterate that our role re UFOs is simply to consider any air defence aspects and it would not be appropriate for us to agree to his suggestion as passing on his details doesn't fall within the scope of what we are paid by the tax payer to do and leave it at that. As he's given us his permission to divulge his details I don't suppose there are any Data Protection issues but it might be worth a quick check with Info Access as that would be an overriding concern & something we should flag up if appropriate.

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My profile is being migrated to DI/F on the 28 May 2009. WEF 29 May 2009 my internal e-mail address will change to Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC DHd3. (You will need to find me again via the Advanced Search function on the Global Address List to send me e-mails.) External e-mail addresses (e.g. **Section 40**@mod.uk) will remain unchanged on DI/F.

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 18 May 2009 08:27
To: **Section 40**
Subject: FW: BUFORA Introduction

Section 40

Please find below an e-mail from a gentleman stating he is working on behalf of BUFORA, which is one of the UK's leading ufology organisations. I have no idea whether he is or not, and for some reason he has sent a photo of what appear to be stars, which I do not intend to print out as I do not wish to use up the colour toner!

He is asking for the MoD to pass on his details to anyone who reports a UFO to us as he wishes to be the first person they contact. I am not certain why this is important.

The MoD position is that we do not actively engage with ufology organisations and/or individuals. Such active engagement did take place in the early 1990's, but to my mind it only served to totally distort the real level of interest that the MoD as an organisation (as opposed to certain individuals) had in the subject. I can recall no documentation to suggest that this level of engagement was anything other than a personal initiative. To repeat this sort of activity would be to inadvertently mislead the public about the MoD's interest in UFOs and is, given the high level of media interest it would undoubtedly create, a decision that should probably be taken

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at ministerial level. Neither I, nor my predecessor, have had any indication that Ministers were even remotely interested in investigating the subject beyond answering parliamentary correspondence etc.

I therefore suggest that we simply write back to the gentleman explaining that we do not wish to enter into such an arrangement. Given the "challenging" nature of some of the individuals that contact us, we also have a duty of care towards him and I would be concerned if he came to some harm as a result of any agreement to pass on his details that we had made!

Apologies for the somewhat lengthy nature of this e-mail, but it seemed a good opportunity to re-affirm long standing policy.

Perhaps you could let me have your views.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 16 May 2009 18:53
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: BUFORA Introduction

Dear Sir/Madam

I work on behalf of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association (BUFORA), an objective, respective and scientific organisation, working within a Code of Conduct and the Data Protection Act. With over 45 years of research and investigation work to their name BUFORA are the largest and longest established organisation of their type in the UK.

I am a BUFORA accredited investigator and am aware that the majority of adequately reported sightings have a rational explanation and may be misrepresentations of environmental, technological, astronomical and unusual atmospheric conditions.

My aim is to be the first person to be contacted by any witness who observes some form of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

I would greatly appreciate you passing my details on to other people/organisations you work with for them to also pass my details on so that if such a witness comes forward they have a point of contact.

Kind regards

Section 40

BUFORA Investigator

Email: Section 40

Mobile: Section 40

Useful/Interesting websites:

- * British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association (BUFORA): www.bufora.org.uk
- * Ministry of Defence (MOD): www.mod.uk

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 20 May 2009 09:03

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090520-Response to Section 40 UFO weapon

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2009 regarding your theory for a device to shoot down UFOs.

I should like to assure you that Defence technology, including the effectiveness of our air defence systems, is constantly evolving and we are confident that our air defence capabilities fully meet the air defence threat and protect the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region. However, at this point we are not intending to develop a weapon to shoot down UFOs.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 16 May 2009 03:57
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: 20090407-Response to Section 40 Ministers Correspondence-U

15th May 2009

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you with regards to your e-mail of 7th April 2009. I understand the MoD's position regarding Unidentified Flying Objects, as you have previously stated in past responses.

However, I have a theory for a device which could be used to take down an extraterrestrial UFO craft. My theory involves using a device similar to that of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weapon which, once deployed from an aircraft, would be fired and the device would attach itself to the UFO through use of magnetic pull. The device would then send an electric charge into the UFO crafts' outer body fuselage, thus would disable the UFO craft's electronic equipment.

Therefore, I would like you to pass on my theory to the relevant authority in the MoD regarding my theory for the above device. I would like you to do this much for me at least, please. Thank you Section 40

I await your decision and **immediate response**.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Subject: 20090407-Response to Section 40 Ministers Correspondence-U
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 13:52:16 +0100
From: Section 40 @mod.uk
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 March 2009 requesting that your previous correspondence on UFOs is passed directly to John Hutton, the Secretary of State for Defence.

The Secretary of State for Defence receives a great many letters and e-mails from members of the public but unfortunately does not have the time to read or answer them all himself. For this reason, the Ministers' Offices ensure that correspondence is passed to the subject matter experts within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for them to answer.

Therefore your correspondence is passed to me to answer as my post has responsibility for UFO matters across the MoD.

Your e-mail of 5 March 2009 addressed to RAF Waddington has also been forwarded to me. As it covers much the same ground as your e-mail to me of the same date, I believe that my response of 11 March 2009 sets out the MoD position.

I know this will be a disappointing response, but I hope it explains the situation.

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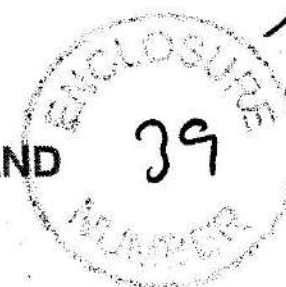
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Our Ref:
Correspondence

15 May 2009

Dear Section 40

I enclose a picture and ten Euro note sent to the Ministry of Defence by Section 40
from Section 40

The office he addressed his envelope to was re-named but at one time it was responsible for UFO matters. He may be interested in this subject, but we are not quite certain what his picture is meant to be or why he has sent us money. We are quite happy to receive letters about UFOs and there is no need for anyone to send us money.

I would be grateful if you would return the drawing and the money to Section 40

Please be assured this matter has caused us no inconvenience and we are perfectly happy to answer any questions he may have about the Royal Air Force, UK defence or the Ministry of Defence.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Vincent".

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Ich lege dem Brief ein Schreiben und eine 10 Euro Banknote bei, die dem Verteidigungsministerium zugesandt wurde von Section 40

Das Büro, an das der Brief adressiert war, wurde umbenannt, war in der Tat vor einiger Zeit verantwortlich für UFO-Angelegenheiten. Wir verstehen, dass es sich für dieses Thema, interessiert, allerdings sind wir uns nicht sicher, was sein Bild darstellen soll oder aus welchem Grund es uns Geld geschickt hat. Wir freuen uns, Briefe über UFOs zu erhalten, aber es besteht für niemanden der Grund, uns Geld zu schicken.

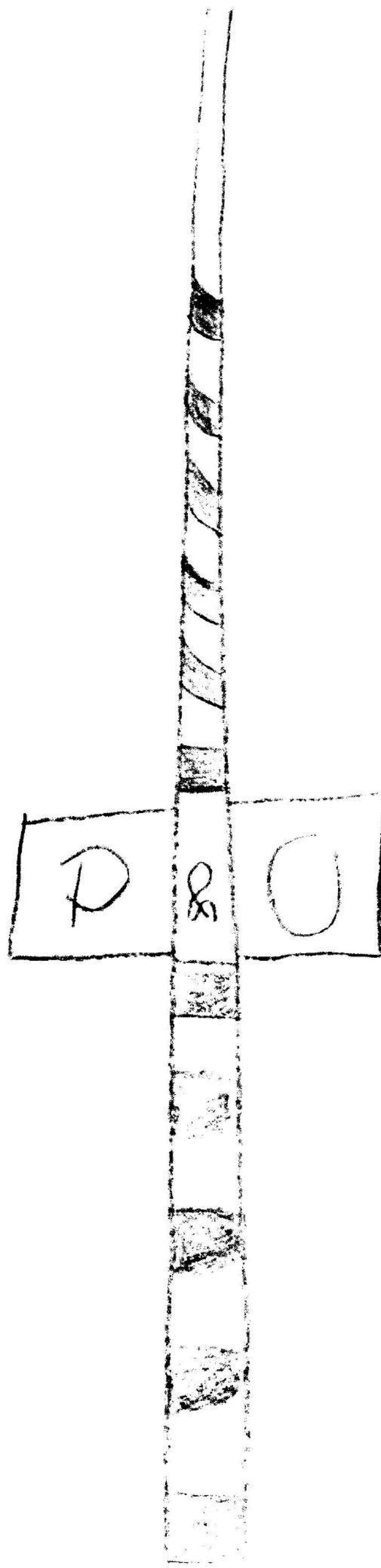
Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie die Zeichnung sowie das Geld, an Section 40 zurückschicken könnten.

Dies hat uns keine Unannehmlichkeiten verursacht und wir beantworten gerne alle Fragen, welche sich ihm zur Royal Airforce, U.K. Defense oder das Verteidigungsministerium stellen.



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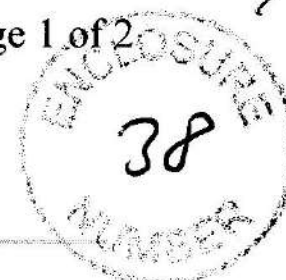
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 15 May 2009 08:38

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090515-Response to Section 40 Research-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 6 May 2009 asking if there was any serious research into UFOs being conducted by the Ministry of Defence and whether you could become involved with it.

The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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.

That having been said, we do receive a large number of reports of UFO sightings and occasionally we will refer a handful of these to our specialists in Air Defence matters, 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.

You may be interested to know that a report into UFOs by the MoD dated 2000 has been placed on our website www.mod.uk and can be found by searching the Publication Scheme under "UAP Report"

Although the MoD does sometimes undertake a limited investigation in UFO sightings, I am afraid that there are currently no vacancies available, which would, in any case, only be open to serving civil servants.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 06 May 2009 02:19
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Ufo research/investigation

Hi, I'm really interested in some serious research into the ufo phenomenon and have recently spoken to Nick Pope via email, who suggested I contact this Department. Is there serious research going on into the subject and if so, how does one become involved with such? I would be very interested in becoming involved with investigation or assisting the Mod, can you tell me if there is a way of becoming involved with some real research or investigation? I've been told about local research organisations but to be honest they seem a little excentric for my tastes. I do have formal academic qualifications and consider myself a reasonably well grounded person.

Any suggestions would be a great help!

Sincerely

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Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

15 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter asking for an explanation of the timetable for the release of UFO information to the public.

Generally, Ministry of Defence (MoD) files are released under what is known as the 30 year rule. This means that 30 years after they are finally closed, and if the MoD thinks they are worth keeping, we will transfer them to The National Archives.

In the case of the UFO files, a commitment was made by the MoD to keep its files since they might be of interest to the general public at a future date.

Following the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the MoD was receiving a large number of requests for information about UFOs and in 2007 it was decided in principle, to transfer the existing files from the two branches interested in UFO matters to The National Archives. The hope was that this would reduce the time taken up in answering FOI requests on this topic and, at the same time, give the public a more accurate understanding of the very limited MoD role in UFO matters.

The files must be prepared for release by redacting or blacking out individual's personal data, militarily sensitive information etc and this is a very time consuming task. It was estimated that this would take about three years but we decided that rather than complete the whole task and then release the files, we would do it in smaller chunks. I am sure you are aware of the publicity surrounding the files we have already released.

You may also wish to note that the MoD places details of UFO sightings reported to it on its website on an annual basis.

I hope this is helpful.



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Section 40

Maidenhead
Berkshire

Section 40

Dear sir or madam,

I would like to comment on a letter I recieved by yourselves explaining that information regarding UFO'S is released to the public every few years. Can you please explain why this is the case & why it is not released sooner.

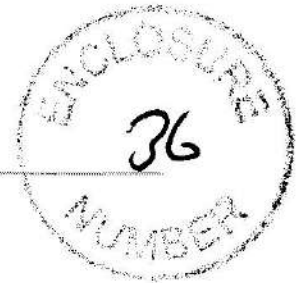
Thankyou for your time, yours sincerely

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30 APR 2009

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



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From: Section 40

Sent: 15 May 2009 07:49

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090515-UFO Report Section 40 Strathspey-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 April 2009 regarding your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 14 April 2009 in the Strathspey area. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we have received no other similar reports from the Strathspey area for 14 April 2009 and have no record of any military aircraft operating in the UK Low Flying System in the area at the time in question. Likewise, we have no record of any military exercise taking place, other than a group from the Exeter University Officer Training Corps hill walking near Kingussie and they would not have been issued with flares. It is, of course, always possible that you saw a police or even a private helicopter.

Turning to your other question about bright "landing lights" I can confirm that the military do use "nightsun" which, in effect, is a very bright spotlight that can be used to illuminate landing areas or by search and rescue to look for casualties. It could be this is what you noticed.

I hope this is helpful.

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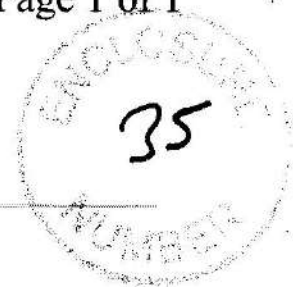
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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 27 April 2009 14:10**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090427-UFO Sighting **Section 40** Canary Islands-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 15 April 2009 together with the photograph of the object you saw over the Canary Islands.

The Ministry of Defence has a role in UFO matters relating to the UK, although 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.

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As this sighting took place outside of UK airspace, it is not a matter for us to deal with and you might like contact the authorities in the Canary Islands.
I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 15 April 2009 17:50
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: a picture for you

Attachments: DSCF3562.JPG



DSCF3562.JPG (30 KB)

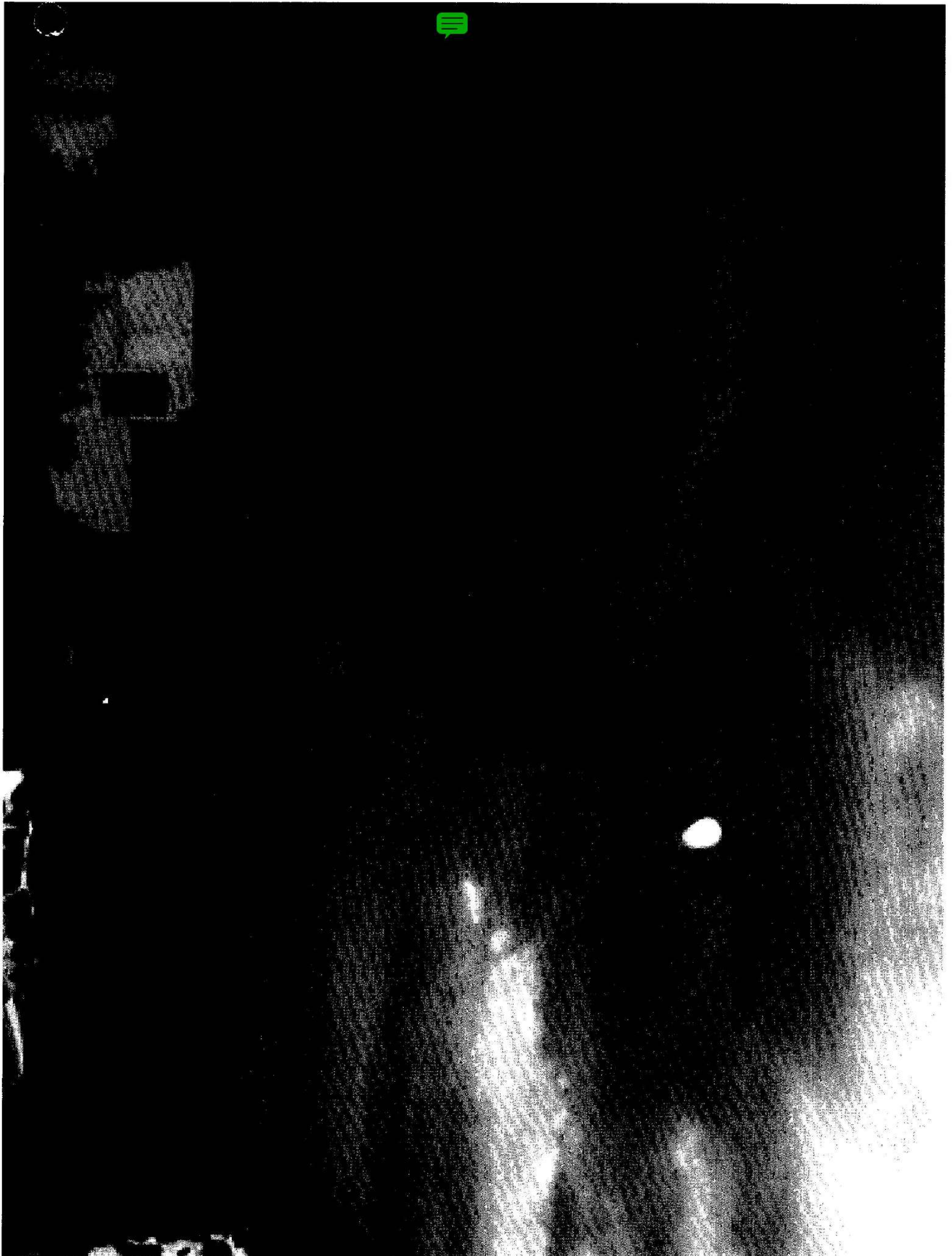
Hi...I have been advised by Nick Pope to forward this photo to you which was taken in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands, while waiting for a tropical storm to arrive. I wanted to get shots of the clouds as these formations are very rare here. It was 6.30pm and the objects were not visible when I took the photo only afterwards when I looked at what I had taken on the camera.

This is the second sighting we have had over the house the last being on New Years eve this year at 4.15am, when we had a display by two UFOs which lasted for almost an hour. I also have a photo of these and they are similar to the objects in this photo. I would be glad to have your thoughts on this picture as it was too early for stars which would have been behind the clouds anyway. Hoping to hear from you.

Best wishes **Section 40**

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These pictures were sent with Picasa, from Google.
Try it out here: <http://picasa.google.com/>



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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 22 April 2009 12:04

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090422-Response to Section 40 FO Photographs-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the photographs you sent in your e-mail of 13 April 2009 asking whether we could shed some light on the subject.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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You may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. Files covering 1995 will be transferred later this year. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 which can be accessed on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching under "UFO Reports".

I hope this explains the MoD position.

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 13 April 2009 16:09
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: sighting
Attachments: paint shop pro 8 056.jpg; paint shop pro 8 057.jpg

Dear sir/madam

I came across these pictures in 2007, and have only re-found them as i was clearing out my emails. I was going to send them to you when I got them but completely forgot, so better late than never!

My friend sent them to me, I was interested in making a film on the subject of the origin of man made saucers at the time, and he thought i'd be interested, I think they were taken between april and may 2007, the date on the email when i recieved it is 06/05/2007, but if i remember, he told me about the incident before he sent me the mail.

He got the pictures from his grandfather who was up early as he couldn't sleep and took some pictures of the sunrise over the valleys of New Cumnock in Ayrshire Scotland, He didnt notice the objects that seem to be in formation at the time of taking the pictures. But noticed when he dowloaded the pics from camera to computer. My friend told me that there is a nuclear or wind turbine plant below where the objects are seen...Im not sure, but I think the site is called Hare Hill? personally I think the objects are sundogs, as they seem to be in perspective with where the sun is rising.

thought it might be of interest to you. Any information that you could give to shed some light on the subject, or for your professional opinion, would be greatfully recieved.

kind regards

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Our Ref:
UFO Correspondence

22 April 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 25 March 2009 enclosing a number of photographs of "UFOs" that you took during 2008.

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I am afraid that I am unable to provide you with an official explanation for the objects that appear in your photographs, although I personally believe that two of the photographs appear to be of a helicopter. I am returning your photographs with this letter.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE



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25. MAR. 09

Dear Sir,

I wonder if the enclosed photos might be of interest to yourself.

I am nearly 86 years of age and am suffering from glaucoma. Since owning a number of digital cameras during the past four years I constantly get weird machines and airborne creatures on my cameras. I deleted some 400 ^{PICTURES} or so and lost a number of memory cards.

No matter where I point the cameras the strange objects appear in the pictures!

Never once am I able to see anything unusual until the photo is taken.

2.

The existing memory cards, I still have, contain quite a few photos of orbs that seem to patrol around the Portsmouth Harbour area especially the Portsdown Hill area.

One thing I am certain of is that there is something special yet to come.

I hasten to add that my pictures were taken straight from the memory cards to ~~from~~ the printer (I once owned) and ^{NOT} via a computer which I do not own anyway.

Please excuse my poor writing but my sight does give me problems at times.

Yours faithfully

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From: Section 40

Sent: 07 April 2009 14:11

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090407-Response to Section 40 1995 sighting-U

Dear Section 40

I am writing regarding your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in September 1995 over Perth. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

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As your sighting is some 14 years old, and in order to avoid unnecessary administrative work, we will not be adding details of it to our statistics for UFOs which we place on the MoD website on an annual basis.

I hope this explains the MoD position.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 22 March 2009 12:58
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: UFO sighting report.

Dearsir/Madame,

I am writing to you in connection with a sighting that I have been to report for any years.

At the begining of September 1995 I was fishing one afternoon on the banks of the river Tay just next to Dundee airport in Dundee, Scotland. It was a warm clear day and visibility was excellent. As the afternoon wore on something caught my attention. I looked in the direction of Perth and saw what appeared to be quite a sizable object flying on the horizon, just above what appeared to be hills. Concidering the distance between my location and that of the craft I would guess the size to be possibly a couple of hundred metres accross. From Where I was standing it appeared that the side view of the object was your typical cigar shape. However, as I observed it it appeared to change location as if it was possibly flying in a triangular formation and because the shape of the side elevation never changed I thought that it could be disc like in shape.

I grabbed the attention of several passers by that day to ask if they could confirm what I saw. They did confirm that there was an object in the direction that I was looking at that they did not recognise. We then watched the craft for several minutes trying to decypher what it was. We all decided that what we were looking at was not an ordinary aircraft at all.

I rang RAF Leuchars the next day knowing that this was my nearest Airforce base as I wanted to know if they had been carrying out manouvers. The officer I spoke to at the time said that as far as they were concerned nothing had taken place. I asked them if they knew what I needed to do to report a UFO to which they replied by saying they did not know.

Since this occasion I have been wondering how to report the incident but was never sure how to do it, that is until the recent reports in the news of files being released by the ministry of defence.

I hope that although this report is well overdue it may be of some help to you.

Yours sincerely,

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23/03/2009

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Section 40**From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 07 April 2009 13:52**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090407-Response to **Section 40** Ministers Correspondence-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 March 2009 requesting that your previous correspondence on UFOs is passed directly to John Hutton, the Secretary of State for Defence.

The Secretary of State for Defence receives a great many letters and e-mails from members of the public but unfortunately does not have the time to read or answer them all himself. For this reason, the Ministers' Offices ensure that correspondence is passed to the subject matter experts within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for them to answer.

Therefore your correspondence is passed to me to answer as my post has responsibility for UFO matters across the MoD.

Your e-mail of 5 March 2009 addressed to RAF Waddington has also been forwarded to me. As it covers much the same ground as your e-mail to me of the same date, I believe that my response of 11 March 2009 sets out the MoD position.

I know this will be a disappointing response, but I hope it explains the situation.

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From: **Section 40** on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Sent: 25 March 2009 15:38
To: **Section 40**
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request
Categories: BAU - Air Command

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One for you!

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-----Original Message-----
From: CIO-Access Ops4 **Section 40**
Sent: 25 March 2009 15:21
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request

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-----Original Message-----
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Sent: 25 March 2009 12:03
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request

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txtinforequest: Dear Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information,

I would like to request information regarding the many letters i have sent to the Secretary of State for Defence Rt John Hutton regarding my theory on how the Unidentified Flying Objects that are frequently sighted in the UK, can be shot down using a device which the Secretary could find greatly interesting, yet every time my letters are forwarded to another department within the MoD?

I would like all my letters passed directly to Secretary Hutton immediatley.

I await your immediate action and response.

Sincerely,

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UFO Researcher

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 27 March 2009 14:51
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised:Important

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This is one for you I think.

Cheers

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**Sent:** 26 March 2009 14:31  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised:Important

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 05 March 2009 21:26  
**To:** WAD-Station-Enquiries (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Important

6th March 2009

Dear RAF Waddington,



Thank you for your your response relating to my many enquires relating to Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) activity in the United Kingdom. I **do** understand that a UFO does not necessarily mean extraterrestrial related. I have knowledge that the RAF have on more than one occasion intercepted a UFO using military aircraft.

Therefore, the reason i am contacting you once again is that, through my research as a UFO Researcher, i believe i know how you can shoot down a UFO. Hypothetically, let's assume that these UFOs are extraterrestrial and that the RAF has tried but failed to bring down an extraterrestrial UFO. I have a suggestion for a new weapon which could and will bring down a potential extraterrestrial UFO. Actually, it has much to do with what happend regarding the Roswell UFO Incident in Roswell, New Mexico, USA back in July 1947.

If you would care to know more about my suggestion for a 'weapon' which could and will take down a UFO craft, then i would like to speak personally with someone such as a General or high ranking official within the Royal Air Force Waddington immediatley. It is your choice. Trust me, have faith.

I await your action.

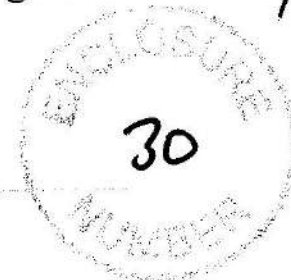
Sincerely Yours,

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 06 April 2009 11:00  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090406-Response to Section 40 MOD Position on UFOs-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 March 2009 asking whether the Ministry of Defence (MoD) believed UFOs were real.

As I explained in my e-mail of 13 January 2009, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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.

I hope this explains the MoD's position.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 28 March 2009 10:44

To: Section 40

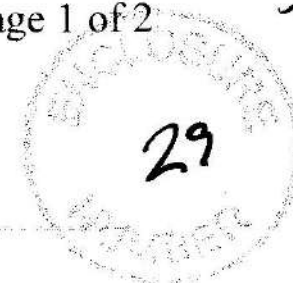
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 April 2009 10:49

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090406-Response Section 40 File Release-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 March 2009 asking why the Ministry of Defence (MoD) had decided to open a number of UFO files to the public and what information the seven files recently released contained. Additionally, you asked for a UFO image.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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.

Turning to your specific questions, the subject of UFOs is one of the most popular subjects for FOI requests. Answering requests takes a considerable amount of time and resources and can involve officials in days of work, which frequently means trawling through old files to find the information requested. By placing the UFO files on-line at The National Archives in a structured manner, the MoD is able to follow its remit for more open government and, by re-directing applicants to The National Archives site, reduce the amount of time it spends answering requests. By opening our files in this way, we may also help to counter the maze of rumour and frequently ill informed speculation that surrounds the role of the MoD in the UFO phenomena.

The files released on 22 March 2009 contain a mixture of UFO sightings, correspondence to and from the public, internal MoD documents and some press cuttings. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

However, if you want to use any of the images contained in the recent release, or indeed from the two previous releases, I suggest that you contact The National Archives press office direct to discuss any copyright issues.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: CIO-Access Ops4 Section 40  
 Sent: 24 March 2009 11:13  
 To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
 Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 24-03-2009-111017-001 Section 40  
 Categories: FOI Information Request

Air,

Can you take?

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 23 March 2009 15:25

To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)

Subject: FOI written request PF 24-03-2009-111017-001 Section 40

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40

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txtlastname:

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: L'Hebdo

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity:

txtstatecountry: vaud

txtzipcodepostcode: 1003

txtcountry: Switzerland

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Sir or Madam,

Journalist working for the Swiss newsmagazine L'Hebdo, I have to write a short article about the newly released UFO files.

Would you be kind to answer these two short and simple questions?

- Why did the MoD decide to open these files to the public?
- What do these seven files reveal?

I would also appreciate to receive an UFO image.

My deadline is Tuesday morning (March 24).

Thank you very much.  
 Best Regards,

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South Derbyshire

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Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

27 March 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2009 enclosing a magazine article about a UFO sighting over Burton in South Derbyshire.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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However, you might like to know that the MoD does not have a record of any sighting over Derbyshire for 6 October 2009. ????

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Sturton Lincoln  
South-Perthshire

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22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2001.

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Hello  
ED Desk,

I enclose a Two Page Magazine entitled "WHITE LIGHTS A NIGHT GIVE COUPLES A FRIGHT". I would to inform you that as far as I am concerned that your comments as I am interested in the as I would be concerned about this Matter I will

K your Reply in due Course,

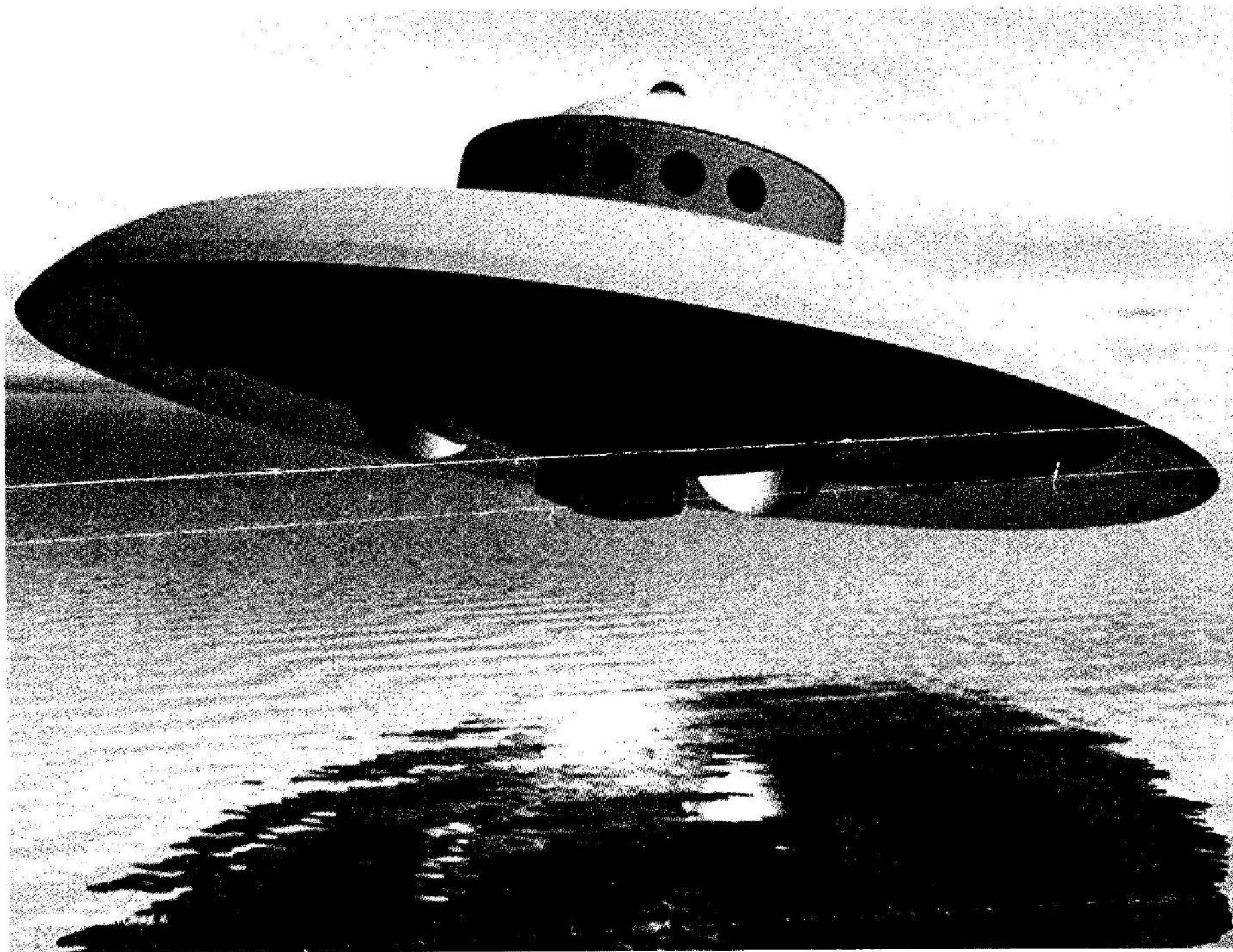
Yours sincerely

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# NEWS

## White lights at night



**A** COUPLE have been left baffled after seeing mysterious lights in the night skies over Burton and South Derbyshire.

Mac McCree, 59 and partner Lesley Gaunt, 55, first experienced the eerie phenomenon while at their home in Woodland Road, Stanton, on Monday, October 6, at 10pm.

"My missus had gone out for a cigarette while I was watching the telly," said Mr McCree.

"She said 'Mac, come and have a look at this' and at first I thought it was someone shining my torch.

"We saw two lights — it was a dullish white circular glow — one of them was sort of hovering over Winshill or Newton Solney and the other one appeared to

be over Bretby or Newhall — they were scorching across the sky.

"I thought at first it had to be something going on at Donington, but the speed of them was unbelievable. We've watched planes going into East Midlands Airport at 200mph but that's nothing compared to the speeds these we're going at.

"Me and my missus thought



## NEWS

# give couple a fright



we were seeing things — I thought 'I don't believe this is happening'.

The phenomenon re-appeared on the Tuesday night at around the same time, prompting a call to Burton police, who told him the lights originated from the town's Statutes Fair.

However, Mr McCree is sceptical. "I don't see how the lights could have come from the Statutes —

for one thing they were at the other side of town from there," he said.

"Also, if it had been some kind of laser or searchlight you would have seen the beams going up and there was none.

"People might think I'm making it up but I'm not that kind of person. I went and asked my next door neighbour to come

and look at it to make sure we weren't dreaming."

Neither Staffordshire Police nor Derbyshire Police had any record of further reports of the strange lights, while the Met Office was equally in the dark.

● Have you seen strange lights in the sky or can you explain this phenomenon? Contact us by calling 01785 257700.



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From: Section 40

Sent: 23 March 2009 09:33

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090323-Response N Pope Comments-U

Dear Mr Pope,

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 March 2009 providing an explanation of your comments.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 23 March 2009 09:16  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Requests - UFOs

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Agreed. Acknowledge with thanks but no need to engage further.

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Head of Business Secretariat  
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Internal Section 40  
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E-mail: Section 40@mod.uk

I am moving over to DII/F on the 22 May 2009. Any e-mails sent to me between 22 May and 25 May may well not arrive. WEF 26 May 2009 my internal e-mail address will change to Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC Hd. (You will need to find me again via the Advanced Search function on the Global Address List to send me e-mails.) External e-mail addresses Section 40@mod.uk will remain unchanged on DII/F.

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 23 March 2009 08:27  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Requests - UFOs

I have received an e-mail from Mr Nick Pope who used to do my job many years ago. Mr Pope is something of a controversial figure in ufology, but he has a high media profile and is often quoted in newspapers etc. His main selling point would appear to be that he used to be in charge of UFOs for the MoD, although as far as I can tell, he only spent 20% of his time on it.

He is referring to an article run by The Sun, quoting him, suggesting the RAF has standing orders to shoot down UFOs. Additionally, I think he did a television interview in the US where he talked about "virtual dogfights". All this stuff sounded tremendously exciting and has been repeated on countless websites.

MoD has received and answered an FOI request on the subject and the relevant branch was able to reassure the requester that we weren't dogfighting with ET every five minutes.

I have no idea why Mr Pope has suddenly seen fit to explain himself to us in this manner, but frankly, I can see no benefits in becoming embroiled in arguments about who-said-what. The cases he refers to in his e-mail are presumably all in The National Archives where people can view them and make up their own minds without the advice of this or that expert.

I therefore propose that I simply acknowledge receipt of his e-mail but that we don't get drawn any further.

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**From:** Nick Pope Section 40  
**Sent:** 21 March 2009 21:50  
**To:** Section 40  
**Cc:** contact@nickpope.net



 **Subject:** FOI Requests - UFOs

**Section 40**

I understand you received some FOI requests in relation to my recent (and widely misreported) comments about pilots shooting at UFOs and engaging in dogfights. As my remarks were based in part on cases in MoD files, I thought it would help you if I pointed out which ones, as it will not have been readily apparent from media reports.

What I did in a number of media interviews was to take the cases of Parviz Jafari, Oscar Alfonso Santa Maria Huertas and Milton Torres, and use them to illustrate the point that some military pilots, having received authorisation from the chain of command, have fired - or attempted to fire - at UFOs. I used the phrase "virtual dogfights" in one interview as a generic phrase to cover the aforementioned cases, incidents such as the Michael Swiney/David Crofts case from 1952 and the incident(s) that led to the shooting of the gun camera footage that Ralph Noyes (an ex-MoD Under Secretary of State) states he was shown at an RAF briefing.

The Parviz Jafari and Oscar Alfonso Santa Maria Huertas cases occurred outside the UK and are presumably outwith the scope of any FOI requests, unless the DIS have any documentation on these cases (if they did, they didn't tell me). However, although Milton Torres is ex-USAF, the incident occurred over the UK - as did the encounter reported by Swiney and Crofts. The following files at the National Archives contain material that may be relevant to FOI requests on the above-mentioned cases:

DEFE 24/1928/1 - Correspondence from ex-MoD official Ralph Noyes concerning gun camera footage of UFOs taken from RAF jets in the Fifties.

DEFE 24/1931/1 - Correspondence from ex-USAF pilot Milton Torres about his being ordered to fire at a UFO being tracked on radar in UK airspace.

AIR 29/2310 - Operational Records Book, RAF Little Rissington, mentioning the Swiney/Crofts case.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Best wishes,



Nick Pope

23/03/2009

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 19 March 2009 14:31**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090319-Response to **Section 40** UFO Files-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 February 2009 which raised a number of questions regarding the MoD transfer release of UFO files to The National Archives. Additionally, you asked about PQ Folder 196/55.

I can confirm that it is our intention to complete the transfer of UFO files closed during the period 1993-2000 to The National Archives by the end of this calendar year and the remainder of the DAS and DIS files to 2007, by 31 December 2010. The transfer programme is limited to DAS and DIS files as these were the two branches most affected by FOI requests for UFO information. There will be over 80 DAS files and DIS files transferred this year.

There is no firm agreement with TNA regarding the number of tranches that will be transferred to them this year, but obviously the aim is to release the files as quickly as possible.

I understand from Info-CMemR that they responded to you by e-mail on 23 December 2008. If you did not receive their response, which went to **Section 40**, I will arrange for a copy to be sent to you. However, to be helpful, I have copied the text of that e-mail below:

**Section 40**

**Section 40** passed me your e-mail of 29 November regarding the whereabouts of an Air Ministry PQ Folder from 1955.

*I can confirm that a number of UFO files were passed to CS(Records) for retention (CS (Records) being the previous name of Corporate Memory (Records)), but there is no mention of that particular folder having been received in this branch, or stored in any archive under our control*

*I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.*

**Section 40**

Info-CMemR?

**Section 40**

I note your comments on the MOD's record management and I would like to take the opportunity to assure you that the MOD is committed to making sure that MOD creates, manages and secures the information it needs to fulfil its corporate obligations. To show the strength of this commitment, both in the Ministry of Defence and to our stakeholders, we have asked The National Archives to begin a process of assessing our knowledge, information and records management. The assessment report produced by The National Archives will be published, as will our action plan.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40

Sent: 05 March 2009 10:09

To: Section 40

Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: MISSING PQ FOLDER

Section 40

I did - please see below. Maybe he didn't get it, or he was too busy preparing for Christmas!

Cheers,

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 December 2008 12:06

To: Section 40

Cc: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: MISSING PQ FOLDER

Dear Section 40

Section 40 passed me your e-mail of 29 November regarding the whereabouts of an Air Ministry PQ Folder from 1955.

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I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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Info-CMemR

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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**

**Sent:** 26 February 2009 18:21

**To:** **Section 40**

**Subject:** Re: UFO FILES

Dear **Section 40**

I'm writing to follow up my email of 29 November last, in response to yours of 19 November, regarding the PQ folder 196/55 (Patrick Wall MP question on Air Ministry study of Flying Saucers).

I wondered if you had received any response from CS(Records), AHB, or whatever records division has succeeded these bodies as to the possible fate of this PQ folder.

If you recall, I suggested - based upon your predecessor **Section 40** own LM dated April 1990 - this folder may have been transferred to MOD archives at the time **Section 40** was busy "clearing our cupboards of old files on the subject of UFOs some of which have been sent to CS (Records) for retention."

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recd. If that was the case, this branch - or whoever replaced them - should have a record of this transfer and what became of the files that were transferred at this time. I'm sure you appreciate that efficient record management of this kind is what the Freedom of Information Act requires as part of general good practice. *Lines from letter of 19 Nov 2008*

I have some further questions relating to the current ongoing transfer of MOD UFO files to The National Archives.

Could you confirm that it is your intention to complete the transfer of all remaining files to TNA by December 2010? Could you also confirm that the planned schedule will require the transfer of files dating chronologically from 1993 through to the year 2000 by the end of this year?

If so could you estimate how many tranches are expected to be transferred during the course of 2009 and how many individual files will be included within these transfers? (According to file lists supplied to me by **Section 40** this would mean somewhere in the region of 30-40 files, dating from 1993 to 2000, would be transferred during 2009).

Finally, will the complete transfer process involve just Sec(AS)/DAS files and DIS material? If that is the case, why does the transfer not involve surviving DAO/Air Defence records on UFOs which exist, I understand from the mid-90s to present?

Thanks for your attention to this request and I look forward to hearing from you,

**Section 40**

On Wed, Nov 19, 2008 at 9:20 AM, **Section 40** @mod.uk> wrote:

**Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 October 2008 regarding a PQ folder with a reference number of PQ 196/55.

I am afraid that I am unable to find any record of this folder in the MoD archives and it is not held by this branch. Unless it can be found in The National Archives, and I note that you have already initiated a search there, I must assume that it has been destroyed.

I realise that this must be a disappointing response. However, although I am not particularly hopeful of the folder turning up, I will keep an eye open for it. Given the folder may be half a century old, I can't think that it can contain much in the way of military secrets and I am inclined to the view that it probably belongs in the public domain.

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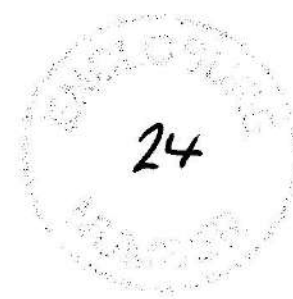
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**Section 40**

Our Ref:

UFO Sighting Report

19 March 2009

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 2 March 2009 regarding the unusual object you saw in 1953.

I am afraid that given the length of time since the incident, we are not really in a position to "solve the puzzle" for you.

This is due to the fact that Ministry of Defence files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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 [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed the internet at [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO".

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Yours sincerely".

**Section 40**



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Working  
West Sussex

Section 40

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

After over fifty years time-span, I don't know if you will have any record of what I and my fellow pupils saw in 1953.

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Middlesex,

was not that far from Hendon and I don't remember whether or not that was an R.A.F. aircraft testing base.

I do recall that we girls ranged in age (we weren't allowed near "those dirty little boys") from thirteen to eighteen years old. But those of us who saw the object were probably fourteen years old and were at the top end of

the field which was the girls play area.

It was a bright sunny day during the summer term. What drew our eyes skyward, I don't remember, but flying towards us at between two and three hundred feet, was this big black triangular craft.

We had never seen anything like it. There was neither the sound of engines or a vapour trail and it wasn't moving very fast.

We soon looked away and didn't see it go out of sight as we went back to whatever we had been doing at the time.

The underside ~~was~~ looked to be completely smooth.

Although we shared classrooms with the boys, I didn't hear any of



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them talking about it.

I know I was amazed at the size and appearance of it at the time, but forgot about it until yesterday, when a T.V programme triggered the memory.

It didn't show any lights.

Hope you can solve the puzzle  
Yours faithfully,

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PS. The craft was matt black  
not shiny and it didn't reflect  
light.

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VICTORIA, 3122, AUSTRALIA.

22nd February 2009.

The Officer Responsible,  
The UFO. Desk,  
Royal Air Force Section,  
The Ministry of Defence,  
London, England, UK,

*NO RESPONSE  
REVERSED*

Dear Sir,

Sighting of same UFO type on two continents.

I want to impress you first with my qualifications for knowing what I saw and secondly for being able to identify that what I saw was not a normal aerial object.

For some twenty five years I was in the Army of Great Britain and Australia as a National Serviceman and then as a Territorial Army and Citizens' Military Force volunteer. My final rank was Captain. In the British Army, my number was Section 40 and my main occupation was Forward Observer in Field Artillery but I also served in a Light Anti-aircraft Regiment of the Royal Artillery where you served by identification of enemy aircraft in time to take proper action. For more than twenty-five years I studied aircraft recognition as a civilian amateur and as a military professional.

From the foregoing I hope that you may realise that I have been trained, have experience and am able to identify objects, their shape and dimensions at a distance. It may be considered that if I say that I saw something and describe it in detail I did see it and that it did exist at two separate times in separate places on two continents.

Early in 2007, I cannot give you the exact date because that did not become important until my second sighting, one morning I was in my front garden in Hawthorn, an inner suburb of Melbourne, Australia. I heard a large jet aeroplane approaching from the east at low level and recognised the sound of a Boeing 747. I got hold of my binoculars, which I keep handy for such occasions, captured the image and followed the plane as it passed slowly from east to west across my front. It was to my north about 1,000 metres from me at as low a level as such planes are permitted to fly across the inner areas of Melbourne, on a line of sight about fifteen degrees of elevation from me, in its sweeping approach to Tullamarine airport some fifteen kilometres away. The sky was a clear cloudless blue.

As I scanned back along the fuselage to the white kangaroo on the red tail of the Qantas jumbo I saw behind and beyond the tail by at least 500 metres an object in the sky. I recall thinking I'll follow the 747 until it goes behind the nearby houses and then come back to the object. It was an unusual shape



for an aerial object so I decided to look at it in more detail when the jet was out of sight, but when I did that and swung back to the object it was not there, neither was it anywhere else as I scanned the whole northern sky, left to right and up and down. Whatever it was it had either moved off at great speed, as I had only moved my binoculars off it for four seconds, or it had just disappeared. When I thought about it disappearing I wondered if the jet exhaust of the 747 had disturbed the air or atmosphere in some way that made the object appear from a previously invisible condition and that it was still there or nearby but I could not now see it.

Now let me describe the object, which I do not consider to be a UFO as I did not see it move but rather an Unidentified Stationary Aerial Object. It appeared to be a dull metal box in the sky. I could not tell whether it was a house-sized object relatively near or a much larger object far away. As seen it was slightly smaller than the tailfin of the airliner. If it was near and yet beyond the jet it had the bulk of a three bedroom house. It seemed to me rectangular, a box with all edges and corners rounded, of a dull yet shiny, silver material with what appeared to be a dark stripe across the side facing me. I got the impression that the black stripe was a type of window and that the object was looking not at me but to the east (right) of me into an area within a few hundred metres of me. No matter how hard I try to describe it I always come back to a silver metal box with rounded edges and no protrusions just sitting there looking at something, not attached to anything, not near anything and undefinable as to true size and distance.

Another interesting point is its posture. An aircraft in flight has a certain posture related to the intentions of its crew as to what the aircraft is about to do. A ground attack has a nose-down attitude and is travelling at speed. An aircraft about to land has a nose-up attitude and is travelling relatively slowly. A high flying heavy bomber settles early into a stable approach to its target. Paratroop dropping aircraft travel in groups by day on a steady course towards the dropping zone. In the case of this object it was static, comfortable in its posture and seemed to consider itself unseen and safe. It was not a balloon as we do have hot air balloons about, but only in the very early morning, and I know the shape, size and colour of Melbourne's balloons. It was definitely there and it did not seem to move away at any definable speed, it just disappeared within four seconds.

Now here is the strange confirmation of what I saw in Australia. Some nine months later I was watching a TV program made in America about UFOs when it showed a segment from Canada where a couple had been at their holiday cottage on the banks of a lake in Ontario. The husband had taken a cine film of the view from the verandah of the cottage and did not notice anything unusual until viewing his finished film which the program showed. There, above the water, in the sky in the distance was exactly the object I had seen, the same rounded silver box shape with the vague black band across the front but in a more horizontal posture. So I have seen a UFO in Australia which I have also seen on a film from Canada.

The other day I heard a news broadcast which mentioned the UFO desk at MOD in London and as a result I have directed my report to you.

If you require any other information, please let me know, otherwise I do not expect you to expend your valuable time on a reply.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40





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From: Section 40

Sent: 11 March 2009 08:27

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090311-Response to Section 40 Weapon-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 March 2009 asking if the Ministry of Defence would like details of your suggestion for a weapon that could shoot down UFOs.

The UK has a comprehensive suite of capabilities that provide its air superiority, both here at home in the UK and also on expeditionary operations. The UK's Air Policing Area is under continuous surveillance using a combination of civil and military radar installations that provide a continuous real-time "picture". Any threat would, of course, be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time, however, rest assured that we have at our disposal a range of capabilities that we are confident can neutralise even the most demanding of targets. Notwithstanding this, we are not becoming complacent and we continue to develop successor air defence capabilities, such as fast jet and rotary wing aircraft and smart weapons, which utilise cutting edge technologies and will see the UK well placed to handle any threat well in to the future.

In the circumstances, and whilst we note your kind offer, we will not be pursuing it any further.

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 05 March 2009 05:23  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090302-TO00688/2009, TO00811-2009, TO00758/2009, TO00714/2009 Section 40

Dear Section 40

*Thank you for your your response relating to my many enquires relating to Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) activity in the United Kingdom. I do understand that a UFO does not necessarily mean extraterrestrial related. I have knowledge that the RAF have on more than one occasion intercepted a UFO using military aircraft.*

*Therefore, the reason i am contacting you once again is that, through my research as a UFO Researcher, i believe i know how you can shoot down a UFO. Hypothetically, let's assume that these UFOs are extraterrestrial and that the RAF has tried but failed to bring down an extraterrestrial UFO. I have a suggestion for a new weapon which could and will bring down a potential extraterrestrial UFO. Actually, it has much to do with what happend regarding the Roswell UFO Incident in Roswell, New Mexico, USA back in July 1947.*

*If you would care to know more about my suggestion for a weapon which could and will take down a UFO craft, then i would like to speak personally with someone such as a General or high ranking official within the Royal Air Force, immediatley. It is your choice. Trust me, have faith.*

*I await your action.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

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UFO Researcher

Subject: 20090302-TO00688/2009, TO00811-2009, TO00758/2009, TO00714/2009 Section 40  
 Section 40  
 Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 07:43:33 +0000  
 From: Section 40@mod.uk  
 To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

*Thank you for your e-mails of 15, 16, 17 and 21 February 2009 to Secretary of State for Defence, John Hutton, expressing your belief that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) should investigate UFO sightings more thoroughly. They have been passed to this office to deal with as we have responsibility for answering questions relating to UFOs. You also wrote direct to this office on 17 February 2009 along similar lines. This response will cover all your correspondence.*

*As I explained in my letter of 13 February 2009, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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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The MoD is not complacent about the integrity of the UK's airspace which is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft).

From that perspective, reports provided to us of 'UFO' sightings are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space. The vast majority of reports we receive are very sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for UFO sightings 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 I am sure you can imagine, the Secretary of State and the Chief of Air Staff are both extremely busy and it will not be possible for them to speak with you.

Yours sincerely,

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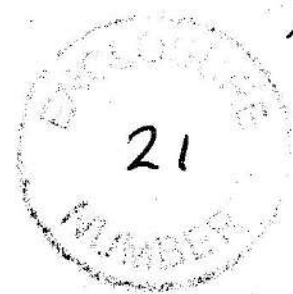
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Our Ref:

UFO Correspondence

5 March 2009

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the book you are writing, asking whether a time traveller or alien from the future would need to register with the Ministry of Defence (MoD), whether we would pursue them if they did not contact us and if we would help them if they told us the future of the planet depended on it.

The MoD has no regulations or standing procedures relating to these matters and it would not be appropriate for me to speculate on these issues.

I am sorry I can not be more helpful and wish you the best of luck with your book.

*Yours sincerely*

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**From:** CIO-Access Ops4 **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 27 February 2009 15:55  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090225-Enquiry from public\_Time Travel from SF author-U  
**Categories:** FOI Information Request

Air,

One for **Section 40** perhaps.

**From:** CIO-LibSvcs-PublicEnquires-Office (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 25 February 2009 10:28  
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Cc:** CIO-SvcsDelivery15 **Section 40**  
**Subject:** 20090225-Enquiry from public\_Time Travel from SF author-U

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 19 February 2009 23:00  
**To:** CIO-SvcsDelivery1 **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Research Enquiry

Received 20 Feb 2009 - -

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txtname: **Section 40**  
 txtemailAddress **Section 40**  
 txtcountry: UK  
 txtrequest: Regarding a Science Fiction book I am writing.

If this is possible I would be grateful. Please could you tell how the MOD would be likely to respond the following fictional situations?

1. If a human or alien from the future (3809AD) travels in time to the present (2009AD), would this time traveller be required to contact the MOD? If the time traveller refused to contact or deal with the MOD would the MOD ruthlessly pursue him/her? If the time traveller asked you to help him/her, would you help him/her if the time traveller tells you the future of the human race depends upon your help? In answering these questions you should assume it is proved the time traveller is who he/she says he/she is; but you are unsure either way regarding the purpose of his/her mission.
2. The same type of questions are applicable to this scenario; but instead of a time traveller, this situation is regarding an alien life-form masquerading as a human. The alien has arrived undetected in our solar system, and then travelled to Earth undetected. This alien possesses superior technology and has the power to destroy our planet.

Thanks

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 04 March 2009 09:08  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090304-Response Section 40 Photographs-U

Hi Section 40

The date was Saturday 7th of February 2009 at Gorseinon near Swansea South Wales.

Thanks

From: Section 40 @mod.uk]  
 Sent: 04 March 2009 08:37  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: 20090304-Response Section 40 Photographs-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the photographs of the unusual aircraft you saw once you had reviewed the shots you were taking. If you can tell me the exact date and the town the photographs were taken in, I will ensure they are recorded as promised in my earlier e-mail.

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**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Before  
**Attachments:** STA\_2001.JPG

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**From:** Section 40 @mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2009 15:09  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** E-MAIL NOT RECEIVED

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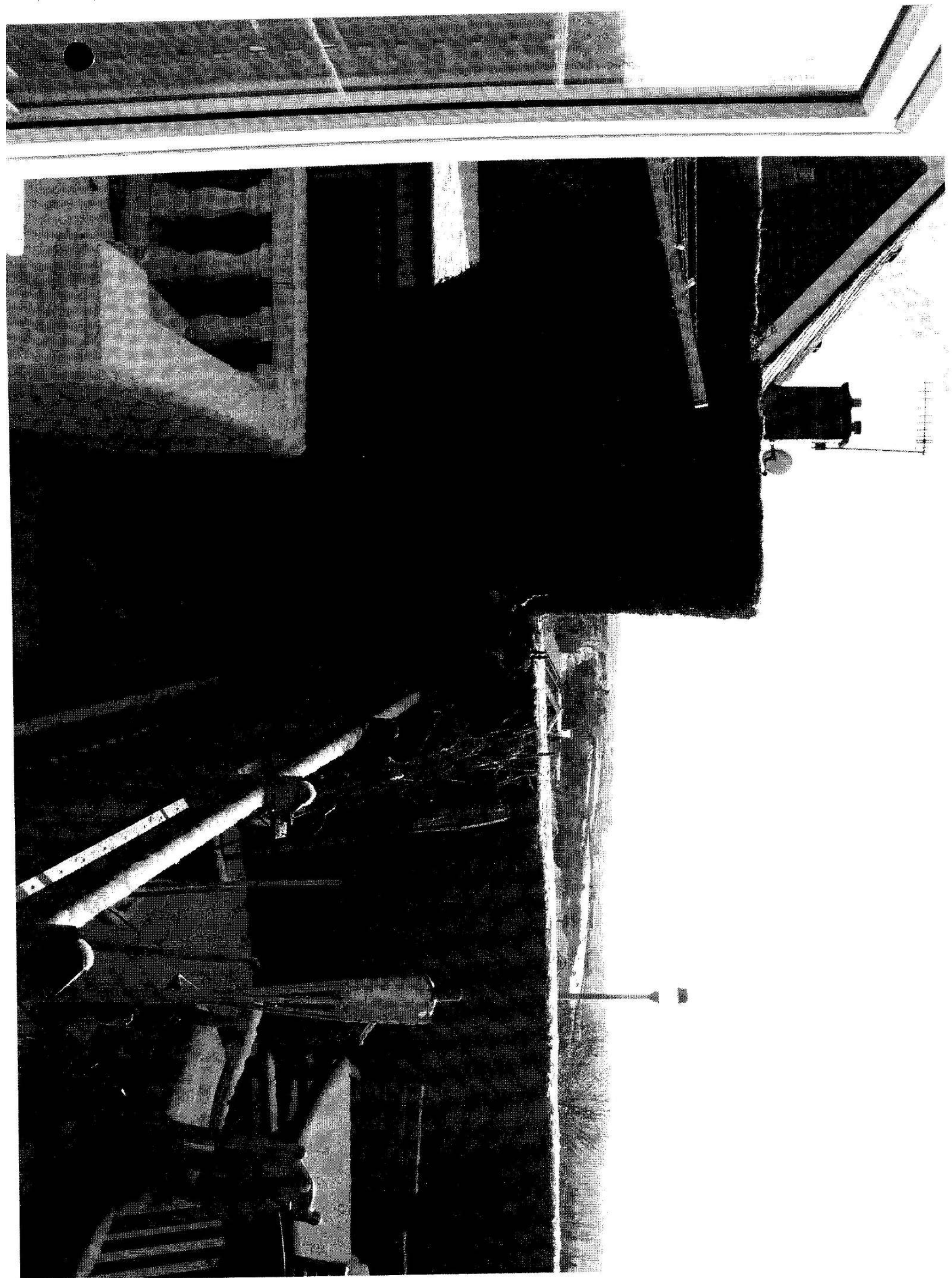
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**Subject:** RE: E-MAIL NOT RECEIVED  
**Attachments:** STB\_2002.JPG

Hi Section 40

I don't have an information apart from the fact that I didn't notice anything in the sky beforehand or afterwards. There is an airstrip nearby but there wasn't any aircraft in the sky at the time of taking the pictures. The above images were meant as a test of my cameras panoramic capabilities and I have attached the pictures taken immediately before and afterwards of the image in question. The image listed would be named STB2002 and I didn't notice anything out of the ordinary until I uploaded the picture onto the laptop.

Many Thanks

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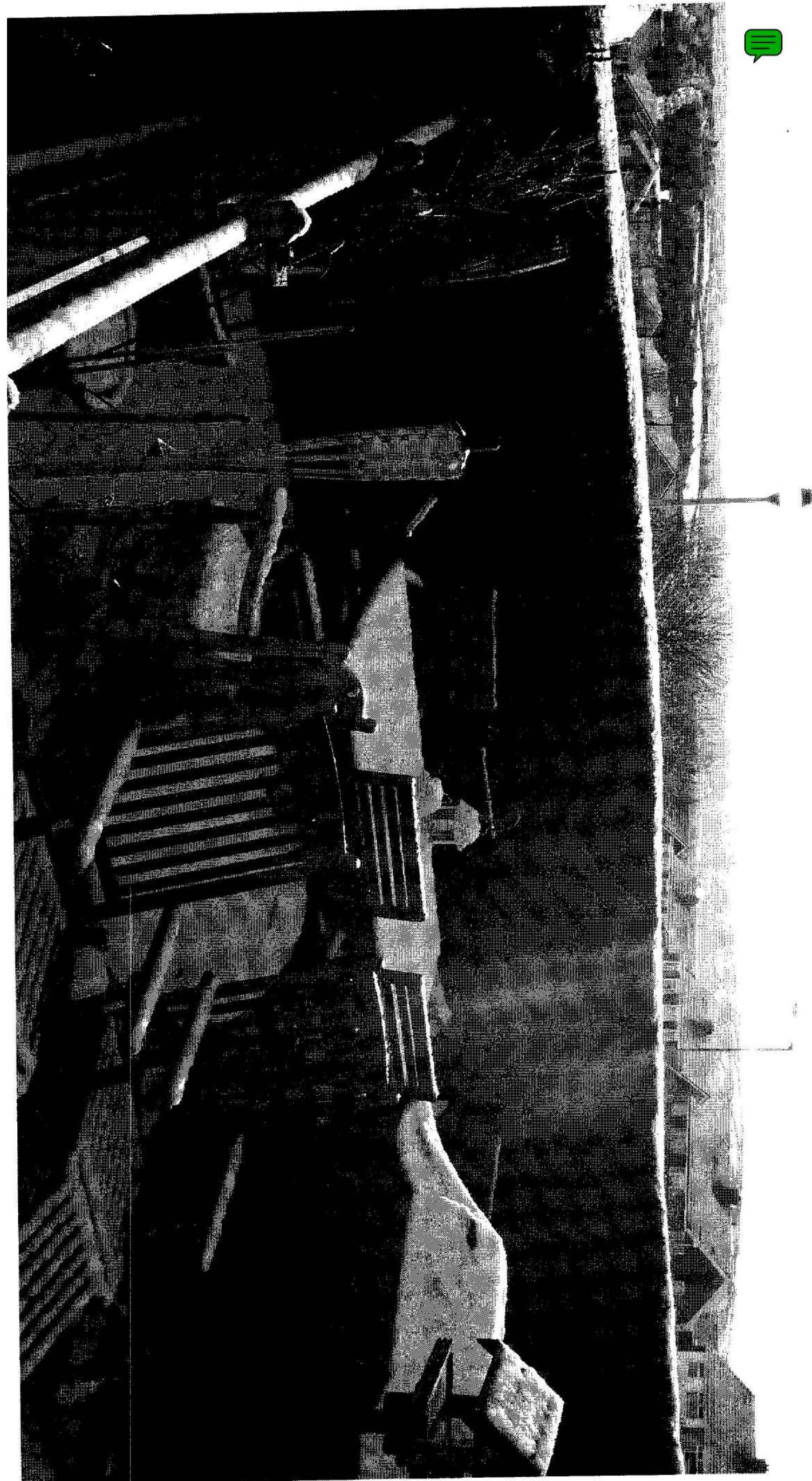
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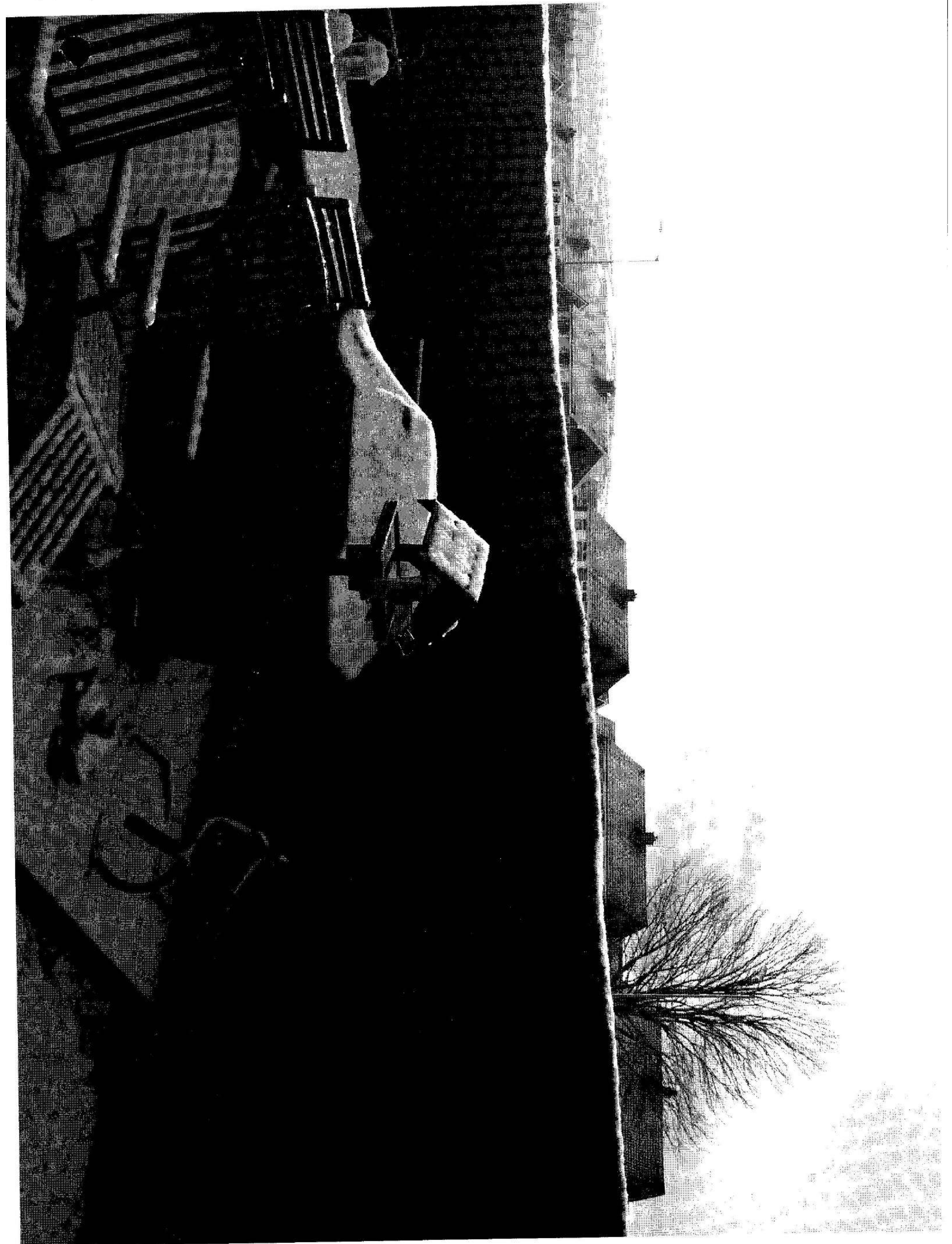
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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 17 February 2009 11:41  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: 20090217-Response to Section 40 Reporting Procedures-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 February 2009 asking for the correct procedure for reporting strangely shaped aircraft in the sky.

In the first instance they can be reported to this office which deals with such matters. However, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) examines any reports of strange objects in the sky 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 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. Nevertheless, please feel free to pass any information you have to us if you would like us to record your sighting. You might be interested to note that sighting reports of this nature are published annually and can be found on the MoD website at [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports". I hope this is helpful.

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**Subject:**

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as trying to take a panoramic picture of my garden with my camera by using multiple shots and upon reviewing my pictures on my girlfriends laptop I noticed a strangely shaped aircraft in the sky. I am unsure of the correct procedure regarding reporting this image. Any advice would be much appreciated.

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 02 March 2009 08:24**To:** 'request-7841-8e4a175b@whatdotheyknow.com'**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090302-Response **Section 40** MoD Position on Wind Turbine Incident-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 February 2009 asking what the Ministry of Defence's position was regarding the recent damage to a wind turbine in Lincolnshire and whether the cause of the damage had been determined.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 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 or 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.

Turning to this particular incident, I can confirm that it was not officially reported to the MoD but, clearly, we were aware of the media reports. We are not aware of any substantive evidence to suggest the turbine was hit by a UFO and unless we receive clear physical evidence of an aircraft or other object flying into the turbine, we would not investigate the matter.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
**Sent:** 19 February 2009 16:11  
**To:** Section 40  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom of Information request - The Ministry of Defence's position on possible UFO crash into wind turbine at Conisholme in Lincolnshire PS 19-02-2009-072706-002 Section 40

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#### **MOD Info Access**

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**From:** Section 40 [mailto:request-7841-8e4a175b@whatdotheyknow.com]

**Sent:** 09 February 2009 17:29

**To:** Info-Access-Office

**Subject:** Freedom of Information request - The Ministry of Defence's position on possible UFO crash into wind turbine at Conisholme in Lincolnshire PS 19-02-2009-072706-002 Section 40

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to know what the Ministry of Defence's position is upon the unexplained object that caused damage to the wind turbine in Lincolnshire. Has it been determined what caused the damage?

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 02 March 2009 08:18

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090302-UFO Correspondence Section 40 Quality of UFO Reports-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 2009 asking about the quality of UFO witness reports, whether we give them a quality rating and, if we do, what percentage we would consider as poor.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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.

Turning to the specifics of your enquiry, I think it would be reasonable to say that the large majority of witness reports we receive are quite vague and sketchy, and we do not have a grading system for them. The MoD only looks into a handful of reports per year and the number of reports it would seek clarification on is correspondingly small.

To get an idea of the type of information received, you might like to look at the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) and search under the phrase *UFO Reports* which provides details of UFO sightings reported to us from 1997-2008.

I hope this is helpful.

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Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2009

Dear Section 40

I have previously made an enquiry through work, but am now writing to you as requested. As stated previously, no breach of protocol was intended nor was any preferential treatment sought.

My question is this: in regard to your UFO/UAP reports received - how good are your witness statements? What is the quality of the initial reports, and - if poor - is clarification sought? Do you rate reports in regard to quality? If so, how? And if you do - what percentage of reports are considered poor in quality?

I ask because in a spare-time capacity I am a research officer for the Scottish SPR. I am giving a lecture at Glasgow University on 'The Problem with the Paranormal' and am very much interested in the qualitative analysis of witness reports of anomalous experience. I appreciate that the RAF/MoD are *not interested* in anomalous experiences, but are very much concerned with good observation and analysis of witness statements!

I appreciate that this question might need a long answer, or none at all - because it's not my business - but I would be most grateful of your assistance!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 19 February 2009 08:59  
**To:** 'SPVA-DCS-CMS-SPSVC-GLREG2@spva.mod.uk'  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFOs

Section 40

Your e-mail regarding UFOs has been passed to me as I have responsibility for UFO matters.

As you are enquiring in a private capacity, I think it is appropriate that you send any questions you may have on this area to me at the address below and I will try to answer them as I would for any other private individual.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 February 2009 10:53  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Defence Intranet UFO story

One for you Section 40

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

**From:** SPVA-DCS-CMS-SpSvc-GLReg2  
**Sent:** 06 February 2009 16:19  
**To:** DAS-FOI1  
**Subject:** Re: Defence Intranet UFO story

Dear Section 40

First off, I understand that the RAF Bus section would deal with any kind of media enquiries regarding this topic - and if the correct procedure is to go to them, then I will. Also, despite being MoD, I'm not in any way after any inside scoop or any restricted information - I don't need to know and I don't want to know. Don't panic - I'm not another Gary McKinnon.

However, I do have an outside interest in anomalous experience and wonder if you would be willing to consider some questions? Basically limited to the quality of reports that you receive - are they good witness reports or vague? Could you put a percentage on how many reports are too vague or ambiguous to judge?

FYI - my interest is based on being the research officer for the Scottish SPR.

Also - if you want me to forward this kind of enquiry to your business/press section, then I will. I won't pester you again, and I apologise for troubling you.

Regards,

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From: Section 40

Sent: 02 March 2009 07:44

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090302-TO00688/2009, TO00811-2009, TO00758/2009, TO00714/2009 Section 40 U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mails of 15, 16, 17 and 21 February 2009 to Secretary of State for Defence, John Hutton, expressing your belief that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) should investigate UFO sightings more thoroughly. They have been passed to this office to deal with as we have responsibility for answering questions relating to UFOs. You also wrote direct to this office on 17 February 2009 along similar lines. This response will cover all your correspondence.

As I explained in my letter of 13 February 2009, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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.

The MoD is not complacent about the integrity of the UK's airspace which is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft).

From that perspective, reports provided to us of 'UFO' sightings are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space. The vast majority of reports we receive are very sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for UFO sightings 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 I am sure you can imagine, the Secretary of State and the Chief of Air Staff are both extremely busy and it will not be possible for them to speak with you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 17 February 2009 06:55**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk**Subject:** Confidential Report AnalysisFebruary 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Royal Air Force UFO Desk,

I am contacting you from Australia with regards to an important Defense issue that I need to bring to your attention. I am a **Ufologist** I study all reported UFO sightings. As you maybe aware, The United States of America has one of the highest reports of UFO encounters and sightings each year then anywhere else in the world. After much study, I believe to have concluded that most of these UFO sightings truly are extra-terrestrial.

I understand that most UFO cases sometimes are designated false. However, I have knowledge that The United States Air Force formerly studied UFO reports. However, the investigations of these reports still left around 5-10 percent of sightings and encounters still to this day unresolved.

I write this letter to you sir, with a heavy heart. Writing to you is one of many actions I have taken to try and convince Governments around the world, as well as in my own country, to raise awareness of the actual existence and possible threat UFOs, be extraterrestrial or not. In my experience, there is a strong chance that the 5-10 percent unresolved UFO cases are extraterrestrial related. **I have recently discussed this issue with a former official in the UK Ministry of Defense, who had responsibility for this subject. He agrees that UFO sightings must be investigated thoroughly, in view of the defense and air safety issues.**

Whether or not these UFOs are extraterrestrial or not, we cannot say. We have known that UFOs exist; however, we are not 100 percent certain if they are extraterrestrials. This is why there must be a full, proper, through investigation into UFOs and the relation they may have in accordance with extraterrestrials. There are thousands of reports over the past decades recorded by your country's Ministry of Defence (MoD). Whilst I do have much respect for what the Royal Air Force accomplishes for the United Kingdom, as a **Ufologist** I cannot in good conscious allow the RAF and the MoD to continue not to properly study and investigate Unidentified Flying Objects. There is a high possibility that a majority of these still unresolved reports are extraterrestrial. I know that the Royal Air Force and MoD usually send 'standard' letters assuring your civilians that enquire regarding UFO activity to try and lead them astray from the truth. I know how the system regarding to any civilian who enquires about UFOs, works. I know for a fact in all my years of experience as a Ufologist in this field of study, that your Ministry of Defence's UFO reports which some have been released, prove that the UFO phenomena exists.

It is the Royal Air Force's responsibility to ensure the protection of your country the United Kingdom's airspace from any possible threats, including investigating the truth behind classified UFO reports, to ensure the United Kingdom is protected, even possibly against extraterrestrials. It is your job, you have an obligation You could act now, but it seems that most Government bodies around the world that are approached by Ufologists' regarding the high chance of the threat of extraterrestrial UFOs, simply think we are crazy. I can personally assure you that most Ufologists are well respected PhD scientists.

You must investigate immediately. I would personally speak with your Secretary of State for Defence or the head of your Royal Air Force, but unfortunately air travel is expensive due to the

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current economic times. However, I would be happy to speak over the phone with the Secretary or the head of the Royal Air Force, if such a meeting could be arranged on the MoD or RAF's behalf. You know as well as I do the truth regarding UFOs, however, I will not speak in this letter publicly due to the confidential nature of this subject. You must investigate the threat of extraterrestrial UFOs. Act now.

Sincerely Yours,

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Ufologist

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 24 February 2009 11:56**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised:20090224-Helicopter identification **Section 40**Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 February 2009 asking how you could identify a helicopter that you saw on 26 December 2009.

I am afraid that there is no publicly accessible list recording helicopter flights in the UK. The military do not have a central record of all flights and although it might be possible to identify an individual helicopter, to do so we would need to contact all military bases across the UK that a helicopter might have flown from, which could only be done at disproportionate cost.

Whilst I cannot rule out the possibility that the helicopter you saw was military, there is also the possibility that it may have been civilian. The Civil Aviation Authority may be able to help you, but you should be aware that unless a pilot is planning to enter controlled airspace such as around an airport or commercial airways they are not required to log a flight plan and, again, the cost of identifying an individual aircraft is likely to be prohibitive.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 10 February 2009 19:40  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Old Colwyn-U

dear Section 40

thank you for your reply, could you please tell me how i would go about finding out about the helicopter following the object, is there open records of why the helicopter was up at that time of the morning and who the helicopter was. thanks again Section 40

Subject: 20090209-UFO Report Section 40 Old Colwyn-U  
 Date: Mon, 9 Feb 2009 09:19:43 +0000  
 From: Section 40 @mod.uk  
 To: Section 40  
 Dear Section 40

Thank you for your two e-mails of 17 January 2009 reporting an unusual object in the sky over Old Colwyn on 26 December 2008. Please take this as a response to both your enquiries.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 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 or 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 have received no other reports of UFO sightings so far from Old Colwyn and are unable to offer an explanation of what you saw.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 20 February 2009 13:22

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 222090220-UFO Reports Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 February 2009 describing a number of UFO sightings you have made.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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I note that you have flashed a powerful light at some of the craft that you have seen. You should exercise caution when doing this as it might affect the vision of pilots and cause an accident.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 11 February 2009 18:40  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** re: UFOs

Dear Sir/Madam.

I have recently been in contact with Nick Pope via E-mail and he suggested I contact you to see if you are interested in what I have seen.

At present I live in Bracknell and my home is in the western box of Heathrow airport. So as you can imagine it can be quite busy with planes in and out at most times of the day yet UFOs seem to fly in and out of the area with no problem.

I do have a list of all my sightings which will be including all the latest ones. I also have film of some of the ones seen during the day which are silver in colour. Although the films shakes a bit on zooming in they can be seen and with the right equipment I am sure more info could be retrieved from them.

To give you a flavour of what I have seen then please see the following:

A large black object shaped like a crossbow. It was black in colour and the bodywork reminded me of our WW2 bombers as I was sure I could see what looked like rivets holding the panels together. This was no small craft either and although flying at about 200' and doing about 30-40 MPH had to be a lot bigger than a jumbo. Although this is mostly guess work having nothing to relate its size against I feel that it is about right. I was sure there was no tail or rear wings although at the time I was in a bit of a shock turning around to see this flying that close to me. It also made no noise and seem to glide along. No wind noise either and as far as I know did not interfere with the TV. Also it had two or three small diamond shaped lights under each wing which if I recall gave off a pale pink glow. The reason it is hard to recall was there was a tree in the way as well as I was dithering trying to work out whether my camera or the light I had would be better. By the time I reached the light as it was nearer the m/c had moved on.

I would like to make a point that this was heading in roughly the direction of Longcross. A lot of activity seems to be in that general direction as well as there is Heathrow beyond. Whether Longcross is still MOD I have no idea. I do know they use to design tanks as a friend worked there abd that was after I had once applied for a job there as I did engineering design at college. Sadly I did not get a job there but I did work for Ferranti.

Anyway other objects seen besides the silver ones are:

A diamond shaped UFO a bit like a stealth fighter. The first time I trcked this was when I spotted something in the south moving east. I think it was silver as it had an orange colour underneath each time I saw it as though it was reflectng the street lamps. Appeared to have no tail. The first one I had to use bins to follow it. That headed slightly ENE before I presume reaching heathrow where it seemed to shoot up skywards and I lost it at that point. The second time was also evening but could not track it for long as too much cloud. This was more in the centre of the box and also heading east.

One disc was seen early evening. I spotted this coming down from the north and was to my east. This was about a mile away I would think. It came down to just above the trees and in the gap I saw it bank to its right before it headed west.

Another disc came straight over the top of late one evening. Although not that low it had to have been huge. It was moving south very fast and left what appeared to be an ionised trail which took ages to disappear.



It is possible that these and others are military. There are some that I do not believe are and although the disc mentioned earlier was big that was small to the one I saw enter the atmosphere late one night. That was silver and had to be huge as I could see it with the naked eye even if it was about the size of a pea at arms length.

There are also one and maybe two that are really big. These are in the shape of an E. There looks like two huge tanks on the outside with a slightly shorter one in the middle. They are joined towards the rear. I first spotted this when one entered the atmosphere late at night. The next time I saw it was dinnertime on a Saturday. It was to the NW and seemed to be travelling W-SW. It was high up but still easy to see if you know what to look for. I think I saw two close to the sun during one July. There were three halos like the sun was shining on the rear of it. In front of it I saw another three before they slowly moved off to the east.

I also told Nick that I have flashed some with a light that is meant to reach about a mile. Some actually stop overhead while others seem to glow brighter which I understand is caused by them entering our atmosphere.

I think you should know too that the silver craft seen during the day tend to either be to the east or to the west. What is to the west of my house I do not know although a couple of years ago I did see one UFO ascending from below the tree line. It was glowing orange and rose up into the clouds 10 mins before a thunderstorm that came from the SW hit.

At night especially during late summer glowing UFOs seem to come from the west regularly over a couple or so weeks. Sometimes you even get one following another as well as another one or the same one would appear a couple of hours later. I have filmed some but mostly all I get is a glow around what looks like a shiny inner core. Only one time did I not film anything and that was when I tried to film straight on. Whether that was me or the UFO I have not had the chance to try again. They also tend to go dark too especially if a plane comes their way.

If you would like more info then you can mail me or even phone me on **Section 40**. I can also send you a copy of the file with all my sightings and the dates etc. At the back of this file is also a listing of the TV progs you might want to see as they have lots of UFOs on them especially those filmed in London. For example where Fred Dibnah explains how Tower Bridge works when he is outside a UFO can clearly be seen between the two towers.

Hopefully there may even be a couple of silver UFOs to be seen as they sometimes appear around this time of Feb. Usually in the morning about 9:15 to 9:45.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40

Sent: 20 February 2009 10:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090220-UFO Reports Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2009 asking whether the MoD had investigated UFO sightings at Skelmersdale on 7 January, Southport on 24 January, Walney Island on 10 February and Ravenglass on 24 January 2009.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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With regard to the UFO sightings you mention, I can confirm that they have not been reported to the MoD and we have not investigated them. I have checked our records and we have received no other reports in the general areas for the dates you give.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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## North West UFO Research

C/O Section 40

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Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Attention of:

RAF Business Secretariat 13  
 Room Section 40  
 Spitfire Block  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY. NOT  
 RECORDED IN OUR  
 DATABASE

RAF BUS Sec 13  
 20/2/09

Dear Sir/Madam

North West UFO Research has reported as accurately as possible on the recent spate of sightings as below. We would be most obliged if you could kindly shed more light on the following accounts. Have the MoD investigated any of these cases as possible air safety issues all of which have been reported in the press.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely

Section 40

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Object 1:

## Skelmersdale UFO

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Section 40 the Southport Visiter contacted me. Section 40 stated that she had been contacted by a lady, Section 40 who said she had seen a UFO and wanted to speak to someone in the area who might be able to shed some light on it. As Section 40 requested, I telephoned Section 40 who was out at the time. Nevertheless, later on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> January, Section 40's husband, Section 40, phoned me back. Section 40 explained at length what had happened. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009. On this dark and very cold night, Section 40 and Section 40 had been walking their 2 dogs along Tanhouse Road in Skelmersdale, Lancashire. They were walking through an underpass when they noticed a strange oscillating sphere of about 4 inches in diameter that shone blue, yellow and green light. This object was at head height in a stationary position. As they

approached the sphere it suddenly moved towards them as if startled causing [Section 40] to throw up his hands in defence. He thought it was about to hit them. It then flew right between the couple and disappeared behind them. [Section 40] a local delivery driver, told me that they were both left stunned by the event and in a state of disbelief. [Section 40] explained that the strangest thing was that the UFO seems to be acting under its own intelligence and as if stunned by their presence.

Full story here:

[http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/skelmersdale\\_ufo.htm](http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/skelmersdale_ufo.htm)

## Object 2:

### Bright fire ball seen at Kew

Saturday 24th January 2009

This morning at 9.27 am [Section 40], an Ainsdale coast guard officer, rang [Section 40] of North West UFO Research with detail of the following report:

9.45 pm, Friday 23rd Jan. 09:

The Coastguard Centre at Crosby, Merseyside received a call off a member of the public in the Kew estate of Southport. Apparently the person had seen a "bright fire ball", whilst looking in the direction of Ormskirk. That was heading his way at a "45 degree angle". The witness - who did not wish to be named, was a 'professional' person of good standing.

Full story:

[http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/kew\\_ufo.htm](http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/kew_ufo.htm)

## Object 3:

### Walney Island UFO

Coast Guard reports indicate that on the evening of 10th February at around 11.30pm an unnamed witness reported seeing a strange orange light in the sky to the west of Walney Island in Cumbria. The object apparently fell to earth over land in the area. This may possibly have been nothing more sinister than a Chinese lantern that is now a popular component in contemporary celebrations. However, the identity of the object has not at this stage been positively confirmed. Did anyone else see this thing?

Full story:

[http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/walney\\_island\\_ufo.htm](http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/walney_island_ufo.htm)



**Object 4:**

**Unidentified lights off Ravenglass**

7.00 pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Numerous reports of orange lights reported to be seen off shore from Ravenglass, Cumbria. Persons described seeing orange lights, akin to street lights in the sky. A male who has extensive knowledge of the area, stated that it was not flares; he stated that there was no noise. There were two lights together then one veered off to the north, he kept watching this light which then dipped down to sea level then up again before heading off at speed to the north. There were no further lights, e.g., navigational lights, as the lights could not be ascertained to a source this was left as unknown lights.

Full story:

[http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/orange\\_lights\\_over\\_cumbria.htm](http://www.ssgb.bravehost.com/orange_lights_over_cumbria.htm)

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 14 February 2009 18:30  
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
Subject: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Please watch this short YouTube video clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHwhmc2m-tQ>

So is it the MOD's view that Jim Penniston is lying about the events of 26 December 1980 in Rendlesham Forest? You have repeatedly wrote to me that nothing happened. Jim Penniston and Charles Halt obviously think much more happened. Mr. Penniston actually walked up to and touched the triangular shaped craft. He also took notes. Did the MOD not read his notes or interview him after the incident to get his side of the story? Was the craft tracked on radar or not? These are questions that the MOD needs to answer.

What evidence and research does the MOD base it's official views on regarding this incident? Is it because the incident took place over 25 years ago, hence the MOD hopes by simply denying anything happened public interest in the case will be lost?

Regards,

Section 40

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*If, in fact, we are able to answer the question 'ARE WE ALONE?' in the Universe then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization.*

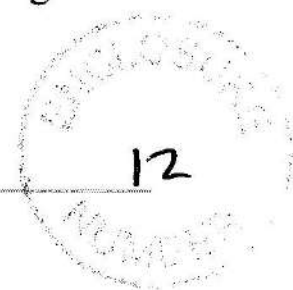
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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 11 February 2009 11:15**To:** 'EASE - Search Engine'**Subject:** Release-authorised: 20090211 **Section 40** investigation of UFOs-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 January 2009 asking how the MoD investigates UFO reports and whether the MoD has to investigate over extended periods of time.

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, 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.

That having been said, we do occasionally investigate sightings reported to the MoD. This usually involves liaising with air defence specialists (e.g. radar experts) on perhaps half a dozen sightings per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police. Each case is viewed on an individual basis and it is not possible to predict how long an investigation would take or what course it would follow. However, I can say that investigations are limited in their nature and likely to be concluded within weeks, rather than months. I am not aware of any investigation in recent years lasting for more than a few weeks. I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
 Sent: 26 January 2009 17:05  
 To: Section 40  
 Cc:  
 Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: 20092601-FOI UFO Reports-U PF 26-01-2009-170008-002  
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 Sent: 26 January 2009 17:02  
 To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business  
 Subject: Release-Authorised: 20092601-FOI UFO Reports-U PF 26-01-2009-170008-002 Section 40

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 26 January 2009 15:15  
**To:** Info-Access-Office  
**Subject:** FW: 20092601-FOI UFO Reports-U PF 26-01-2009-170008-002 Section 40

Is this one for you?

Thanks

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**From:** [no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk) [mailto:[no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk)]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2009 15:39  
**To:** INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office  
**Subject:** Research Enquiry

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txtname Section 40  
txtemailAddress Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtrequest: Dear Sir / Madam,

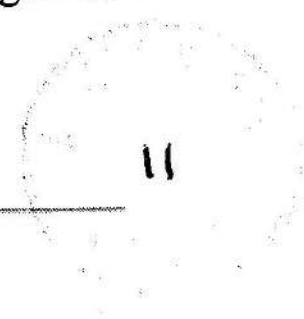
I would like to request information regarding how the MoD investigates UFO reports.

Specifically, does the MoD ever have to investigate for extended periods of time?

Thank you.

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**From:** Section 40@fylingdales.raf.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 05 February 2009 15:21  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: HIVE Form Results

Section 40

Sorry for the delay in responding and please see the email below from our Ops Executive Officer.  
 Unfortunately, we have nothing to offer you. Our radar didn't detect anything on the date and time stated by

Section 40

Regards,

Section 40

Flt Lt  
 Media and Comms

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**From:** FYL-Ops Exec Off  
**Sent:** 05 February 2009 14:31  
**To:** FYL-Spt MCO  
**Subject:** RE: Release-authorized: HIVE Form Results

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We have consulted our records and there was no natural or man-made re-entry detected by the Fylingdales radar on or around the date and time mention by the originator.

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Tel(Mil) Section 40  
 Tel(Civ) Section 40  
 RAFMail - FYL Ops-Exec Off  
 E-mail: Section 40@fylingdales.raf.mod.uk

**From:** Section 40@mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 January 2009 11:29  
**To:** Section 40@fylingdales.raf.mod.uk  
**Subject:** FW: Release-authorized: HIVE Form Results

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We spoke. Can I leave this with you?

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**From:** LF-HIVE-Info Sp Asst [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 20 January 2009 09:49  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: HIVE Form Results

Dear [Section 40]

Whilst the email below appears to be less to do with UFO's and more to do with meteors, I'm hoping that you will know the correct person or department I should forward this to for information.

Any assistance you could give would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

[Section 40]

Information Support Assistant  
 HIVE UK & Overseas

Mil: [Section 40]  
 Civ: [Section 40]

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

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:[no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk)]  
**Sent:** 19 January 2009 19:25  
**To:** LF-HIVE-Info Sp Asst [Section 40]  
**Subject:** HIVE Form Results

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txtname: [Section 40]  
 txtEmailAddress: [Section 40]  
 txtlocation: Meteor Impact on Great Britain  
 txtrequest: On 26th December 2009, at 17.30 pm, I saw five fragments of a meteor passing over Kents Hill, a suburb of Milton Keynes, Bucks.

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● The burning fragments were about 300 feet up in the evening sky and were travelling at about 70 mph and were about 30 seconds behind each other. They travelled from east to west at an angle of about 20 to 30 degrees to the horizontal on a map of the UK. As the original meteor/asteroid could have been 50 to 100 feet in diameter before breaking up and as it could have landed in a populated area of the UK, I thought it best to tell the MOD about this sighting.

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amateur astronomer.

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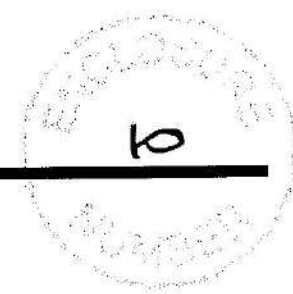
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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 04 February 2009 10:06  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Release-authorised: Identification Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 January 2009 asking which qualifications are required for astronomy.

Might I suggest that you contact the Royal Astronomical Society via their website at [www.ras.org.uk](http://www.ras.org.uk)

I hope this is helpful

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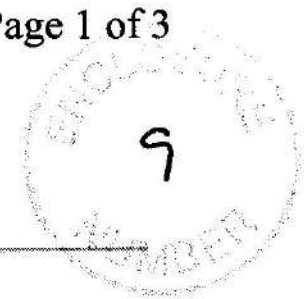
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-----Original Message-----

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 30 January 2009 19:50  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Identification Section 40

What qualifications do you need for astronomy?





Section 40

**From:** EASE - Search Engine Section 40  
**Sent:** 03 February 2009 19:00  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: 20090203-UFO Correspondence Section 40 Offer of Assistance-U

Dear Section 40

I would like to kindly thank you for your quick reply to my previous email message (as shown below).

I fully accept that the MoD has a role in trying to establish the real causes of supposed UFO's, and I do not believe that any resources should be placed in the question of 'Are aliens real?', so for that I thank you also.

Kind regards,

Section 40

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**Subject:** 20090203-UFO Correspondence Section 40 Offer of Assistance-U  
**Date:** Tue, 3 Feb 2009 11:00:54 +0000  
**From:** Section 40 @mod.uk  
**To:** Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 February 2009 offering your assistance to the UFO desk.

It may be helpful if I explain that 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, 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.

I am afraid therefore, that in light of the very limited role the MoD has in UFO matters, I must decline your kind offer of assistance.

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**From:** EASE - Search Engine **Section 40**

**Sent:** 01 February 2009 21:42

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk

**Subject:** A note of my interest...

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you because I have a desire to offer my services in any way possible to the 'UFO Desk'.

I am a very UFO investigator myself and have spent 5 years researching the 'Roswell Incident', however, I feel that focusing my mind on reports here in England, I would have greater intelligence at hand.

Of course, if you are reading this, then you are working at the desk. Though I would still like to make my interest known.

Thank you for reading,

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 03 February 2009 08:39  
 To: Section 40; ufo@modales.raf.mod.uk  
 Subject: Release-authorized: FW: Identification Section 40

Section 40

The gentleman below has previously asked me to identify a UFO sighting. I told him we do not do that type of thing.

He now wants to know how to become an astronomer.

Can you help identify what qualifications he needs?

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 30 January 2009 19:50  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Identification Section 40

What qualifications do you need for astronomy?



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From: Section 40  
Sent: 30 January 2009 19:50  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Identification Section 40

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 30 January 2009 19:45  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: IDENTIFICATION Section 40

What qualifications do you need?

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

From: Section 40 @mod.uk>  
 Sent: 1/27/2009 3:19:40 PM  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: 20090127-UFO IDENTIFICATION Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 January 2009 asking what other organisations might be able to assist you in identifying the object you saw.

I am afraid that I am not aware of any official organisation that would be in a position to help you. You might consider contacting the Civil Aviation Authority via their website [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) <<http://www.caa.co.uk/>> but I suspect they will give you a similar response to the Ministry of Defence.

Alternatively, there are a great many non governmental organisations to be found on the internet, or in magazines, that are interested in UFO matters. They may be able to offer an explanation of what you saw.

It would, however, be inappropriate for me to refer you to any one of these organisations and I think I would be failing in my responsibilities if I did not point out that the study of UFOs is largely unregulated and that you should exercise discretion when contacting organisations or individuals, especially on the internet. In particular you should be cautious when entering into any financial arrangements.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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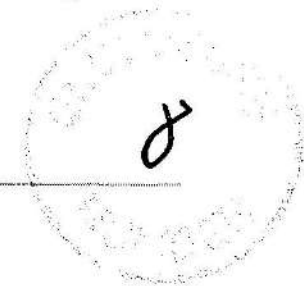
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From: Section 40

Sent: 29 January 2009 14:46

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised:20090129-Response to Section 40 MOD Policy-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 January 2009 asking what the Ministry of Defence policy was in relation to the investigation of alleged UFO sightings.

The Ministry of Defence (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 unauthorised air activity.

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I hope this is helpful.

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Message

**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 11:06  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** 'UFO' sighting in Luton  
**Attachments:** LPIC0961.JPG; LPIC0964.JPG; LPIC0966.JPG; LPIC0969.JPG; LPIC0972.JPG;  
LPIC0984.JPG

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached several pictures that were sent to us by a reader of the Luton News. Although they are not very clear, the sender claims that they show some kind of 'UFO' in the night sky above our town. I have spoken to the gentleman in question, along with his son who also saw the 'UFO'. The sighting, I am told, happened on Tuesday December 30 between 6.45 and 7.15pm. According to the gentleman the object was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction away from Luton, and constantly changing shape while it was moving. His son told me that when he zoomed in on it, it was a spherical saucer-type shape. The pair spotted a second 'UFO', in the form of a bright light above the town on January 3, but said that it was moving too quickly to be photographed. The reader described it as 'like someone switching a light off'. I was wondering, do you have a policy of investigating sightings such as these as I'm sure there must be a rational explanation?

Many thanks,

**Section 40**

Luton News/Herald&amp;Post

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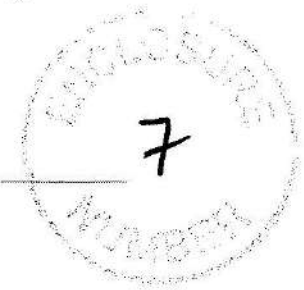
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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 28 January 2009 10:29**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090128 UFOs OVER STONEHENGE **Section 40**Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 January 2008 containing digital photographs of shapes in the sky you saw over Stonehenge a couple of years ago.

You may be interested to know that the Ministry of Defence (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 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 or 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.

You may also be interested to know that details of UFO sightings received by the MoD for the period 1997-2007 can be found on our website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports". Details of sightings for 2008 will also be placed there shortly.

The MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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>.

I hope this is helpful

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 **Section 40**

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**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 14 January 2009 13:40  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** UFOs over Stonehenge?  
**Attachments:** PIC00164UFO.jpg; PIC00167.jpg; PIC00188UFOs.jpg

Hello,

I thought that I would send you these digital photos because they were taken a couple of years ago at Stonehenge of all places ; so, possibly significant. All were taken within about 30 minutes (including the one of the thistle) and although I didn't see anything in the sky at the time because I was focusing upon the stones. Upon uploading them to my computer, though, I spotted the discoid shapes in the background. It was upon 'zooming in' on the shapes that I thought the images significant. As other photos were taken at around the same time which did not display the shapes, I guess that this factor, combined with there being no film involved, is important.

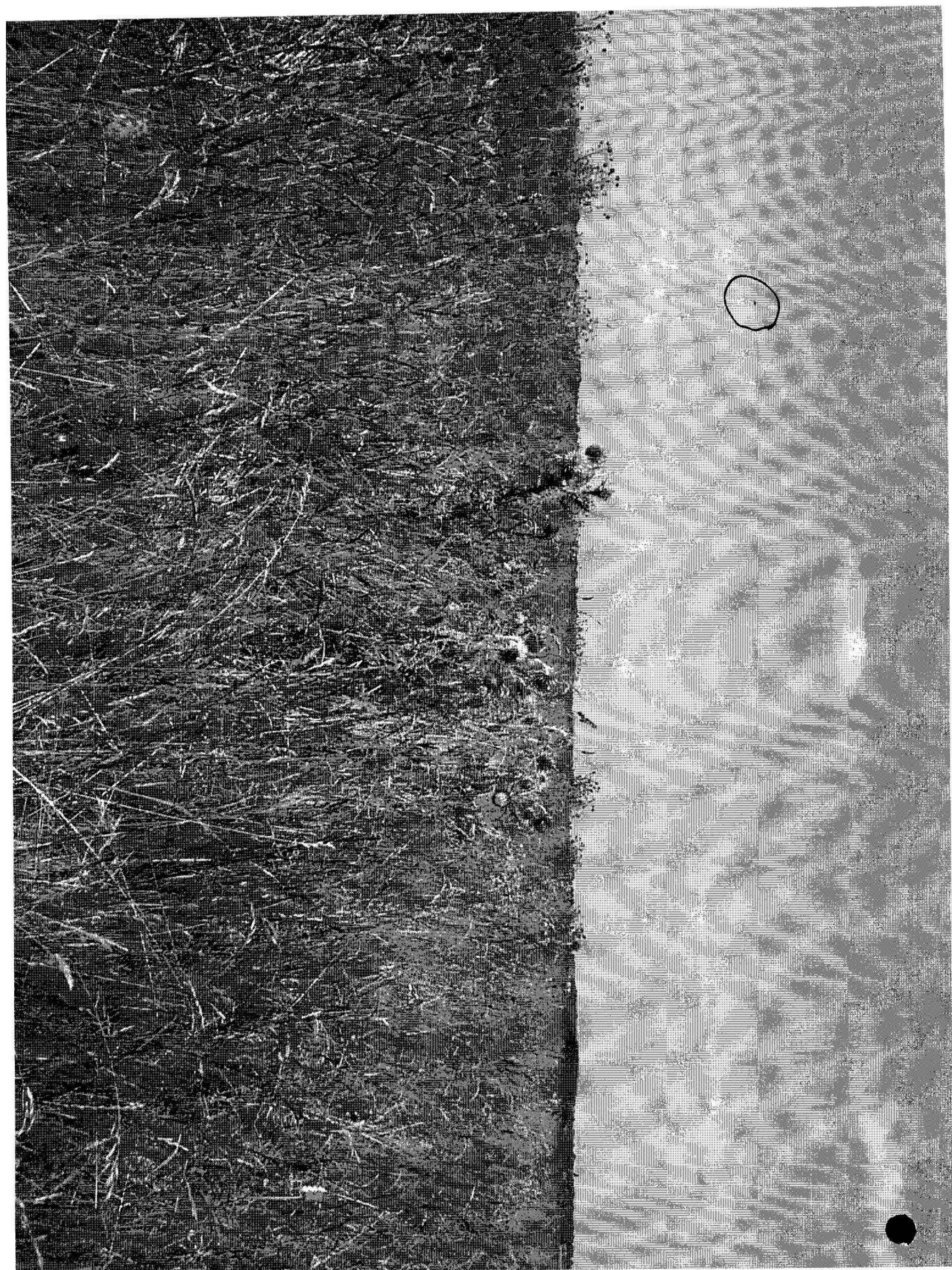
I'm sure you get this kind of thing every day! However, I'm very fond of my UFOs so needed to share them!

Best regards **Section 40**

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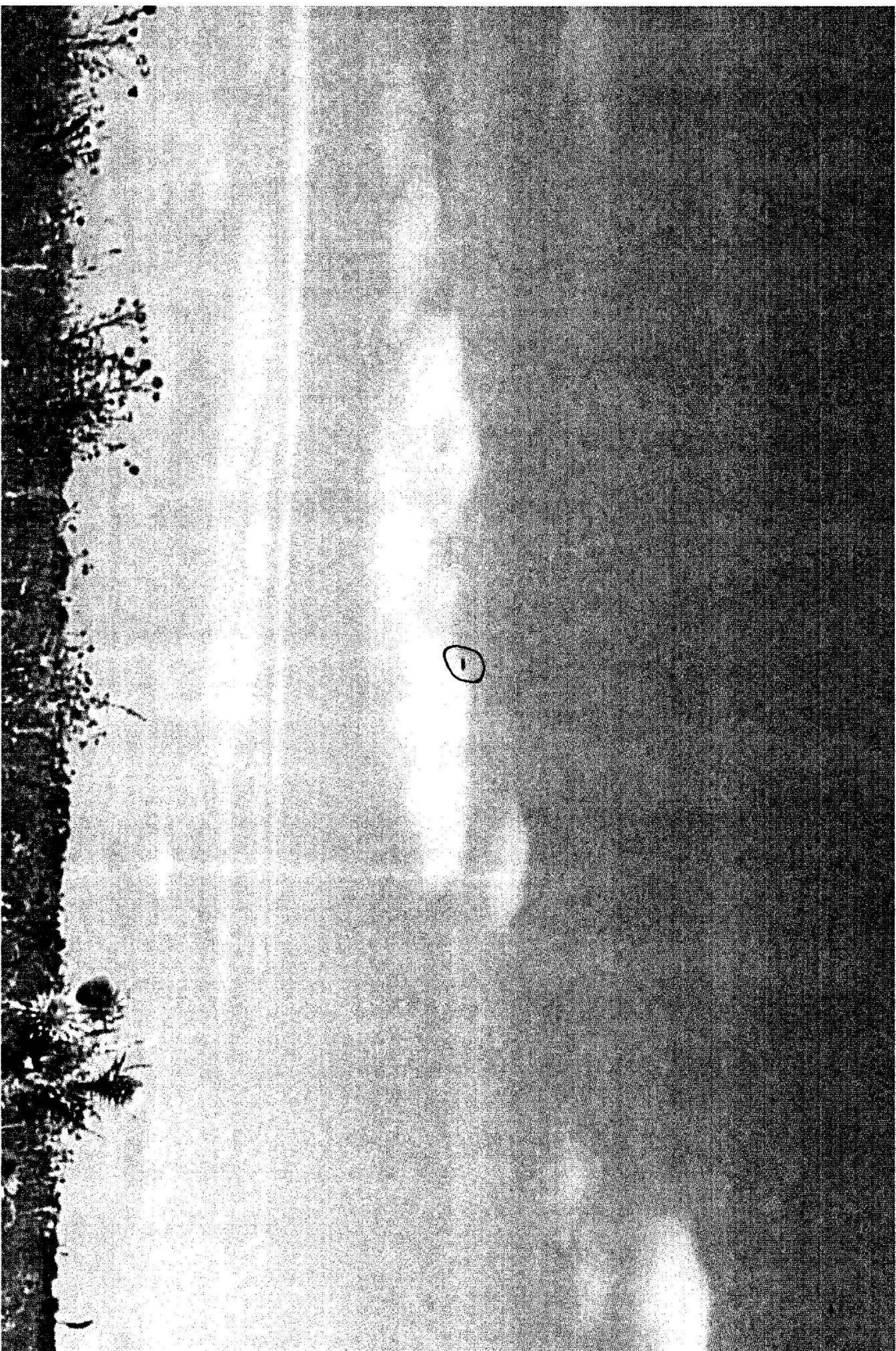
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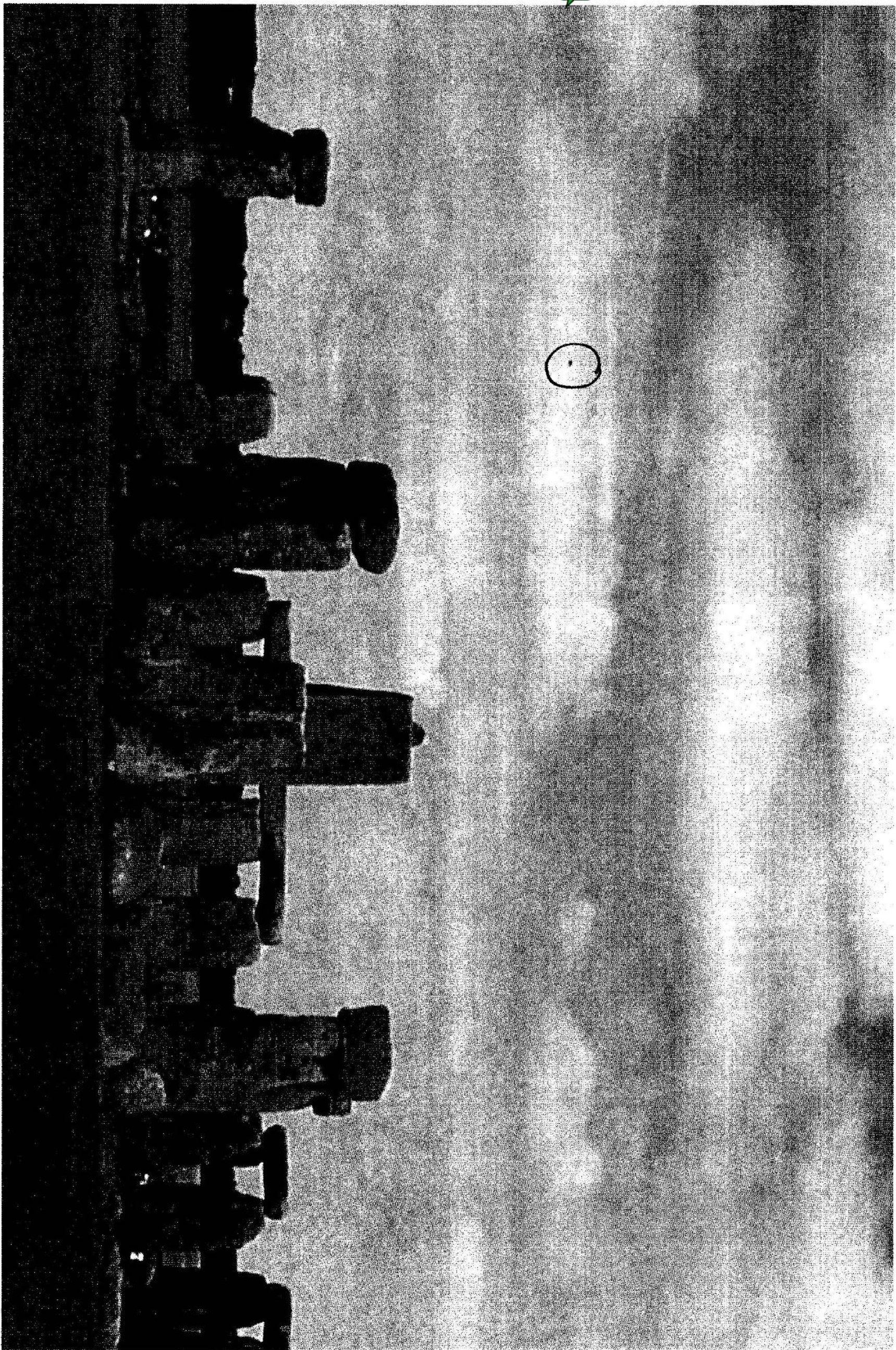


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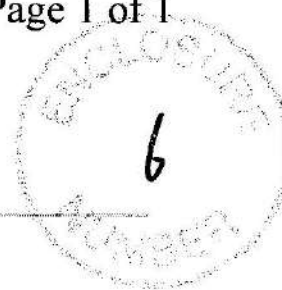










**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 27 January 2009 15:20**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090127-UFO IDENTIFICATION **Section 40**Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 January 2009 asking what other organisations might be able to assist you in identifying the object you saw.

I am afraid that I am not aware of any official organisation that would be in a position to help you. You might consider contacting the Civil Aviation Authority via their website [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) but I suspect they will give you a similar response to the Ministry of Defence.

Alternatively, there are a great many non governmental organisations to be found on the internet, or in magazines, that are interested in UFO matters. They may be able to offer an explanation of what you saw.

It would, however, be inappropriate for me to refer you to any one of these organisations and I think I would be failing in my responsibilities if I did not point out that the study of UFOs is largely unregulated and that you should exercise discretion when contacting organisations or individuals, especially on the internet. In particular you should be cautious when entering into any financial arrangements.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 24 January 2009 09:45  
To: Section 40  
Subject: RE: 20090120 Section 40 - UFO SIGHTING-U

Well is there any other organisation that can help solve the sighting

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

From: Section 40 @mod.uk>  
Sent: 17/20/2009 9:30:43 AM  
To: Section 40  
Subject: 20090120 Section 40 - UFO SIGHTING-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 January 2009.

As I explained in my e-mail of 13 January 2009, the Ministry of Defence does not attempt to identify every sighting that is reported to us. Put simply, it is not our role to attempt to provide an aerial identification service of that kind and it would be inappropriate for us to use our resources to do so.

I appreciate that this will be a disappointment for you but I am afraid I cannot help you further in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 20 January 2009 09:31  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090120 Section 40 UFO SIGHTING-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 January 2009.

As I explained in my e-mail of 13 January 2009, the Ministry of Defence does not attempt to identify every sighting that is reported to us. Put simply, it is not our role to attempt to provide an aerial identification service of that kind and it would be inappropriate for us to use our resources to do so.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40  
 Sent: 20 January 2009 09:04  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: Response-authorised: 20090112-Response to UFO Sighting No location-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 January 2009.

As I explained in my e-mail of 13 January 2009, the Ministry of Defence does not attempt to identify every sighting that is reported to us. Put simply, it is not our role to attempt to provide an aerial identification service of that kind and it would be inappropriate for us to use our resources to do so.

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Yours sincerely,

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

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 14 January 2009 19:06  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: RE: 20090112-Response to Anon UFO Sighting No location-U

But i want to know what it was

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

From: Section 40@mod.uk>  
 Sent: 1/13/2009 1:53:28 PM  
 To: Section 40  
 Subject: 20090112-Response to Anon UFO Sighting No location-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 January 2009 detailing a UFO sighting you made. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for correspondence dealing with UFO matters.

Firstly, I think it would be helpful if I gave you some background about the MoD role in UFO matters. Despite what many people think, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of UFO/flying saucer matters or 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. 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.



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I hope this helps explain the MoD's position.

Yours sincerely,

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 13 January 2009 13:53**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-authorised: 20090112-Response to Anon UFO Sighting No location-UDear **Section 40**

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Yours sincerely,

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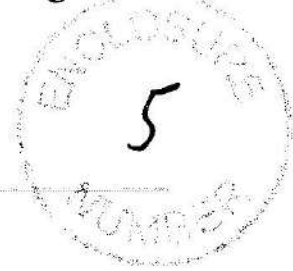


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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 23:21  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** Sighting

I saw a kind of electric storm although a spacecraft escaped from this mass of significant storm of energy.



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 January 2009 15:08

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: 20090121-ALLEGED UFO INCIDENT INVOLVING WIND TURBINE Section 40 -U

Hello, I think there is plenty of evidence of a potential threat to the world population by alien nations, and would just love to know why the MoD doesn't think that there is! I know they exist, and am just waiting for the day that world governments admit they know too. I do not think I will have to wait long.

Thank you

Section 40

Subject: 20090121-ALLEGED UFO INCIDENT INVOLVING WIND TURBINE Section 40 -U

Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2009 14:37:52 +0000

From: Section 40 @mod.uk

To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 January 2009 asking whether the Ministry of Defence (MoD) was going to comment on recent reports of a UFO hitting a wind turbine in Lincolnshire.

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, 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 is not aware of any substantive evidence to suggest the turbine was hit by a UFO and as we have not received any physical evidence of an aircraft or other object flying into the turbine, we do not intend to investigate further.

I hope this helps explain the position.

Yours sincerely,

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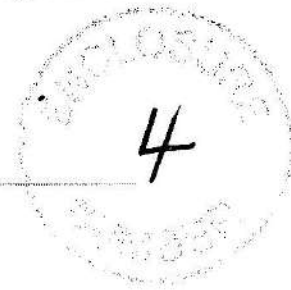
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From: Section 40

Sent: 20 January 2009 13:25

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: 20090109- Response to Section 40 Wind Turbine Collision-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 January 2009 asking whether the Ministry of Defence intended to investigate reports of a wind turbine being hit by a UFO.

You are aware of the MoD position on UFOs so there would be little point to go over what would be old ground. However, this incident has not been reported to the MoD other than via the media. We are not aware of any substantive evidence to suggest the turbine was hit by a UFO and unless we receive clear physical evidence of an aircraft or other object flying into the turbine, we do not intend to investigate further.

You may wish to note that my job has now transferred to RAF High Wycombe and I can be contacted at the address below.



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From: Section 40  
Sent: 09 January 2009 05:06  
To: Section 40  
Subject: UFO breaks turbine in the UK

Dear Section 40

People saw lights in the area where this happened. Is this of 'some' concern to the MOD if a UFO broke this? I would think/hope so. The MOD won't be looking into it at all?

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/world/2009/01/08/finighan.uk.ufos.attack.cnn?iref=videosearch>

Regards,

Section 40

Section 40 @mod.uk> wrote:

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.

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 quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.

The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is already in the public domain via our website and will be included in the general release of 160 UFO files that you mention in your e-mail, which will also include policy files, correspondence files, sighting report files, Freedom of Information request files and a small number of files regarding specific incidents or subjects such as alien abduction.

Yours sincerely,

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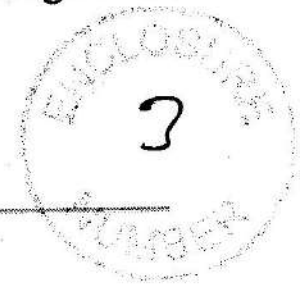
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*If, in fact, we are able to answer the question 'ARE WE ALONE?' in the Universe then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization.*

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**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 12 January 2009 13:42**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-Authorised: TRANSFER OF UFO DESK TO RAF HIGH WYCOMBEDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail. I can confirm that the UFO Desk has transferred from MoD Main Building in London to HQ Air Command. The new postal address is shown below. There is no change to MoD policy regarding UFO sightings.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 12 January 2009 13:29  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** UFO REPORTING

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that the MOD in London no longer take UFO sighting reports and that we have to contact you.

Could you please email me the correct postal address for submitting UFO sighting reports.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Regards

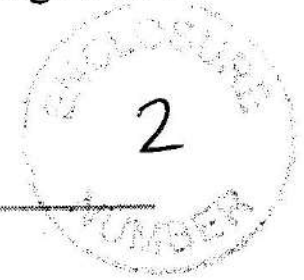
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 January 2009 14:57

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: 20090109-Response to Section 40 Reporting UFOs-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the reporting of UFOs.

They can be reported in writing at the address below or, alternatively, you could leave details on the UFO Hotline on 01494 496254.

I hope this helps.

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**From:** **Section 40** on behalf of INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 14:29  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-authorised:20090109UFO

## Official Action Required: Enquiry from Public

Will you be able to help with this enquiry please?

Thank you

**Section 40**

The enquiry below has been received via the MOD website.

Could you please confirm that you will send a response on behalf of the Department. A copy of the responding email ('cc') will suffice, and enable us to keep a record of performance in this area.

Please note that the target response time of 15 working days, as per the Spending Review 2000 Service Delivery Agreement for MOD, is 30th January 2009. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent in the same timescale.

If you are dealing with a request for recorded information, the request is covered by the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, and generally requires a response within 20 working days. If the information is not already in the public domain and might need to be withheld, you should consult your FOI focal point, log and track the request using the Access to Information (AIT) toolkit, and comply with the FOI guidance from DG Info (<http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation/UseTheFOIGuidance/>). If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point and refer to the guidance produced by DG Info.

Regards

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**From:** [no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk) [<mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk>]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 03:06  
**To:** INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office  
**Subject:** Research Enquiry

Received 09/01/2009

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

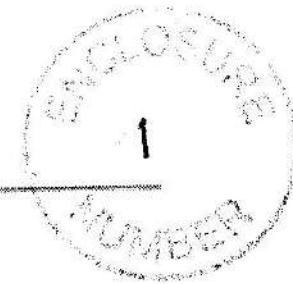
txtname: **Section 40**



txtemailAddress **Section 40** [REDACTED]

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: how do i report seeing something strange in the sky. im sceptical about aliens or anything but i saw several  
[REDACTED] FOs that is unidentified to me the mod may have known what they are but its strange and the site that linked me to a  
page supposed to be for reporting possible strange objects in the sky was a broken link thank you

**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 08 January 2009 11:15**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Release-authorized: 20090108-RESPONSE TO **Section 40** UFO HOTLINE-UDear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 January 2008 asking about the UFO Hotline.

The UFO Hotline (01494 496254) is a dedicated telephone line linked directly to an answer phone that allows members of the public to leave details of any UFO sighting they may have made. The line is open 24 hours a day and messages are retrieved on a daily basis.

UFO reports come from a mixture of sources. The majority of reports come from members of the public, either in writing, on the UFO Hotline, or via military bases around the UK. Additionally, we occasionally receive reports from the police or other organisations such as the Civil Aviation Authority or airports.

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**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 08 January 2009 10:26  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk  
**Subject:** hotline

Hi

Welcome to ufology, please could you explain how the phone number will work. I would assume it is not cost effective to keep someone by the phone given the nature of most reports these days (Chinese Lanterns). Also, I wasn't aware there was an old phone number direct to the old system that the public could use. From your recent MOD Releases on UFOs most reports were passed on from police and service bases and airports and people just phoning the MOD. Is this correct?

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Over 50 years of sightings

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