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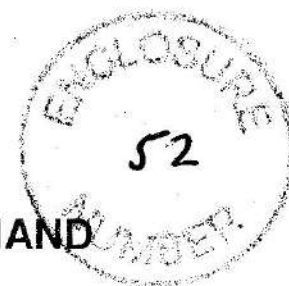
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East Hunsbury
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Northamptonshire

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,

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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

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Gp Capt **Section 40**

Gp Capt RAF PR

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MOD MB Floor 1, Zone A. **Section 40**

DMC-PRRAF@mod.uk

1 JUL 2009

From: Section 40

East Hunsbury
Northampton

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.

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

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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!

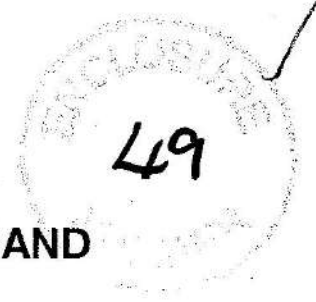
I am not a time waster, neither am I going mad! I know what I saw, it is a shame there are no explanations for it! Quite a coincidence that other people are convinced the same as me though!

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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Thursday

NAS SEC
UFO'S

Dear Sir / Malcolm

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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ENGLAND

MoB. Number:

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e-mail:

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Krośń

Poland

tel. number:

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [Section 40]

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 [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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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,

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[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.

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SPILSBY

Lincolnshire

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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?

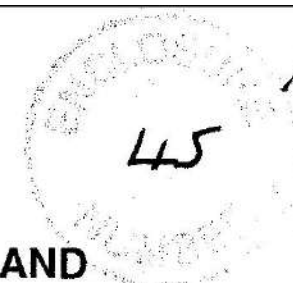
One night from this extra very bright light a light came from behind it and went over the top of each light in this ring and disappeared.

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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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE



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[REDACTED]CWMBRAN
GWENTSection 40
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In regards to your letter dated 29 May 2009, the term DI25 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

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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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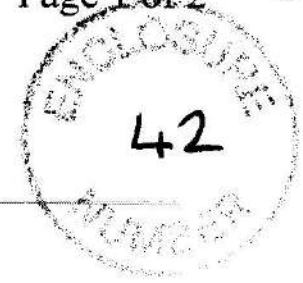
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a wider response.*

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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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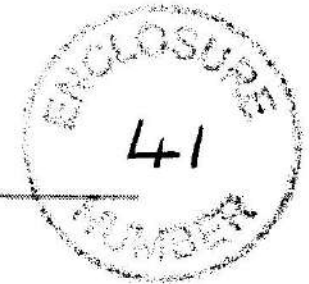
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From: Section 40

Sent: 21 May 2009 10:17

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090521-Response to Section 40 BUFORA-U

Dear 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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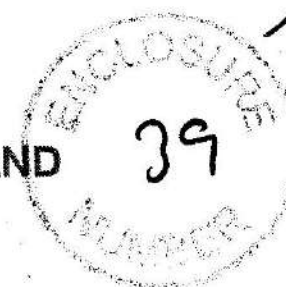
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Our Ref:
Correspondence

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.

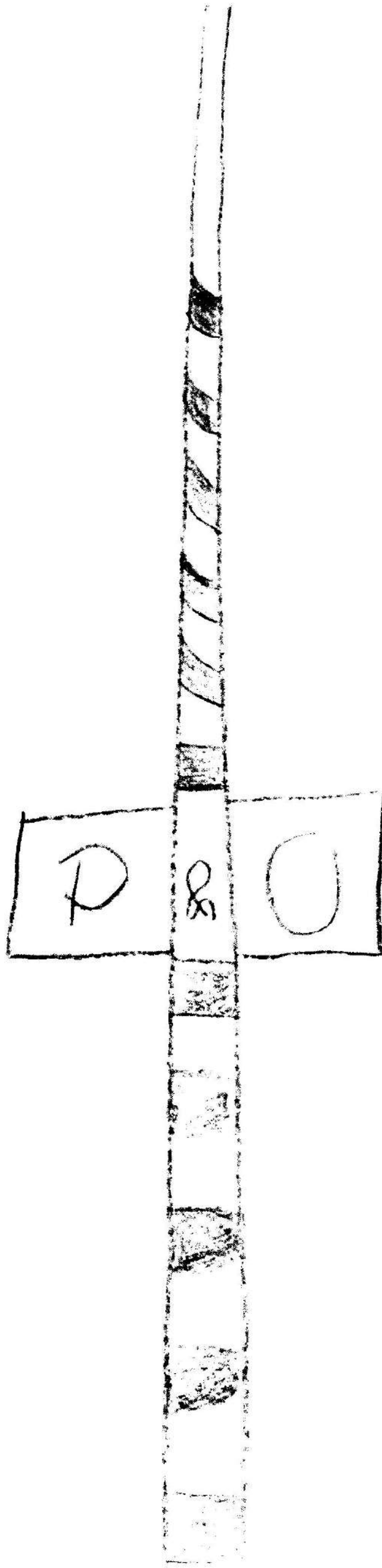
Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie die Zeichnung sowie das Geld, an Section 40 zurückschicken könnten.

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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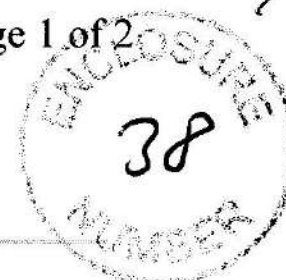
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Section 40

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.

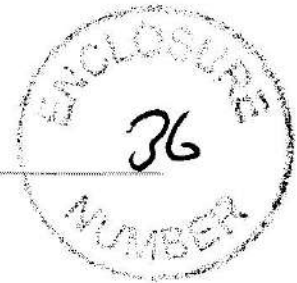
Thankyou for your time, yours sincerely

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30 APR 2009

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Section 40

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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**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



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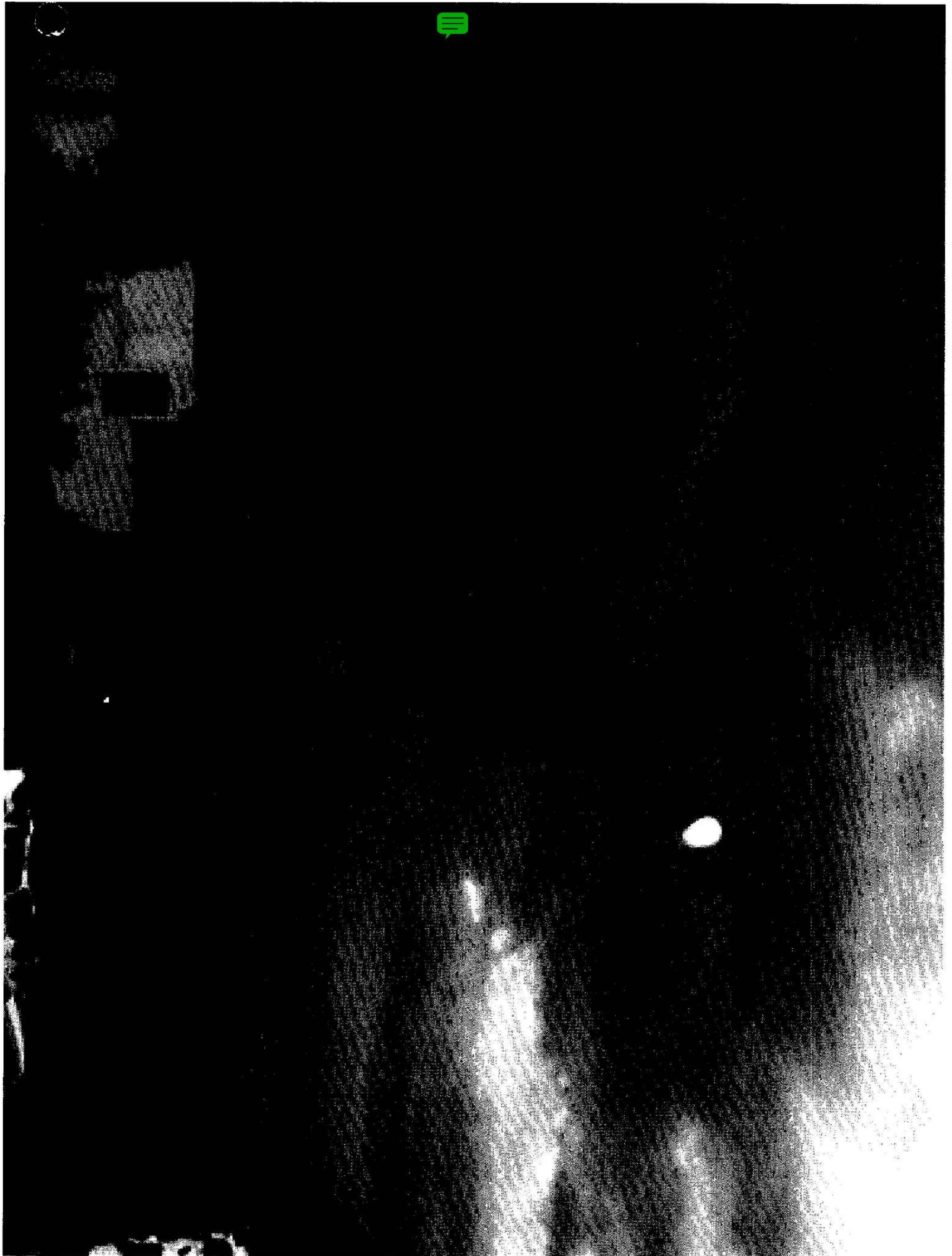
Hi...I have been advised by Nick Pope to forward this photo to you which was taken in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands, while waiting for a tropical storm to arrive. I wanted to get shots of the clouds as these formations are very rare here. It was 6.30pm and the objects were not visible when I took the 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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From: Section 40

Sent: 22 April 2009 12:04

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090422-Response to Section 40 UFO 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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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.

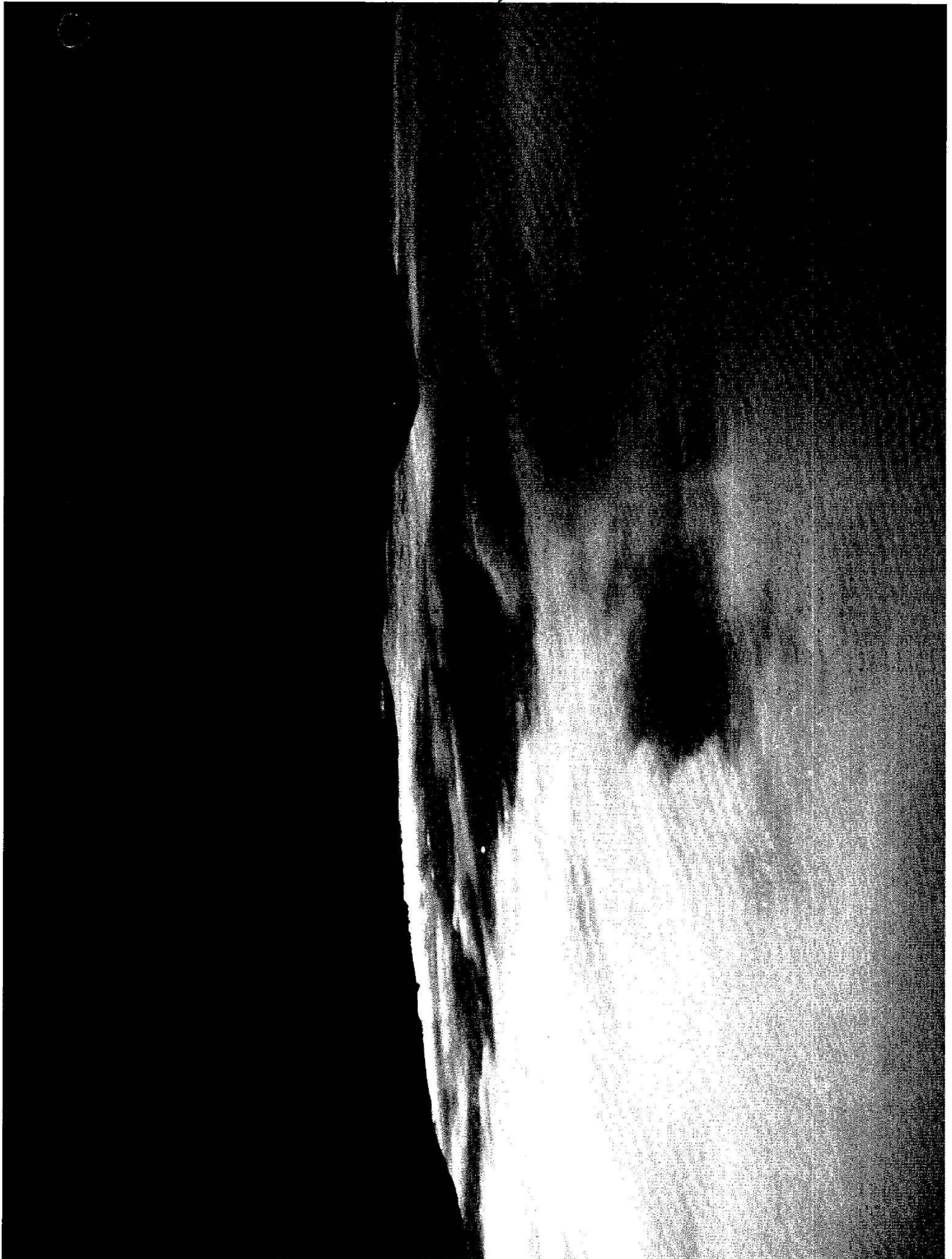
kind regards

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Dear Section 40

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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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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.

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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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