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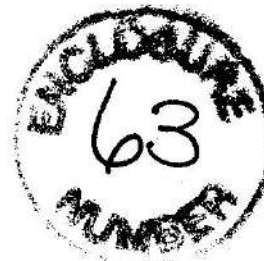
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	26 November 2008 Time not given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was flying through the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was in Bitten Lane in Cheadle in Staffordshire.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Bitten Lane in Cheadle in Staffordshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Staffordshire Police, who in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Anon Section 40 Stoke on Trent Staffordshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	27 November 2008 10.45L

No reply, as
full address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Eight UFOs shaped like arrow heads were seen in the sky. They were orange/reddish in colour. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFOs were seen flying over Ladbroke Grove moving towards Holland Park in London.
6.	Approximate distance.	They were quite high up in the sky.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Kensington and Chelsea Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Anon Section 40 London Section 40 Kensington Police did not pass the details across.
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	26 November 2008 11.00L



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



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Leeds
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

26 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 12 November 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Leeming. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 12 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

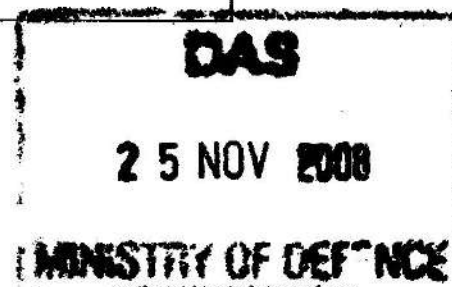
Yours sincerely

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time and duration of sighting	12 Nov 08. First sighting was at 17:23 and the event continued for 10 to 15 minutes.
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	Looked like Chinese lanterns – orange in colour and looked like the silhouette of a hot air balloon flame. Very bright but no noise noticed.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors / outdoors, stationary / moving)	They were driving in a van through the village of Carlton, near Rothwell. They stopped to take 2 x photographs
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Viewed by naked eye at first – then static photographs taken.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	Moved generally in a South-Eastern direction.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approximately 50 degrees from the horizontal.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Unknown.
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving in random patterns for the sighting but finally formed up in a single line and moved off into the clouds.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cold relatively clear night with a full bright moon but some clouds in the sky.
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting).	Street lighting in the surrounding villages and towns – an urban area with Rothwell nearby.
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported to the press (Yorkshire TV – Section 40) and photos provided to him. Also reported to the Police on the evening of sighting.
12. Name and address of informant.	Section 40 Leeds Section 40
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered.	None given
14. Other witnesses.	One other person in the van who took the photos.
15. Date and time of receipt.	13 Nov 08 at 1630L



16. Any unusual meteorological conditions.	Nil (meteorological conditions as per Question 9)
17. Remarks.	Objects moved very fast and were extremely manoeuvrable. Aircraft were seen in the same area (but at a greater height) at the beginning of the sighting. These aircraft then left immediately but one aircraft returned 5 or 10 minutes later.

Section 40 would like a written response as to an explanation of this sighting to put his mind at rest.

Report taken by:

Section 40

Flt Lt **Section 40**

RAF Leeming

Tel.: **Section 40**



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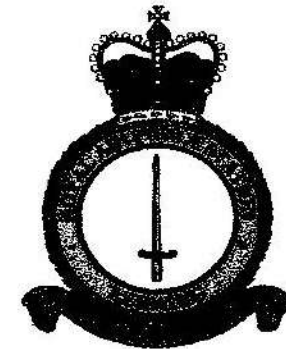
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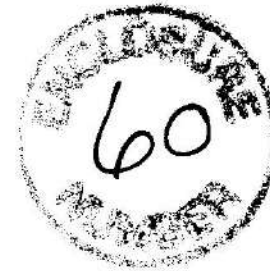
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Section 40

Gravesend
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 25 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 2008, the details of which you passed to Kent Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

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

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Kent Police who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Gravesend Kent Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	25 November 2008 11.00L

No reply,
as address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	22 November 2008 Time not given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over the South coast of Jersey in the Channel Islands.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Jersey Air traffic control, who then in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Anon Jersey Channel Islands The name and address of the witness was not passed on to Air Traffic Control.
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	24 November 2008 10.45L

No reply as
full address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

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

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>Wellingborough Northamptonshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said could we get back to him, regarding his sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	20 November 2008 11.15L



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Section 40

Redditch
 Worcestershire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

20 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Something that looked like a helicopter spotlight was 500/600ft high in the sky. Looked like there was a fire beneath the craft. There was no engine noise at all.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was at his work premises.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Redditch in Worcestershire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving at about 60-80 miles per hour.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Redditch Worcestershire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>thought he had seen a helicopter at first, but then he realised that there was no engine noise. Plus, as the object moved nearer, he could see that on the underbelly, there was like a mini fire!</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	20 November 2008 11.00L



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Section 40

Wareham
 Dorset

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

20 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 20.18L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A pretty unusual sighting.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over East Stoke, Wareham in Dorset.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Wareham Dorset Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 would like someone to get back to her to explain what she could have seen.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	20 November 2008 10.30L



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Section 40

Keighley
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

18 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 16 November 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 16 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	16 November 2008 18.55L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two objects were seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Keighley in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Keighley West Yorkshire Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said could we get back to her about her sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	17 November 2008 15.30L



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Section 40

Henley-on-Thames
 Oxfordshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

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D/DAS/64/2

Date:

13 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying
 Sent: 13 November 2008 07:32
 To: Section 40
 Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
 Sent: 12 November 2008 22:13
 To: Low Flying
 Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40
 txtlastname:
 txtaddress1:
 txtaddress2:
 txttowncity: Henley-on-Thames
 txtstatecountry: Oxfordshire
 txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
 txttelephone: Section 40
 txtcountry: UK
 txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 19:30, Fri 07 Nov 2008

txtrequest: Whilst at Twyford train station I witnessed what I believe to be a UFO. I was looking up into the night sky, facing in a southerly direction when a flicker of lights caught my attention. At first I thought it was a plane but then it seemed to jump some considerable distance around the night sky, moving from one point to another almost instantaneously several times. At roughly the same time a plane did come across the horizon from the west and it was obvious from the speed it was moving, the pattern of the lights and their dullness that the other object was not a plane. Forgive the cliché but the pattern of the lights was similar to the scrolling effect of the lights on the ship in Close Encounters. It seemed to scroll from one side to another - 000000, 000000, 000000, 000000, 000000 and reversed. If they had been the signal lights on a plane they would have been spaced farther apart - these seemed almost next to one another.



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



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Folkestone
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 13 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 2008, the details of which you passed to the Kent Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were lights in the sky that were circling in front of the witnesses' house. They were in a half moon shape.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen in front of the witnesses' house and then moving across the sky above Folkestone in Kent.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite close, and then moved quite far away.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Kent Police, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Folkestone Kent Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 daughter saw the lights too.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said the lights were strange, they circled for half an hour and then moved away.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	13 November 2008 11.20L



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Section 40

Dover
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

13 November 2008

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 19.15L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were half a dozen glowing lights. They were an orange fire colour and were globular. They were silent.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. Plus, Section 40 also caught the lights on his camera phone, but you can not see them clearly.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen flying over the South of Dover in Kent.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving across the sky at the speed of a helicopter.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	There was some low white cloud in the sky.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Kent police were contacted and then a message was left on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Dover Kent Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	His partner and his Step-daughter saw the lights too.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said at first, he thought the lights were helicopters, but then the lights would have been more white, (he is ex-military), but these lights were glowing a firey orange colour and were too silent.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	13 November 2008 11.05L



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 13 November 2008 15:45
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Todmorden in West Yorkshire so far for November 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

13/11/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2626/1



To: INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office
Subject: Research Enquiry

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

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: I was wondering how UFO sighting information is recorded? I think I have one.. A couple of us in Todmorden, West Yorkshire saw one yellowy light moving across the sky, above our heads for part of the time this evening. At first I thought it was a firework or a flare as it seemed to be moving vertically from the valley floor, but then continued to moved across the sky more like a plane would higher in the sky. Very round, totally silent.



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 13 November 2008 14:47
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 December 2007, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 25 December 2007, and they were from Falmouth Bay in Cornwall, Kettering in Northamptonshire and Raurdeen Woodside in Gloucestershire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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13/11/2008

Catalogue Reference: defe/24/2626/1

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 05 November 2008 14:37
To: INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office
Subject: Research Enquiry

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

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: I have just been alerted to the fact that the MOD keeps a log of reported "UFO" sightings. I, with others, saw an object in the sky in Wiltshire on 25th Dec 2007 and took photos . I thought it might be worth reporting this but I do not know where to report on your website. Perhaps you could let me know.

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Section 40

Burnham on Sea
 Somerset

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Burnham on Sea in Somerset so far for November 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

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

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Burnham on Sea Somerset</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	7 November 2008 16.00L



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Section 40

Rainham
 Kent

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 November 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

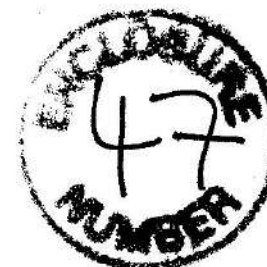
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	6 November 2008 20.10L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO, that looked like a yellowy light. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Rainham in Kent.
6.	Approximate distance.	The object was quite near and fairly low down in the sky.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Rainham Kent Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said could we get back to her about her sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	7 November 2008 16.30L



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Section 40

Somerton
 Somerset

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

6 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 November 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD Police at Yeovilton, Somerset. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 4 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	4 November 2008 17.40L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	The object was cigar shaped, was about eighty ft long and about thirty ft tall. It was orange in colour and looked illuminated. It had a rear, bright white light.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, didn't say where.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Somerton in Somerset.
6.	Approximate distance.	The object was about 400ft away.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was moving across the sky, it then made a sharp right turn and then disappeared.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to PC Section 40 Section 40 Police at the Royal Naval Air Base, Yeovilton. Who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone, asking to be called back for the details of the sighting.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [Redacted] Somerton Somerset Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Other people in the area had seen something similar a few days before. They had made reports to the Naval Base.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	6 November 2008 12.30L

No reply
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address not
given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 21.20L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Three bright single lights. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were moving over Brandiston, Norwich in Norfolk.
6.	Approximate distance.	They were running in a line moving towards Coltishall, Norfolk.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They hovered for a short while.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [Redacted] Norwich Norfolk Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 husband.
12.	Remarks.	At first, Section 40 thought the lights could be planets. Said that they were definitely not fireworks, aircraft or anything like that. Section 40 said that these lights were very, very bright.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 November 2008. 11.35L



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Section 40

Bucknell
 Shropshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

4 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

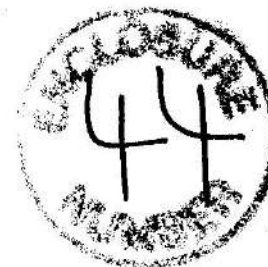
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). Midnight.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an orange light coming over the hills. Another two approached. Then there were eight orange lights in formation. There was no noise at all.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Bedstone moving towards Bishop's Castle in Shropshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	The lights were quite far in the distance.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving at the speed of helicopters.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Bucknell Shropshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 wife saw the lights too.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that the lights were there for ten minutes, before they disappeared. He couldn't determine the height.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 November 2008 10.55L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Wakefield
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

31 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 October 2008, the details of which you passed to Manchester ATC. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	30 October 2008 18.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an orange object in the sky and it was the size of an aircraft.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was outdoors and stationary.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was flying over Wakefield moving in the direction of Barnsley, in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	The object was about twenty miles away.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It climbed into the sky very fast, and then disappeared.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the West Yorkshire Police, then Manchester ATC, who then left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Wakefield West Yorkshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	A neighbour who lives nearby.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	31 October 2008 11.00L



Report Of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Report ID 34965

MATS PART 1

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- A Date, Time and Duration of Sighting** - Local times to be quoted.
Sighting Occurred on 30/10/2008 at 18:30 for N/A Hrs N/A Mins 35 Secs
- B Description of Object** - Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc.
Orange object. About the size of an a/c
- C Exact Position of Observer** - Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving.
Place: Wakefield. Outdoors. Stationary
- D How Observed** - Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera.
eye
- E Direction in which Object was First Seen** - A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing.
Towards Wakefield /Barnsley
- F Angular Elevation of Object** - Estimated heights are unreliable.
N/A
- G Distance of Object from Observer** - By reference to a known landmark wherever possible.
20 Nautical miles
- H Movements of Object** - Change in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed.
climber very fast then disappeared
- J Meteorological Conditions During Observations** - Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc.
clear weather no wind no rain
- K Nearby Objects** - Telephone or high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields, generating plant; factories; pits or other sites with floodlights or other lighting.
N/A
- L To Whom Reported** - Police, military organisation, the press, etc.
West Yorkshire Police
- M Name and Address of Informant**
Section 40 Wakefield, Yorkshire
- N Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered**
N/A
- O Other Witnesses**
Neighbour at No Section 40
- P Date and Time of Receipt of Report**
Report Received on 30/10/2008 at 20:16

The details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LTCC on Section 40

The completed form report is to be sent by the originating air traffic service unit to the Ministry of Defence Sec (AS), RAF Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

Air Ministry Report Line: 020-7218-2140

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