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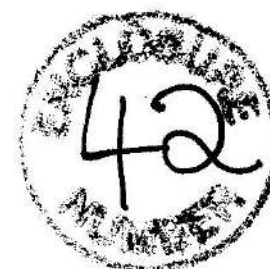
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Fax from :

1	Date, time and duration of sighting	30 OCTOBER 2008 2035
2	Description of object	TWO LIGHTS MOVING TOWARDS EACH OTHER THEN MERGED AND DISAPPEARED THEN RE APPEARED ADAPT
3	Exact position of observation	DUMFRIES AT HOME ADDRESS - SEE BELOW
4	How observed	NAKED EYE
5	Direction in which object first seen	SOUTH WEST
6	Angular elevation of object	UNKNOWN
7	Distance of object from observer	UNKNOWN
8	Movements of object	TOWARDS EACH OTHER - MERGED THEN DISAPPEARED
9	Weather conditions	DRY - SOME CLOUD
10	Nearby objects	HOUSES
11	To whom else reported	DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY POLICE
12	Name and address of informant	Section 40 TEL Section 40 DUMFRIES Dumfriesshire Section 40
13	Any volunteered personal information	—
14	Any other witnesses	NONE
15	DTG of report	30203510

Report of UFO Checklist



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

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

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
 (Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Wrexham
 Clwyd

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

30 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 29 October 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 spelt any part of your address or name wrong. The answerphone can be hard to understand.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 29 October 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 UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

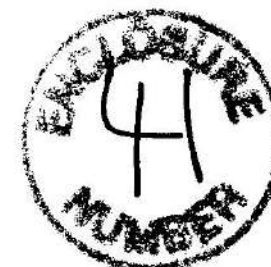
1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	29 October 2008 Time not given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An unusual sighting.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. The witness son also caught, and filmed the object on his mobile phone.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was moving over Erbistock in Wrexham, Clwyd.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

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9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Wrexham Police and then on the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [Redacted] Wrexham Clwyd Section 40 [Redacted]
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 son.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that he told the local police of his sighting and then decided to report it to us. Says his son has footage on his mobile phone, and if we require it, should ring him on his home phone and he will send it to us. He said that the sighting was very unusual.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	30 October 2008 10.45L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Snetterton
 Norfolk

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 28 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 October 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Mildenhall. 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 27 October 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

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Unit Ref:

MILITARY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

- To be completed in CAPITALS
- Forward the completed form to the RAF/CC and 100OSS/CC immediately on completion

SECTION 1: ACTION AUTHORITIES

Action	Info	Action	Info	Action	Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comd Sec HQ Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ PTC
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD DAS(LA) C&E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> D/CAL(P+S) Comms 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N9 (Sec2)S02	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ STC	Specify	

FOR MOD USE ONLY

OS Grid Ref:	<input type="text"/>	Serial No:	<input type="text"/>	File Ref:	<input type="text"/>
LFA:	<input type="text"/>	Previous Complaint:	<input type="text"/>		
NS:	<input type="text"/>	Serial No:	<input type="text"/>	File Ref:	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 2: DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT

Title:	Section 40
Surname:	Section 40
Forename(s):	
Address:	Section 40
Town/City:	SNETTERTON
County:	Section 40
Postcode:	Section 40
Telephone No.:	Section 40

Section 3: LOCATION OF INCIDENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address at Section 2,
Or:
Address:
Town/City:
County:
Postcode:

SECTION 4: DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Date:	27 OCT 2008		
Time:	0001Z		
How many Aircraft involved:	1		
Type of aircraft:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Jet	<input type="checkbox"/> Prop	<input type="checkbox"/> Helo	<input type="checkbox"/> Light A/C
Other (Specify): SPACECRAFT/ UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT			
Markings:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grey	<input type="checkbox"/> Camouflaged	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Yellow
Other (Specify): TO DARK TO SEE ANY MARKINGS			
Height			
<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	
Estimation in Feet:	32,800		
Direction:	UNKNOWN		
Inside MATZ:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes which MATZ:			

NOW TURN OVER

SECTION 5: PARTICULAR OF COMPLAINT (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

A VERY HIGH OBJECT CAME FROM OUT OF SPACE TRAVELLING 10 TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND; IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A LOUD WHOOSHING SOUND. THE OBJECT WAS DECLINING AND WAS TRAVELLING FAR FASTER THAN ANY RAF OR USAF JET CAN GO.

SECTION 6: CLAIMS (DO NOT PROMPT)

Has the incident given rise to any injury to persons and/or livestock or damage to property which will result in a claim for compensation being submitted to the Ministry of Defence?

Yes No

If Yes, give details and copy form to D/GM (P&S) Claims 3

SECTION 7: UNIT RESPONSE

YES NO

- Return Telephone Call YES NO
- Full written response sent (attach copy) YES NO
- Low flying letter sent YES NO
- Written acknowledgement only (attach copy) YES NO
- Visit arranged YES NO
- Specify YES NO
- Requires attention of HQ P&SS YES NO
- Other (Specify) YES NO

SECTION 8: DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING COMPLAINT

Time: (Local) | 0115

Date Complaint received: 27 OCT 2008

Signature:

Name:	Section 40
Rank:	A1C
Unit:	100 ARW/CP
Tel. No.	Section 40

IMPORTANT REMINDER

ALL ACTION TAKEN MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAT J5002 OF 1999

THE COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AS LISTED AT SECTION 1 WITHIN 5 DAYS

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.)	They looked like flares or lights.
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 flares were seen over Redruth in Cornwall.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite far in the distance.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Going quite fast.
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 Redruth Cornwall Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that he had seen a satellite in the sky too, and then these weird flares, lights, that shot across the sky. He asked if the MOD were tracking any of these, and could we get back to him and let him know, but he did not leave a full address or number!
13.	Date and time of receipt.	28 October 2008 10.35L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Aylesbury
 Buckinghamshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

27 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 October 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.

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 24 October 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

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	24 October 2008 00.10L
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, and also pictures were taken of it.
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 Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire.
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 the Buckinghamshire Police first and then DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Aylesbury Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 husband.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that she would like us to get in touch with her and tell her what she saw and that then her children will be satisfied. Section 40 said that when she contacted the Police, they said there had been no plane crash or anything at the time of her sighting?!
13.	Date and time of receipt.	27 October 2008 11.15L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Leeds
 West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 22 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 July 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by letter. 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 two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 27 July 2008, and they were from Helston in Cornwall, and Scunthorpe in Humberside. 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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Aug 18 1948

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Dear Sir,

On July 24th (Sun) at 11:25 p.m. app. my husband & myself saw the following objects in the sky. It was a very clear still evening & we first saw one lit up circle no noise, moving steadily from the back of our bungalow, over the top & out at the front all in the same line of path, speed etc, we counted 24 of these, all spaced. This was most uncanny, all of our neighbours were in bed. Can you offer us any explanation please

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We have been away 2 weeks & been busy so haven't had time ^{to ask} someone in Bolton village reported that they saw 6 of these objects at 11.35 p.m.

Yours sincerely

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Please find enclosed a letter received recently re unidentified objects in the sky.

With Compliments

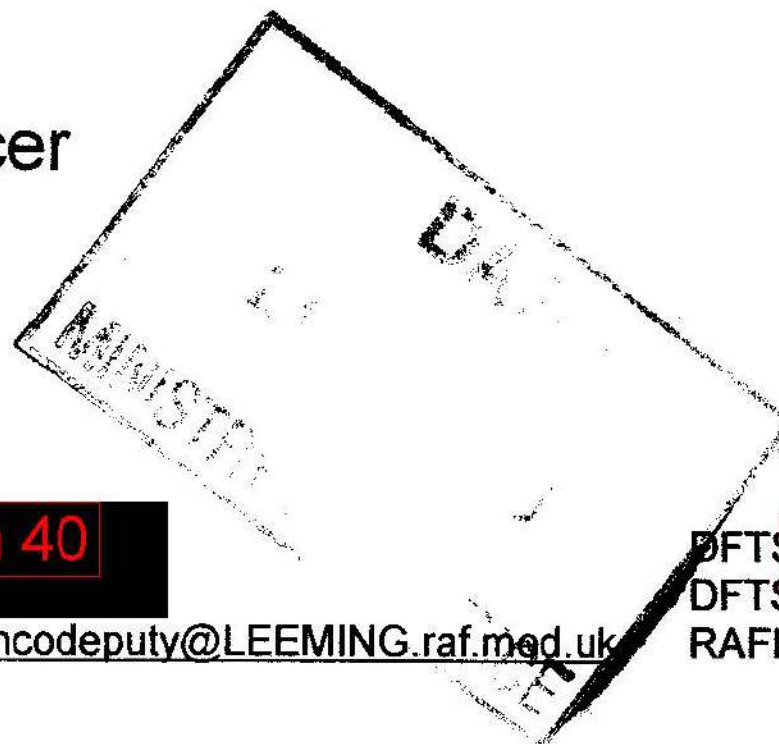
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Deputy
Media & Communications Officer

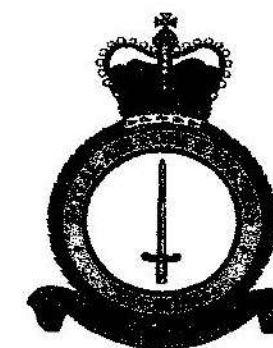
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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Brighton
 East Sussex
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 TO04662/2008

Date:
 21 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter to the Rt Hon John Hutton MP. I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 18 October 2008. 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 18 October 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



TO04662 2008 - 20081021095750 - Section 40
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 18 October 2008 21:46
To: Ministers
Subject: Ask a Minister

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

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtsubject: UFO SIGHTING!!!!
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Brighton
txtstatecountry: East Sussex
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: On Saturday 18th October 2008 at 20.05 pm I was in my car when my daughter asked 'what is that in the sky'. We was at a junction on the coast road of the A259 Brighton and I looked out the window and hovering above a house about 50 yards away was a Bright Orange Spherical light. We sat and looked at this object for a good minute before it slowly departed east and it spun and shifted at a rapid speed upwards in a northely direction before disappearing. There was no wind and it was very silent which made this incident very frightening. I dont believe in UFO's but this sighting has changed my views. I look forward to a response from yourselves and look forward to hearing your thoughts on this observation!!!

Kind Regards,

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From: **Section 40**
Sent: 21 October 2008 10:26
To: **Section 40**
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04662/2008
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From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 21 October 2008 09:59
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04662/2008

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO04662/2008
Due Date: 10 November 2008
Correspondent: **Section 40**
Additional Advice:

The Rt Hon John Hutton MP has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the date of this message**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic>)

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:
http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx. **Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.**

Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_parl/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm. If you do not have access to

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the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

Email: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

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Section 40

Chelmsford
 Essex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

21 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 11 October 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 11 October 2008, and they were from Portsmouth in Hampshire and Stafford in Staffordshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying activity, I enquired and was informed that there was not at the time and date of your sighting.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 20 October 2008 23:54
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Chelmsford
txtstatecountry: Essex
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 11th October 2008 - 12:35am
txtrequest: I viewed (from my car passing Junction 28, Colchester, southbound on the A12) 2 bright lights traveling Northbound in the Sky flying in line about 500 yards apart (I'd spotted them in the distance about a mile before they flew over me)

I slowed to take a good look as they didn't seem like normal air traffic, at the closest point they appeared to be what I can only describe as balls of fire. (no flashing lights or identifiable shape)

Can you tell me if these were military aircraft? ✓



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Buxton
 Derbyshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

20 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 13 October 2008, the details of which you passed to Buxton Police and Manchester ATC. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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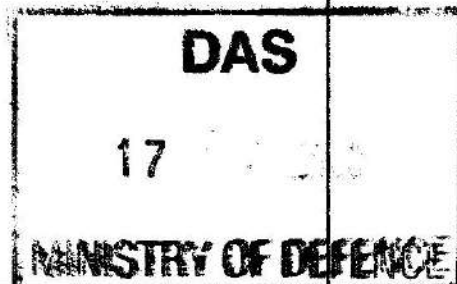
Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- a. **Date/Time And Duration Of Sighting** (Local times to be quoted)
13/10/2008 2100 FOR 5 MINS
- b. **Description Of Object** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).
7 ORANGE ORBS - FORMATION OF 3
THEN 2 SETS OF 2
- c. **Exact Position Observed** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).
SOUTH EAST OF BUXTON HEADING
TOWARDS MANCHESTER .
- d. **How Observed** (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).
NAKED EYE, INITIALING OFFICE AT HOME
THEN OUT OF WINDOW
- e. **Direction In Which Object Was First Seen** (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).
SOUTH EAST OF BUXTON
- f. **Angle Of Sight** (Estimated heights are unreliable).
 $\approx 60^\circ$
- g. **Distance** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).
NOT SURE
- h. **Movements** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).
GENERALLY STRAIGHT LINE BUT WITH
SOME "DANCING" IN THE SKY .
- i. **Meteorological Conditions During Observations** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)
NO CLOUD, EXCELLENT VISIBILITY
- j. **Nearby Objects** (Telephone lines, Spires Etc.)
NONE
- k. **To Whom Reported** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).
BUXTON POLICE Section 40
MANCHESTER ATC Section 40



1. Name And Address Of Informant

Section 40

Derbyshire

BUXTON

Section 40

m. Any Background On The Informant That May Be Volunteered

RETIRED. HAD HAD NOTHING TO DRINK
INCIDENT SIMILAR TO ONE OVER CHESTERFIELD
SEPT 08 - ACCESSED VIA INTERENT.

n. Other Witnesses

WIFE. ALSO SEEN INDEPENDENTLY BY
NEIGHBOUR.

o. Date And Time Of Receipt

13/10/08 1120

The above details are to be faxed immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC
on Section 40

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry Of Defence
Sec (AS) 2A
Room 8245
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

no reply
as full
address not
given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	14 October 2008 Time not given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a continual orange strange shape in the sky. There was a very odd light too.
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 over Swansea Bay in West Glamorgan.
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 Swansea West Glamorgan Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	That Section 40 reckons that a lot of people must have seen this object too, as it was over Swansea Bay for some time.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	20 October 2008 11.00L



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Section 40

St Albans
 Hertfordshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

20 October 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 so far for St Albans in 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

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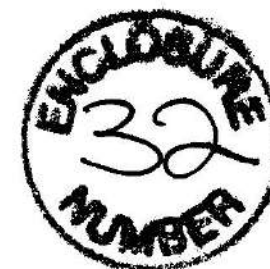
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1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	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 St Albans in Hertfordshire.
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 St Albans Hertfordshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	20 October 2008 10.45L



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Slough
 Berkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

20 October 2008

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	15 October 2008 No time given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a triangular object in the sky. It had a sort of pattern under it, like a sign. There were also three circular type of lights. There was a weird hovering sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Section 40 was outside in his garden, smoking a cigarette.
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 hovering a mile above the witness in Slough, Berkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	A mile above the witness.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object just hovered.
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>Slough Berkshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>said that the object was hovering high in the sky for a few seconds, and unnerved him. That the universe is a big place, so there must be other life and alien life forms out there. It shot up in the sky and then disappeared. It definitely wasn't a plane or harrier or anything, as he had been an air cadet and knows what normal aircraft look like.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	16 October 2008 10.45L



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Section 40

Stafford
 Staffordshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

16 October 2008

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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

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

Sent: 13 October 2008 19:14

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-091513-004 **Section 40**

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

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: bricklayer

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: stafford

txtstatecountry: staffordshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

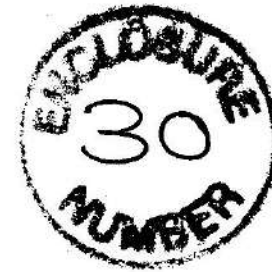
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to request information about a number of aircraft witnessed by myself and my girlfriend flying in formation over stafford on saturday 11th october at approx 11pm. the craft seemed unusual, shining bright orange and moving slowly. That night there was a lot of cloud cover and no stars visible. could they of been UFO's and did the RAF notice anything strange over stafford?



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Portsmouth
 Hampshire

Section 40

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 11 October 2008 22:19
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Portsmouth
txtstatecountry: Hampshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: Saturday 11th October, 7.20pm
txtrequest: Hello

I Didn't know if you would be interested in this but at around 7.20pm (GMT) 11th October 2008 i spotted a large bright orange tube shaped craft fly slowly across the sky in a north westerly direction as if it was carrying out some kind of surveillance only for it to stay sationary for around a minute, make 3 or 4 circles in the sky then zoom of east.

This happened over the skys of Portsmouth, England. I thought this may be of some interest to you or some other government department as it seemed a little un-ordinary, im pretty sure it wasn't an MoD or RAF plane due to the way this object moved.

Thanks

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Section 40

Newcastle upon Tyne
 Northumberland

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:
 16 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 October 2008, the details of which you passed to us by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Newcastle upon Tyne

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Directorate of Air Staff-Freedom of Information
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October 11th 2008

Unidentified Flying Object I observed over Newcastle upon Tyne

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to report the unidentified flying object I observed over Newcastle upon Tyne on Wednesday 8th of October 2008 at 11:17pm.

I have searched the internet and found your address after looking at number of silly web-sites and believe this is the best way to report what I observed.

I was looking out of my open window this was north for the Aurora Borealis as it had been reported due to solar activity on Wednesday 8th of October.

I then seen a large white bright object moving silently a fast speed in the clear night sky at very high altitude, heading from North East to South West.

At first I thought the object was a Satellite.

The object then changed colour from white to red and stopped.

The object then started to jump to different parts of the sky and continue in South West direction and disappear.

See attached picture of view from where I observed this phenomena and map.

During the one minute I observed the object there was no flashing lights or noise, as I have observed all types of aeroplanes at night before.

I like to add I know how the following (International Space Station, Satellite, Comet, Meteorite, aeroplane and helicopter) appear in the night sky.

I have searched for time tables of flight plans for International Space Station, Satellite, Comets and Meteorite events for this time at night and found nothing.

This was not like anything I've observed before it's unbelievable that I've seen this over Newcastle upon Tyne.

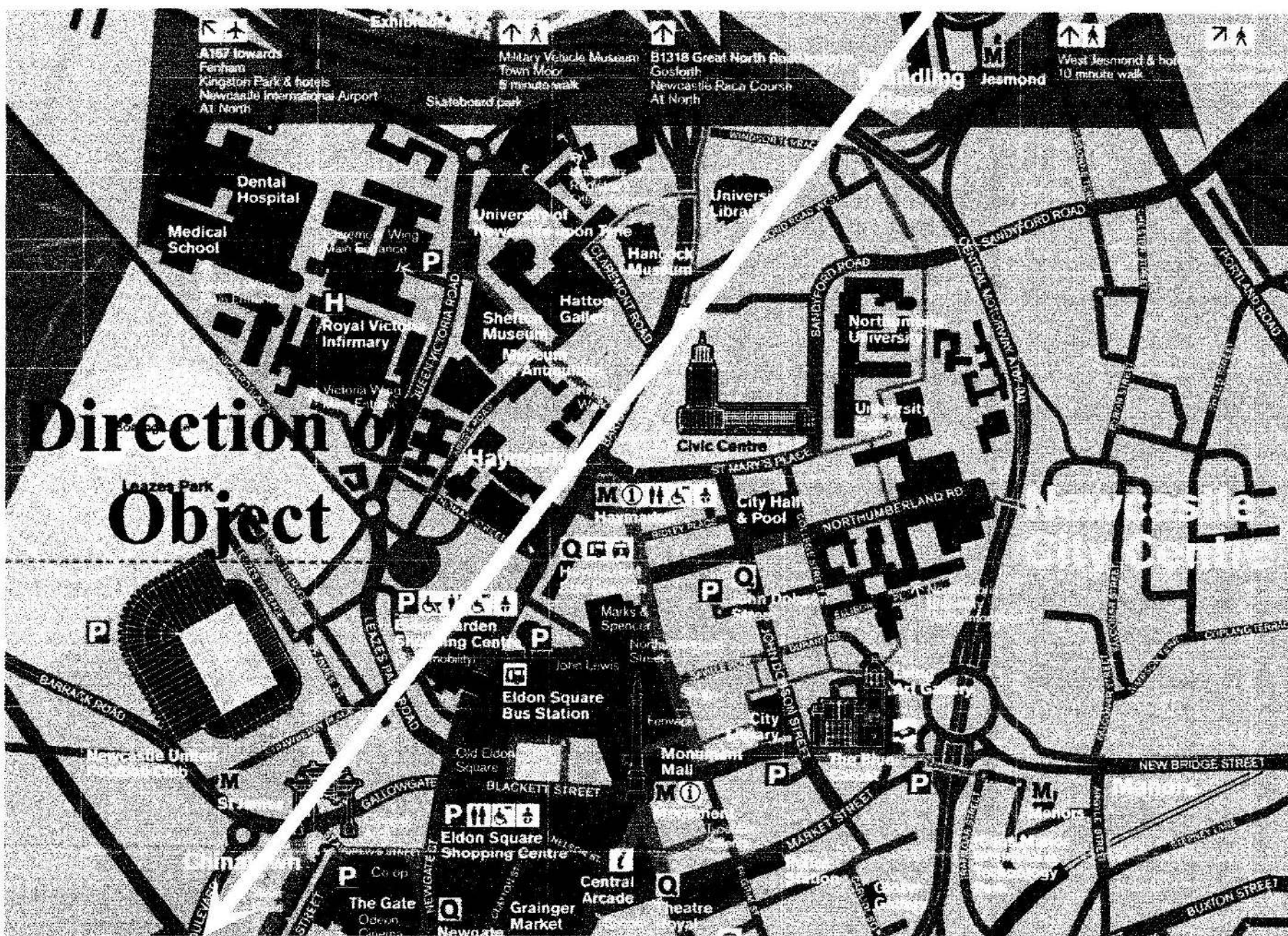
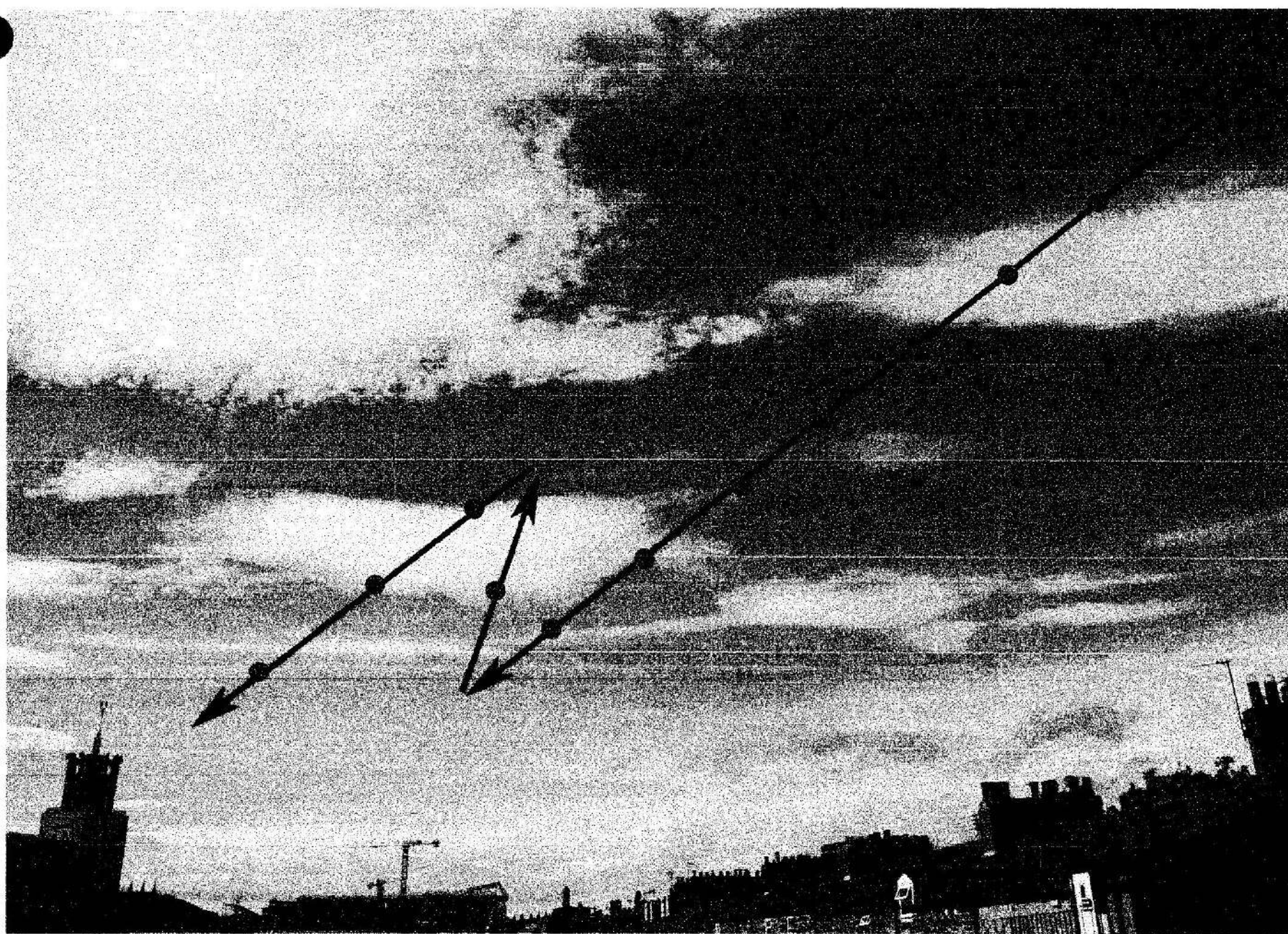
I don't know how important the sighting maybe and hope I'm not wasting your time by reporting this.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully

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No reply, as full
address not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	13 October 2008 22.50L
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 object moved over Balham in London.
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 Surbiton, Met Police who then left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	No name and full address given. Balham London
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	14 October 2008 11.25L



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Swansea
 South Wales

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

15 October 2008

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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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 Mumbles, Swansea, South Wales.
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] Swansea Glamorgan South Wales Section 40 [Redacted]
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	14 October 2008 11.00L



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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far for October 2008, from Neath in Glamorgan. 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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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 three glowing objects.
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 Neath in Glamorgan, South Wales.
6.	Approximate distance.	They came quite close.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The objects were moving towards the witness and then moved straight up into the sky.
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 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Neath Glamorgan</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	<p>The objects were seen at one minute intervals. They moved upwards into the sky and then disappeared.</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED] said that these objects had been seen by other people and that the incident was in the local paper.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	14 October 2008 10.40L



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



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Cheltenham
 Gloucestershire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

15 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 10 October 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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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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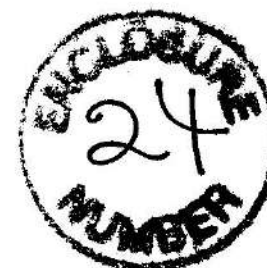
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	10 October 2008 20.45L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were five, what looked like orange fire balls. 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.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were moving over Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.
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 Cheltenham Gloucestershire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Was a very weird sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	14 October 2008 10.30L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Felixstowe
 Suffolk

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
 TO04504/2008

Date:
 13 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object'/flashes, seen on 1 October 2008, the details of which you passed to the Rt Hon John Hutton MP. 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/flashes in the sky for 1 October 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

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From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying
Sent: 07 October 2008 16:09
To: DAS-LACEU3
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04504/2008
Attachments: TO04504 2008 - 20081007151615 Section 40.txt

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Section 40

From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 07 October 2008 15:19
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04504/2008

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO04504/2008
Due Date: 27 October 2008
Correspondent: Section 40
Additional Advice:

The Rt Hon John Hutton MP has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the date of this message**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic>)

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track

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correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:

http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx. Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.

Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_parl/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm. If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

Email: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

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e: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

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TO04504 2008 - 20081007151615 **Section 40** (2)

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 03 October 2008 20:38
To: Ministers
Subject: Ask a Minister

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

txtfirstname: **Section 40**
txtlastname: **Section 40**
txtsubject: Flashes in the sky
txtaddress1: **Section 40**
txtaddress2: **Section 40**
txttowncity: Felixstowe
txtstatecountry: Suffolk
txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtrequest: Just wondered what the very quick flashes people are seeing in the night sky are. For some 8 years now I, and others, have noticed very fast intense flashes at night. Believe me it is not my sanity going, nor is it aircraft strobes, Iridium flares (too fast), meteors, lightning nor lighthouses in the area. The last nights of 1 and 2 October have been the most spectacular with some 10 flashes between 11:00ish and midnight (NE to SE direction). One I happened to see directly, rare to see this, and appeared in the north east at about 50 degrees high and looked to form into a ball. It seems from reading the internet that many others have noticed these as well along eastern UK, along with several other people I know all over suffolk...Any comment??? Or not??

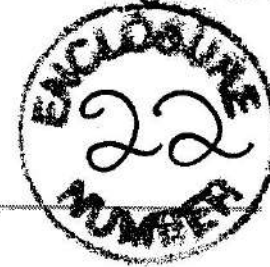
No reply, as
full address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(No date or time given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were two strange objects in the sky. They were together and then they followed each other.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Just parking the car in New Malden, Greater London, when she looked up in the sky.
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 flying over New Malden, Greater London.
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>New Malden Greater London</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>said that she would like to speak to someone about her sighting, as she was baffled by what she saw. That there was something definitely very strange in the sky.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	<p>10 October 2008 11.30L</p>



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 October 2008 16:10

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 6 October 2008, the details of which you passed to us by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Yours sincerely

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