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Section 40

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Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/3/3 - A

Date:

5 April 2004

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2004.

Please find attached a list as requested of the reports for 2003. As you can see there was no report made in the Dover area of Kent. I also enclose the report from Lowestoft in Suffolk in 2004.

I hope this will be of help.

Yours sincerely

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CLOSED
no further action
to be taken
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ENCLOSURE 3

2003 UFO Reports

Date	Time	Village	Town	County
03/01/03	11:50	Rotary Court	Netley Abbey	Hants
04/01/03	19:20		Limber	North Lincolnshire
06/01/03	15:00	Lade Road, Meltham	Huddersfield	
06/01/03			Hull	East Yorkshire
07/01/03	21:26		Blackpool	
08/01/03	22:00	Coaltown of Balconie		
10/01/03	03:00		Brighton	
10/01/03		Hayford House, Mill Lane	Stirling	
11/01/03	23:45	Romsley Lane	Bridgnorth	
13/01/03	07:40	Deans	Livingston	
15/01/03	22:10	Penllyn	Cowbridge	
16/01/03	12:06		Northwich	Cheshire
19/01/03	10:00		Stonehaven	
25/01/03	19:08	Frog Lane	Tattonhall	Chester
25/01/03	19:08	Ford Lane	Peckforton Castle	Tattenhall
29/01/03	18:15		Wolverhampton	
16/02/03	17:20		Birmingham	
19/02/03	18:30	Godmanchester	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire
21/02/03	10:00		Penryn	Cornwall
24/02/03			Wellingborough	
25/02/03	23:00		Southfields	
01/03/03		Ethel Street	Northampton	Northamptonshire
02/03/03	15:54	Ynysybwl	Pontypridd	Mid-Glamorgan
07/03/03			Ashburton	Devon
14/03/03	15:30	The Drive	Walthamstow	
19/03/03	20:50	Filey	Selby (Location of sighting)	North Yorkshire
30/03/03	20:00		Aldershot	
30/03/03	16:00	Filey	North Yorkshire	
30/03/03			Glastonbury	Somerset
31/03/03	09:20		London	
05/04/03	03:58			
07/04/03	21:51	Filey		North Yorkshire
07/04/03	03:30			
07/04/03	02:30	Florence Terrace	Falmouth	
11/04/03	22:21			
24/04/03	16:30	Shepherds Bush	London	
26/04/03	11:09		Bagshot	Surrey
05/05/03	18:30			
13/05/03	17:45		Belfast	
25/05/03	23:00		Sandyford	Lanarkshire
25/05/03	23:05	Linwood		
25/05/03	23:20	St Leonards	East Kilbride	
28/05/03	07:50		Coltishall	Norfolk

2003 UFO Reports

30/05/03	23:25		Hessle	East Yorkshire
31/05/03	21:00	Sheriff Hill	Gateshead	
09/06/03	06:40		Isleworth	
14/06/03	06:00	Girton	Cambridge	
14/06/03	15:39		Walthamstow	
14/06/03	21:35			
20/06/03	08:35		Dunstable	Kent
24/06/03				
		Abbey Wood		
26/06/03	16:28	MOD		
28/06/03	23:22	Weston	Bath	
08/07/03	22:00	Putson	Hereford	Herefordshire
08/07/03	22:00		Hereford	Herefordshire
08/07/03	03:00		London	
12/07/03	22:05	Tonyrefal	Rhonda	
13/07/03	20:30		Winterly	Cheshire
14/07/03	21:30			Northamptonshire
15/07/03	21:40			
15/07/03	03:25		Bermondsey	
15/07/03	00:30		Malvern	Worcestershire
20/07/03	22:05	Bridlington		East Yorkshire
22/07/03			Bridlington	East Yorkshire
22/07/03	22:50		Filey	North Yorkshire
27/07/03	18:00		Gravesend	Kent
04/08/03	21:00		Wellingborough	Northants
08/08/03	22:35	West Kilbride		Ayrshire
13/08/03	22:55	Maestaeg		
14/08/03	23:09	Swafford	Newport	Gwent
14/08/03	23:57		Worcester	
14/08/03	18:00		Kent	
16/08/03	21:00	Amesbury	Wiltshire	
17/08/03	23:45		Bonnybridge	Scotland
19/08/03	23:30	St Seithins		Perthshire
21/08/03	14:00		Lincoln	
27/08/03	23:00		Worcester/Malvern	
27/08/03	23:00		Worcester	
03/09/03	21:35		Wellingborough	Northants
04/09/03	23:40		Queensbury Moor	West Yorkshire
13/09/03	20:15		Eastbourne	East Sussex
13/09/03	22:40		Manchester	
13/09/03	21:40		Leeds	
17/09/03	20:45	Spunney Hill	Northampton	
17/09/03	21:00		Northolt	
18/09/03	03:00		Wimbledon	
18/09/03	03:00		Wimbledon	
19/09/03	09:40	Holdingham	Sleaford	Lincolnshire
24/09/03	20:45			
24/09/03	19:25		Barry	Wales
14/10/03	05:56	Whitney		Oxfordshire

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26/10/03	21:06		North Wirral	Merseyside
05/11/03	16:30		London	
17/11/03	02:25		Bromley	Kent
25/11/03	14:25	Wem		Shropshire
01/12/03	01:30	Melton	Woodbridge	Suffolk
02/12/03	01:30		Thame	Oxfordshire
02/12/03	01:20	Long Crendon	Aylesbury	Bucks
17/12/03	19:15		Wokingham	
29/12/03	01:50		Edinburgh	

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26 March 2004.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 March, many thanks for pointing out the error on my part, yes you were right I had made a mistake, I should have been requesting the listing of sightings to your department for the year of 2003.

Also the report from the Dover area of Kent should of course have been July 2003, and would be most interested in receiving a copy of that report if possible?

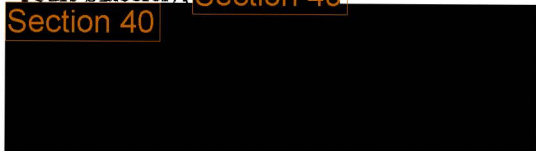
Please accept my sincere apologies for not realizing this error, and that hopefully I have not been wasting your time. I also thank you for the reports that you have sent me so far for this current year (2004).

I was interested to see that you had a report from Lowestoft in Suffolk for the 1 March 2004, and wonder if it would be possible if I could also have a copy of that report? ✓

Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely, Section 40

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/3
Date
24 November 2003

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with regard to your enquiry about whether, since September 2001, Police Forces have been instructed to send out patrol vehicles to investigate sightings of unidentified craft reported to them by members of the public and, if so, whether these procedures were instigated by the MOD or the Home Office. I apologise for the length of time it has taken to send you a substantive reply.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence has not issued any specific instructions to the Police regarding UFO sightings reported to them. From time to time, Police Stations forward to us, UFO reports that they have received, but these procedures have not changed in recent years. The Association of Chief Police Officers are responsible for developing Police policies on behalf of the Service as a whole and if you wished to pursue your enquiries concerning internal Police procedures you may wish to contact them at the following address.

The Association of Chief Police Officers
25 Victoria Street
London
SW1H OEX

Telephone: 020 7227 3434
Fax: 020 7227 3400
e-mail: info@acpo.police.uk

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



From: **Section 40**
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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/3 ✓

Date
6 October 2003

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September. Please find enclosed, copies of the reports that you requested, with the informant's personal details deleted in order to protect their confidentiality. The sightings were all made by members of the public and the details of the channels through which they were notified to us are shown on the reports. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Civil Aviation Authority
45-49 Kings way
London
WC2

NOD

Sir

RE: U.F.O.'s Lots above Folkestone Harbour on morning of 28th January 01

Please tell me what these UFO Air Jets were doing Zooming about at hight not known, under cloud base. They appeared to crash i.e. touch in contact and make zooming noises across the skyline. They were watched by others and me for a short while i.e. 1.37 hours.

Tell me were these Air Jets Alien ships visiting us, or were they a projection a visual audio view beamed from a land base sight or was it MIR (mirror erect) or Apollo teleporting a visual coil vile.

On to next UFO sighting

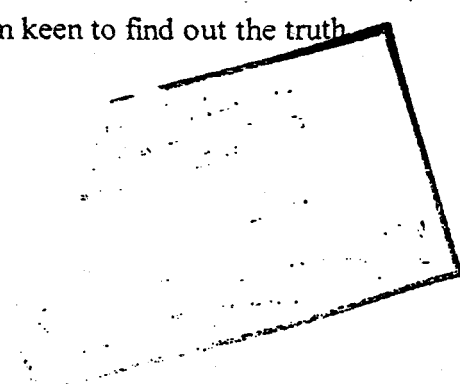
Before the above I did walk into Folkestone town centre at about 9.34am I did witness a silver voile spin top bobbing at height 300 foot it appeared to be yo-yoing in sky about size of a football. I did witness this object for a good ten minutes at this point I went to local café for breakfast. After breakfast I came out of café and the object had gone. Was this object a photomb torpedo core plug?

I await your replay

On this day I did go to hospital as a patient admitted for own safety. Two months later on evening of 4th April 2001 later, I did witness 3 more Fobs they bobbed about above Ashford Tesco food store Area. They were low in sky about 200 feet up they took on the appearance of three silver tinsel stars. I believe these UFO to be the three wise men in spirit form checking that I was safe in my bed after my rebirth.

Please write back because I believe the above to an interest to all.

Please note I have always been interested in UFO's and I am keen to find out the truth about these sightings.



REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

X TRANSMISSION DETAILS:	DTG of Transmission:
From: AIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU	To: Section 40 DAS Operations and Policy, Rm 673 Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue London WC2N 5BP
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:	RANK/GRADE & NAME:
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:

A	DATE: 7 SEP 01	TIME: 1945 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 5 SECS
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:		Sound? Smell? Other
	Number	Size	
	Shape	Colour	
	Brightness		
BALL OF FIRE Red.			
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:		
	Geographical location: BROADSTAIRS, KENT		
	Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving: OUTSIDE INDOORS		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:		
	Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera: EYES		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)		
	EAST		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: LOW HORIZON		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):		
	N/K		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: TOWARDS MARGATE (SEA / COAST)		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):		
	BLU..		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: SMALL VILLAGE.		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED:		
	Press:		
	Police:		
	Military Organisation:		
	Airport: MANSTON ATC. / CW SJP. / MOD.		
	Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS. Name:		
	Address:		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:		
O	OTHER WITNESS? HUSBAND		DHS
			102No.
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 1200Z 09 SEP 01		11 SEP 2001

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From: [REDACTED], LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU		To: Section 40 SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

A	DATE:	25 Jul 01	TIME:	1410 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	20 Seconds
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell?	NONE
	Number	1	Size	NK	Other	HIGH ALTITUDE
	Shape	CIRCULAR	Colour	FLASHING BRIGHT LIGHTS		
	Brightness	—	Sound?	NONE		
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
	Geographical location: FOLKSTONE, KENT					
	Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving					
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
	Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera					
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
	NORTH EASTERLEY					
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT:					
	NK					
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
	NK					
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
	North SOUTHERLEY					
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
	HIGH CLOUDBASE - BRIGHT SUNSHINE					
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
	NONE					
L	TO WHOM REPORTED:					
	Press:					
	Police: KENT POLICE FOLKSTONE / KENT POLICE MAIDSTONE					
	Military Organisation: RAF MANSTON					
	Airport:					
	Other:					
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
	Name:					
	Address:					
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:					
O	OTHER WITNESS? NONE					
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 251515Z Jul 01					

X TRANSMISSION DETAILS:

DTG of Transmission:

From: AI, LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton

To: Section 40
SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

30/2

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:

RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:

RANK/GRADE & NAME:

SIGNATURE:

SIGNATURE:

A DATE: 04 July 01 TIME: 0700 Z DURATION OF SIGHTING: Few minutes.

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:
Number ONE
Size NIK.
Shape
Colour BRIGHT LIGHT
Brightness
Sound? NO.

Smell? No
Other

C EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:
Geographical location: KENT.
Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving

D HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:
Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera

E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)
To THE NORTH.

F ANGLE OF SIGHT: 20° EST.

G DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):
or NIK.

H MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:
WEST - EAST.

J MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):
CLEAR.

K NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:
NIK

L TO WHOM REPORTED:
Press:
Police:
Military Organisation:
Airport:
Other:

M INFORMANTS' DETAILS:
Name:
Address:

N ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: No.

O OTHER WITNESS?

P DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 05 1100Z July 01

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Section 40

Directorate of Air staff (Lower Airspace)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room 6/73,
Metropole Building,
Northumberland Avenue,
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Monday, 08 September 2003

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 4 September. With regard to the listing that you sent me of reported sightings for the years 2001 and 2002, would it be possible for you to forward me copies of the following reports?

28/01/01 Folkestone, Kent
04/04/01 Folkestone, Kent
04/07/01 07:00 Kent
25/07/01 14:10 Folkestone, Kent
07/09/01 19:45 Broadstairs, Kent

Can you please tell me which of those above listed are reports from the general public via the Police? And which are via CAA facilities such as local airports, etc?

Thanking you in advance for your time and attention regarding this matter, and I shall look forward to hearing from you regarding my question set out to you in my letter of 25 July re police forces being tasked with sending out patrols to investigate reports.

Yours Sincerely

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9 SEP

Ben More, Isle of Mull
Scotland

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
 D/DAS/64/35

Date
 4 September 2003

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 25 July; I am very sorry for the delay in responding. As requested, please find attached a list of all 'UFO' sightings that were reported to the Ministry of Defence during 2001 & 2002.

You also asked whether all police forces in the UK are now tasked with sending out a patrol to investigate sightings of unidentified craft reported to them by members of the public. We are currently awaiting information from another Department concerning this and promise to get back to you as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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Date	Time	Location
04/01/01	03:30	Teignmouth, Devon
05/01/01	17:15	Ogwen Valley
05/01/01	17:30	Hunmanby
09/01/01	14:45	Copmanthorpe North Yorkshire
10/01/01	18:30	Dundee
10/01/01	22:30	Chelmsford, Essex
10/01/01	18:22	Norwich
11/01/01	11:20	Swinton, Greater Manchester
11/01/01	20:29	Blackpool
12/01/01	23:20	Bootle, Merseyside
12/01/01	21:15	Tottingham, East Yorkshire
12/01/01		Christchurch, Dorset
12/01/01	23:20	Bootle, Merseyside
12/01/01	21:00	RAF Lyneham
13/01/01	19:00	Liverpool
14/01/01	21:02	Tapleton, Preston
15/01/01	07:30	Kirkcaldy
15/01/01	16:00	Lowerearly, Reading
15/01/01	18:00	Southfields
20/01/01	01:15	Canvey Island, Essex
20/01/01	08:20	Girvan
24/01/01	19:05	Enfield
24/01/01	17:00	Bexhill, East Sussex
25/01/01	16:40	St Andrews
28/01/01		Folkstone, Kent
28/01/01	20:20	Liverpool
29/01/01	20:01	Dunnfield Dundee
31/01/01	21:10	Newark, Notts
04/02/01	04:00	No location given
06/02/01	06:00	St Columb
07/02/01	19:40	Pontmig, Caernarfon
07/02/01	10:00	Fleetwood
07/02/01	19:00	High Overtoun, Dumbarton
07/02/01	19:45	Tregale, Cemaes Bay
08/02/01	19:45	Scunthorpe
08/02/01	19:40	Lincoln
08/02/01	19:40	Alderborough, East Yorkshire
08/02/01	19:30	Staffordshire
08/02/01	19:42	Preston Lancashire
08/02/01	19:42	Wrangel Nr Boston, Lincolnshire
08/02/01	19:50	Fife, Scotland
08/02/01	19:20	Duffield, Derbyshire
09/02/01	20:35	Stevenage, Herts
09/02/01	20:23	Kilarity, Inverness-Shire
09/02/01	06:15	Manor Park, Slough
12/02/01	21:25	Goggesall, Colchester Essex
12/02/01	19:30	Ponty Pridd
13/02/01	02:30	Morton
13/02/01	21:00	Meltham, New Hampshire
13/02/01	10:15	Cornash, Cornwall
13/02/01	18:45	Liverpool
13/02/01	22:10	Baschurch
14/02/01	19:15	North Ketsby
14/02/01	20:00	North Muirton, Perth
14/02/01	00:15	Salisbury Wiltshire
16/02/01	18:30	Ryhall, Stanford Lincolnshire

Date	Time	Location
16/02/01		Nottingham/Leeds&Hull
16/02/01	21:00	Shelve, Minsterley
16/02/01		Scarborough
16/02/01	18:20	Ruskington
17/02/01	17:30	Bradford, West Yorkshire
18/02/01	20:10	Rosneiger
19/02/01	23:00	Staithes
21/02/01	19:15	Annan
22/02/01	23:00	Woodford, Green Essex
23/02/01	18:30	Hampstead
24/02/01	16:45	Bracknell Berkshire
24/02/01	11:00	Truro Cornwall
26/02/01	23:00	Leicestershire
28/02/01		Whitchurch
01/03/01	10:00	Boddedern
01/03/01	19:00	Fleetwood, Lancashire
01/03/01	19:05	Fleetwood, Lancashire
01/03/01	19:00	Fleetwood
02/03/01		Castle Donnington
02/03/01		Castle Donnington
08/03/01	18:45	Fleetwood, Lancashire
12/03/01	22:00	Finchley, London
12/03/01	18:00	Carnforth, near Grange-over-Sands
20/03/01	01:00	Moseley, Birmingham
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31/03/01	18:15	Cobgate, Whaplode
31/03/01	01:35	Gainsborough
03/04/01	02:35	Chippenham, Wiltshire
03/04/01	22:27	Aberdeen
04/04/01		Folkstone, Kent
04/04/01	02:15	Barrmill, Beith
04/04/01	21:10	Mastrick, Aberdeen
13/04/01		Syderstone, Norfolk
13/04/01	23:15	Doncaster
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17/04/01	22:00	Fullerton Farm, By Montrose
06/05/01	19:50	Oxford
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20/05/01	01:15	Rudstow, Humberside
22/05/01	10:25	Forest Hill, London
23/05/01	10:40	Forest Hill, London
23/05/01	12:15	Nottingham
31/05/01	01:33	Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
31/05/01	03:00	Worcester
01/06/01	10:30	Glasgow
03/06/01	02:14	Hitchin, Hertfordshire
04/06/01	14:00	Cockermouth, Cumbria
08/06/01	00:05	Keighley, West Yorkshire
10/06/01	18:00	Fenwick Newcastle-upon-Tyne
10/06/01	01:56	Arbroath
10/06/01	11:05	Kennoway
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27/06/01	13:45	Osmondthorpe, Leeds
28/06/01	23:59	Whitney
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07/07/01	17:00	Osmondthorpe, Leeds
08/07/01	22:15	Cricklewood, London
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14/07/01	09:08	Hull, East Yorkshire
15/07/01	16:55	Hellingly, East Sussex
16/07/01	10:55	Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire
18/07/01	23:55	Barrhead
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06/08/01	03:08	Tweedmouth, Northumberland
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16/08/01	21:30	Newport, Gwent
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23/02/02	21:40	Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire
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07/03/02	19:45	Hornchurch, Essex

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07/04/02	01:50	Scorby, Nr Scunthorpe
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15/04/02	20:50	Worcester
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13/05/02	21:00	Addlestone, Surrey
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31/05/02	23:00	Harlow, Essex
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20/11/02	14:30	Walcott, Lincolnshire
24/11/02	20:00	Glen Roy
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16/12/02	02:35	East Keswick, Leeds
18/12/02	16:40	Coningsby
19/12/02	05:00	Brighton, Sussex
19/12/02	06:30	Pembridge Villas, Notting Hill
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DAS-LA OpsPol1

From: DAS-LA OpsPol1
Sent: 31 July 2003 12:41
To: 'Info@acpo.police.uk'
Subject: Instructions to Police Forces
Signed By: das-laopspol1@defence.mod.uk
Security Label: Signed

This Department is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence with the public concerning unidentified flying objects and I would be grateful for any advice you may be able to provide on the following.

One of our correspondents has asked us to confirm whether all Police Forces in the UK are now tasked with sending out a patrol to investigate sightings of unidentified craft reported to them by members of the public. He said he believed that Devon and Cornwall Police do this and that they have to report the sightings to a central telephone number. He says this procedure has been in force since September 2001 and asks if these orders originated in the MOD or the Home Office.

I have contacted Devon and Cornwall Police who say they have not had any specific directive, but of course, they would pursue anything reported to them that they thought needed further investigation. Because of the possible link to 11th September 2001 I have also spoken to the Anti-terrorist Unit at New Scotland Yard who also know of no such order.

Before I write to this individual, I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are aware of any instructions similar to this sent out to Police Forces.

Section 40

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*Awaiting reply from
Assoc of Chief Police Officers*

Section 40



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25 July, 2003.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to request if it would be possible for you to forward me a listing of all reports of UFO sightings, that were reported to your Department during the years 2002? ~~+~~ 2001?

Could you also confirm to me whether all Police Forces in the UK are now tasked with sending out a patrol to investigate sightings of unidentified craft reported to them by members of the public?

I know that Devon and Cornwall Police do, and that they have to report the sightings to a central telephone number. We have been told that this procedure has been in force since September 2001. If these facts are true, can you tell me if they are orders that have originated from the Ministry of Defence, or the Home Office?

Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely, Section 40

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3/3

Date
1 August 2002

Dear

Section 40

I am writing concerning the message you left on the DAS (Ops & Pol) 1 answerphone on 30 July. You enquired whether we had received any sighting reports of 'unidentified flying objects' from Tunbridge in Kent for 13 June. I have looked back through our files and can confirm that we received no reports of 'UFO' sightings for that date from anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

RECORD OF MESSAGE LEFT ON DAS (LA - OPS & POL 1) ANSWERPHONE
ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2002 @ 14:30

Caller

Section 40

(East)

Section 40

Telephone: Section 40

Message

Section 40 wanted to know if we had received any reports for Thursday 13 June 2002 from Tunbridge in Kent. He had received a report of a 'UFO' with a colour photo showing a disc shaped object with a tower on top of it, on which appeared to be some kind of arial device. Section 40 explained that there had twice been sightings of a similar object one in America and one from a French pilot, which had also been photographs. He added that the photos were verified as genuine by USAF staff and by the 'Condon committee' in the US.



SAFETY REGULATION GROUP

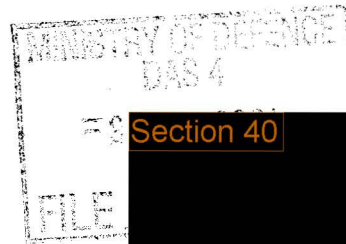
Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation House, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex RH6 0YR.

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WITH COMPLIMENTS

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS MANAGER



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 05 July 2001 11:43

To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40 Section 40

Section 40

Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: NIDS 'Official Organization' For FAA UFO Reports

Dear Section 40

I received your email of 30 June (21:47). While the tone of this piece denies it any consideration of a reply, you will not be surprised to know that we do not share your view on the 'conspiracy theory' that is so clearly implied. Moreover, the safety of all aviation activity in the UK is at the heart of our role within the CAA and there are well understood procedures in place that gather evidence of incidents and events that impact on safety. These occurrences are subsequently analysed to establish appropriate safety management actions, to the extent that the data allows. Unusual airborne sightings would be embraced by these procedures.

Turning to your second email of 1 July 2001. You make mention of an airborne event that occurred in the Newcastle area on 7 July 2000. I can tell you that there was no report filed within our UK Mandatory Occurrence Reporting Scheme (MOR) that would correlate with that claim. This MOR scheme requires members of the aviation community to report a wide range of incidents or events that may have implications for the safety of air operations. Thus pilots do know that they have a duty to report flight safety occurrences - as do engineers, air traffic controllers, airport operators and manufacturers. Indeed, it is CAA policy to encourage voluntary reporting across the whole spectrum of the industry.

You will understand that without reports which provide sufficient data for subsequent identification and tracing action there will be instances where the review of some occurrences will be inconclusive. Nevertheless, when instances of unusual sightings are reported under the CAA procedures they are also passed to the Ministry of Defence for security review. With effect from 31 July 2001 the temporary address of the appropriate MOD department is as listed below.

I hope that this note explains the CAA position in respect of unexplained airborne events and that it clearly demonstrates the open reporting and investigation that is a principal tenet under which the aviation industry conducts its business and promotes safety.

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CAA Safety Regulation Group
Gatwick Airport South

Section 40

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* *Response required?*

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 01 July 2001 22:45
To: Section 40
Subject: Fw: UFO UpDate: NIDS 'Official Organization' For FAA UFO Reports

Dear Sir,

Why can we not have this kind of cooperation in this Country. If it's OK for the United States, then why not here in the UK?

Why deny it?

We have in our possession video footage from July 7, 2000 of a Civilian passenger plane flying over Walstanton, Newcastle, involved in possible near-miss with white coloured sphere shaped object which passes in front of a/c starboard wing.

Can we have cooperation for the sake of safety. The Ministry of Defence say it's of no Defence significance, but where a/c are concerned it is a safety issue. Let pilots talk, and lets see guidelines issued so that pilots know what to do in such eventualities. Not all UFO related near misses are UFO's. Some are military as well.

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

From: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@home.com>
To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;;>
Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2001 12:11 AM
Subject: UFO UpDate: NIDS 'Official Organization' For FAA UFO Reports

- > Date: 23 Jun 2001 15:48:04 -0000
- > To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@home.com>
- > From: Section 40
- > Subject: NIDS 'Official Organization' For FAA UFO Reports
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- > National Institute for Discovery Science Becomes Only Official
- > Organization to Receive UFO Reports from the Federal Aviation
- > Administration (FAA)
- >
- > NIDS is pleased to announce that the newly printed Federation
- > Aviation Administration (FAA) manuals indicate the National
- > Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) as the sole contact point
- > in the United States to which the FAA reports UFOs.
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- > The following four FAA Manuals contain the changes:
- > FAA Order 7110.65, Air Traffic Control
- > FAA Order 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration
- > Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM)
- > Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP)
- >
- > The FAA wording of the order mandating the changes is as
- > follows:
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- > "In calendar year 1999, representatives from the National
- > Institute for Discovery Sciences (NIDS) contacted the FAA
- > Administrator to offer their research institution as the single
- > point of contact recognized by the FAA in regard to UFO
- > information. On April 14, 2000, after being referred by the FAA
- > Administrator, NIDS representatives met with ATP-200 to finalize

> a course of action. This document change proposal is a result of
> that meeting and is official FAA recognition that NIDS is the
> single point of contact for UFO research."

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> The official date for all FAA offices to receive the new manuals
> is July 12, 2001, but NIDS has confirmed that many FAA offices
> have already received the manuals.

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> UFO UpDates - Toronto - ufoupdates@home.com
> A UFO & Related Phenomena E-Mail List operated
> by **Section 40**

> UFO UpDates Archives are available at:
> <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates>

> The MUFON Ontario Homepage is at:
> <http://www3.sympatico.ca/updates/mufon/index.htm>

> 'Strange Days...Indeed' - available 'live' via
> Windows Media Player 10:00 Eastern, Saturday nights at:
> <http://cfrb.com/>

> and archived at:
> <http://members.xoom.com/strangedaysi/sdix.htm>

> To un-subscribe send your first and last names
> to: ufoupdates@home.com with Un-Subscribe as
> the subject.

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Section 40
From: **Section 40**
Sent: 30 June 2001 21:47
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Fw: UFOs and aircraft safety

DATE: Saturday, 30 June, 2001.

UFOs and aircraft near misses:- No Defence significance(?), definitely a safety issue!

This week I recieved a telephone call from a witness who observed 60 to 80 bright lighted objects crossing the sky slowly in a North easterly direction, on Tuesday, 19 June (2001), at approximately 18:00 hours (BST).

Some of the objects were flying in clusters, others were in groups of three or five, and some were even on there own. One looked like it was pulsating red in colour, as if it was getting bigger then shrinking in size.

Another of the objects seemed to suddenly go up vertically, whilst another appeared to take on the shape of a jellyfish (this kind of object has been seen on more than one occassion here in Kent, UK).

And where did this event occur? Right over the city of London! Amongst aircarft coming in and taking off from Heathrow airport etc...

For god sake how many more times is this going to happen before someone gets OFF their bloody backsides and do something!

More and more we are hearing of civilian passenger planes having near misses with UFOs not just in this country but worldwide.

I know, of at least two incidents here in the County of Kent. The most well known one occured on 21 April, 1991, when Alitalia Flight AZ 284 was flying from Milan to London Heathrow. At approximately 20:00 hrs, whilst over the Lydd Army Ranges, they had a near miss with what they described as a brown colured missile looking object. London ATC even monitored the object on radar.

Within days our local MP (former Home Secretary), Michael Howard, the C.A.A. and the Ministry of Defence all stated that the object was a UFO! Now there's a first.

The MOD stating a UFO was in UK airspace.

Bull shit! It was not a UFO as they would like to have us believe, but possibly a Target drone or UAV. People here in Kent now it, and we believe we know who was responsible. How ever as we do not have concrete proof we can't name them due to the fact we could get sued.

The other incident occurred on 16 September, 1996, when **Section 40** (former coordinator of UFOMEK), sighted and videoed a white sphere like object over Wingham, Kent.

The object was at the same height as passenger jets flying over, and was even filmed going through an aircraft vapour trail.

Vapour trails are normally formed at a height of at least 22,500 feet. One part of the sighting he didn't manage to capture on video was when the mystery object flew straight in front on a passenger plane, causing the crew to take evading action.

Also I received another telephone call this week from a witness who was videoing aircraft where he lives at Stoke on Trent. When suddenly a white object comes into view, and ascends up to the height of one of the aircraft, and seems to just miss the aircraft. This incident occurred back in July, 2000, and the reason he has only just approached anyone regarding the footage, is because he didn't know who to report it to, and who he could trust with the footage.

I hope to be viewing this footage shortly, and if it does indeed show a UFO in a near miss with an aircraft, then this could be an important piece of footage.

So what is the official line on all this? Well when objects were sighted and filmed over London last year, and reported to the C.A.A. they responded with a deafening quietness!

And if you report any sightings to the Ministry of Defence, they respond with "NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE!" Well maybe not, but it is I maintain a BLOODY SAFETY ISSUE!

So when are the authorities going to get off their backsides and look into it, and stop pissing around in the wind. For Christ sakes lives could be at risk here!

Even if the latest sighting over London on the 19 June, was balloons, they were flying near aircraft, and could have caused an accident.

According to a recent report the C.A.A. state that there at least 30 reports that they know of involving aircraft and UFO sightings. But how many of them were near misses. Even one is too many in my book.

So I urge everyone reading this, to contact your local MP, and demand answers. I believe that if enough of us put pressure on our MPs, bombard the MOD with telephone calls and letters, as well as newspapers, etc. Just perhaps someone may start listening.

If you feel the same way I do, please do let me know. Maybe you don't agree with my comments, again let me know. And if any pilots or any other aircrew should be reading this who know of any incidents, don't you think it's time you spoke out, for the safety of your passengers. Please contact me if you wish.

Has there been such a 'report'?

Finally please accept my sincere apologies, for the strong tone of this article. If I have offended anyone with my outspoken comments, then I apologise.

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Section 40



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Your Reference

Our Reference
 D/DAS/64/3/3

Date
 18 June 2001

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 May 2001.

Firstly, please find attached copies of the reports you requested, with the informants' details deleted to protect their confidentiality. With regard to the report from the Preston area on 14 January 2001, the original was not received by this office; I have however, obtained a copy from Skelmersdale police which I also attach for your information.

You mentioned in your letter an incident thought to have occurred on the Isle of Man on 14 January at 16:30 hours, involving an object which looked something like a hang glider or micro-light aircraft. After making further enquiries, I can confirm that a Search and Rescue helicopter from RAF Valley received a call out at 13:30 on 14 January to search for a crashed micro-light on the Isle of Man. A comprehensive search of the area was conducted, but nothing was found and the helicopter returned to RAF Valley.

Finally, you asked if such incidents are reported to the CAA or any such organisation and who would authorise the launch of a Search and Rescue helicopter. All inland aeronautical crashes involving civil aircraft are investigated by the Air Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (formerly the Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions). Search and Rescue helicopters are launched following a call from the police and the MOD is informed as a matter of routine.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely
Section 40

Call
 out at
 1.30am.
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Title: INCIDENT LOG PRINT
For Attention Of: Officer In Charge
Requested By: CO Section 40

at 09:18 on 12/06/01

Inc. Ref: 424SQ/140101 Inc. Class: 31/SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY Stage: CLOSED
INFORMANT: [REDACTED] Telno: Section 40
Address: [REDACTED]
LOCATION: (UL00) SCARISBRICK, ORMSKIRK
NI Start: 21:02 14/01/01 at SQ29 VRMS:
Inc Type:

Detail: MY MOTHER HAS SEEN A FLASHING RED AND BLUE PULSING LIGHT IN THE SKY-IT SEEMED TO COME DOWN IN THE SCARISBRICK AREA

Local Req:
Attended:
Off. Deal: 12155 Crime:N Racial:N Assault Pol:N M'way:N Press Int:N
Response: 7 Result: 3 Arrests: 0 Alarm Cause: Alarm Type:
Total Officers Attended: 0
Call Handling Time: 0:03
Call Handling Completion to Despatch: 0:00
Total Time from Despatch to Scene: 0:00
Time for First Resource to Arrive: 0:00
Total Officer Time Spent on Incident: 0:00

- ** 21:05 14/01/01 INC-LOG_OPENED SQ29 CO 12116 EDWARDS
- ** 21:05 14/01/01 INF_ADDR_CHANGE
From: [REDACTED]
- ** 21:05 14/01/01
INFS MOTHERFIRST SPOTTED IT NEAR MIDGE HALL. SHE FOLLOWED IT ALL THE WAY TO TARLETON WHERE SHE MET SON
- ** 21:07 14/01/01
THEY THEN FOLLOWED IT TO BANKS. AS IT GOT TO SCARISBRICK IT APPEARED TO GLOW ORANGE AND THEN IT CAME DOWN.
- ** 21:08 14/01/01
INF SAY IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A HELICOPTER. COULDN'T HEAR ANY NOISE COMING FROM IT AND HIS BINOCULARS WOULDN'T FOCUS ON THE OBJECT
- ** 21:09 14/01/01
INF GIVEN LOG NO
- ** 21:10 14/01/01
INF ASKED IF WE HAD HAD ANY OTHER REPORTS-REPLIED NEGATIVE.
- ** 21:10 14/01/01 L-P_TRANSFER TO SQ10
- ** 21:17 14/01/01
PATROLS INFORMED FOR INFO. SQ10 CO Section 40
- ** 21:18 14/01/01 LOG_COMPLETION
Final Class:31
- ** 21:18 14/01/01 LOG_CLOSURE

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RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

A	DATE: 28 May	TIME: 0700 - 000 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number 1 - 3 lights. Size Shape Colour Brightness Sound? No		Smell? No Other
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: Sittingbourne Indoors/Outdoors Stationary/Moving		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera Photographs Taken		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) Towards Medway - west		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: —		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): Cloud base		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: Fast and erratic		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): Cloudy		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: —		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: [Redacted] Police: [Redacted] Military Organisation: Airport: Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [Redacted] Address: [Redacted]		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: [Redacted]		
Q	OTHER WITNESS? Neighbours		
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 1220 L 31 MAY 00		

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SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

A	DATE: 29 MAY 00	TIME: 2145 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 10 MINS PLUS
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number 8 Size APPROX 1 METRE Shape round-oval Colour gold light Brightness VERY - lit the sky Sound? NO		Smell? NO Other There was a small whirlwind previous to this.
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: GRAVES END, KENT <u>Indoors</u> /Outdoors/Stationary/Moving		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: <u>Naked eye</u> /Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) Coming from the East		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: Looking up from upstairs + downstairs window		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): Approx 50 yds at closest.		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: Fast, Smooth gliding movements.		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): Small amount of high cloud. Not quite dark.		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: Normal residential houses.		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: Military Organisation: NIL. Airport: Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED]		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:		
O	OTHER WITNESS? NEIGHBOURS		
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 31 May 00 1310 L		

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SIGNATURE: [Redacted]		SIGNATURE: [Redacted]	

A	DATE:	6 AUG 00	TIME:	1845 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	Approx 4 mins
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell? No, Other	
	Number	1 poss 2	Size	Small	Shape	Flattened fig 8 with hints of red.
	Colour		Brightness	Dull.	Sound?	No.
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
	Geographical location: [Redacted] <i>Gravesend. HSE located in Regent Park, Kent.</i>					
	Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving					
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
	Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera					
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
	Due South of House.					
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT:					
	35° elevation					
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
	Long distance, difficult to judge.					
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
	Stationary, then moving W by.					
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
	Sky clear, then high level haze.					
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
L	TO WHOM REPORTED:					
	Press:	[Redacted]	Police:	[Redacted]	Military Organisation:	[Redacted]
	Airport:	[Redacted]	Other:	[Redacted]		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
	Name:	[Redacted]	Address:	[Redacted]		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:					
O	OTHER WITNESS?					
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 07 Aug 00 1500L					

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	Wednesday 27 th September 2000 @ 21:10
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Revolving lights right hand side of road, then saw it on left hand side Looked like a tornado spinning, in field, what looked like a big white projecting light
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Driving on A20 from Bexley towards Ramsgate - Just past artificial ski slope
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Raining

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS 4 (SEC) Answerphone
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	[REDACTED]
11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	
13.	Date and time of receipt.	Thursday 28 th September 2000 @ 09:00

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A	DATE:	01 NOV	TIME:	0931 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	10 SECS.
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell? NIL. Other	
	Number	one	Size	pin point of light.	erratic movements, darting from side to side.	
	Shape	N/A	Colour	N/A		
	Brightness	Quite Bright.	Sound?	NIL.		
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
	Geographical location: NS125.48 E0012.49					
	Indoors/ <u>Outdoors</u> Stationary/ <u>Moving</u>					
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
	<u>Naked eye</u> Binoculars Camera Video camera					
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
	SW - overhead - over Dartford Bridge NE.					
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: 30° initially - 45°.					
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
	—					
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
	Clear.					
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
	TREES, [REDACTED]					
L	TO WHOM REPORTED:					
	Press:	—				
	Police:	—				
	Military Organisation:	MODHQ Whitehall.				
	Airport:	—				
	Other:	—				
V	INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
	Name:	[REDACTED]				
	Address:	[REDACTED]				
W	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:					
	[REDACTED]					
X	OTHER WITNESS? NONE					
Y	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 01 NOV 1010h.					

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	Thursday 24 th November 2000 @ 19:30
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Round object that lit up surrounding area
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Rochester, Kent
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS(Sec)4a answerphone
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	
11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	
13.	Date and time of receipt.	Monday 27 th November 2000 @10:11

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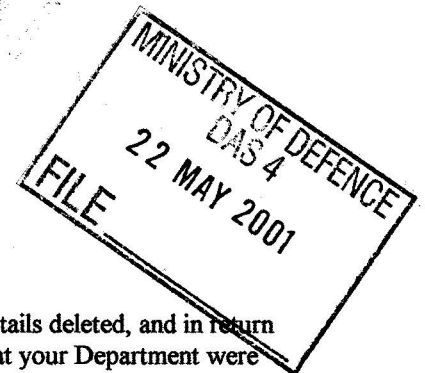


18 May, 2001.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your reply of 16 May, in response to my letter to you dated 25 April. I am now writing to ask if it would be possible for you to please forward to me copies of the following reports that are on the list that you sent me?

They are as follows: 28/05/00 at Sittingbourne, Kent.
29/05/00 at Gravesend, Kent.
06/08/00 at Rainham, Kent
27/09/00 at Ramsgate, Kent
01/11/00 at Dartford, Kent.
24/11/00 at Rochester, Kent.



Section 40 would always send me copies of reports with the witnesses details deleted, and in return I would pass on details of sightings that we here at UFOMEK had investigated, that your Department were unaware of, for your files.

With regard to my question in my previous letter concerning Sunday, January 14th, 2001. You say that your department have no reports from that day. We have been informed of a sighting that occurred on that day, in the Preston area of Lancashire at around 20:05 hours. The witnesses a Section 40 and his mother, reported the incident to the police at Skelmersdale, Lancashire. The call number was logged as 424SQ, and that were informed by the police that their report would be forwarded onto the Ministry of Defence. A day or two later Section 40 contacted the police at Skelmersdale to see if any information had become available, and they told him that the report had definitely been forwarded to the MOD, and had been tagged onto the report from the Isle of Man of earlier that day.

Can you please re-check your files, or make enquiries with any other department regarding this?

16th Jan 2001

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With regard to the Isle of Man incident. This occurred at around 16:30 hours. Witnesses observed what they thought was an object which looked something like the shape of a hang glider/micro-light aircraft, hit the radio communications mast on top of Mount Snaefell, IOM. Whatever this object was it had damaged the radio aerials belonging to the emergency services on the island, and witnesses reported seeing debris and thick black smoke falling down to the ground. The smoke was described as being thick and black, enough to set off smoke alarms in a nearby building. The Police, Civil Defence, Coastguard and Mountain Rescue initiated a search of the area for a possible downed aircraft. Nothing was apparently found. An RAF Air Sea Rescue helicopter from RAF Valley was also called into help in the search.

Firstly, would such an incident be required to be reported to the Civil Aviation Authority, or any other such organisation of authority?

Secondly, who would authorise the launch of an Air Sea Rescue helicopter from RAF Valley, in Wales, and would it be reported to the MOD, as it involved a military helicopter launch?

We believe we know what it was that collided with the radio communications mast on Snaefell Mountain, and we certainly do not believe it was a UFO as reported in the normal sense.

We have also been informed that all the airports, along the Irish, and British western mainland were put on alert with regard to this incident. If your department, can not help with regard to this incident, can you please tell me which department I should contact, who may have information regarding the Isle of Man incident?

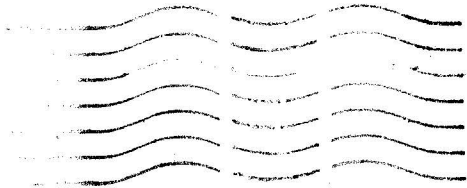
Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,
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I can confirm that a search & rescue helicopter ^{from RAF Valley} received a call out at 12.30Z (13.30L) on 14th January to search for a crashed microlight on the Isle of Man. A comprehensive search was conducted, but nothing was found and the helicopter returned to base.

Inland aeronautical ~~accidents~~ ^{involving} civil aircraft are investigated by the Air Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

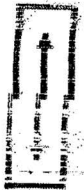
The Police would call off the SAR. The MOD are routinely informed of all SAR incidents.



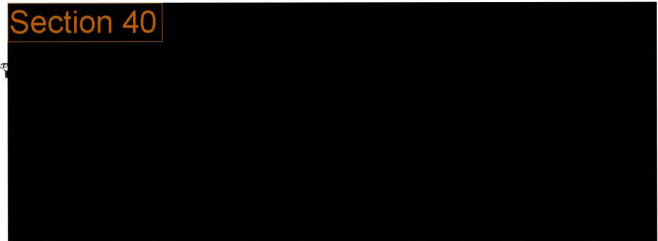
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Date
16 May 2001

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 25 April 201. As requested, please find attached a list of all sighting reports of "unidentified flying objects" reported to the Ministry of Defence during the year 2000. I should however emphasise that these figures relate to reported sightings of unidentifiable aerial activity; the vast majority of which will have mundane explanations such as aircraft lights, weather balloons etc...

With regard to your second question, I can confirm that we have not received any sighting reports for 14 January 2001 from the Isle of Man or from anywhere in the United Kingdom.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40
[Redacted]

REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' TO MOD

2000

01/01/00	Tenbury Wells	Shropshire
03/01/00	Evanton	RossShire
04/01/00	Oxford	Oxfordshire
05/01/00	Swindon	Wiltshire
09/01/00	Crewe	Cheshire
09/01/00	Barnstable	Devon
09/01/00	Runcorn	
12/01/00	Bootle	Merseyside
13/01/00	Motherwell	Strathclyde
14/01/00	Guildford	Surrey
17/01/00	Cottesmore	Leicestershire
17/01/00	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway
19/01/00	Birmingham	
20/01/00	Balgonie	Fife
21/01/00	Southampton	Hampshire
21/01/00	Balgonie	Fife
23/01/00	Spalding	Lincolnshire
23/01/00	Birmingham	
29/01/00	Dibden, Nr Southampton	
01/02/00	Colchester	
01/02/00	Dundee	
02/02/00	Melksham	
02/02/00	Hull	
06/02/00	Bideford	North Devon
10/02/00	Leeds	
11/02/00	Banff	
11/02/00	Aberdeen	Scotland
11/02/00	Bowness-on-Windermere	Cumbria
13/02/00	Pontefract	West Yorkshire
13/02/00	Bradford	
13/02/00	Leeds	
14/02/00	Balgonie	
19/02/00	Little Town	West Yorkshire
20/02/00	Mitcham	Surrey
23/02/00	Edinburgh	
25/02/00	Newport, Wales	
26/02/00	Holloway, London	
01/03/00	Bradford	West Yorkshire
03/03/00	Southampton	Hampshire
03/03/00	Wirral	
07/03/00	Wellingborough	
14/03/00	Wythenshawe	Manchester
16/03/00	Darlington	
17/03/00	Blairgowrie	Tayside
18/03/00	Pickering	North Yorkshire
18/03/00	Falmouth	Cornwall
20/03/00	Leeds	Yorkshire
20/03/00	Wainford	Suffolk
25/03/00	Leeds	

REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' TO MOD

2000

25/03/00	Oxford	
29/03/00	Weshpool, Powys	
31/03/00	Birmingham	
04/04/00	Bury	
05/04/00	Barnettsby	Lincolnshire
07/04/00	Bellerby	Leyburn
13/04/00	Cross Keys	Newport
16/04/00	Manchester	Lancashire
16/04/00	Leeds	Yorkshire
17/04/00	Meppershall	Bedfordshire
26/04/00	Whitby	Yorkshire
01/05/00	Marlow Bottom	Bucks
08/05/00	Glasgow	
21/05/00	Havant	Hants
28/05/00		Oxon
28/05/00	Sittingbourne	Kent
29/05/00	Gravesend	Kent
05/06/00	Oxon	
05/06/00	Great Yarmouth	
06/06/00	Dursley	Gloucester
10/06/00	Lowestoft	
11/06/00	Leeds	
13/06/00	Bolton	
17/06/00	Leven	Fife
17/06/00	North Crawley	
18/06/00	Brighton	
21/06/00	Bradford	
22/06/00	Fife	
23/06/00	Felixstowe	
23/06/00	Ilkley	West Yorkshire
25/06/00	London	
26/06/00	Derby	
01/07/00	Putney	
02/07/00	Wirral	
03/07/00	Leeds	
08/07/00	High Harrogate	North Yorkshire
09/07/00	London	
09/07/00	Northwich	Cheshire
09/07/00	Northwich	Cheshire
17/07/00	Leeds	
17/07/00	Stranraer	Dumfries & Galloway
18/07/00	Leegomery	
21/07/00		North Devon
22/07/00	Crewe	
22/07/00	Birkenhead	
27/07/00	Hounslow	Middlesex
27/07/00	Salisbury	Wiltshire
31/07/00	London	
01/08/00	Bradford	West Yorkshire
01/08/00	Cardiff	Vale of Glamorgan
05/08/00	Leeds	

REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' TO MOD

2000

06/08/00	Nr Ware	Herts
06/08/00	Rainham	Kent
06/08/00	Southfield	Hampshire
08/08/00	Carlisle	
11/08/00	Hastings	Sussex
16/08/00	Forest Hill	London
18/08/00	Fishpond	Bristol
18/08/00	Forest Hill	London
20/08/00	Callington	Cornwall
20/08/00	High Wycombe	Bucks
21/08/00	Burgess Hill	West Sussex
24/08/00	Ravenstone	Northants
26/08/00	Gwynedd	
27/08/00	Runcorn	Cheshire
29/08/00	Glasgow	
31/08/00	Norwich	Norfolk
02/09/00	Blackwood	Gwent
03/09/00	Nr Aldershot	Hampshire
07/09/00	Seddlescome	Nr Hastings
09/09/00	E Hunsbury	Northampton
10/09/00	Eggham	Surrey
10/09/00	Basildon	
12/09/00	Ilford	Essex
14/09/00	Leeds	
16/09/00	Leeds	
16/09/00	Ellesmere	Shropshire
24/09/00		Cheltenham
24/09/00	Twickenham	Middlesex
24/09/00	Wembley	Middlesex
25/09/00	Highbridge	Somerset
27/09/00	Ramsgate	Kent
30/09/00	Wirral	Cheshire
04/10/00	Finchley	
16/10/00	Ramsgate	
16/10/00	Washington	Tyne & Wear
17/10/00	Keswick	Cumbria
17/10/00	Leeds	
18/10/00	Southall	London
18/10/00	Iverheath	Buckinghamshire
18/10/00	Langley	Slough
19/10/00	Upminster	Essex
20/10/00		West Sussex
20/10/00	Partick	Glasgow
20/10/00	Huddersfield	
21/10/00	Barry	
21/10/00	Liverpool	
23/10/00	Perth	
23/10/00	Ilford	Essex
23/10/00	Crawley	Sussex
26/10/00	Lowestoft	
30/10/00	Ballynure	County Antrim, N Ireland

REPORTS OF 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' TO MOD

2000

30/10/00	London	
01/11/00	Dartford	Kent
02/11/00	Rowsley	Matlock
03/11/00	Scunthorpe	
03/11/00	Nr Banbury	
05/11/00	Penmacho	
07/11/00	Stourport-on-Severn	West Midlands
10/11/00	Twickenham	Middlesex
11/11/00	Hook	RG27 9NE
14/11/00	Howden	Yorks
14/11/00	Berrynarbor	North Devon
15/11/00	Crowmand	Lincolnshire
15/11/00	London	
17/11/00	Taff's Well	Wales
23/11/00	Trehafod	South Wales
23/11/00	Huntsmead	
24/11/00	Perth	
24/11/00	Rochester	Kent
28/11/00	Skipton	North Yorkshire
28/11/00	Shipston-on-Stour	Warwickshire
29/11/00	Dereham	Norfolk
02/12/00	Wheatley	Oxfordshire
02/12/00	Harralott, Devon	
03/12/00	London	
07/12/00	St Mawgan	
08/12/00	Fradden	
10/12/00	Thorpe Bay	Essex
14/12/00	Leeds	
15/12/00	Bereton	
15/12/00	Dursley	Gloucestershire
22/12/00	Blackpool	
29/12/00	Nr Mold, Flintshire	North Wales

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Secretariat (air Staff)2a,
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25 April, 2001.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to request if it would be possible for you to forward me a listing of all reports of UFO sightings, that were reported to your Department during the year 2000?

Also could you please tell me if your department received any reports from the Isle of Man, for Sunday, 14 January, 2001, and from any other locations within the United Kingdom on that day?

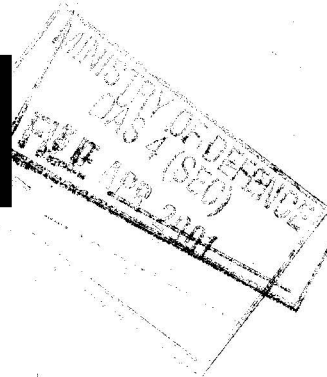
If your department did receive any reports from that date in question, would it be possible for me to receive copies of those reports?

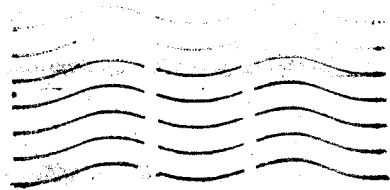
Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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Your Reference

Our Reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date 3 April 2000

Dear Section 40
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Thank you for your letter dated 9 March 2000. As requested, I attach copies of the following reports with the informants' details blanked out in order to protect their confidentiality:

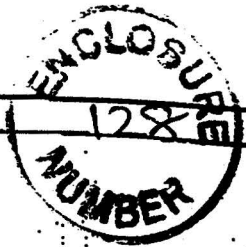
- April 2, 1999 at Chatham, Kent
- August 13, 1999 at Tenterden, Kent
- September 12, 1999 at Sellindge, Kent
- November 15, 1999 at Beckenham, Kent

With regard to your question about police procedures when dealing with alleged "UFO" sightings, I cannot comment on specific procedures at individual police stations, but it is normally the case that the police will pass the report to a local RAF Station (where there is one locally) or to the Aeronautical Information Service (Military) at RAF West Drayton. These organisations in turn pass the details to ourselves. As I said in my previous letter, we have had no reports of any unusual aerial activity in the Kent or Essex areas for Sunday August 1, 1999 and are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

With regard to your offer to provide us with video footage of alleged 'UFO' sightings, as you will be aware from previous correspondence with my predecessor Section 40 the UK Ministry of Defence has only a very limited interest in these matters. Therefore, I am afraid it has no use for the sort of information you are keen to provide.

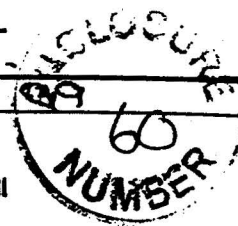
Yours sincerely
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT



TRANSMISSION DETAILS:	DTG of Transmission: 13 0815Z 200.FH	To: Section 40 SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:	RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:	

DATE:	12 SEP 99	TIME:	1942 1943 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	10 MIN
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:			Smell? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Number 6 x groups of coloured lights			Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Size					
Shape					
Colour white/green/red lights					
Brightness					
Sound?					
EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
Geographical location: lower Stoneham, Sussex					
Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving					
HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera					
DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
Objects travelling N to S between Lewis a Newhaven					
ANGLE OF SIGHT: Above the horizon					
DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
-					
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
N to S as a group					
MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
Clear dark sky					
NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
-					
TO WHOM REPORTED:					
Press:					
Police:					
Military Organisation:					
Airport:					
Other:					
INFORMANTS' DETAILS:					
Name:					
Address:					
ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED:					
NIL					
OTHER WITNESS?					
2 x Grand up Daughters.					



FAX TRANSMISSION DETAILS:		DTG of Transmission: 06 1445Z APR 99	
		To: Section 40 SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:		RANK/GRADE & NAME:	
SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	

A	DATE: 2 APR 99	TIME: 2310 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number LOTS Size 40-50 FT WIDE Shape CIRCULAR Colour WHITE Brightness VERY Sound? -		Smell? - Other SWIRLY WHITE LIGHTS, TRANSPARENT LIKE A JELLYFISH, LIGHTS COMING AND GOING.
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: M2 FAVERSHAM Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving MOVING IN CAR		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: NAKED EYE Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT:		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): 40 FEET FROM CAR		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: MOVED WITH CAR FROM FAVERSHAM TO BLISSBURY HILL, CHATHAM		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): CLEAR		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: ROADSIDE TREES		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: POLICE Military Organisation: Airport: Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: Address:		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: -		
O	OTHER WITNESS? -		

Tenterden,
Kent

13 AUGUST 1999



Stated as she was watching the sun set from her balcony at the rear of her block of flats she saw what she described as a large, brilliant light in the sky which was stationery. She stated it was not an aircraft and it was much bigger than a normal star. She watched it for a while then saw it move off fairly quickly and disappear.

She stated that she also saw the same sort of light at around the same time last year but did not inform anyone about it.

I trust this is all the information you require. The informant can be contacted on the above number.

Many thanks.

REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	15/11/99 at 15:00
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	"Bright silver disk, a very circular object with sun shining off of it"
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Beckenham, Kent Indoors
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Moving very quickly above houses
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	
9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a1 answerphone

11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	
13.	Date and time of receipt.	Message received 15/11/99 at 15:16

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9 March, 2000.

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your reply of 7 March, in response to my letter to you dated 22 February. I am now writing to ask if it would be possible for you to please forward to me copies of the following reports that are on the list that you sent me?

- They are as follows: April 2nd, 1999 at Chatham, Kent.
- August 13, 1999 at Tenterden, Kent.
- September 12, 1999 at Sellindge, Kent
- November 15, 1999 at Beckenham, Kent.

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would allways send me copies of reports with the witnesses details deleted, and in return I would pass on details of sightings that we here at UFOMEK had investigated, that your Department were unaware of, for your files.

With regard to my question in my previous letter concerning Sunday, August 1, 1999. As i told you the incident was reported by two independent witnesses to both Dover Police, and Canterbury police. Can you please tell me whether or not the police are duty bound to pass on details regarding sightings, to the Royal Air Force, or your Department, especially if they are of the nature of this particular sighting which involved the observation of many objects?

Also would your Department be interested in a copy of the video footage taken by one of the many witnesses of the objects sighted over Kent on Sunday, August 1, 1999? I also have in my possession a copy of CCTV footage of an incident that occurred back on 18 July, 1998 involving the sighting of one of the so-called Flying Triangle shaped objects, which was observed in North Kent. Again would your Department be interested in a copy of the footage? If so, I would gladly forward you copies, which maybe someone in the MOD might try some analysis on. I would be most interested in hearing any constructive comments with regard to the footage.

Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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Your Reference

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Date 7 March 2000

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 22 February. I attach, as requested, a list of all sightings reports of 'unidentified flying objects' reported to the Ministry of Defence during 1999, plus, for your information, a map of their geographical spread throughout the United Kingdom.

As you will see from the attached list, we received no reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 August 1999 from anywhere in the Kent or Essex areas, only one from Rochdale, Lancashire.

Yours sincerely

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JANUARY

04/01/99	FOLKESTONE, KENT
07/01/99	GLANARFON, LLANELLI
09/01/99	ANSTRUTHER, FIFE
09/01/99	FREUCHIE, FIFE
09/01/99	ANSTRUTHER, FIFE
10/01/99	PEN Y GROES, LLANELLI
11/01/99	HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEA
17/01/99	HANWORTH, MIDDLESEX
21/01/99	CORWAN, LLANELLI
21/01/99	HARLESDON, LONDON
22/01/99	SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE
26/01/99	BRISTOL
28/01/99	SHIPSTON ON STOUR, WARWICKSHIRE

FEBRUARY

01/02/99	BRAMLEY, SOUTH YORKSHIRE
02/02/99	SWANSEA, SOUTH WALES
02/02/99	NORTH LONDON
02/02/99	HULL
04/02/99	BLACON, CHESTER
05/02/99	BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX
05/02/99	CHISWICK, LONDON
06/02/99	HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK
07/02/99	BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX
07/02/99	WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE
07/02/99	WEST HAMPSTEAD, LONDON
07/02/99	CHESTER
09/02/99	WANDSWORTH, SOUTH LONDON
10/02/99	SWANSEA, WALES
11/02/99	CAERNARFON, NORTH WALES
11/02/99	AMBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE
12/02/99	WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE
14/02/99	BEXHILL, EAST SUSSEX
14/02/99	BROOK, SURREY
15/02/99	FROM PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND
15/02/99	DIDLINGTON, EAST YORKSHIRE
17/02/99	CANNING TOWN, LONDON
20/02/99	EAST HORSLEY, SURREY
20/02/99	NANTWICH, CHESHIRE
21/02/99	HUMBER BRIDGE, HULL
22/02/99	BEARSDEN, GLASGOW
22/02/99	PICKERING, NORTH YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	OVER MERSEYSIDE
22/02/99	SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
22/02/99	SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	BRADFORD, NORTH YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	LEEDS, NORTH YORKSHIRE
22/02/99	ARGYLL, SCOTLAND
22/02/99	GLASGOW, SCOTLAND
22/02/99	KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE
22/02/99	HEATHROW, MIDDLESEX
22/02/99	BRISTOL
22/02/99	BRISTOL
22/02/99	ST MONANS, FIFE
22/02/99	DERBY
22/02/99	GLENROTHES, FIFE
22/02/99	BOLTON, LANCASHIRE
23/02/99	BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE
24/02/99	NORTH LONDON
25/02/99	BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO DURHAM
28/02/99	CORBRIDGE, CO DURHAM

MARCH

04/03/99	LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE
05/03/99	MANCHESTER
05/03/99	FALKIRK, SCOTLAND
06/03/99	WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX
07/03/99	BALLYKINLER, CO DOWN, NI
08/03/99	CASTLEWELLAN, CO DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND
09/03/99	AMMANFORD, SOUTH WALES
09/03/99	NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON
10/03/99	SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE
10/03/99	BANGOR, NORTH WALES
10/03/99	CHELSEA, LONDON
11/03/99	NEWCASTLE EMLYN, DYFED
13/03/99	RHONDA VALLEY, MID GLAMORGAN
14/03/99	MITTON, STAFFORDSHIRE
17/03/99	SHAVINGTON, CREWE
18/03/99	MERSEYSIDE
20/03/99	SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE
24/03/99	LANGLEES, FALKIRK
25/03/99	CUPAR, FIFE
26/03/99	CARSHALTON, SURREY
26/03/99	ALFORD, HAMPSHIRE
27/03/99	KILMARNOCK, SCOTLAND
29/03/99	TRANENT, EAST LOTHIAN
29/03/99	NEWBURGH, GRAMPIAN
29/03/99	ARDROSS, ROSS-SHIRE

APRIL

01/04/99	AMMANFORD, WEST GLAMORGAN
02/04/99	CHATHAM, KENT
10/04/99	WEM, NEAR SHREWSBURY
10/04/99	WITHERNSEA, HUMBERSIDE
13/04/99	LEWES, EAST SUSSEX
13/04/99	EAST BELFAST, NI
15/04/99	TOOTING, SOUTH LONDON
22/04/99	ROMFORD, ESSEX
29/04/99	MID GLAMORGAN
29/04/99	SOUTH LONDON

MAY

01/05/99	GREENOCK, SCOTLAND
04/05/99	MUDBURY, DEVON
16/05/99	WORCESTER, H&W
16/05/99	BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET
18/05/99	BEXHILL, EAST SUSSEX
18/05/99	ELGIN, ROSSHIRE
22/05/99	DAVYHULME, NR CHESHIRE
23/05/99	KETTON, LEICESTERSHIRE
24/05/99	CRAIG, ISLE OF ARRAN
26/05/99	LIVERPOOL
26/05/99	LOUGHOR, SWANSEA
29/05/99	BONNYBRIDGE, SCOTLAND

JUNE

05/06/99	BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX
08/06/99	MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE
08/06/99	MONMOUTH, GWENT
08/06/99	HENGOED, CARDIFF
09/06/99	LICHFIELD
11/06/99	SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE
12/06/99	FLINT, CHESTER
14/06/99	BOW, EAST LONDON
24/06/99	HOVE, SUSSEX
25/06/99	BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE
26/06/99	BLANEFIELD, GLASGOW
30/06/99	KINGSBURY, LONDON

JULY

02/07/99	KINGSBURY, LONDON
03/07/99	HEMFORD, WELSHPOOL
04/07/99	BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE
04/07/99	HOLLAND ON SEA, ESSEX
05/07/99	SCUNTHORPE
06/07/99	EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX
10/07/99	SCUNTHORPE
10/07/99	MANCHESTER
10/07/99	RILLINGTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE
10/07/99	MIG-GLAMORGAN, SOUTH WALES
11/07/99	LLANGYNOG, POWYS
12/07/99	FLINT, FLINTSHIRE
12/07/99	WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE
12/07/99	BOGNOR REGIS, WEST SUSSEX
12/07/99	BLANDFORD, DORSET
13/07/99	EYRESMONSELL, LEICESTERSHIRE
14/07/99	PETERLEE, CO DURHAM
15/07/99	HALSTED, SUFFOLK
15/07/99	EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX
15/07/99	PORTHMADDOC, WALES
24/07/99	BRISTOL
25/07/99	COVENTRY
25/07/99	PERTH, SCOTLAND
25/07/99	PORTHCAWL, SOUTH WALES

AUGUST

01/08/99	THORNHAM, ROCHDALE
02/08/99	BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE
03/08/99	BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE
04/08/99	GLENROTHES, FIFE
06/08/99	LOVERSALL, DONCASTER
08/08/99	ULVERSTON, CUMBRIA
13/08/99	TENTERDEN, KENT
17/08/99	CARLISLE
21/08/99	TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX
21/08/99	KINLOSS, MORAYSHIRE
22/08/99	THORNTON, BRADFORD

SEPTEMBER

01/09/99	EALING, LONDON
10/09/99	OLDHAM
11/09/99	TORQUAY, DEVON
11/09/99	STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK
12/09/99	LEWIS, SUSSEX
12/09/99	SELLINDGE, KENT
13/09/99	GUERNSEY
13/09/99	CARDIFF
18/09/99	NORTHALL, LONDON
19/09/99	MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE
20/09/99	YORK, YORKSHIRE
22/09/99	LONGDEN, SHROPSHIRE
23/09/99	IRONBRIDGE, SHROPSHIRE
24/09/99	CO ANTRIM, NI
25/09/99	TINSHILL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE
28/09/99	TROON, SCOTLAND
29/09/99	LEWIS, SUSSEX
30/09/99	BROCKENHURST, NEW FOREST

OCTOBER

02/10/99	WARRINGTON
03/10/99	DINNINGTON, SOUTH YORKSHIRE
04/10/99	ROSYTH, SCOTLAND
05/10/99	STOCKPORT
09/10/99	CALNE, WILTSHIRE
10/10/99	FOXHAM, WILTSHIRE
11/10/99	CLITHERONE, LANCASHIRE
19/10/99	ILFORD, ESSEX
18/10/99	WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE
18/10/99	BATH
18/10/99	CONWY, WALES
20/10/99	LIVERPOOL
24/10/99	EPPINGHAM, SURREY
24/10/99	KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES
25/10/99	IPSWICH, SUFFOLK
25/10/99	HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE
25/10/00	STOKE-ON-TRENT, S
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31/10/99	LISBURN, MIDDLESEX
31/10/99	DULNAIN BRIDGE, SCOTLAND

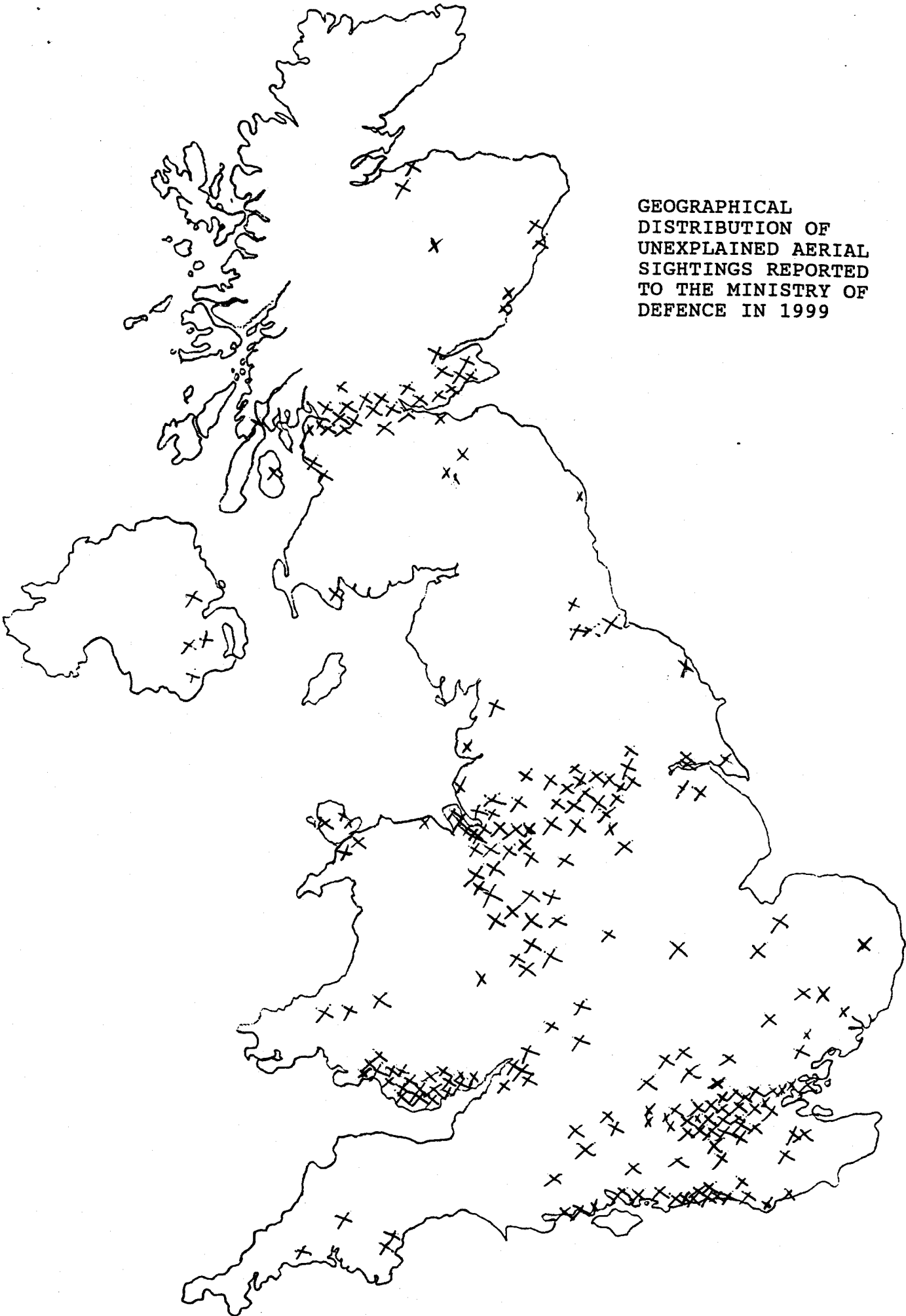
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02/11/99	URMSTON, MANCHESTER
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02/11/99	STOKE ON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE
06/11/99	KNOTT-END-ON SEA, LANCASHIRE
06/11/99	HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE
08/11/99	PENICUIK, SCOTLAND
09/11/99	LEOMINSTER/BURLEY GATE HEREFORD
10/11/99	LITTLEHAMPTON, WEST SUSSEX
15/11/99	BECKENHAM, KENT
16/11/99	GT PLUMPTON, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE
16/11/99	WHITBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE
17/11/99	MAIDENHEAD, SURREY
18/11/99	CRICK HOWELL, GWENT, WALES
20/11/99	MARKET DRAYTON, STAFFORDSHIRE
21/11/99	ARBROATH, SCOTLAND
22/11/99	SKIPTON, WEST YORKSHIRE
26/11/99	DONCASTER
28/11/99	PENTRAETH, WALES
29/11/99	DAGENHAM AND TILBURY, ESSEX
29/11/99	STOCKTON, DURHAM

DECEMBER

02/12/99	LANCING, WORTHING
02/12/99	THETFORD, NORFOLK
03/12/99	LIVINGSTON, SCOTLAND
04/12/99	SCUNTHORPE, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE
04/12/99	NEWPORT, GWENT
05/12/99	ST PETERPORT, GUERNSEY
07/12/99	NEWPORT, GWENT
09/12/99	WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK
09/12/99	LINFORD, ESSEX
13/12/99	NEWBIGGIN-BY-SEA, NORTHUMBERLAND
13/12/99	WINDLESHAM, SURREY
15/12/99	WITHAM, ESSEX
15/12/99	NEWLANDS, GLASGOW
17/12/99	SWINDON, WILTSHIRE
17/12/99	DUNDEE, SCOTLAND
19/12/99	PORTSMOUTH, HANTS
21/12/99	BANCHORY
28/12/99	SWINDON, WILTSHIRE
29/12/99	DUNDEE SCOTLAND
31/12/99	LEOMINSTER, HEREF

GEOGRAPHICAL
DISTRIBUTION OF
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22 February, 2000.

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you to request if it would be possible for you to forward me a listing of all reports of UFO sightings, that were reported to your Department during the year 1999?

Also could you please tell me if you received any reports from the Kent or Essex areas for the night of Sunday, August 1, 1999? There was an incident that occurred on this date at 22:40 hours in the Dover/Aylesham/Canterbury area, of which was reported to Kent County Constabulary at Dover and Canterbury, but when I spoke to them at the time they emphatically denied it, despite the witnesses insistence that they had reported the incident to them at the time of the sighting. And one family who witnessed the event, strongly claim that they not only reported the incident to the police at Dover, but also to the Ministry of Defence. When I spoke to someone at the MOD, they also denied knowing anything about this particular sighting. The sighting was witnessed by well over 100 witnesses, and was even video taped by a witness in Aylesham, near Dover in Kent. The sighting consisted of well over 100 - 200 objects, and at one stage during the incident two civil passenger planes flew directly underneath the objects.

We know from our enquiries with the Civil Aviation Authority that the lowest flight path height for outbound civil air traffic is 7000 feet. So what ever these objects were they were well above that height heading in a Northerly direction.

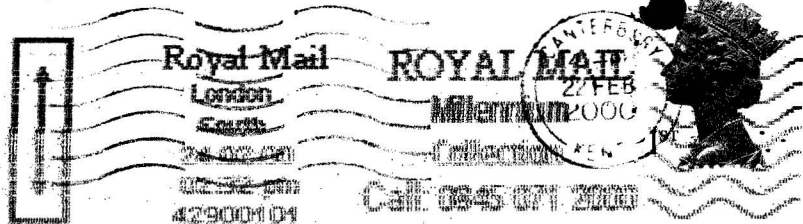
Many thanks for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Yours Sincerely, Section 40

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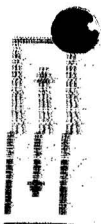
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Date
2 June 1999

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Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 May regarding 'UFO' sightings in Kent. By now you should have received my letter of 28 May which included the 'UFO' sighting reports requested.

Yours sincerely,

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26 May, 1999

Dear Section 40

Back in April, I sent you a letter dated the 26th, setting out various questions with regard to correspondence that you had sent my colleague Section 40 on the 21 April.

In my letter to you I asked whether you could forward me further details on certain sightings that appeared on a list that you had sent Section 40. The reports that I was particularly interested in were the following:-

09/03/98 Maidstone, Kent.
22/07/98 Hythe, Kent.
10/09/98 Erith, Kent.
12/10/98 Gravesend, Kent.
06/11/98 Deal, Kent.
04/01/99 Folkestone, Kent.

I asked if it would be possible for you to send me copies of those reports, such as the description of what was seen, and the time of the observations?
If you could help me with this request I would be most grateful.

Also in your letter to Section 40 you acknowledge that DI55 receives copies of reports regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, among other departments. Is it fair to say that two of the other departments that receive such reports are DI61, and DSTI? Can you confirm or deny this as being the case.

I thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter, and await your reply with interest.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Section 40



From: **Section 40** Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room 8245
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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date
28 May 1999

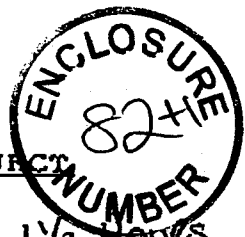
Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 April in which you asked for copies of six 'UFO' sighting reports. I have enclosed copies of the reports with the informants' details blanked out. I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PFS

- A. MON 9TH MARCH AT 1945. DURATION 1 1/2 HOURS.
- B. RED/WHIT ROUND FLASHING LIGHTS, 2 AND SOMETIMES 3 OF THEM. MOVING AROUND.
- C. INDOORS, STATIONARY, VIEWED THROUGH WINDOW.
- D. NAKED EYE.
- E. ONE MOVING NORTH, ONE MOVING WEST.
- F. ?
- G. ESTIMATES 7-8 MILES AWAY.
- H. AS IN E, BUT REPORTED A THIRD LIGHT WHICH STAYED STATIONARY, WHILE THE OTHER TWO MOVED AWAY - ONE NORTH, ONE WEST.
- J. CLOUDY
- K. ONLY REPORTED THERE ARE NO POWER-LINES NEAR
- L. ATC
- M.
- N.
- O.
- P. 09/03/98 2100.

10 MAR 1998

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- | | | |
|-----|--|---|
| 1. | Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 22 Jul 98, 2344 hrs, 15-20 sec |
| 2. | Description of Object (No of objects, size/shape/colour/brightness) | squashed, elongated disc with yellow glow |
| 3. | Location (indoor/outdoor/stationary/moving) | Object out over Hythe Bay, moving |
| 4. | How observed (naked eye/binoculars/other optical device/still or moving) | Naked eye |
| 5. | Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | E to W |
| 6. | Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | NK |
| 7. | Distance (By reference to a known landmark) | About 2 miles |
| 8. | Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be more use than estimates of course and speed) | Faded and then brightened |
| 9. | Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud/haze/mist etc) | Reasonably clear |
| 10. | Nearby objects (Telephone lines/high voltage lines/reservoir/lake or dam/swamp or marsh/river/high buildings/tall chimneys/steeple/spires/TV or Radio masts/airfields/generating plant/factories/pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) | Nil, but the sighting was in the vicinity of CPTA, Cinque Ports Training Area |
| 11. | To whom reported (Police/Military/Press etc) | Police |
| 12. | Name and Address of Informant | |
| 13. | Background of Informant that may be volunteered | NK |
| 14. | Other Witnessess | Nil |
| 15. | Date, Time of Receipt | 23 Jul, 0010hrs local |
| 16. | Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions | No |
| 17. | Remarks | Reported to Folkestone Police and forward to DCDSDO |

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting.** 10 0030(L) SEP 98
- B. Description of Object.**
 Number, TWO
 Size, LARGER THAN A PLANE.
 Shape, ROUND FRONT GOING TO A POINT.
 Colours, DARK.
 Brightness, LIGHTS ON FRONT (RED+BLUE)
 Sound, NIL
 Smell, NIL
- C. Exact Position of Observer.**
 Geographical Location, GERTH
 Indoors, Outdoors, INDOORS
 Stationary, Moving, KENT STATIONARY.
- D. How Object was Observed.**
 Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Video Camera. NAKED EYE.
- E. Direction In which Object was first seen.**
 (A Landmark may be useful) SOUTH → NORTH
- F. Angle of Sight.** STRAIGHT UP
- G. Distance.**
 (By reference to a known Landmark if possible) 2000ft?
- H. Movement of Object.** IN A STRAIGHT LINE.
- J. Met Conditions during Observation.**
 Moving Clouds,
 Haze, Mist. CLEAR NIGHT.
- K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc.** NO.
- L. To Whom Reported.**
 Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport.
 GATWICK ATC.
- M. Name and Address of Informant.**
- N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered.**
 NO OTHER SIGHTINGS
- O. Other Witnesses.** FRIEND
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report.**

TELEPHONE REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

ENCLOSURE
624
INDEX

A Date: 12 Oct. 98		Time: 0130Z		Duration of Sighting:	
B Description of Object:					
Number	1	Size	Teardrop	Shape	GLOBAL
Brightness	Very bright Pulsating	Sound	No	Smell	No.
Colours:		Two Black Dot at 11 & 1 o'clock pos.			
C Exact Position of Observer:					
Geographical Location		S. Edge of Cravenend		Indoors	Outdoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stationary: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moving: <input type="checkbox"/>			
D How Object was Observed:					
Naked Eye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Binoculars	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Camera	Type
E Direction in which Object was first seen: (A Landmark may be useful)					
S. SE.					
F Angle of Sight: 40°					
G Distance: (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)				To hor.	
H Movement of Object: Object ^{seemed} cartwheeled, laterally.					
J Met conditions during Observation:			Sky clear until cloud moved in @ 0115(L).		
Moving Clouds, Mist, Haze etc					
K Nearby Objects or Buildings: A2 Running E/W, no further.					
L To Whom Reported:		Press:	Daily Sun Star Mirror	Police:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Military Organisation: Air Via D&D.					
M Details of Informant:		Name:		Tel No:	
Address:				Postcode:	
N Any Background of Informant that may be Volunteered:					
O Other Witnesses: Just the 2 chaps (Brothers).					
P Date/Time of Report:		Date:	12/10/98	Time:	0130Z



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	6 NOVEMBER 4:30 AM .
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	2 white fireballs in the sky.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	1 ST 'fireball' - from window in Deal 2 ND 'fireball' - diving in Deal
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	200ft.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	1 ST 'fireball' went in an arc shape, 2 ND went vertically.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
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)	

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12. Name, address and telephone no of informant	
13. Any further detail volunteered	
14. Other witnesses	
15. Date and time of receipt	12 NOV 3pm
16. Remarks	message left on 'UFD' answering machine.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	4 JAN 99 6:30PM
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	SQUASHED OVAL SHAPE. DID NOT HAVE THE USUAL AIRCRAFT LIGHTS ON IT.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	OUTDOORS NEAR HOME
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	NAKED EYE
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
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11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12. Name, address and telephone no of informant	
13. Any further detail volunteered	
14. Other witnesses	
15. Date and time of receipt	4 JAN 99 19.11
16. Remarks	MESSAGE LEFT ON 'UFO' ANSWERPHONE

Section 40

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff)2a,
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Main Building,
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26 April, 1999.

Dear Section 40

You recently sent my colleague Section 40 a list of reported aerial phenomena, from January, 1998 up until April of this year, which were reported to your department by the Police and members of the public.

There are several reports on that list, of which we are interested in, and would like to know if it is possible for us to receive some brief details regarding those reports, such as time and description of what was observed? The dates and locations of those reports are as follows:-

09/03/98 Maidstone, Kent.
22/07/98 Hythe, Kent.
10/09/98 Erith, Kent.
12/10/98 Gravesend, Kent.
06/11/98 Deal, Kent.
04/01/99 Folkestone, Kent.

If you could help us with this request we would be most grateful. We are also interested to know why after all these years of denial that Air Staff, is now acknowledging the existence of DI55, and that they receive reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena? Could your department also confirm that DI61, and DSTI also receive similar reports?

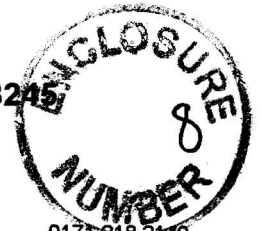
Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and I await your reply with interest.

Yours Sincerely, Section 40

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date 29 March 1999

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 February regarding an alleged incident near the former Home Secretary's house on 8 March 1997.

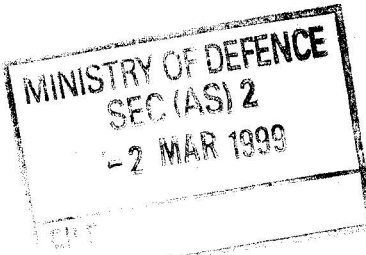
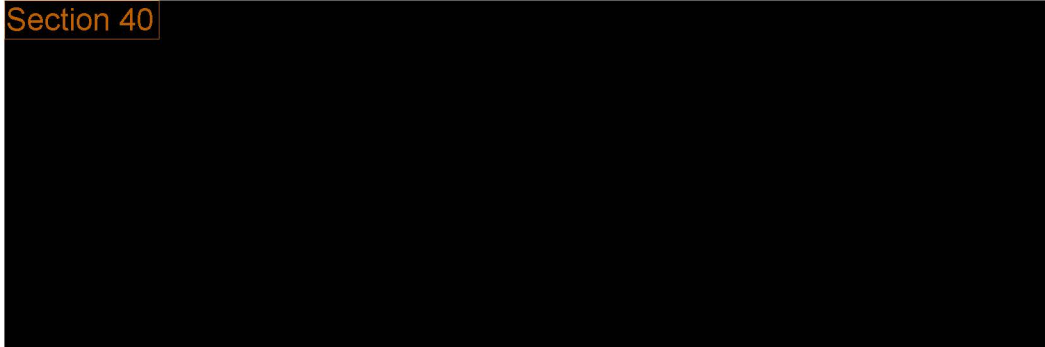
In previous correspondence, it was stated that Sec(AS)2 have no additional information regarding this sighting. You then pointed out that **Section 40** had formerly referred to reports forwarded to this office from the Home Office and the Police. I assumed you were aware of these reports as they were originally written by you and addressed to the Home Office and Police. They were then forwarded to Sec(AS) for reply. I can confirm that Sec(AS)2 holds all the papers you sent directly to us regarding the incident, including the UFOMEK report form and UFOMEK witness statement.

I have enclosed newspaper cuttings regarding the alleged incident over the former Home Secretary's house on 8 March 1997.

Yours sincerely,

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26th February, 1999.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 22 February, regarding my enquiry on the UFO sightings of 8 March, 1997.

Therefore I am writing to you under the terms of the Code of Practice on Access to Government information.

In your letter, you state that the only information that your department has with regard to a sighting on that date is from a member of the public, who drew Air Staff 2, attention to a report in a Kent newspaper. I would very much like to know what newspaper that was, and the date of the article, or the date when this member of the public contacted your department?

How you can say that your department has no other information, with regard to other sightings on the 8 March, 1997, seems impossible to believe, especially when Section 40 wrote to myself on the 3 July, 1997, to acknowledge receipt of two reports from the Home Office, and Chief Inspector Abbott, of Kent County Constabulary.

The reports we sent to the Home Office, and Kent Police, included a completed Section 40 report form, signed by the witness, and a complete witness statement on Section 40 headed paper, also signed and dated by the witness. I also believe that I sent another copy of the report to Section 40 along with a copy of a Field Investigation Report Form. Therefore, if you do not have these letters of correspondence, and supporting documents/papers, then which department has them?

I know from the Home Office that the report I sent them on 5 June, 1997, was passed onto your department on the 9 June, 1997. How you can claim that you only have details of one sighting for the date of 8 March, 1997, from a newspaper article, is absolutely unbelievable!

When the Press contacted your department in January, 1998, they were told that they knew nothing about this incident. And when another journalist contacted Air Staff 2, back in mid-July, 1997, he was sent a fax telling him the same thing. Can you please explain to me why your department still insist on denying all knowledge of the other incidents on the 8 March, 1997, when I they have received details of these as acknowledged by **Section 40** in her letter of 3 July, 1997, to me (copy enclosed).

Thanking you for your time and attention regarding this matter, and I await your reply with interest.

Yours Sincerely

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27 JUL 1997



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 July 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department concerning an alleged "UFO sighting" near the residence of the former Home Secretary, Michael Howard. Your letter and the supporting papers have been passed to the Ministry of Defence and I have been asked to reply. You also wrote to the Chief Inspector of the Operations Centre, Kent County Constabulary, Maidstone. Chief Inspector Section 40 has also forwarded his correspondence to me.

2. 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. The integrity of the United Kingdom's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force which remains vigilant for any potential military threat. Unless there is evidence of such a threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose. It would, however, be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

3. The MOD has no expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains open-minded. I should emphasize that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

4. MOD Air Defence staff have confirmed that there is no evidence to suggest an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region on 8 March. The Home Office has confirmed that no security incident occurred in the home of the former Home Secretary on this date as you allege in your letter.

5. I hope this explains the position.

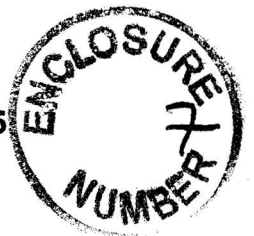
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Date
22 February 1999

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 10 February addressed to **Section 40** I have been asked to reply.

Having seen a list of reported 'UFO' sightings for 1997, you asked for a copy of a 'UFO' report from Hythe, Kent dated 8 March 1997. The inclusion of this date in the MOD list of alleged sightings during 1997 reflected the fact that a member of the public drew our attention to a report in a Kent newspaper about an alleged sighting in the Hythe area on that date. The MOD did not receive any reported sightings direct about what was alleged to have occurred although we did receive correspondence seeking more information. As you know, the MOD does not investigate alleged sightings unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source. On this occasion there was no substantive evidence and no further action was taken.

You have also asked for copies of any reports forwarded to the MOD by the civil police. Any reports of this nature would be provided in confidence and would not be available for public scrutiny for 30 years. This is due to the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967 all 'UFO' files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject 'UFO' report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Files from 1967 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room 8247,
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London,
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10 FEB 1999

Dear Section 40

Recently, your department sent one of our members, Section 40 of Section 40 Kent, a listing of all UFO sightings reported to the Ministry Of Defence during 1997.

One entry on that listing was for 8 March, 1997, at Hythe, Kent. Would it be possible for you to forward to me a copy of that report, of details of the time of the reported incident on that date, and the exact location, with brief description of what was observed?

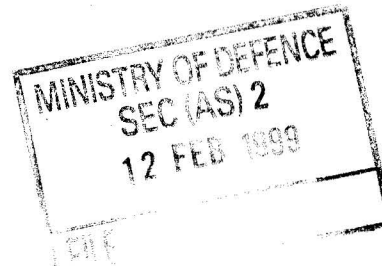
I would be most grateful for your co-operation regarding this particular incident.

Would it also be possible for us to obtain copies of incidents that are reported to the police, and in turn passed onto your department? I know from Section 40 of Quest Publications that this was done in the past.

Thanking you for your time and attention regarding this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date

24 August 1998

Dear

Section 40

Section 40 has asked me to reply to your letter of 17 August.

You say that you believe the enclosure forwarded with your letter is a fake and ask for advice on how to deal with it. As the document appears to have been unsolicited, I can only suggest that you treat it as you would any other unsolicited item of correspondence.

You also ask about how to respond to telephone calls. Most telephone companies offer an advisory service on how to deal with unwanted callers and you may therefore find it helpful to talk with the organisation providing your own facility.

Finally, if you or anyone you know feels threatened in any way by unsolicited mail or telephone calls you may also find it helpful to talk about your concerns with your local police force.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretariat (Air Staff)2,
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17 August, 1998.

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you with regard to the enclosed letter that I received this morning. As you can see it is from someone claiming to be an RAF Wing Commander. It is obvious that the letter is a fake, which I feel makes the matter more serious, as it shows that there is someone posing as a member of Her Majesty's Forces, of which I understand can be considered an offence.

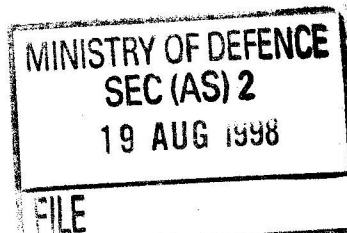
The reason I am sending this letter to you, is to make you aware that indeed there could well be someone posing as a member of the Royal Air Force. Should I discover who this is, what action do you suggest I take, if this person should send similar letters or makes telephone calls to either Section 40 or myself? Do you think it appropriate for me to report the matter to the local police, or report to you, should the identity of the person be discovered? I do know that through my dealings with the U.S. Airforce in the past, they take a very serious and dim view of persons impersonating personnel from their branch of the armed services.

Should this letter be from a genuine member of the RAF, imparting official information, then surely that is an offence within the constraints of the Official Secrets Act.

I await your reply with interest.

Yours Sir

Section 40



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17 AUG 1998



ROYAL AIR FORCE

1st August 1997

Section 40

As a scheduled first hand warning, you are no longer permitted to carry on investigations into the supposed triangular-shaped object that was seen over Burmarsh, Kent.

The report of this unidentified craft by Section 40 on the 10th March 1997 (which was received by researchers at Section 40) was made at haste. She had actually seen a Rapid Response military aircraft, but as to new developments, I am not permitted to release details on its structure. The "disc like" shape Section 40 saw attached to the rear of the aircraft was a distance radar, but yet again due to new developments I can only be vague about its description and function.

May I state, therefore, this is not Official Denial. Your co-operation into this matter is vital for the security of military intelligence. You should now, therefore, proceed to leave this mistake for Section 40 to realise and forget. Other reports have come through from Dymchurch of a similar supposed UFO. These reports were acknowledged by us and the relevant people were told the situation.

From our obvious co-operation, we would appreciate yours. This matter, as we both know is also causing "emotional stress" for certain individuals, and should only strengthen the need to pass this case by as solved.

Once again this is a Conditional Warning.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Wing Commander
Field Force Commander



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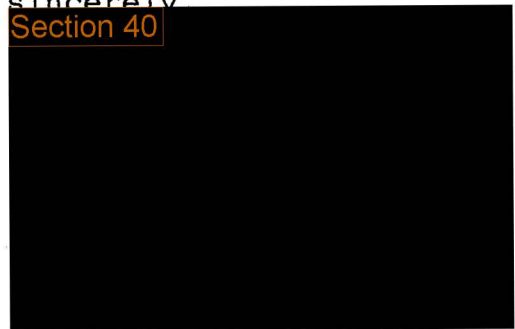
Date
3 March 1998

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 14 January which you sent again on 2 February. Your letter of 15 January addressed to the Home Secretary, which you repeated on 1 February, has been passed to MOD for reply.
2. The extent of the MOD's interest in the alleged events of 8 March last year have been fully explained to you in previous correspondence and, as we have already stated, the Home Office have confirmed that no security incident occurred at the former Home Secretary's home in Kent.
3. As my letter of 3 July made clear, the copy of the report you submitted to the Home Secretary with your undated letter in June last year was passed to the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Thank you for your letter of 14 January which you sent again on 2nd February. Your letter of 15 January addressed to the Home Secretary, which you repeated on 1 February, has been passed to MOD for reply.

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14 January, 1998.

REF:- D/sec(AS)/64/3 BURMARSH SIGHTING/Rt Hon MICHAEL HOWARD MP.

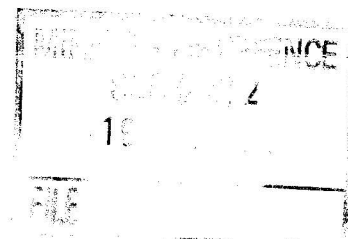
Dear Section 40

You may remember that in July, last year (1997), I was in contact with your department, regarding the sighting of a UFO in the vicinity of the Rt Hon Michael Howard MP residence during the early hours of 8 March, 1997. Your department received (I was led to believe), two copies of the report, one from the Home Office, and one from Chief Inspector Section 40 of Kent County Constabulary.

I am now writing to you regarding this sighting again, in the hope that your department has re-considered their position with regard to this sighting, as I think I stated to your department last year, our investigators will not give up on this matter.

We know have correspondence, from Kent County Constabulary which confirms that there was a security incident at the residence of Rt Hon Michael Howard MP, around the date of the UFO sighting. Not only that we were contacted by a member of the security contingent who was on duty on the night in question, who has stated that the unidentified object was directly over the residence of Mr. Howard.

East Kent Euro MP Mark Watts, brought the matter before the European Parliament, on 23 May, 1997, and I have been in contact with Mr Watts' office, and he has promised to look further into the matter.



In your letter of 3 July, 1997, you state that to date no UFO sighting has revealed evidence of being a threat to National Security, however it is quite obvious, even to a blind man, that this particular incident carries very serious security implications.

How can an unidentified aerial craft fly so close, or even over the residence of a Senior Cabinet Minister, and no one raise so much as an eyebrow? As far as **Section 40** is concerned the object seen is unidentified, which in our books DOES NOT MEAN that it is an Alien space craft. With it therefore being unidentified, then surely because of its near presence to such an important Government person who held the position of Home Secretary, this must surely be one of the most serious breaches of security that one could ever imagine, as the object in question was unidentified, and therefore by not knowing what it was, should surely raise questions as to its true identity. (Unless of course someone in Government already knows?). The object could just as easily have been a helicopter carrying a terrorist.

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I await your reply with interest.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

We did not say that - we did not answer the question!

Section 40

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1,
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB.

2 February, 1998.

REF:- D/sec(AS)/64/3 BURMARSH SIGHTING/Rt Hon MICHAEL HOWARD MP.

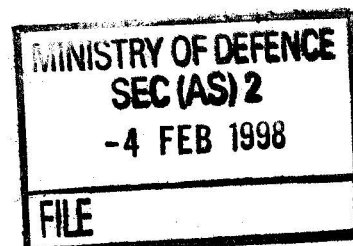
Dear Section 40

You may remember that in July, last year (1997), I was in contact with your department, regarding the sighting of a UFO in the vicinity of the Rt Hon Michael Howard MP residence during the early hours of 8 March, 1997. Your department received (I was led to believe), two copies of the report, one from the Home Office, and one from Chief Inspector Section 40 of Kent County Constabulary.

I am now writing to you regarding this sighting again, in the hope that your department has re-considered their position with regard to this sighting, as I think I stated to your department last year, our investigators will not give up on this matter.

We know have correspondence, from Kent County Constabulary which confirms that there was a security incident at the residence of Rt Hon Michael Howard MP, around the date of the UFO sighting. Not only that we were contacted by a member of the security contingent who was on duty on the night in question, who has stated that the unidentified object was directly over the residence of Mr. Howard.

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Yours Sincerely

Section 40



Low flying / UFOs



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 0938 /1998

Date 13 FEB 1998

The Secretary of State at HOME OFFICE has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MB Section 40 EXT Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
13 FEB 1998
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Section 40
[Redacted]

HOME OFFICE
-4 FEB 1998
[Redacted]

The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP,
Secretary Of State for The Home Department
Home Office,
50 Queen Anne's Gate,
LONDON,
SW1H 9AT.

0938

1 February, 1998.

Dear Sir,

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The reason I know write to you is to ask whether your staff, or yourself, can please confirm to me that the report was passed by your department to Air Staff 2a1 at the Ministry Of Defence, was on the date of 9 June, 1997?

If you or your department could confirm this for me, I would be most appreciative.

Thanking you for your time in this matter,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40
[Redacted]

UFOs



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 0603 /1998

Date 29-1-98

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MB **Section 40** EXT **Section 40**

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
30 JAN 1998
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Section 40



The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP,
Secretary Of State for The Home Department
Home Office,
50 Queen Anne's Gate,
LONDON,
SW1H 9AT.

HOME OFFICE
19 JAN 1998
TREAT OF

0603

15 January, 1998.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40



PARLIAMENTARY
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ROOM 6134 MAIN BLDG

9 Feb 98

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2
Room ~~8249~~ 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Dear

Section 40

14 Jan
(repeated 2 Feb)

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter/complaint of
~~about military aircraft activity.~~

We aim to reply to such letters/complaints within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to current administrative difficulties it may not be possible to reply to you within this timescale.

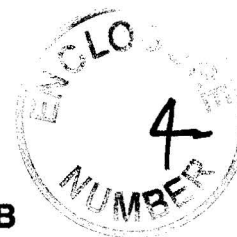
Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room 8247, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS) 64/3
Date
29th August 1997

Section 40

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 4th August. I have no further comment to make on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

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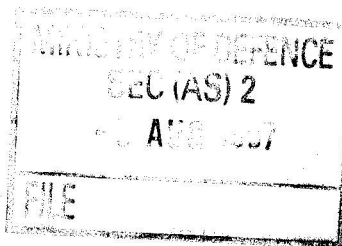
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Secretariat (Air Staff)2
Ministry Of Defence
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4 August, 1997.

Reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3.

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your communication dated 29 July.

Yes you are correct in your assumption that your reply was rather disappointing. However there are a few things that I should like to point out, in the hope that you can give me some kind of constructive reply.

In your letter you state that "the Ministry Of Defence has only a limited interest in "UFO" - related issues and, within the terms of this remit, I am satisfied that you were provided with the facts of the case". Well despite not receiving any facts what so ever from your department, I am puzzled by you comment regarding the MODs' role in the "UFO"-related issues. If this is so, can you please explain to me, why on documents that are available for all to see at the Public Records Office, from the MOD, they have a distribution list. Just who are DI55 and DSTI? Why should they receive copies of "UFO"- related issues?

Now onto Section 40 correspondence. In her letter she states in paragraph two the following:- "The MOD examines any reports of UFOs, solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance."

"no UFO sightings has revealed such evidence."

"no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each reported incident..."

The MOD examine but they don't identify, because they're sure that if they did divert resources to a study, everything would be explained. As they have no role or expertise in UFOs, one has to question the validity of any statement that the MOD makes on the subject. Not exactly reassuring to think that if an enemy aircraft looked disc-like or triangular they would dismiss its violation of UK airspace as UFO phenomena...no further action required!

Also in my original letter to the Home Secretary, not once did I mention ETs, yet Section 40 [redacted] says that the MOD remains open-minded on the ET theory regarding UFO sightings. It seems like the MOD is very keen to keep that side of the question very much on the agenda, not that I suspect that (AS)2A has knowledge of ETs, more likely that it clouds the central issue regarding the origin of what in some cases is clearly a structured craft...hardly the "alleged phenomena" to which Section 40 [redacted] refers to in paragraph 3.

Perhaps you could possibly clear this matter up once and for all, and please explain to me why Section 40 [redacted] letter, totally contradicts itself.

Thanking you for your time in dealing with this matter.

Section 40 [redacted]



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Your reference

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 Date
 29th July 1997

Section 40

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As you know, the Secretary of State for Defence's Special Adviser, Alasdair McGowan, has forwarded your letter of 8th July to Secretariat (Air Staff).

I am sorry you were not happy with **Section 40** response to your letter to the Home Secretary. In view of the comments you have made to Mr McGowan I have reviewed the correspondence and the way your letter was handled. As you know, the Ministry of Defence has only a limited interest in 'UFO'-related issues and, within the terms of this remit, I am satisfied that you were provided with the facts of the case. There really is nothing further to say.

I am sorry to send what I know will be a disappointing reply.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB

Telephone 0171-218 2911

Alasdair McGowan

SPECIAL ADVISER TO
SECRETARY OF STATE

D/SA (16/97)

Section 40

14th July 1997

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 8th July.

I appreciate that you have already been in correspondence with Secretariat (Air Staff) but, given that this subject does not directly fall within my responsibilities at the MOD, I have passed your letter back to them, as they are the appropriate branch within the Ministry of Defence to deal with this topic.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

A D MCGOWAN

Replied

OUR REF
16/97

Section 40

Mr Alistair Mc Gowan,
Ministry Of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB.

8 July, 1997.

Dear Mr Mc Gowan,

I am writing to you regarding a UFO sighting report that was sent to the current Home Secretary (Rt Hon Jack Straw MP). This report regarded the sighting of a reported "Unidentified craft", seen near and possibly above the residence of the former Home Secretary (Rt Hon Michael Howard), on 8 March, 1997.

I have received a reply from Section 40 of Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1, of which I was not happy with.

In her letter of 3 July, she states: "MOD Air Defence Staff have confirmed that there is no evidence to suggest an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region on 8 March". However at least twelve witnesses observed an "Unidentified craft", at six different locations. All describe seeing the same or similar type object. Can we then conclude in respect of the MOD Air Defence Staff reply, that all these people were seeing something that wasn't there?

The "Unidentified craft", was seen at Lydd at 02:10 and 03:00 hrs/ Burmarsh between 03:05/03:07 hrs/Lymene (Mr Howards' property), at 03:08 hrs/Ashford at 03:10 hrs/Smeeth at 03:20 hrs/Aldington at 03:30 hrs. This object was flying around these areas for about one and a half hours, and yet we are expected to believe that Air Defence Staff, did not observe this event on radar?

It should not be forgotten that on the night of March 30/31 1990, when two Belgian F-16 aircraft, were in pursuit of an "Unidentified craft" which came within six minutes of British airspace. And once again the British public were led to believe that the MOD knew nothing of the events of that night. It is a known fact that Belgium is a member of NATO, and that all other NATO member countries are informed of any "uncorrelated" targets, tracked on radar by other Countries, and that they have launched intercept aircraft. So for the MOD not to have known of the events that night, they must have been asleep.

In the letter and document that was sent to the Home Secretary, was also a petition that was signed by concerned members of the public who felt that there was a very serious matter regarding security, with regard to the "Unidentified craft" being seen near the Rt Hon Michael Howards' residence (Burmarsh one and half mile SE/Aldington two miles NW). Can you please tell me what has happened to this petition?

With regard to the "Unidentified craft" being seen over Rt Hon Howards' residence. This was observed by a Fire Brigade crew, who must have been on the track (road) leading to his property, as you cannot see the above mentioned property from the main road (B2067), because the wood blocks the view. So what was the fire crew doing near the Rt Hon Michael Howards' property at that time of the morning? Again I quote from **Section 40** letter of 3 July, she states:- "The Home Office have confirmed that no security incident occurred at the home of the former Home Secretary on this date". So what were the fire crew doing there? Are we expected to believe that the fire crew were lying? What could they possibly gain from doing so?

I wonder if you have read the report that was passed onto the MOD, by the Home Office? I understand that Chief Inspector **Section 40** of the Operations Centre, at the Kent County Constabulary Headquarters, has also forwarded a copy of the report/correspondence to the MOD. Should you have read this report, I would be very interested in your comments. Like other concerned residents of Kent, I feel that this incident does pose the possibility of a security risk, if not of a Defence issue.

I await your reply with interest, and thank you for taking the time in looking into this matter.

Section 40





From **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
4 July 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 1 July concerning "unidentified flying objects".
2. You should by now have received my letter of 3 July which covers the points you raised in your letter to the Home Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

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Air Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A1
Ministry Of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SE1A 2HB.

1st July, 1997.

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you, as I understand that a letter, and a report regarding a UFO sighting in the Burmarsh/Lymene area of Kent, which was sent by myself to the Home Secretary, was passed on to you by his department.

As you may be aware, the said sighting of the "Unidentified craft", was also reportedly seen over the former Home Secretary's (Michael Howard), residence. I will not go into detail as to the alleged witnesses who claimed to have seen it over Mr. Howards' home, (and if you have read the report you will know who they are), but just to say that we are now very close to finding the two fire officers. Incidentally this is not the only fire crew to see something unusual over the Sherway area of Kent. It has come to my notice that a fire crew whilst out on a call at approximately 04:00 hrs, over this past weekend saw a very brightly lit "Unidentified object" over the roof tops of houses.

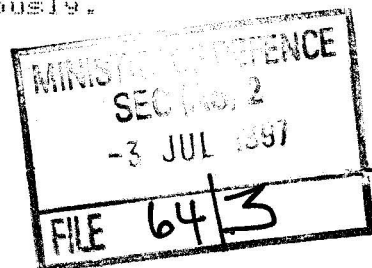
With regard to the Burmarsh sighting, as stated in the report and letter to the Home Secretary the Rt Hon Jack Straw, MP., in this particular case there is a very serious matter of security. As this involved the "Unidentified craft" not being just near the former Home Secretary's residence, but also possibly over the grounds of his property, I would very much like to know your reaction to this particular incident, or that of your superiors?

As I understand from the Home Office, the report was transferred to your department on the 9th of June, so I wonder what action has been taken by the Ministry Of Defence, regarding this matter, and why your department has not contacted me regarding same? If you would wish me to, I will keep you informed of the investigation as it progresses. I should also point out that the said "Unidentified craft" was also seen at the following places and times:- Lydd 02:10 hrs./Lydd 03:00 hrs./Ashford 03:10 hrs./Smeeth 03:20 hrs./Aldington 03:30 hrs. These sightings were all on the same night, as the Burmarsh/Lymene sightings, and all describe the same object. I also enclose another completed form which should be attached to the report you already have.

I await your reply with interest, however on this occasion can you not please send out your usual standard reply that is normally sent, but a proper serious reply, as I am sure you will agree this is a very serious matter, and demands to be treated seriously.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40



FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT FORM

Date Of Sighting: 08th MARCH 1997

Time Of SIGHTING: 03:05 Hours.

Location Of Sighting: JUNCTION OF DONKEY STREET, WITH LOWER WALL ROAD,
BURMARSH, KENT.National Map Grid Reference Of Observer: APPROX $51^{\circ}N / 01^{\circ}01'E$,National Map Grid Reference Of Object If Known: APPROX ~~51~~ $51^{\circ}N / 01^{\circ}01'E$

General Description Of Local Terrain Where Object Was Seen: FLAT FIELD WITH CROPS WHERE OBJECT SEEN. HILLS TO THE NORTH, AND FLAT AREAS OF THE ROMNEY MARSH TO THE WEST. THE SEA IS TO THE SOUTH. A SEWER SYSTEM RUNS THROUGH THE FIELD, WITH THE ROYAL MILITARY CANAL RUNNING TO THE NORTH OF THE FIELD. UFO WAS SEEN IN WOODS TO THE NORTH AND NORTH WEST OF THE AREA, AND A WILDLIFE ZOO PARK TO THE NORTH WEST.

Are There Any Radio Transmission Masts Near Locality: ~~Yes~~/NoAre There Any Water Reservoirs Near Locality: ~~Yes~~/No BUT THERE IS A SEWER SYSTEM RUNNING THROUGH THE FIELD WHERE OBJECT WAS SEEN.Are There Any Military Installations Near Locality: ~~Yes~~/No THERE ARE ARMY SMALL ARMS RANGES ABOUT $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILES TO THE SOUTH EAST, AND ARMY SMALL ARMS RANGES ABOUT 10 MILES TO THE SOUTH WEST.Are There Any Nuclear Facilities Near Locality: ~~Yes~~/No DUNGENESS POWER STATION ABOUT $10\frac{1}{2}$ MILES TO THE SOUTH WEST.Did The Object Leave Any Physical Traces: ~~Yes~~/No

What Were The Traces Found: N/A-

Did The Object Affect Anything During Its Presence: ~~Yes~~/No

Name Of Witness: Section 40

Age Of Witness: Section 40 D.O.B Section 40

Address Of Witness: Section 40
HYTHE, KENT.

What Was The Witness Doing Immediately Before The Sighting:

DRIVING HOME AFTER DROPPING OFF SOME FRIENDS.

What Was The Witness Movements On The Day Of Sighting:

Did Anything Unusual Occur To The Witness Before The Sighting:

WITNESS SAID SHE FELT THE HAIR ON THE BACK OF HER NECK - STAND-UP WHEN SHE SAW THE OBJECTS LIGHTS IN THE DISTANCE

Has The Witness Had Any Previous Sightings: ~~Yes~~/No

Has The Witness Ever Had Any Previous Psychic Experiences: ~~Yes~~/No

Was The Witness Receiving Any Medication At The Time Of The Incident: ~~Yes~~/No

Was The Incident Reported To Any Other Organisation (U F O Group/Newspaper Ect)
FOLKESTONE HERALD. (SOUTH KENT NEWSPAPER)

If The Incident Was Reported To The Authorities What Feed Back Was There:

If The Incident Was Reported To Another U F O Group What Was Their Conclusions:

N/A.

What Does The Witness Think The Object Could Have Been: *THOUGHT THAT IT WAS POSSIBLY A STEALTH OF ADVANCED FUTURISTIC AIRCRAFT, BUT THEN FELT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO OBJECTS BEHAVIOUR, AND WAS A UFO.*

How Do They Come To The Conclusion That They Have Reached:

BECAUSE OF THE OBSERVED OBJECTS BEHAVIOUR,

Has The Witness Suffered Any Effects Since The Incident: *NO.*

How Did The Witness Come Across During The Time You Spoke To Them Concerning The Incident: *WAS STILL VERY FRIGHTENED AT TIME OF INTERVIEW.*

Has The Witness Ever Read Any Books On UFOs: ~~Yes~~/No

What Is The Witnesses Feeling On UFOs: *HAS FOUND IT FASCINATING SINCE THE SIGHTING.*

Has Any Other Member Of The Witness's Family Ever Seen A UFO: ~~Yes~~/No

Are There Any Other Comments Or Details Regarding This Incident That May Be Of Relevance:

(Use Separate Sheet If Needed)

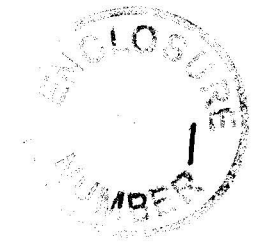
Signature Of Field Investigator

Section 40

Date: 14 MAR 1997



From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Telephone (Direct dial) 0171 218 2140
(Switchboard) 0171 218 9000
(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 July 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department concerning an alleged "UFO sighting" near the residence of the former Home Secretary, Michael Howard. Your letter and the supporting papers have been passed to the Ministry of Defence and I have been asked to reply. You also wrote to the Chief Inspector of the Operations Centre, Kent County Constabulary, Maidstone. Chief Inspector **Section 40** has also forwarded his correspondence to me.

2. 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 UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. The integrity of the United Kingdom's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force which remains vigilant for any potential military threat. Unless there is evidence of such a threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose. It would, however, be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

3. The MOD has no expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains open-minded. I should emphasize that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

4. MOD Air Defence staff have confirmed that there is no evidence to suggest an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region on 8 March. The Home Office has confirmed that no security incident occurred in the home of the former Home Secretary on this date as you allege in your letter.

5. I hope this explains the position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



64/3

Sec(As)

UFO incident

I should be grateful if you would arrange for a reply to be sent, on behalf of Section 40 of State, to the attached correspondence from dated 21.6.97.... It must be placed on a Departmental registered file. An acknowledgement has not been sent. If another branch has responsibility for the subject, please pass it direct to them and inform this office.

2. The Secretary of State attaches importance to letters addressed to him being answered promptly. You should, therefore, send a reply within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this is not possible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

3. Whilst we make every effort to ensure that letters are only sent out for official reply when there is no obvious reason for a Minister to reply, you should confirm to your own satisfaction that a Ministerial reply would not be more appropriate. In particular if a Parliamentary Enquiry relating to the same issue is in hand, or where you believe the subject is particularly sensitive, you should consider carefully whether you need to draw this letter to the attention of the Parliamentary Branch and Private Office.

4. I am sending copies of this minute, with the attachment, to:

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The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
Secretary Of State for The Home Department
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Dear Sir,

I would very much like to see a full public enquiry into the recent UFO incident of the 8th March that occurred at/near the residence of the former Home Secretary Michael Howard.

As Michael Howard is my MP, I tried to bring up the issue with Roger Gale MP, who was unable to help (see enclosures). I have turned to your Department as a last resort. I would also like to express my indignance and outrage at the way this incident has been ignored.

I have enclosed a full report and a completed petition which should demonstrate that there is some public concern relating to this issue.

I would be grateful to you, if you would raise this issue as a Parliamentary Question, something to the effect:-

"To ask The Right Hon. Member for Fokestone and Hythe (i) was he in his Sherway Residence during the early hours of 8th March, 1997? (ii) what was the nature of the security incident at his Sherway Residence during the early hours of 8th March, 1997?; and if he will make a statement."

I should also like to point out, that many others including myself do feel that there is a very serious matter of security involving this particular incident. It is also felt that it is quite inconceivable that the Government continue to deny or even acknowledge the existence of UFOs, in spite of all the evidence, such as CIA/NSA/FBI records which have been released over the years in the United states, and of course the MOD records now available for inspection at the Public Records Office. If the Government continue to maintain that there no serious problems concerning UFOs, then why the records, and Departmental records?

I await your reply with interest.

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25 May 1997

The Honourable Roger Gale MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Sir,

I have been reading extracts from a book on the subject of UFOs called "Open Skies-Closed Minds" by a Mr Nick Pope. I found the material quite incredible, especially coming from a civil servant in The Ministry of Defence.

What I find quite inconceivable is that the government continue to deny or even acknowledge the existence of UFOs in spite of all the evidence.

For The Ministry of Defence to claim that incidents such as that at Rendlesham Forest in 1980 are of no defence significance is totally outrageous and I feel this policy needs to be reversed.

It would not be a good idea for me to approach my own MP, Michael Howard on this, as I understand he had an experience of his own (see enclosure). Nevertheless, I feel that this particular incident is a grave matter of security.

I hope you will consider raising these issues in Parliament.

Yours Sincerely

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Roger Gale, M.P.

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 25th May which has been received in our office during Mr Gale's absence.

There is a very strict Parliamentary convention and Members of Parliament do not deal with each other's constituents' enquiries and we would normally send your correspondence on to Michael Howard for attention. However, as you do not seem to want to contact Mr Howard we are returning this to you.

With my best wishes
Yours sincerely

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Parliamentary Office Secretary

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"TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE PETITION OF A NUMBER OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT AND ELSEWHERE DECLARES THAT THERE WAS AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE MP FOR FOLKESTONE AND RYTHE (SHEPWAY), ON OR AROUND THE 8TH OF MARCH, 1997.

THE PETITIONERS THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE HOME DEPARTMENT SHOULD HOLD A FULL PUBLIC ENQUIRY INTO THE SAID INCIDENT, AND PUBLICISE ANY SUCH FINDINGS THAT MAY ARISE FROM SAID INQUIRY.

AND THE PETITIONERS REMAIN ETC."

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Address:

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Age/D.O.B:

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Date of observation: 08/03/97. Time: 03:00 hrs

Locality of observation: DUNKEY ST. BURMASH, WEST HYTHE.

How long was the object visible: 1 minute

Please describe the weather conditions if possible: cloudy. Cold.

Position of Sun/Moon in relation to object seen: N/A -

Please try and describe the object seen as best as you can: TRIANGULAR/ELONGATED.
Size about 2 planes in length.

Was the object brighter than the background sky: Yes.

If so was it brighter than the Sun/Moon/Headlights: Lights bright Diamond faceted effect / in full view.

Was the object observed through binoculars/telescope: N/A -

Try to give an approximation of the objects size: about size of two large passenger planes in length.

How did you happen to notice the object: Saw the lights in front of car to the left.

Where were you and what were you doing at the time: Driving home after dropping off friends -

Please try and estimate the distance of the object: About 3-400 metres.

Are there any Airports/Military/Governmental facilities in the area of your observation:

Army Ranges Newbury.

Have you ever seen anything else which you would describe as unusual: N/A

(If yes please give details on a separate sheet of paper)

Please draw a rough sketch of the area and of the object observed on the reverse of this form.

Have you reported the incident to anyone else (if so who and when): N/A.

Please enclose any photographs/video which will be returned if requested. N/A.

Do you object to us using your name with regard to this report: No.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this incident.

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Date: 14.3.97.

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STATEMENT OF DECLARATION

I..... Section 40

OF..... Section 40 *BY ME*

DECLARE THAT THE DETAILS GIVEN BY MYSELF, ARE TO MY KNOWLEDGE TRUE AND CORRECT. I ALSO APPROVE/~~DO NOT APPROVE~~ OF MY NAME BEING USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT GIVEN BY ME.

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SIGNED: Section 40

DATE: *14.3.97*

SIGNED: Section 40
(UFOMEK INVESTIGATOR)

DATE: *14 March 1997*

BURMARSH SIGHTING WITNESS STATEMENT

"It was very early in the morning, I think it was about three o'clock. I was driving back from dropping some friends off and I was coming down the road and I felt, I said afterwards to other people since, that I felt really weird. I was really looking over my shoulder on the way home. I was a bit scared, a weird feeling anyway.

And I saw something in front of me, and thought "Oh my God what the hell is it?", and sort of slowed down because I thought it was coming at me, and it stopped in a field in front of me. Probably 3 to 400 yards away, and I slowed down looking at it. It was just this huge triangle thing, which was a lot bigger than an aeroplane, but there is no way that I could have mistaken it for an aeroplane. or anything like that.

It had lights all around the outside, and this disc attached to the back, and a big light on the front. I pulled up to stop, and as I did it shot off. Literally shot off. I thought "Oh God what is this? This is really, really scary." And it stopped again, sort of another 500 yards away from me, and it did that four times. It just shot further and further away, but stopped four times, sort of moved for about 5-6 seconds, stopped for 2 sec's, then moved again for another 5-6 seconds and so on. The object was moving Westwards., and all the time it was making this weird humming sound. There was no other noise, like an aircraft engine.

It was really peculiar, it was, I wouldn't say shiny, but looked more sort of tin foily, sort of shimmery. It was shiny in places, and not in others. I just don't know what it was, it was so weird. The lights were really bright, a very bright one at the front, and when it shot off, I saw a light in each corner, which were white in colour. The ones around the outside were a sort of yellow-white, and there was also a circle of light in the middle, of the same colour as the outside ones.

When I first saw it, the point was facing me, but when it shot off it sort of.... I don't know, it must have swiveld, but I don't remember it swivelling, because I could see it side on then, and I could see underneath as it shot off, and there was this circle of lights.

I probably got a good look at it literally for a matter of seconds, and then it flicked off, and then stopped for a few seconds, and then it flicked off again and so on. I would say no more than 25 seconds, if that. I saw it for quite a long time in the distance, because I saw all these lights, and thought they were just lights. It wasn't until I got closer that I thought "Bloody hell, what is that?" So maybe I saw it for a lot longer that I thought.

It wasn't something like you see on television, like the futuristic planes,

well you can always tell that they are planes. Where as this was not like that. I was really frightened by it, and I'm not stupid. I don't believe in anything like that (UFO's). This is not something I've ever seen before or like something we would have built. It was just too weird, too odd, and the strange shimmer effect. It looked like an object suspended, had no wobble or anything like that. And when it moved off it was like a fluid movement, it was really odd. There was no slowing down or speeding up during each movement, like when you flip a coin or stone across the water.

The object was like an equilateral triangle, about double the size of an airliner, maybe as big as a football field. It wasn't very thick, but seemed thin along the edges, but sort of mounding in the middle. As I said there was this humming sound, like the sound you hear when you stand under overhead power cables. When I first heard the noise I thought it was the car engine playing up, and put my foot on the accelerator, for a second or two, but the noise was still there, and it was then that I realised the sound was coming from the object.

When the object finally disappeared, I kept looking around in the sky, thinking "Oh God where has it gone?" Looking for lights, anything, even aircraft lights and it was then that I noticed there were no stars visible.

All the time I had the feeling of the hairs standing up on the back of my neck, and I was convinced I had someone in the car with me. I felt really scared, as I drove home. I think I arrived home about twenty past three, maybe half-past three, I don't remember. But I woke everyone up and told them what I had seen and had a drink to calm me down. I was really sh

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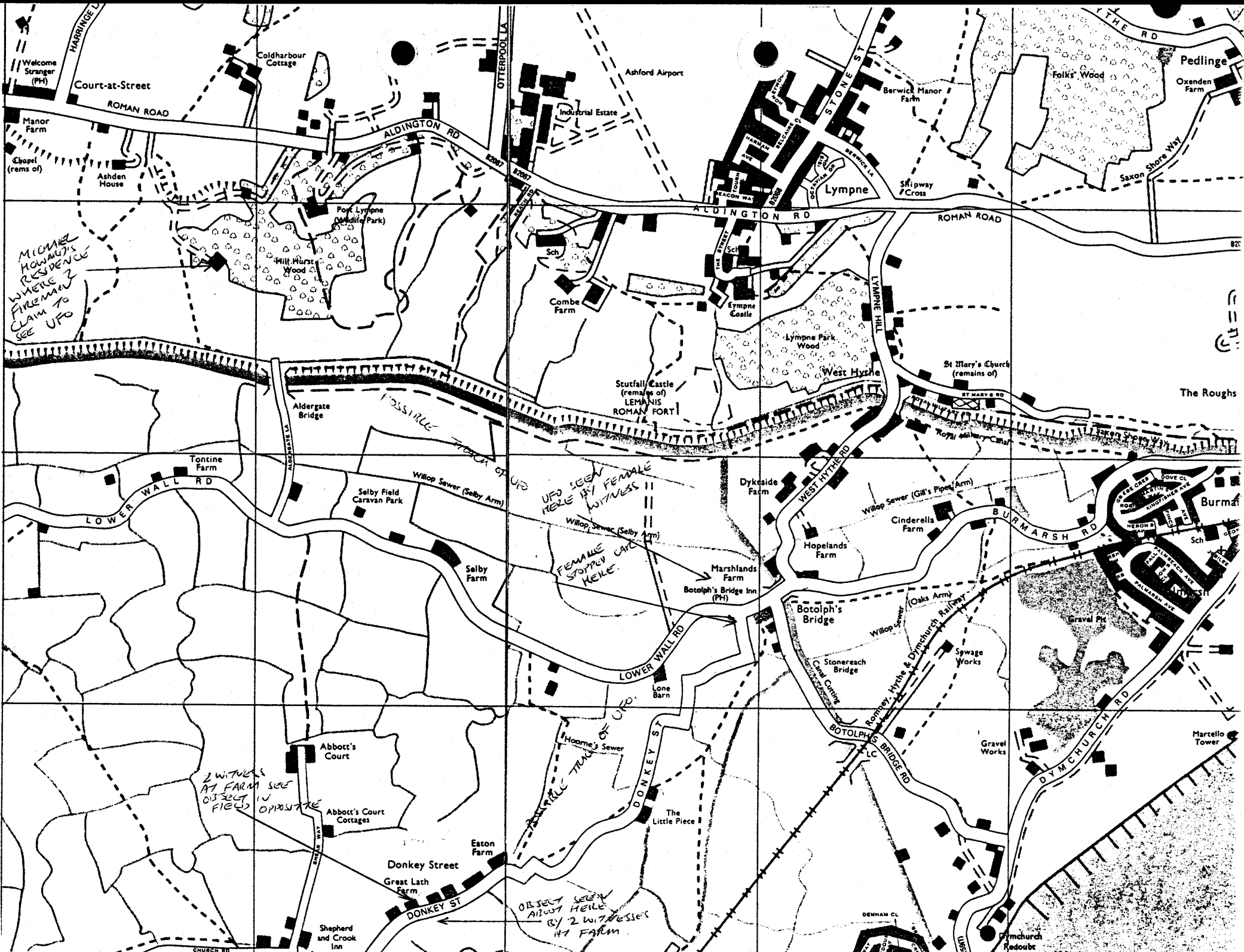
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MICHAEL HOWARD'S RESIDENCE WHERE FIREMAN 2 CLAIM TO SEE UFO

UFO SEEN HERE BY FEMALE WITNESS

FEMALE STOPPED HERE

2 WITNESSES AT FARM SEE OBJECT IN OPPOSITE FIELD

OBJECT SEEN ABOUT HERE BY 2 WITNESSES AT FARM

POSSIBLE TRACK OF UFO

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UFO is sighted over the marsh!

By Sarah Hall

SHEPWAY has once again become the centre of a wave of suspected UFO sightings.

Three people contacted the *Herald* this week after a strange object was seen looming in the sky over the Romney Marsh area in the early hours of last Saturday morning.

Sophie Wadleigh, 25, of Shepherds walk, Hythe

was so peculiar, it all felt really odd and I heard this humming noise.

"As I looked across the field I saw a large triangular shaped flying craft hovering about 300 metres off the ground.

"It had a large dome at one end and a lot of bright lights around the sides and looked quite shiny — I really had no idea what it

was and just sat in the car looking at it.

"After a few seconds it shot off leaving in a flash of light, travelling about 500m across the field and stopping again.

"It did this four times and then flew into the distance and I watched until it was out of sight.

"I have talked to friends since who have said that it was probably an aeroplane or an advanced Stealth bomber — but I have never seen anything like it before."

And it would seem the strange object was also spotted by two men as they returned home from a night out.

Ji Lane, 23, and Christopher Lee, 27, from Lathe Farm in New Romney were just locking up when they spotted a mysterious shape in the field opposite.

Mr Lane said: "It was crazy — I was getting a drink in the kitchen when I saw these strange lights in the sky just over the field across the road from our house.

"I wasn't sure what they were as they weren't moving so I called Chris and we both watched this weird floating object.

"We could only just make it out as we were quite far away, but when we ran outside to get a better look it had shot into the distance."

Silent

Mr Lee added: "If it was an aeroplane of some sort you would have expected there to have been loads of noise but this was silent.

"Also it was a lot longer than a plane and moved incredibly quickly — I have no idea what it was and we were both left speechless."

Both descriptions of the UFO fit those researched by the Shepway based UFOMEK monitoring group — who have collated files on reported UFO sightings in the area.

According to UFOMEK strange objects seen in the sky are usually described by 'spotters' as triangular disc-like objects with a

finish almost like a diamond.

These objects are also said to be capable of staying completely still and then shooting off at incredible speeds, normally after a dramatic flash in the air.

Local expert and UFOMEK assistant co-ordinator, Chris Rolfe from Hill Road, Folkestone said: "I am really not at all surprised at the descriptions given about the flying objects — these flying triangles have been spotted all over the country."

Myth

"The earliest record we have of such a sighting was in 1973, when a group of boys at the Duke of York's school in Dover spotted the triangular shaped UFO.

"We don't know what they are but the humming noise rules out the Stealth bomber myth as they make no noise at all.

"The really peculiar thing about this sighting is that we thought something might happen as much of Folkestone experienced a power cut last week — an occurrence which often happens before or after a sighting."

Mr Rolfe also believes the military know all about the mysterious craft spotted in the sky.

He claims that after several UFO sightings RAF and NATO aircraft have been seen patrolling the area.

He said: "We believe the military know a lot more than they are letting on about these sightings.

"For example a couple who reported a UFO in Thanet also told of military activity in Minnis Bay and numerous other people have seen RAF planes patrolling sighting spots.

"We don't know what these objects are at this moment in time and unfortunately can only record them as Unidentifiable Flying Objects."

Anyone wanting to report a UFO can contact Chris Rolfe at UFOMEK on (01303) 254774.

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Spaceships, aliens and the Home Sec

through her window, and when she 76381.

UFO'S spotted over Shepway could have been looking for Home Secretary, Michael Howard, experts have warned.

By Sarah Hall

Following reports of mystery aircraft sightings in New Romney and Burmarsh in last week's *Herald*, Chris Rolfe, coordinator of UFOMEK, has highlighted the closeness of the sightings to the Shepway MP's home near the old Lympne Castle ruins.

And he fears that the position of the sightings is more than just coincidence.

Mr Rolfe cautioned: "It would seem the UFO was totally disinterested in Sophie, the girl who reported it and watched it for quite a long time.

"This certainly makes it seem like it had a purpose and has left me wondering if it's purpose had something to do with Mr Howard."

However Mr Rolfe was amazed to learn that Mr Howard's party agent knew all about the UFO.

He said: "I phoned Mr Howard's party agent in Folkestone and asked whether Mr Howard had seen anything strange I was immediately asked if I meant the UFO.

"The story in last

week's *Herald* only said Donkey Street as the sight of the spotting.

"Donkey Street is a very long road and the report did not state which end the UFO was seen at - so it seems very odd that those close to Mr Howard already knew that it was near his house."

And now Mr Rolfe and UFOMEK would like to see some questions answered.

"I would like to know whether anyone spotted any strange men poking about around the area afterwards or whether Mr Howard's security system was activated in any way.

"The whole story is creating a lot of interest all over England and when

you think of the implications it is quite easy to see why.

"I would love to know what the Government think of a strange aircraft being spotted near to the home of one of its senior cabinet ministers."

Sophie Wadleigh, of Shepherds Walk, Hythe, who saw the large object in the sky while driving home in the early hours of Saturday, March 8 said:

"The UFO I saw was a large triangular shaped craft with bright lights running all round it's edge - it was above the field which lays directly opposite the turn off to Donkey Street in Burmarsh.

"When you have seen something like that you have to ask yourself why was it there - and maybe the Home secretary was the reason."

When the *Herald* contacted Mr Howard's office he was unavailable for comment.

Extract from The Folkestone Herald; 20.3.97

CONCLUSIONS

A:- Whilst we do not pretend to know what it was that was observed, we think we can make some suggestions as to what it wasn't.

- (1): AIRCRAFT:- No normal aircraft looks like this object, or even performs the way that this observed object did.
- (2): HELICOPTER:- A helicopter can hover, however the sheer size of the observed object rules this out, and the noise from a helicopter would have been horrendous given the height of the observed object.
- (3): STEALTH TECHNOLOGY:- There have been suggestions that the object observed was a Stealth bomber. Firstly, there are only 15 of these aircraft in the USAF inventory and they have only become on a fully operational status in April of this year (1997), according to our sources.

Because of the sheer cost of the B-2 Stealth bomber (said to be approximately 22 million per aircraft), would the USAF risk flying the aircraft over European Countries? So far as we know the B-2 has only appeared twice in Europe, both times during International Airshows, at Paris, France in 1995, and again at the 1996 Farnborough Airshow.

The B-2 bomber cannot hover, and makes a tremendous amount of noise, and the shape of the aircraft in no way resembles a triangle. The object observed had many lights on its base, which is something that the Stealth bomber does not have. If the B-2 had the amount of lights that this object had, it would not be Stealth.

- (4): BALLOON:- It has been suggested that the object observed have been a new generation of balloon. This could be a possibility, but again the size of the object which the main witness describes as being about the size of a field, or two passenger planes end to end, rules this out as a possible explanation, until such time as hard evidence becomes available.
- (5): HALLUCINATION:- It is felt that this could not be a possible explanation for the sightings, as we feel it to be impossible for five different witnesses at three different locations (Donkey St, Burmarsh/Lower Wall Rd, Burmarsh/Aldersate Lane Lympne), to experience the same hallucination. Also information has come to light that other witnesses saw the same or similar triangle object at Lydd, and Aldington.
- (6): TEMPERATURE INVERSION:- Due to not having the appropriate data, we cannot say for sure if this could be the answer. However we feel confident that this is not the explanation.

(7): ASTRONOMICAL:- The old chestnut, ie the Planet Venus. This explanation may sound ludicrous, but the M.C.D. and R.A.F. along with the U.S. Air Force, have often come up with this explanation to try and explain sightings of UFO's. However on this occasion it was cloudy/overcast with no stars visible. So unless Venus has the ability to sprout wings and come down and fly several hundred feet in the air below cloud, we think it is safe to assume that this is not the answer, and the Planet Venus was hidden by the Sun's glare to be visible, and will not be fully visible again around June/July (1997). There were no reports of any bright meteors being seen.

B:- The main witness has been fully co-operative throughout the entire investigation, with both ourselves and other persons. We have offered her the opportunity to withdraw her statement on more than one occasion, and she has declined to do so. Stating that she is only reporting what she saw, and believes to be the truth, on what she has seen.

There are also at least four other witnesses in the immediate vicinity, as well as several witnesses to the same or similar object at the town of Lydd (which is approx nine and a half miles South West of the Burmarsh area), at about 02:50/02:55 hours, and at the village of Aldington (which is approx 4 miles North West of the Burmarsh area), at about 03:30 hours. Taking into consideration that the object seen at Lydd and Aldington, is the same one observed in the Burmarsh/Lymene area (the location of Michael Howard's residence is approx one and a half miles North West of location of the main witness sightings), we believe that the sequence of events regarding the objects track (movements) could be as follows:-

- 1):- Lydd, at approx 02:50/02:55 hrs.
- 2):- In field opposite Great Lath Farm, Donkey Street, Burmarsh. At 03:00 hrs by Section 40 and Section 40. Approx 10 miles from Lydd.
- 3):- In field opposite with Donkey Street, and Lower Wall Road, Burmarsh. At 03:00/03:05 hrs approx, by Section 40. Approx 1 mile from Great Lath Farm.
- 4):- Above residence of the then Home Secretary Michael Howard, in Aldersate Lane, Lymene. At some time between 03:05/03:10 hrs by two Firemen? Approx 1 and half miles from Lower Wall Rd/Donkey St.
- 5):- At Aldington, at approx 03:30 hrs. Approx 2 and half miles from Howard's residence.

C:- With regard to the sightings at Lydd, and Aldington, we are awaiting full reports on these from an independent source.

The two firemen who are rumoured to have seen the object at Michael Howards' residence have not been easy to track down. However if there is any truth to the report, then the two firemen must have been at Mr. Howards' residence in an official capacity, as it is about quarter a mile from the main road (B2067), that runs through the village of Lyme. You cannot see Mr. Howards' residence from the B2067, as the wood (Hill Hurst/Aldersate), blocks the view, which we feel rules out the idea that the two firemen were off duty and driving along the main road. Therefore we believe that they must have either been approaching Mr. Howards' residence, or had arrived when they saw the object. Until the two firemen come forward we cannot know the full facts. All efforts to track them down have been so far met with failure.

D:- We now come to the object being sighted over the residence of Mr. Michael Howard (the then Home Secretary of the British Government). Taking into account the above regarding the two firemen who had reported that they had seen the object above Mr. Howards' residence, to a freelance reporter, it could be that the Security personnel assigned to the said residence saw the object coming towards them from the Donkey Street/Lower Wall Road (Burmash), area to the South/South-East, and thinking that it was an aircraft of some description, or indeed a helicopter hit the panic button. Which could explain why the two firemen were there.

Indeed it would be interesting to know if Mr. Howards was in residence at the time of the incident? Also it would be very interesting to know what the security personnel made of the object when they realised that it could in no way be an aircraft or helicopter, none of which they were familiar with? It seems logical to assume that the local Police were contacted, in fact they would probably have arrived at the said residence in answer to the security alert. But who else would have arrived on the scene? Indeed once it was realised that they were not dealing with a normal every day object, who would they have contacted? Would the M.O.D. have been contacted? It is obvious that a full report would have been submitted to persons at a higher level, but how high? The then Prime Minister John Major?

This brings to question the security issue in this incident. For years the Ministry Of Defence, the Royal Air Force, and indeed the British Government, have always stated that UFOs were not a defence issue (the term most frequently used is: "of no defence significance"), and were certainly of no security risk! Yet here we have an object which is unassessable, flying around British airspace, and also entering what could be termed as restricted airspace, as it passes over the residence of the then Home Secretary. If that cannot be classed as a potential security risk, let alone then it seems that the powers that be, do not even have their own senior Cabinet Ministers interests and personal safety at the forefront when it comes to UNIDENTIFIED air traffic! Is it not time for the whole matter of what the British government know about UFOs, (especially with regard to incidence of this nature), to come clean, and stop pussy footings around, telling the British public that there is nothing to the UFO problem? As this case demonstrates, it is time for a change in the way that the situation regarding UFOs are dealt with, and a better understanding between the Ministry Of Defence, the R.A.F. and the Government and the British people, being developed.

E:- FINAL CONCLUSION

With regard to the whole incident during the early hours of Saturday, 8 March, 1997, the degree of risk can only be one of UNASSESSABLE. The cause of the incident: UNASSESSABLE.