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SUBJECT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
DEFENCE INFORMATION MGT  
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOI)  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION  
[BLOCK CAPITALS]

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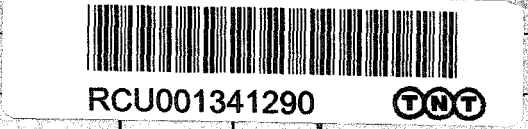
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# Registered File Disposal Form

MOD Form 262F  
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**INFORMATION MANAGEMENT -  
 DEFENCE INFORMATION MGT  
 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.  
 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.**

Reference:  
(Prefix and Number):  
**010AS/102/18/13.**  
 Part: **A.**

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): **U.**

Date of last enclosure: **15 / 02 / 05**

Date closed: **25 / 07 / 07**

**PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION**  
 (To be completed when the file is closed)

Destroy after \_\_\_\_\_ years

Forward to INFO(EXP)-R after \_\_\_\_\_ years

No recommendation

**FOR DEFENCE INFO(EXP)-R USE ONLY**

Date of 1st review                      Date of 2nd review                      Forward Destruction Date

Reviewer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_                      Reviewer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW**  
 (To be fully completed at time of file closure)  
 (Delete as appropriate)

**RETAIN**

a. Of no further administrative value and not worthy of permanent preservation. DESTROY IMMEDIATELY (Remember that TOP SECRET and Codeword material cannot be destroyed locally and must be forwarded to INFO(EXP)-R.

b. (i) To be retained until the end of the year \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason(s):

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Destroyed

Considered by DR for permanent preservation

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by INFO(EXP)-R for permanent preservation.

*PERMANENT RETENTION*

**PART 3. BRANCH (Equivalent)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: GRADE 7 Date: 25/7/07

Branch Title and Full Address:

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WHITEHALL  
LONDON*

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET\* and SECRET only)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*(FOR DR USE ONLY)



Dear [REDACTED]

Reference:07-02-2005-170455-010

I am writing concerning your e-mail message about the information the MOD holds about UFO sightings. Your message has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. In order to release information from these documents we are required to redact all personal information about the people who made the reports in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. As you are aware, we have already released some information into the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to add to the Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. We are also looking at what further documents we can add to the Publication Scheme in the near future. In the meantime, if there is any particular information you are seeking, you are able to make a request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 either via the same route as this request or directly to my address at the end of this message. Please bare in mind that if a request exceeds the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. You should therefore be as specific as possible about the information you are seeking.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H [REDACTED] 0  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

e-mail: [das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> February 2005



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14 February 05

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Request: [Redacted] 07-02-2005-170455-010\*

Days Left: 15

Received: [Redacted]  
Expiry Date: [Redacted] 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

**Workflow Options**

Internal Transfer

**View**

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

**Actions**

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.  
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 04 February 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title: [Redacted]  Other:

First Name: [Redacted]  \*Surname: [Redacted]

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified  Other:

**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Postcode:  Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@aol.com

Telephone:  Fax:



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14 February 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: [Redacted] 07-02-2005-170455-010  
Days Left: 15

Received: 04 Feb 05  
Expiry Date: 04 Mar 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

Search icon All sources [Dropdown]

**Workflow Options**

Internal Transfer

**View**

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

**Actions**

- Assign Within My Group
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Editing the request details will initiate a new search.  
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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

**\*Enter the request for information:**

In typing UFO into the Freedom of information act database only seven responcees were indicated. I am sure there have been more documents pertaining to the sightings of UFOs. How do I recieve these documents?

**Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).**

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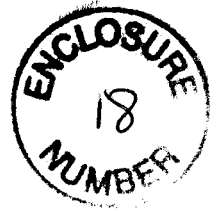
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## AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [REDACTED] Independent on Sunday

Case Number: 06-01-2005-140535-008

Expiry: 3 February 2005

### The Applicant has made the following request for information:

1. Findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craiguscar reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife.
2. Photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990.
3. All correspondence, (letters, memos, etc) between ministers and civil servants relating to the incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980.

### Case for release of information

1. A search of DAS files has produced some papers about this event. DAS files contain no reply to [REDACTED] LM of 28 February 1994, so DI55c were consulted. They have confirmed that they have no additional records on their files. [REDACTED] has not requested copies of the documents, so a summary of these events has been provided in the attached draft letter.
2. The only photographs the MOD holds of UFO sightings are those sent to us by members of the public. A search of our files covering 1990 has produced some details about this event, including a record that the photographs sent to the MOD were returned to The Scottish Daily Record. Details have been included in the attached draft letter.
3. All of the papers the MOD holds on the Rendlesham Forest incident are already available in the Publication Scheme. The only correspondence between civil servants and Ministers about this event would be background notes to PQs and it is not clear if this is what he is seeking. [REDACTED] has been advised how to access this information in the Publication Scheme and if he is seeking parliamentary correspondence, that he clarifies what specific information he is seeking.

I attach a draft letter and background papers.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: ..... B2 ..... Name: .....  .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 11/05.....

Date: ..... 3/2/05 .....



From [REDACTED]  
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
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Independent on Sunday  
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191 Marsh Wall  
London  
E14 9RS

Your Reference  
Our Reference  
06-01-2005-140535-008  
Date  
3 February 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning your message dated 6 January in which you made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First you requested the findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craighluscar Reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife. Our records show that The Scottish Daily Record contacted the MOD in February 1994 concerning a UFO sighting report and some photographs that they had been sent by a member of the public. The individual reported travelling to Craighluscar Reservoir on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> February 1994 to take some photographs of the Reservoir to assist with a painting of the area. He heard a humming noise, turned towards the Reservoir and saw a disc-like object, high in the sky, moving slowly in his direction. He described the object as metallic, with several points of diffused light on its underside, inside a darker coloured rim. He took two photographs before the object moved away to the west. Air defence staff were consulted at the time and records show that there had been no unusual radar returns. The photographs are not contained in our files and we assume they were returned to the Scottish Daily Record.

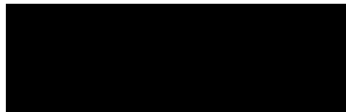
You also requested a photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990. The MOD does not produce photographs of UFO sightings. The only photographs the MOD holds are those which members of the public very occasionally send to us with their sighting reports. If requested these are returned to the individual, or if they do not want them returned, they are filed with the report in our files. We have examined our records for 1990 and they contain no photographs relevant to your request. However, we have a record that two members of the public contacted The Scottish Daily Record to report a large diamond shape UFO hovering for about 10 minutes before ascending vertically upwards at high speed. The witnesses said that during the sighting an RAF aircraft believed to be a Harrier was in the area. The sighting was over Calvine, 20 miles north of Pitlochry at 2100 hours on 4 August 1990. A number of colour photographs were taken and passed to The Scottish Daily Record, who in turn sent the negatives to the MOD. These were considered at the time and it was concluded that the jet was a Harrier. No definite conclusions were reached regarding large diamond-shaped object. Our records show that the original negatives were returned to The Scottish Daily Record.

Finally, you asked for correspondence between ministers and civil servants relating to the incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980. The MOD papers on this incident are already published in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme on the internet and can be viewed at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under 'Rendlesham Forest' will take you directly to these documents. We are not aware of any specific internal correspondence about this incident which has not already been released. It is normal practice for officials to brief Ministers as to the background of parliamentary business, for example, when answering specific parliamentary questions. If this is the type of information you are seeking, it would be useful if you could clarify the information you are particularly searching for.

I hope this is useful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of the undersigned.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Info-Access-Office  
**Sent:** 06 January 2005 16:05  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST  
**Categories:** FOI Request

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
Sent: 06 January 2005 13:03  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 13:02:34

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FirstName: [REDACTED]  
LastName: [REDACTED]  
occupation: Journalist  
Company: Independent on Sunday  
Address1: Independent House  
Address2: 191 Marsh Wall  
City: London  
Zip: E14 9RS  
Country: United Kingdom  
e-mail: [REDACTED]@independent.co.uk  
telephone: [REDACTED]  
preferred format: hardcopy

1. infosubject: Findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craiguscar reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife. *19 February 1994*
2. Photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990
3. All correspondence, (letters, memos, etc) between ministers and civil servants relating to the incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980.

submit: Send Form

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** DI55B on behalf of DI 55-B  
**Sent:** 25 January 2005 16:04  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] DI BCR-CG AD; DI BCR-CG2; DAS-FOI  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Request UFOs.  
**Importance:** Low

[REDACTED] on 40

I have looked through the files I hold for record of a reply by [REDACTED] in 1994 and can find no correspondence. I spent half an hour searching (B2 grade).

[REDACTED]

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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2005 14:43  
**To:** DI 55-B  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request UFOs.

[REDACTED] on 40

Please see the email below from [REDACTED]. Could you please check your records/files to see if you have any information regarding the alleged UFO sighting and if there is any record of a reply from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] LM. Please note that [REDACTED] has asked for a reply (or nil return) as soon as possible.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
 DI BCR CG3  
 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 January 2005 12:36  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request UFOs.

[REDACTED]

We have received a FOI request from the Independent on Sunday for the following:

" Findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craiguscar reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife."

I have found a LM reference, D/Sec(AS)12/1) dated 28 February 1994 from [REDACTED] (Sec(AS)2a) to Wing Commander [REDACTED] (D/Sec(AS)5c) regarding some photographs and sketches of this UFO sent in by a reporter with the Scottish Daily Record. [REDACTED] was asking Wg Cdr [REDACTED] on these. There is no record of a reply from Wg Cdr [REDACTED] on 40 files, so if your files are available for this period I would be grateful if someone could see if you have anything about this. The sighting was on the afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1994.

02/02/2005



The request is due to be answered by 3 February, so I would be grateful for a response (or nil return) as soon as possible.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
DAS-FOI

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, [REDACTED] 40

MB  
[REDACTED]

**FILES REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part H - UFO Reports ✓  
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part I - UFO Reports ✓  
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Part Q - UFO Correspondence ✓  
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Part R - UFO Correspondence ✓



From: [REDACTED]

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

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**FAX MESSAGE**

**TO: TNT Archive Services**

**SUBJECT: URGENT Recall of Files**

**DATE: 21 January 2005**

**NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER: 2**

**URGENT REQUEST FOR FILES**

The attached files are urgently required for return to this office in order to answer enquiries in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request by telephone or e-mail to the address above.

If these files can not be immediately located please telephone me immediately.

**\*\*\* TRANSMISSION REPORT \*\*\***

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D/Sec (AS) 12/1 Part A

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- UFO Policy



LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/1

28 Feb 1994

DI55c - Wg Cdr [redacted]

UFO SIGHTING OVER CRAIGLUSCAR RESERVOIR

1. I was approached last week by a reporter from the Scottish Daily Record, who asked my advice with regard to some UFO photographs that had been sent in by a member of the public. I subsequently managed to acquire these photographs, together with a statement from the witness, and some sketches that he had made. I have attached this material for your consideration.

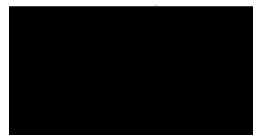
2. I have spoken to the witness, a [redacted] (Tel no. [redacted]) The following details, which were not in his original statement, may be of use:

- He appeared genuine, and rather disappointed at the way in which the paper eventually ran the story, which he saw as frivolous (I do not have a copy of this, but believe it was printed today). He did not appear to know anything about UFOs, and aside from his own experience, expressed no interest in the subject. I do not believe that he sought or received any payment from the newspaper.
- The camera used was an old SLR model, a Chinon CS. The film used was a 200 ASA.
- The alleged incident took place at approximately 3.15pm.
- He estimated that the object was approximately the size of a jumbo jet, and came down to a height of around 300 feet AGL.

3. It seems to me that this case is either a hoax, or something very interesting indeed.

4. The Daily Record have already asked me for my views, and I have deployed the standard line that our initial consideration of the photos has produced no obvious explanation, but that we are now having a more detailed look. As word of this case spreads (Some of the UFO lobby are already aware of the story) we may come under increasing pressure.

5. I would be grateful for your views on this case, with particular reference to the photograph of the object at close range.



Sec(AS)2a  
MB8245



*NCA*

*Spk to [redacted] n.40 he said RAF [redacted] [redacted] there had been any [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]*

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On the afternoon of Saturday, 19th. February, 1994, I drove to Craiguscar Reservoir, just outside Dunfermline, in order to take some photographs of that area. I am an amateur artist, and wanted the photographs to assist me in producing a painting of the reservoir. I am a member of the local angling club who stock and have the fishing rights of this water. Already having taken photographs there in the summer, I wanted to have several of the landscape in winter.

I took a number of photographs as I walked along the bank of the reservoir, and was looking eastwards at the furthest point of the reservoir, and pondering whether I should take some photographs looking east, away from the water. I became aware of what I can only describe as a kind of humming noise, such as that from high voltage power lines. I also felt very uneasy, and turned slowly towards the reservoir.

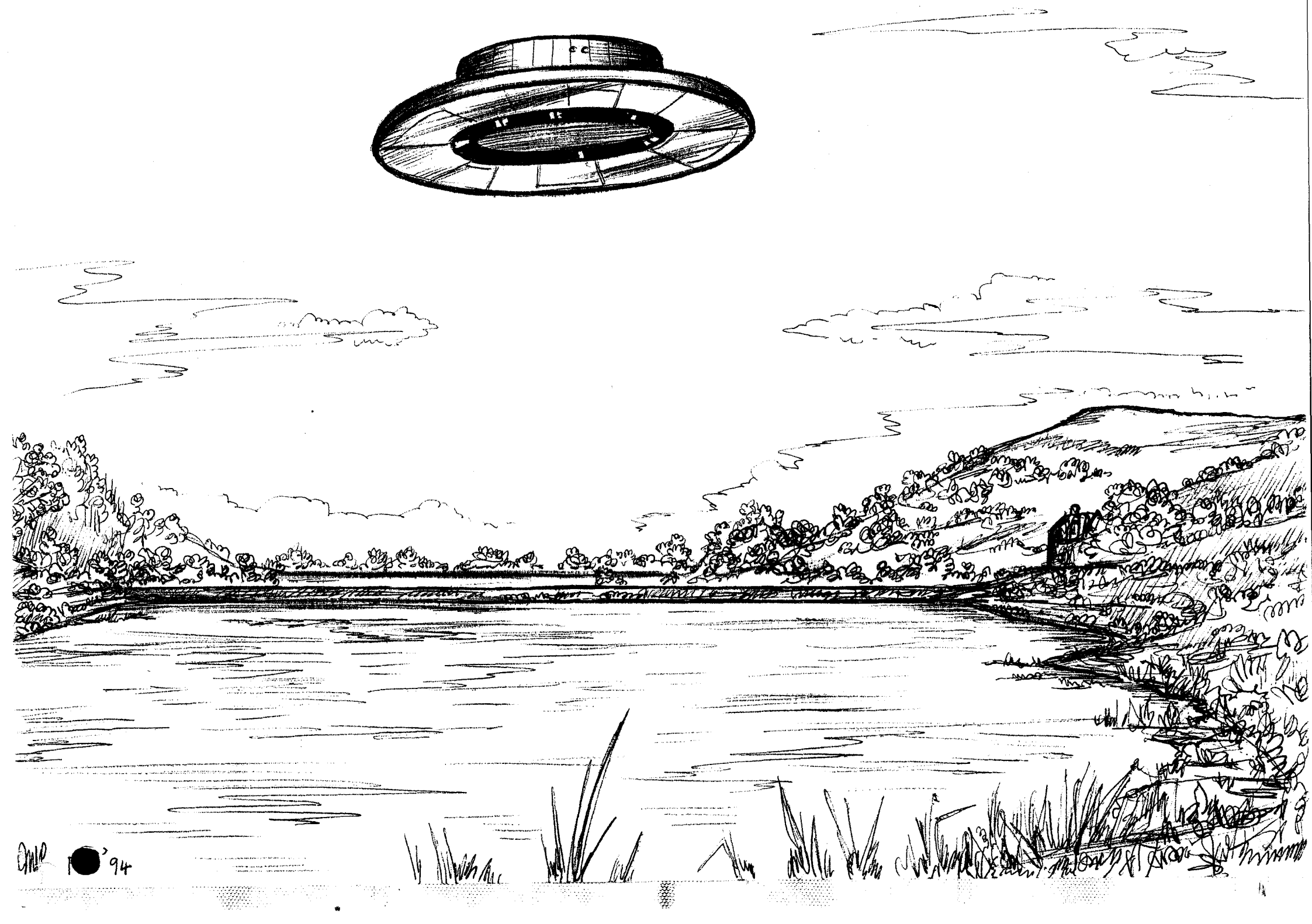
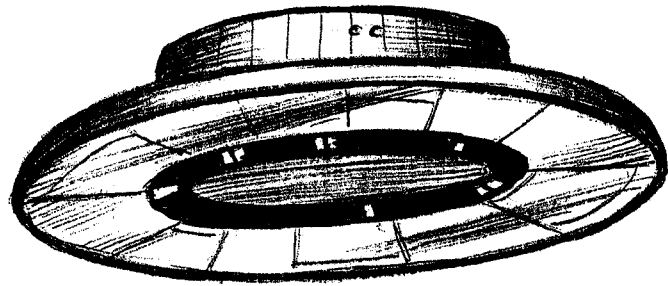
Fairly high in the air, and coming slowly in my direction, was a disc-like object, which was definitely an aircraft. I was holding my camera in my hand, but felt unable to use it. I have never experienced such a feeling before; I did not THINK of taking a shot. In retrospect, it seems there must have been some kind of compulsion. I was concentrating on the craft, yet not really absorbing what was happening. At that point, I was very afraid. But I now realise that the fear passed, and was replaced by a sense of "relaxed resignation". (I don't have better words to describe it.)

I later realised that I must have been looking at whatever it was, for more than fifteen minutes. The craft came close enough for me to see that it was definitely metallic, and had several points of diffused light on its underside, inside a darker coloured "rim".

As the craft began to move away, all sense of the feelings which had stayed my hand, disappeared. I raised my camera, and took two photographs. The craft's acceleration was phenomenal - By the time I'd wound the film on between the two shots, it was a mere dot in the sky to the west. There was no noise at all, apart from the "buzzing" when it was near to me.

I know nothing at all about "U.F.O.'s", and the subject does not interest me. But nothing of what I saw or experienced, was "in my imagination". Of that, I am certain. Later that day, I telephoned R.A.F. Piteavie, to enquire as to whether there had been any unusual air activity that day. I was told there had not been. I am an aircraft enthusiast myself, and pride myself in their recognition. I know that what I saw was no conventional aircraft.





DMO ● '94



AA/JH

23 February 1994

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Dear [redacted]

Please find enclosed prints and artist's drawings of the UFO which we talked about today. I would be grateful for your comments and assessment of these at your earliest convenience.

Thanks for your help with this.

Yours sincerely



[redacted]  
Picture Editor

P.S. I will fax more information tomorrow.



# Daily Record

TO:



FAX:



DATE:

24 February 1994

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## Daily Record

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Fax 041-

FROM:



Picture Editor

FAX No.:



TEL. No.:

Attached text as discussed this morning.

Regards



P.P.



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UFO-Reports

UFO Incident: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 90

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Location: ~~Calvi~~ Scotland.

20 miles North of Pitlochry off the A9.

Time: 9pm approx.

Description: large diamond shape UFO hovering for about 10 minutes before ascending vertically upwards at high speed. During sighting RAF aircraft, believed to be a Harrier made a number of low level passes for 5 to 6 minutes before disappearing off.

Witnesses: [redacted] + 1 unidentified other.

Report passed to [redacted] RAF Press Officer Pitreavie MHQ.

Tel: RAF Pitreavie [redacted]

Additional Information: A number of colour photographs taken by eye witness and pictures passed to RAF Pitreavie and Scottish Daily Record. Original negatives then passed to the Daily Record.

Weather Information: Main Cloud Base 25,000ft dropping down to 15,000ft during showers. Wind West-SW 10-15 knots.  
Temperature 14°C. Occasional showers.



Photographic Details: (i) Confirmation of date and time, (ii) What sort of camera  
(iii) What type of lens (iv) What focal length

Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)12/2

14 September 1990

APS/US of S(AF)

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DDPR(RAF)

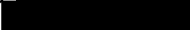
PHOTOGRAPHS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD

1. US of S(AF) may wish to be aware that the Scottish Daily Record may run a story regarding an alleged sighting of a UFO near Pitlochrie in early August. Such stories are not normally drawn to the attention of Ministers and the MoD press office invariably responds to questions along well-established lines emphasising our limited interest in the UFO phenomenon and explaining that we therefore do not have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations into particular sightings. On this occasion however, the MoD has been provided with six photographic negatives of an alleged UFO by the Scottish Daily Record and has been asked for comments almost certainly for inclusion in a forthcoming story. For this reason it is felt that US of S(AF) should be made aware of the background and the line adopted by the DDPR(RAF) in responding to the newspaper.

2. The photographs, which were received on 10 Sept, are alleged to have been taken near the A9 road at Clavine, north of Pitlochrie on the evening of 4 August. They show a large stationary, diamond-shaped object past which, it appears, a small jet aircraft is flying. The negatives have been considered by the relevant staffs who have established that the jet aircraft is a Harrier (and also identified a barely visible second aircraft, again probably a Harrier) but have reached no definite conclusion regarding the large object. It has also been confirmed that there is no record of Harriers operating in the area at the time at which the photographs are alleged to have been taken. The negatives have now been returned to the Scottish Daily Record.

3. In consultation with DDPR(RAF) it has been agreed that the attached lines to take should be used in responding to the Scottish Daily Record. These are consistent with the position adopted in the replies to the many public and occasional parliamentary enquiries on the subject of UFOs.



Sec(AS)2a  
MB8245 

SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD - PHOTOGRAPHS OF UFO

DEFENSIVE LINES TO TAKE:

- Have looked at photographs, no definite conclusions reached regarding large diamond-shaped object.
- Confident that jet aircraft is a Harrier.
- Have no record of Harriers operating in location at stated time/date.
- No other reports received by MoD of unusual air activity or sightings at location/date/time.

IF PRESSED

Who in MoD studied pictures?

- All sighting reports (including on occasion photographs/drawings etc) received by MoD are referred to the staff in the departments which are responsible for air defence of UK who examine them as part of their normal duties.

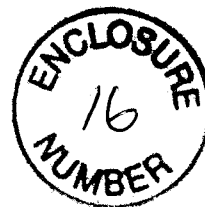
Other reports of UFOs from Scotland?

- UFO reports from Scotland are rare.





**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO  
FILE D/DAS/10/2/8/16 PART A**



**AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 12-01-2005-153628-029

Expiry: 9 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please let me have details of Unidentified Flying Objects: MOD's policy statement on alleged UFO phenomenon, and reports which have been released to the public from as far back as possible.

Case for release of information

[REDACTED] has been advised of the MOD's policy on UFOs and told where she can access released information, both in the MOD FOI Publication Scheme and at The National Archives. We have told the applicant that we are compiling a database of UFO reports for future publication in the PS.

Please see attached a draft reply.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: ..... R2 ..... Name: ..... [REDACTED] .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 09/05.....

Date: ..... 1/2/05 .....

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference: 12-01-2005-153628-029

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for the Ministry of Defence policy on alleged 'unidentified flying object' phenomenon and reports which have been released to the public. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any 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 totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Any reports of UFO sightings the MOD receives are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.


With regard to the records the MOD holds of such reports, these are kept on paper files in the order in which they are received and this department currently has such records spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. In order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme which already contains some documents about UFOs, including a class of information on the well known events at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980, can be found on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under 'UFO' will direct you to this information. In addition, there are MOD files on UFOs which are open to the public at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The National Archives on line catalogue and details of how to access these records can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, [REDACTED] 40  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London



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das-ufo-office@mod.uk

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005

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13 January 05

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**Request:** [Redacted] 12-01-2005-153628-029 Received: 12 Jan 05  
**Days Left:** 20 Expiry Date: [Redacted] 05 Status: Open

**Workflow Options**

AIT Main

**View**

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

**Actions**

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.  
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 12 January 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title: [Redacted] 0  Other:

First Name: [Redacted]  \*Surname: [Redacted]

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Private Individuals  Other:

**Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)**

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Postcode: [Redacted]  Country:

Email: [Redacted]@btinternet.com

Telephone:  Fax:



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13 January 05

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Request: [Redacted] 12-01-2005-153628-029  
Days Left: 20

Received: 12 Jan 05  
Expiry Date: 09 Feb 05  
Status: Open

All sources

Workflow Options

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Please let me have details of Unidentified Flying Objects:  
MOD's policy statement on alleged UFO phenomenon, and reports which have been released to the public from as far back as possible.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

Email held with Info Access Helpdesk

Clear

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From: [REDACTED]  
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(Fax) [REDACTED]  
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Enniskillen  
County Fermanagh  
Northern Ireland  
[REDACTED]

Your Reference

Our Reference  
05-01-2005-144546-047  
Date  
14 March 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 17 February concerning contact details for the UFO group mentioned in my last letter. I apologise for not replying sooner.

The UFO group which passed us details of reports from their members was the Nottingham and Derbyshire branch of the British UFO Research Association. The individual who corresponded with us used his home address which I am unable to provide in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. However, you may wish to be aware that BUFORA have a website where their address is given as BM BUFORA, London, WC1N 2XX, e-mail:[enquiries@bufora.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bufora.org.uk).

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
**ENNISKILLEN,  
County Fermanagh,  
N.Ireland.**  
[REDACTED]

**17 Feb. 05**

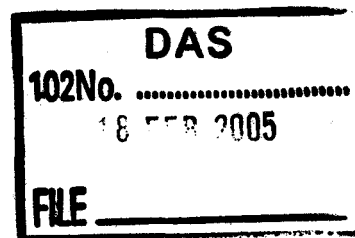
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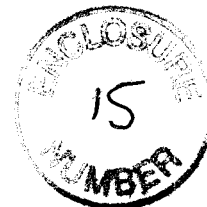
**Dear Sir,**

**Thank you for your reply of the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Could you please send me the address of the UFO group you mentioned who reported their members seeing the Triangular UFO between 18:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 98 to 06:00 on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 98 as I wish to contact them to find out more and compare notes.**

**Yours Faithfully,**

[REDACTED]





**AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 05-01-2005-144546-047

Expiry: 2 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I would like the details of all the reported Triangular UFO sightings between March 1<sup>st</sup> 1998 and the end of April 1998.

Case for release of information

We have searched all of the available UFO report and correspondence files for 1998 and the only reports of Triangular UFO sightings are the report [REDACTED] made himself, one in London and one that we were informed of by a UFO group (BUFORA). [REDACTED] has only asked for the details (not copies) so these have been included in the attached draft letter. Personal data has not been included, so no redaction is necessary.

It should be noted that this request would have been completed on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2005 but TNT have been searching for one of the files (D/Sec(AS)64/3 Part O – UFO Correspondence) which I requested on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Today (01 February 2005) TNT have informed me that they are unable to locate this file. This information has therefore been supplied without any relevant information which may be contained in this file. The letter to [REDACTED] has been drafted to reflect the fact that we have provided all the available information.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: ..... B2 ..... Name: ..... [REDACTED] .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 03/05.....

Date: ..... 1/2/05 .....



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[REDACTED]  
Enniskillen  
County Fermanagh  
Northern Ireland  
[REDACTED]

Your Reference

Our Reference  
05-01-2005-144546-047  
Date  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

### Release of Information

Your correspondence dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2004 concerning reported Triangular UFO sightings between 1<sup>st</sup> March 1998 and the end of April 1998 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have examined all our available UFO reports and correspondence files for the period you have stated and have found a total of three reports which are relevant to your request. One of these was the report you made on 10 April 1998. The details of the other two are as follows;

#### 1800 on 4 March 1998 to 0600 on 5 March 1998

The MOD did not directly receive any UFO reports, but a UFO group informed us that they had received reports from some of their members. There were several different descriptions of what was seen but some of these described the object as being a dull grey or black triangular object, about the size of a conventional passenger jet, or smaller, with panelling or grooves underneath. Some of those reporting this described a low rumbling noise and others, no apparent engine noise. These sightings were between Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) and Shirebrook (Derbyshire).

#### 0100 to 0430 on 16 April 1998

MOD received a report of a large triangular object with flashing green and red lights seen in the area of Regents Park and Baker Street, London. Enquiries revealed that there was a Search and Rescue helicopter in the area involved in the movement of a casualty to St Mary's Hospital.

I hope this is useful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

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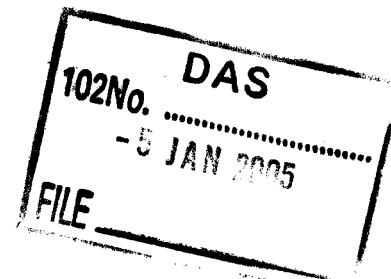
30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004

Dear Sir,

I would like the details of all the reported Triangular UFO sightings between March 1<sup>st</sup> 1998 and the end of April 1998.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]



Registered Mail

04.01.05

04.14 pm



**Ministry of Defence,  
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ANNEX A TO  
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and  
Duration of Sighting 16 Apr 98  
between 0100A & 0430A

2. Description of Object -  
One, large triangular object with  
flashing (green & red) lights

3. Location (outdoor  
/moving)

4. How observed - naked eye

5. Direction in which object first  
seen  
Southerly

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)

9. Met conditions during  
observations - Clear

10. Nearby objects

11. To whom reported - military

12. Name and Address of Informant  
Name  
Address

13. Background of informant that  
may be volunteered

14. Other Witnesses

15. Date, 16 Apr from 0100 to 0300

16. Any Unusual Meteorological  
Conditions

17. Remarks

A number of reports from the area of Regents Park/Baker St. After checking with W Drayton & Kinloss it turned out to be a SAR Helo involved in casualty evac/movement for St Marys' Hosp

Date: ~~Aug 97~~ AM 98

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NB. Note that the format of this form accords with Civpol formats





From: [REDACTED] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,  
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Telephone (Direct dial) 0171 218 2140  
(Switchboard) 0171 218 9000  
(Fax) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chapel en le Frith,  
Stockport,  
Cheshire.

[REDACTED]

Your reference

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

Date  
17 April 1998

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your letter of 17 March.
2. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that no reports were received by the Ministry of Defence for 4/5 March in the Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire areas.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

# B.U.F.O.R.A.

(BRITISH, UNIDENTIFIED, FLYING, OBJECT, RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION)

To: [REDACTED]  
SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2c 1a,  
ROOM 8245,  
MAIN BUILDING,  
WHITEHALL,  
LONDON,  
SW1A 2HB.

From: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Chapel-en-le-Frith,  
High Peak,  
[REDACTED]

Telephone No [REDACTED]

17 MAR 1998

Dear Sir/Madame;

Recently I have been asked on behalf of a number of members of the public to find possible explanations for a sighting of an unidentified ariel nature, this sighting was witnessed by over thirty persons to date, and I have included a brief concerning these sightings upon the page following this letter.

If you were aware of any further reports, possibly connected to these reports- that you can pass onto myself, then I would be most grateful to receive these.

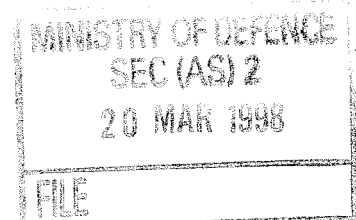
Further if you or your staff were aware of any possible causes that may account for these reports, then I would be most grateful to hear of any such ideas, that you may have.

Finally, I am aware that there was a laser display operating within the area of Mansfield, upon the night that the sighting reports concern, from my inquiries- I have eliminated many of the reported sightings that this display has already caused, though I still have thirty plus reports that I cannot identify as being connected to the display, some of these may turn out to be mis identified aircraft in time.

Thankyou for all your help and assistance, please attend to this inquiry when time permits!

Yours faithfully;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (B.U.F.O.R.A.) (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire)  
[REDACTED]



The majority of reports received from the telephone enquiries, if believed to be associated with the other reports- concern an unusual object with a triangular form, three edge white lights, with no apparent noise, sighted flying between Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) and (Shirebrook) Derbyshire, from the evening of the 4/3/98 to the morning of the 5/3/98, by thirty plus persons.

Other details concerning the reports are as follows;

1. A very intensely bright blue-white light when first sighted, this light appears to be formed from the three edge light sources upon the object, due to the viewers' position at the time of the sighting.
2. A dull grey or black triangular object, about the size of a conventional passenger jet, or smaller, with panelling or grooves upon its underportion.
3. Within these grooves appears many smaller white lights, arranged within rows.
4. Several witness report green and orange navigational lights steady in luminosity and located close to these grooves.
5. Some witness' report what could be perceived as a shadow reflection of ground lighting, reflected away from the clouds above the object, by its passing.
6. The object appears to have no apparent engine noise, except for a time when the object appears to power up ready for a rapid departure towards the Shirebrook area.
7. The object has either a diamond or triangular shape to itself, reports similar to this shape, have been reported across Derbyshire recently.
8. The object was observed as moving slowly across the Mansfield area at treetop level passing over several witnesses in their cars, before moving off at rapid speed towards Shirebrook.
9. The object was sighted in one instance as having a glowing rear, similar to a heat signature from a jet, similarly several received reports have noted a helicopter sighted as following the same flightpath of the object shortly afterwards.
10. The object appears to have been flying around from 18:00 hrs, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to about 06:00 hrs on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, with periods whereby the object was sighted darting constantly around the area all night, whereas, the first report has the object as grounded close to pylons near the Blidworth area of Nottinghamshire.
11. In one instance a report was received whereby prior to the sound of the low rumbling/powering up sound, a brilliant flash was reported to be seen coming from the area of the craft, this lit up the sky, before the object disappeared.
12. These details match other reported sightings from other groups around the areas of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
13. One witness described how the object had "upwards swept wingtips"?

OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED WITHIN THIS BRIEF AT PRESENT.

COMPILED BY [REDACTED] 49 U.F.O.R.A".

Persons wishing to report an unusual sighting, or to enquire for any information concerning this subject may contact myself at; -

***THE "BRITISH, UNIDENTIFIED, FLYING, OBJECT RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION"***

**DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INVESTIGATIONS COORDINATOR;**

[REDACTED] CAN BE CONTACTED AT;

[REDACTED] CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, HIGH PEAK, [REDACTED]

OR TELEPHONE ; [REDACTED]

*The group has 326 investigators in both the U.K and the world.*

*The group operates upon a professional and unbiased opinion, that all witness' reports require logical, rational investigation to attain possible logical explanations as to the cause of the witness' sightings.*

**WITNESS' PERSONAL DETAILS ARE NEVER RELEASED AND ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE DATA PROTECTION ACT, A COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**



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Enniskillen,  
Co Fermanagh.

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

Your reference

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

23 April 1998

*Dear* [redacted]

1. Thank you for your postcard in which you have described an unexplained aerial sighting observed on 10 April from your back garden. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects" and I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 10 April from anywhere Northern Ireland, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

*Yours sincerely,*

[redacted signature block]

[REDACTED]  
'EDWARDSVILLE

CO FERRISBURGH

N-3 [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

10 April

On Good Friday Evening at 11:50  
while out in my back garden looking for  
the Space Station which is supposed to be visible at the  
moment I spotted a gigantic triangular shaped object  
moving over our town. It was so large and noiseless  
and definitely like nothing I have ever seen before I don't  
know who to tell about it, as they would never believe  
me around here

yours Faithfully  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2005 16:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]@tnt.co.uk  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Internet-authorized: Request for retrieval of archived files

Dear Sir / Madam

Please could you return the following files to me from your archives. These are needed urgently to answer a Freedom of Information request for information.

MOD FILE REFERENCE	PART	TITLE
D/Sec(AS)64/2	G	UFO Reports ✓
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D/Sec(AS)64/3	L	UFO Correspondence ✓
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My UIN is [REDACTED] My full postal is:

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Please give me a call if there are any problems on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED]@mod.uk

Part O missing. Telephoned 10.55 11/1/2005 Query No. 31063.

[REDACTED] 13/1/2005

Spoke to [REDACTED] again on 18/1/2005. She will chase with Hayes and call me this afternoon (09.45)

07/01/2005





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**FAX MESSAGE**

TO: FAO of [REDACTED] 40  
SUBJECT: Request for Files  
DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2005  
NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER: 2

[REDACTED] 40  
As discussed. Please see attached details of the request for files that I e-mailed on Wednesday. Please call me to confirm that you have received this request.

Regards,  
[REDACTED] 40

[REDACTED] called at 12.30 - 7 Jan 05. Tel: [REDACTED]  
Has request and will look for files



From: [REDACTED]

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**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO  
FILE D/DAS/10/2/8/16 PART A**



From [REDACTED]  
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140  
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
(Fax) [REDACTED]  
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Stoneleigh  
Surrey  
[REDACTED]

Your Reference

Our Reference  
01-01-2005-122722-017  
Date  
31st January 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning your freedom of information request for information about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the MOD does not have any 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 totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The MOD examines any reports of 'UFO' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your particular request, I can inform you that the MOD does not generally investigate reports of UFO sightings. Reports provided to us are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space. The vast majority of reports we receive are very sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat. All the reports and correspondence we receive is filed on paper files in the order in which it was received. No separate record is kept of any particular type of report. These records are not held electronically. As we currently have files which span a 25 year period, I hope you will appreciate that to supply copies of all of these records would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as provided by Section 12 of the Act and the Ministry of Defence is not therefore obliged to comply with your request. If however, you would like to be more specific or refine your request we may be able to assist you.

You also asked for the minutes of any internal departmental committees. There have been no "committees" within the MOD to discuss UFOs. In August 1950 a Working Party was set up to investigate flying saucer phenomenon. The report was presented to a meeting of the

Joint Technical Intelligence Committee who decided that “the document should be regarded as the final report and, in view of the conclusions the Working Party should be dissolved”. All of the documents of the Flying Saucer Working Party are now held in The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The National Archive online catalogue and details of how to access records can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. In addition the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party dated June 1951 can be viewed on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. Please search under “UFO” and then under “Report” to navigate to this document.

Finally, you asked for any reports made to Ministers or other Governments or international agencies on UFOs. We are not aware of any specific reports made to Ministers or other Governments about UFOs. However, it is normal practice for officials to brief incoming Ministers as to the background of parliamentary business and for example, when answering specific parliamentary questions. If this is the type of information you are seeking, again it would be helpful if you could clarify the information you are particularly searching for.

We are unaware of any records when other Governments or international agencies have sought to discuss UFO issues with the UK. However, our files indicate that in September 1978, at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Grenadian delegation sought to establish a working group of the UN to evaluate UFO reports. The British delegation did not think that such an agency was appropriate to the function of the UN and did not support this proposal.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact this department in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2005 12:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST

**Categories:** FOI Request

[REDACTED] 0

The request below has been logged. You can find it in My Group's Unassigned Cases. Please accept it as discussed earlier on the phone.

04-01-2005-122722-017

Grateful if you could upload this email when you start processing it.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----  
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
Sent: 01 January 2005 19:53  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at 19:52:54

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FirstName: [REDACTED]  
LastName: [REDACTED]  
occupation: enter your occupation  
Company: your company/organisation  
Address1: [REDACTED]  
Address2: [REDACTED]  
City: Stoneleigh  
State: Surrey  
Zip: [REDACTED]  
Country: United Kingdom  
e-mail [REDACTED]  
telephone: enter your telephone number  
preferred format: hardcopy  
infosubject: Dear MOD Freedom of Information Officer

I am making this application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to receive from you the file containing the MOD's investigations into Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), including minutes of any internal departmental committees set up in the ministry or its predecessor departments, and any reports made to ministers or other Governments or international agencies on UFOs. —

*Don't investigate  
No individual files  
FSWP  
None since*

\*I am happy to correspond by e-mail or telephone, and would accept the information in electronic format, if available in that form originally. I look forward to hearing



from you promptly and in any case within 20 working days, as required under the FOI Act.

sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Stoneleigh  
Surrey

[REDACTED]  
submit: Send Form

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-218 [REDACTED] (Direct Dialling)

01-218 9000 (Switchboard)

AF/JW 562/77

20<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Dear [REDACTED]

I am replying to the letter which you sent to Lord [REDACTED] on 8th December with a letter from Mr [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Lancing, Sussex on the subject of flying saucers.

I am afraid that I can give you no immediate guidance on the form any investigation into flying saucers might take as a result of the recent debate in the United Nations Organisation. All I can suggest is that your constituent should address his enquiries to the Organisation itself.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MP

House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

APS/US of S(RAF)

1. The Foreign Office might have given us some indication when they transferred these papers of the line they have taken at the United Nations Organisation. You will recall from the press reports that a debate on unidentified flying objects has been held there recently at the request of the Prime Minister of Grenada. However, we have tracked down a Mr [REDACTED] in the Energy, Science and Space Department of FCO who tells us (and, I hope, will confirm in writing) that a UN resolution calling for an investigation into UFOs has been shelved indefinitely. The UK did not support the resolution, the view being that such an investigation would bring the UN into disrepute. Matters now rest, I believe, on the understanding that countries interested in a UFO investigation should pool their resources.

2. Mr [REDACTED] does not seem to be particularly interested in his constituent's request - I suggest a reply as attached.

1<sup>2</sup> December 1977

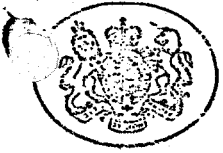
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S4(Air)

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DRAFT

LETTER FROM US of S(RAF) to RICHARD LUCE ESQ MP

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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Telephone 01-330 7022 ext 218

Your reference

[REDACTED]  
Energy, Science & Space Dept.  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
Downing St (East)  
London SW1A 2AI

Our reference

D/S4(Air)8/3

Date

16th December 1977

*See ES 54-56*

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

We spoke earlier today about the United Nations resolution concerning an investigation into Unidentified Flying Objects.

2. Since we need to advise our Minister on this subject in connection with a Parliamentary Enquiry, I should be very grateful if you would confirm that my understanding of the situation, as stated below, is correct:-

a. The resolution has been shelved indefinitely, and it was suggested that countries interested in co-ordinating investigations should pool their resources.

b. The UK did not support, nor wish to be associated with the resolution, it being considered that participation in such an investigation could bring the United Nations into disrepute.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

page to Mr. [REDACTED] - FCO - Energy, Science &  
Space Dept. - [REDACTED].

The UN resolution about investigating flying  
saucers has been shelved indefinitely.

The UK did not support the resolution  
and wanted nothing to do with it, it  
being considered that the setting up of  
such an investigation might bring disrepute  
to the UN.

It was left at UN that countries interested  
in co-ordinating investigations should pool  
their resources.

[REDACTED] 16/12/77

United Nations Organisation

United Nations Building, New York

New York 10022.

# UN GETS UFO MEN DOWN TO EARTH

UNITED Nations' diplomats found themselves lost for words in another world yesterday.

They had taken off on the first UN debate on unidentified flying objects. It was called by Sir Edward Gairy, premier of the Caribbean island of Grenada.

He insists that aliens regularly visit

his island, and proposed that 1978 ought to be the year of the UFO. Grenada's ambassador, Mr Wellington Friday said the UN should take an initiative.

But the debate ended in silence. The down-to-earth diplomats — who normally deal with wars or famine — were speechless.

SUN 30.11.77

D. J. Leppell  
3/11/77

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# A WORLD AGOG OVER UNO UFO's

By HENRY MILLER  
in New York

WHILE some members dozed, others joked and still others did their best to conceal their incredulity, the United Nations Special Political Committee formally took up the question of unidentified flying objects.

They did so at the instigation of Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, who has been campaigning for two years to promote an official U.N. study on the issue.

He called it "the fulfilment of my very high expectation" and added: "The world is looking on."

Although the world is more likely to consider that the 149-nation body has more serious matters with which to occupy itself, the committee nonetheless agreed to devote more debate to the topic today.

Sir Eric, who intersperses religious thoughts into his musings on UFO's, opened the debate by saying: "A U.N. study will not infringe on the sovereignty of any nation. We have the backing of many scientists and I look forward with confidence to the support of the world's nations."

### Carter interest

President Carter himself has said that he once saw a UFO and Sir Eric said he had been encouraged by the President's interest in the subject.

Telling reporters of his own experience 2½ years ago, Sir Eric said: "I saw a UFO as I was driving home at about two or three in the morning. It was a big object, a brilliant light, golden bright, moving at tremendous speed."

The Grenada delegation distributed to delegates free tickets to a new film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which deals with UFO's.

## UFOs INQUIRY CALL AT U.N.

D. J. Leppell  
2/12/77

Grenada has withdrawn a resolution to set up a special United National agency or department to conduct research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

Instead it is circulating at the United Nations a draft resolution called on the Secretary-General, Dr Waldheim, to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into flying saucers, including an analysis of the benefits, problems, and dangers stemming from any contact with extra-terrestrial life.—Reuter.





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London S.W.1

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*From The Minister of State*

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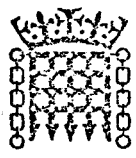
9 December 1977

This is just to let you know that I have transferred your letter of 8 December, enclosing one from your constituent, Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Lancing, Sussex, about flying saucers to the ministry of Defence. You will be hearing from the appropriate Minister there soon.

Mr [REDACTED] MP  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

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From: [redacted] M.P. AF/JWS62/77  
Head of P 54 (air  
rec'd 13 Dec.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

8th December, 1977.

[redacted]

Minister of State,  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,  
Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Lord [redacted],

I have received the enclosed  
and I do not know whether you would care  
to give me any advice on it.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature]

(Dictated by Mr. [redacted] and signed in his  
absence).

1. Acknowledged .....
2. Minister of State has/has not seen
3. .... Department for  
advice and draft reply from

.....

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[REDACTED]

Lancing,  
Sussex.  
24th November 1977.

Mr [REDACTED]  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
London. SVIA OAA.

Dear Sir,

Recent items in the press have indicated that the United Nations is to start an official probe into Flying Saucers. Although many people may consider such a project something of a waste of time I am personally glad that some steps are being taken to investigate this phenomena on a serious and official basis.

The main reason for my writing to you is that in my opinion not only should government bodies be involved in a project of this nature, but so should a team of ufologists who would obviously be used to the various problems involved.

Although I realise that no decisions may have been made regarding the form this project is to take I feel it essential that ufologists are involved in this venture. I should like your opinion on this matter and what you think the chances are of non government bodies and individuals being involved.

Yours Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

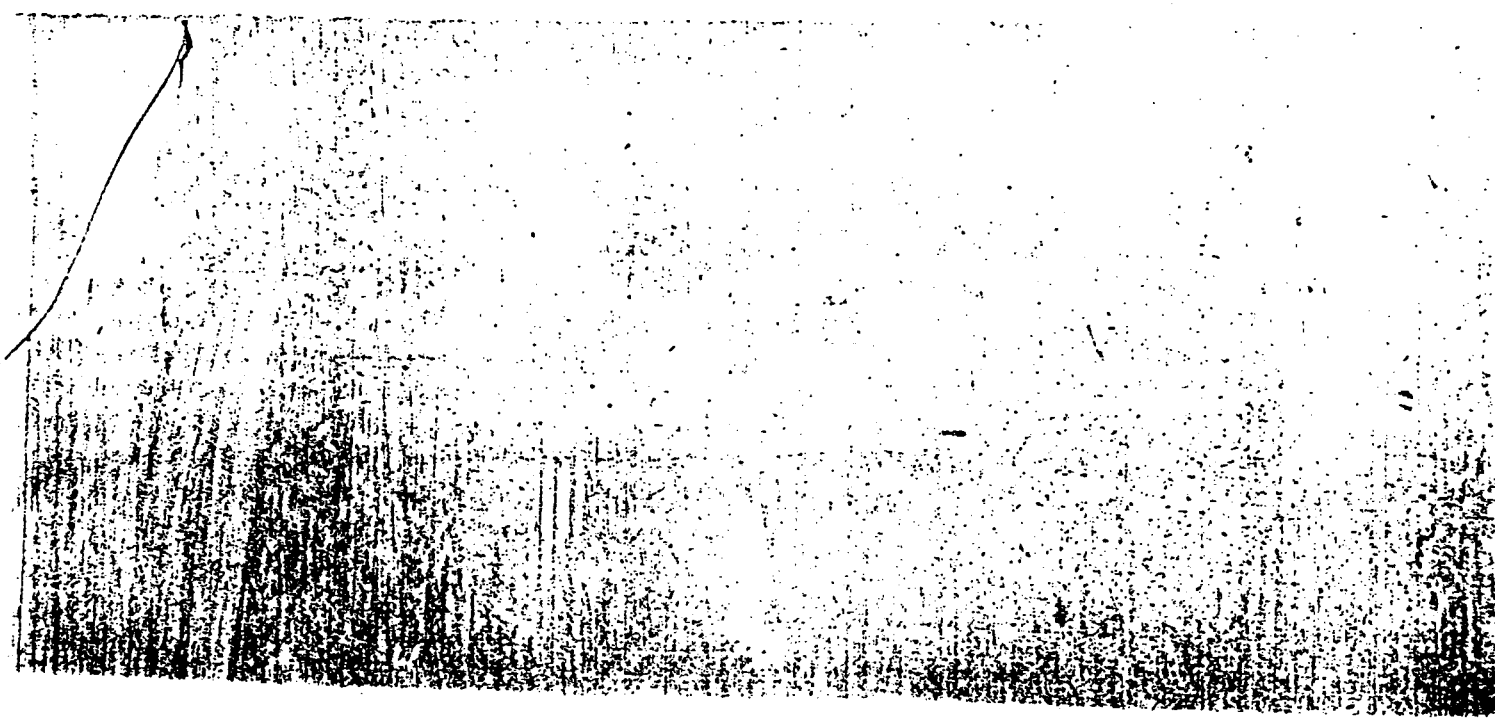
MY TELNOS 2732 AND 2733 AND YOUR TELNO 1563. UFOS

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

1. THIS MORNING, THE SPC ADOPTED THE DECISION  
REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, BY CONSENSUS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



MY IPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE, AND DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA AT THE 32ND AND 33RD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITES INTERESTED MEMBER STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CO-ORDINATE ON A NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION INTO EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE, INCLUDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, AND TO INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OBSERVATIONS, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE STATEMENTS OF THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA AND THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, SO THAT THEY MAY CONSIDER THEM AT THEIR 1979 MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE WILL PERMIT GRENADA, UPON ITS REQUEST, TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION. THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN ITS REPORT WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION.

YOUR TELNOS 1537 AND 1539, MY TELNO 2698 AND [REDACTED]  
LETTER OF 4 DECEMBER TO [REDACTED] UN DEPARTMENT: UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECTS

[REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT]

1. THE AUSTRIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE GRENADANS AND THE RUSSIANS NOW ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE CONSENSUS TEXT (WHICH IS REPEATED IN MIFT IN CASE YOU STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER UNDER REFERENCE). THE AMERICANS DO NOT EXPECT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AND ALSO INTEND TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS. WE PROPOSE TO DO LIKEWISE. THE ISSUE IS DUE TO BE DECIDED IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON 8 DECEMBER.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS TEXT IS NOT IDEAL, IT HAS NO FINANCIAL OR MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UN, DOES NOT COMMIT THE UN TO ANY SPECIFIC ACTION ON UFO'S AND PRECLUDES THE INSCRIPTION OF A SEPARATE UFO ITEM ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA (THE SUBJECT WOULD BE SUBSUMED IN THE OUTER SPACE ITEM AS A PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE). IN ANY EVENT THERE IS NO REAL PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATING FURTHER AMENDMENTS.

[REDACTED]  
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YOUR TELNOS 2539, 2566, 2567 AND [REDACTED] LETTER OF  
21 NOVEMBER; UFOS

[REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT]

1. WE REMAIN OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE GRENADAN INITIATIVE FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THE BRIEF. IF THE RESOLUTION IN YOUR TELNO 2567 IS PUT FORWARD YOU SHOULD OPPOSE IT.
2. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE WILLING TO HELP THE GRENADANS OFF THE HOOK IF IT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS (OTHER THAN GRENADA) OR THE UN. WE COULD THEREFORE ABSTAIN ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OF EXPERTS OR A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, PROVIDED THAT AS WE ASSUME FROM YOUR TELEGRAM 2566 THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA. IT WOULD ALSO HELP IF THE SUBJECT COULD BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE 35TH SESSION: IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT THAT ITEMS SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY GO ON THE AGENDA FROM SESSION TO SESSION.
3. YOU SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND GRENADA'S ABSENCE (WHETHER PLANNED OR FORTUITOUS, WE DO NOT KNOW) FROM THE FOURTH COMMITTEE VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE FRG MAY BE WELL PLACED TO SUGGEST TO THE DELEGATION OF GRENADA THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WOULD BE BETTER DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL ON THE LINES OF PARA 2 ABOVE IF GRENADA WERE TO ABSTAIN IN THE PLENARY VOTE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: ~~UN~~ INITIATIVE BY GRENADA

Problem

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

1. How to react to further proposals by Grenada, following up their 1977 initiative on UFOs.

Background

- A 2. At last year's General Assembly Premier Gairy of Grenada urged the United Nations to establish an agency or working group for research into unidentified flying objects. Mr [REDACTED] expressed the view that the proposal would bring the UN into disrepute. Accordingly, the UK delegation was instructed to oppose the draft Grenadan resolution. In the event, no vote was taken on the resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it to state members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General.
- B 3. The Secretary-General's subsequent report contained only three replies from Governments, (India, Luxembourg and the Seychelles) and unforthcoming reactions from two specialised agencies.
- C 4. The Permanent Mission of Grenada circulated a letter to Permanent Missions in New York on 10 November, which was followed up by a statement to the Special Political Committee on 27 November by the Prime Minister of Grenada, who complicated matters by introducing a new resolution instead of the one previously circulated. Subsequent developments are reported in UKMIS telno 2566 of 27 November.
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- F 5. The brief for this item is at flag F.

Argument

6. The Grenadan initiative continues to hold no attractions whatsoever for us. It is obvious, however, that some of our Western partners /including

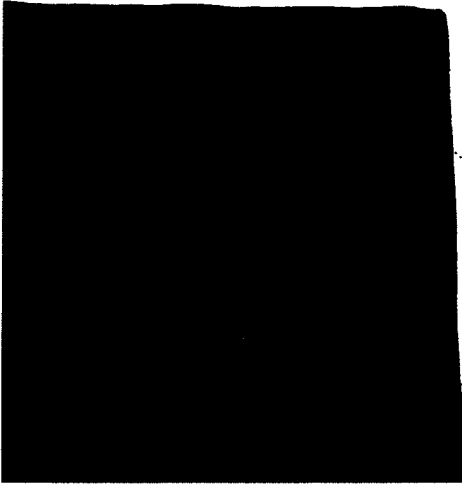
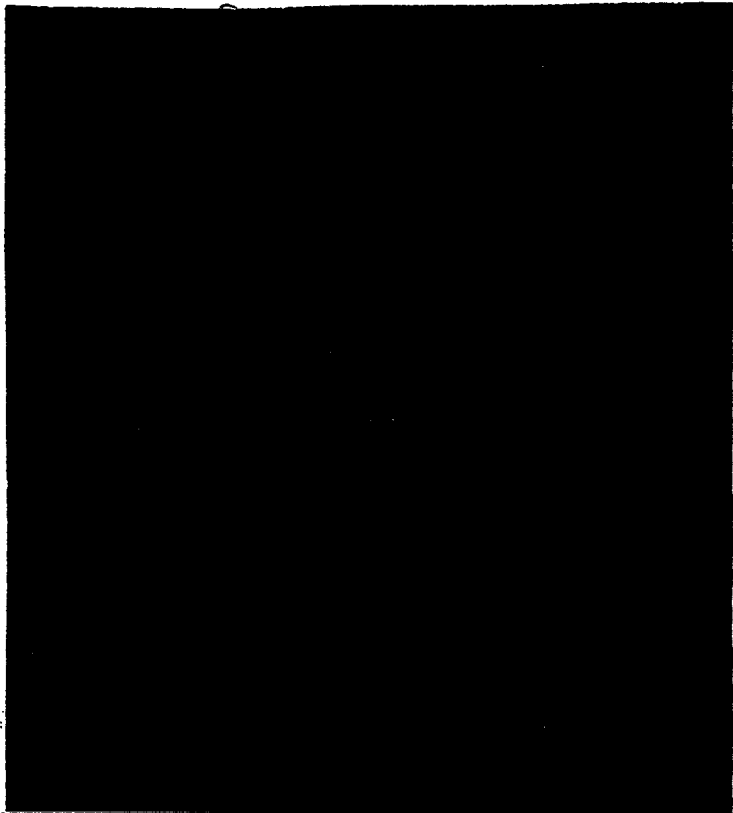


(including the FRG Presidency and the United States) are making an effort to help Grenada off the hook if this can be done without cost to the UN. It must also be said, in fairness, that the Grenadan proposal is no more ridiculous than many other proposals before the UN. Indeed President Carter has in the past reportedly taken a personal interest in the subject of UFOs. The proposal is at least not positively harmful to UK interests, whereas taking too strong and open a stand against Mr Gairy could be. Moreover, if we can help the Grenadans to reach a compromise, it could conceivably help us to persuade them to abstain on the vote on foreign economic and other interests in plenary (the Fourth Committee Resolution which inter alia strongly condemns the UK and others for dealings with South Africa).

#### Recommendation

7. I recommend that we instruct the Mission to continue to resist the original Grenadan proposal but to give discreet support to efforts by Western or other countries to postpone or reduce the scope and cost of the Grenadan proposal as much as possible. I accordingly submit a draft telegram to UKMIS New York.
8. UND were consulted on UN aspects, and concur.

4 December 1978



NY TELNO 2539: AGENDA ITEM NO 128: UFOs REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

1. THE TWO MEETINGS IN THE SPC ON THE ABOVE ITEM TODAY FOLLOWED THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, EXCEPT THAT MR GAIRY COMPLICATED MATTERS BY INTRODUCING A NEW RESOLUTION IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT INSTEAD OF THE ONE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS (██████████) LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO ██████████. THE NEW RESOLUTION ELABORATES ON THE IDEA IN THE INDIAN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/33/269), PROPOSING INTER ALIA THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND REPORTING THROUGH THAT COMMITTEE TO THE 34TH SESSION. (TEXT IN MIFT).

2. THERE HAD BEEN NO PRIOR WARNING THAT THE GRENADANS INTENDED TABLING A NEW RESOLUTION TODAY AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN WHO HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED, WERE STRONGLY OPOSED TO THIS FURTHER ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE IN THE SUBJECT OF UFOs. THE AUSTRIANS, AMONG OTHERS, PRIVATELY INTIMATED THEIR DISMAY TO THE GRENADAN MISSION, WHO BY THE END OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING GAVE SIGNS OF REGRETTING THEIR PRECIPITANCE. BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING FRIDAY (MINISTER OF EDUCATION) INTERVENED TO SAY THAT THE GRENADANS WERE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION AND INVITED DELEGATIONS TO CONVEY ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE TO THE GRENADAN MISSION PENDING RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM AT A LATER DATE.



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3. THIS WILL ALLOW TIME TO WORK OUT AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL. THE GERMANS, WITH AUSTRIAN BACKING, FAVOUR A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA, WHICH MIGHT IN DUE COURSE REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE US MISSION, WHEN MR GAIRY CALLED ON THEM ON 24 NOVEMBER, FLOATED THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (TO BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA) WHO WOULD STUDY THE PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE RUSSIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REPETITION OF THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED LAST YEAR: IE TO DEFER THE ITEM WITH SOME FACE-SAVING PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER COMMENTS BY INTERESTED PARTIES, OR A FURTHER STUDY. THIS LAST WOULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION, BUT GAIRY IS SAYING THAT HE WILL NOT BE PUT OFF AGAIN THIS YEAR.

4. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD NOT WISH THIS SUBJECT TO BE LANDED IN THE LAP OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE BOUND TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TO HAVE AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER YOU WOULD INCLINE TO AN ABSTENTION OR A VOTE AGAINST IN RESPECTABLE COMPANY ON THE RESOLUTION IN MY I.F.T. WE ASSUME, ALSO, THAT YOU WOULD WISH US TO WORK FOR ALTERNATIVES ON THE LINES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

  
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MIPT: AGENDA ITEM NO 128: UFO'S

GRENADA: DRAFT RESOLUTION  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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MINDFUL OF ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS,  
NOTING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY GRENADA AT THE THIRTIETH, THIRTY-FIRST, THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARD UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA WHICH CONTINUE TO BAFFLE MANKIND, AND GRENADA'S APPEAL TO HAVE THE UNITED NATIONS CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE RESEARCH INTO THESE BAFFLING PHENOMENA, AND TO DISSEMINATE MORE WIDELY AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA GATHERED AND AVAILABLE ON THE PHENOMENA,

AWARE OF THE GROWING INTEREST TAKEN BY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD IN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA, AND ALSO INTEREST IN STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND RECOGNISING THE COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH INTO THESE PHENOMENA DEMONSTRATED BY CERTAIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALISED AGENCIES, THE UNITED NATIONS INITIATE, CONDUCT AND CO-ORDINATE RESEARCH INTO THE NATURE AND ORIGIN OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA:

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE MEMBER STATES, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS TO TRANSMIT TO HIM BY 31 MAY 1979 INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE PROPOSED STUDY;

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13. FURTHER

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FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE A THREE-MEMBER GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED STUDY:

4. DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEET DURING THE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO STUDY INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY MEMBER STATES, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS:

5. FURTHER DECIDES THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT ON ITS WORK THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

6. DECIDES FURTHER TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEM ENTITLED "REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE FOR THE DEFINING OF GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA".

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8) [REDACTED] LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO [REDACTED]  
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1. THIS ITEM IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER IN THE SPC. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST MEETING WILL OPEN WITH A STATEMENT BY MR GAIRY, THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA, (WHO IS COMING TO NEW YORK ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION) AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY SEVERAL EXPERTS ON UFO'S WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING MR GAIRY, AND BY A WALT DISNEY FILM WHICH MR GAIRY HAS ALSO LAID ON. THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN MOVE ON TO ANOTHER ITEM TO ALLOW TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. THE IDEA IS TO LET MR GAIRY HAVE HIS DAY, WAITING UNTIL HE HAS LEFT NEW YORK BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE WITH THE GRENADA MISSION WHICH WILL IDEALLY REQUIRE MINIMAL, OR EVEN NO, UN INVOLVEMENT AND NO ADDITIONAL UN EXPENDITURE. VARIOUS IDEAS ARE BEGINNING TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE CORRIDORS. WE MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT AFTER MONDAYS MEETING WHICH LOOK WORTH CONSIDERING.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 128: ~~UFOs~~

1. The attached letter which has been circulated to Missions by the Permanent Mission of Grenada is self-explanatory. In their preliminary soundings this year, it would seem that the Mission of Grenada has found little if any support for its more ambitious proposal for establishing an agency, or department, and is therefore falling back on a more modest proposal.

2. I assume that you would wish us if possible to discourage this too, provided we are in good company and do not take the lead. It is possible however that it will acquire support as a 'fallback' position which the majority will be prepared to go along with to save Grenada's face. We will keep in close touch with our allies.



**PERMANENT MISSION OF GRENADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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OUR REF:

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and with reference to the Permanent Representative of Grenada's letter of August 29, 1978 has the honour to remind that Grenada's item on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomenon will come up for discussion in the Special Political Committee this week beginning November 27th.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada wishes to bring to the attention of Member States that, in the interest of not foisting upon the United Nations, at this point in time, the setting up of a Department or Agency which would involve heavy financial costs, the Government of Grenada is proposing that the contemplated study and research be placed in the hands of a small committee or ad hoc group of experts, whose task will be to submit a preliminary report on a possible framework for the study and research into the baffling phenomenon.

It is the hope of the Government of Grenada that this proposal and a draft resolution formulated along these lines will receive the support of Member States at the United Nations at this 33rd Regular Session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada further has the honour to attach the general outline of the draft resolution contemplated.

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, November 10, 1978

Permanent Mission of Member States  
to the UNITED NATIONS  
NEW YORK





PRELIMINARY  
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its commitment to promote international co-operation in solving international problems,

Aware of the growing interest taken by people of the world in Unidentified Flying Objects and related Phenomena which continue to baffle mankind, and in strange happenings in various parts of the world.....

Noting the statement made by the Prime Minister of Grenada at the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Session of the General Assembly regarding these baffling phenomena, and his appeal to have the United Nations conduct and co-ordinate research into Unidentified Flying Objects and related phenomena and to disseminate more widely among the Nations of the world information and other data gathered

Recognising the commitment to research into these phenomena demonstrated by individual scientists, researchers, educational institutions and National Governments.

1. Recommends that there be initiated a special official United Nations study on the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.
2. Requests The Secretary-General to appoint at the earliest possible date an "ad hoc group of experts" of not more than seven (7) scientific experts drawn from within the United Nations Secretariat and from private research organisations with the task of elaborating a possible framework for the above-mentioned study.
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to make available to the ad hoc group of experts all the relevant material, including proposals made by Member States as well as previous and current studies available on the subject.
4. Further requests the Committee to submit a preliminary report on its work by June 1, 1979.
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit the preliminary report of the ad hoc group of experts to Member States not later than July 30th, 1979.
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the Thirty Fourth Session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Report of the ad hoc group of experts" to investigate the nature and relationship of Unidentified Flying Objects and extra-terrestrial phenomena.
1. Decides further that a comprehensive report of the committee will be tabled at the 35th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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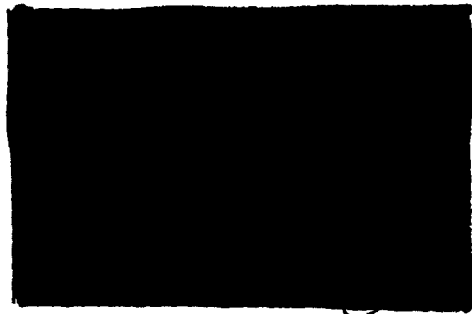
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33RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AGENDA ITEM NO 128

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (ITEM PROPOSED BY GRENADA (S/33/131)).



The attached brief has been prepared by the Energy Science and Space Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in consultation with Department of Industry and the Home Office. Any comments should be addressed to D A Lloyd in Energy Science and Space Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Tel 233 3209.

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## A UK AIMS

To oppose the establishment of any such agency.

## B POINTS TO MAKE

2. The British delegation does not think that the establishment of an agency for research into unidentified flying objects is appropriate to the functions of the United Nations. It considers that the existence of such an agency under UN auspices would be an unjustifiable drain on UN resources which could be better deployed elsewhere.

## C TACTICS

3. Hopefully a confrontation with the representative of Grenada can be avoided, but the UK should not hesitate to make its views known as and when appropriate. You should seek whatever support you can particularly among the Nine.

## BACKGROUND

4. At last year's UN General Assembly, the Grenadan delegation, with the full support of Premier Gairy, sought to establish an ad hoc working group of the UN to evaluate UFO reports. FCO Minsiters expressed the view that to set up any such body would reduce the credibility of the UN; accordingly the UK delegation was instructed to oppose. In the event, no vote was taken on the Grenadan Resolution; as a compromise, the General Assembly "studied the text" and requested the Secretary-General to transmit it "to states members of the UN and to interested specialised agencies so that they might communicate their views to the Secretary-General".

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MINISTERS HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, SINCE AGREEMENT TO SET UP SUCH AN AGENCY WOULD REDUCE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UN, WE SHOULD OPPOSE IT. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY SEEKING WHATEVER SUPPORT YOU CAN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE NINE.

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YOUR TELNOS. 2241 AND 2242 AND TELECON [REDACTED]

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UFO ITEM.

1. WE REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED TO A GRENADA RESOLUTION ON UFOS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH OPPOSITION LIKELY TO BE DAMAGING EITHER TO THE UK OR TO THE UN. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE UK'S INTENTION OF VOTING AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION CONTAINING AN OPERATIONAL OUTCOME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS LEAVES US IN A MINORITY.
2. IF THE GRENADANS CAN BE PERSUADED TO ABANDON THEIR RESOLUTION WE THINK THAT REFERRAL OF THEIR UFO INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE ON OUTER SPACE WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST FACE SAVING DEVICE. THIS COMMITTEE IS AFTER ALL THE ESTABLISHED UN BODY DEALING WITH OUTER SPACE MATTERS. WE UNDERSTAND THE AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN'S ANXIETIES BUT THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTING WORK LOAD, THIS ITSELF SHOULD BE A REASONABLE GUARANTEE THAT THE UFO ISSUE WOULD BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS AGENDA WITH A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING IGNORED INDEFINITELY.
3. WE ARE LESS ATTRACTED TO THE SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF TELNO. [REDACTED] 40 IT HAS THE DISADVANTAGE THAT ONCE THE UFO ISSUE WAS INSCRIBED AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WOULD BE THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE AND WE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CERTAIN THAT CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM GRENADA, PERHAPS WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WOULD NOT LEAD TO ITS DISCUSSION EITHER AT THE 33RD OR 34TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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NY TELNO 2271

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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPC WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING THE GRENADAIS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS TO ACCEPT HIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION, AND THIS AFTERNOON READ OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT CONSENSUS:

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA ON 28 NOVEMBER 1977 AND BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF GRENADA ON 28 AND 30 NOVEMBER AND ... DECEMBER 1977 (A/SPC/32/PV.35, A/SPC/32/SR.37 AND A/SPC/32/SR. ...).

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ALSO STUDIED THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRENADA (A/SPC/32/L.20).

3. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/SPC/32/L.20), TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STATEMENTS, TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SO THAT THEY MAY COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

4. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THEIR REPLIES TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER STATES AND INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

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Chairman: [REDACTED] (Costa Rica)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 126: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY OR A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UNDERTAKING, CO-ORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND RELATED PHENOMENA (continued) (A/33/141, A/33/268; A/SPC/33/L.20)

1. [REDACTED] (Grenada)\* read out a letter from [REDACTED], a former astronaut, expressing the belief that unidentified flying objects were extraterrestrial vehicles whose crews were visiting Earth from more technically advanced planets. [REDACTED] had himself spent two days in 1951 observing UFOs of different sizes flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe. A top-level co-ordinated programme was needed to collect and analyse data from all over the world concerning all types of encounters and to determine how best to make friendly contact with such visitors. Man might have to prove to the visitors that he had learned to solve his problems by peaceful means rather than by warfare before he could be accepted as a fully qualified universal team member. Such acceptance would have tremendous possibilities for the advancement of the world in all areas, and it would certainly seem that the United Nations had an interest in handling the subject properly and expeditiously. If the United Nations agreed to pursue the project, many more well-qualified people might agree to provide help and information.
2. [REDACTED] (Grenada)\* said it was important to remember that men throughout the world had something in common: they were all earthlings, a fact which tended to be forgotten when man's many differences were aired. After 20 years of study, he believed that there was overwhelming evidence to suggest that the planet was being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. The evidence took the form of eye-witness testimony from responsible persons, physical trace cases producing changes in the environment observable long after the UFO had left, radar visual sightings, photographs and abductions, apparently by aliens of earthlings and the subsequent return of the earthlings, although there was no knowledge of cases where earthlings had not been returned.
3. Every large-scale scientific study of UFOs had provided a substantial number of cases in which the observations clearly indicated that the UFO was a manufactured object behaving in ways which could not be duplicated by manufactured objects on Earth. The ability of UFOs to move and manoeuvre at thousands of miles an hour, without any visible external engine, wings or tail, indicated that the spacecraft had been manufactured by someone other than man. Many people wished to know why UFOs should visit Earth and what was happening on Earth that could be of interest to an advanced civilization. Probably there were many things of interest to someone concerned with the development of a primitive society. However, one thing was guaranteed to be of interest to another civilization and that was the fact that within one hundred years men would be going to the stars. He himself, as a nuclear physicist, had worked on fission and fusion propulsion systems which would be capable of transporting man to nearby star systems within reasonable periods of time, and it would be obvious to any alien in the neighbourhood that man would be doing so within a hundred years. Since the end of the Second World War, with the development

\* The full text of this statement will appear in document A/SPC/33/PV.36.



of nuclear weapons, rockets and electronics, man had become of interest to other, advanced civilizations. Naturally, such civilizations would be concerned with their own survival and security and would therefore wish to be informed of the activities of another civilization which was just beginning space travel; it was therefore clear that the UFOs were obtaining data for their own purposes, acting as a kind of galactic federation intelligence agency.

4. People also wondered why UFOs did not make contact. He suggested that there was no one leader with whom such alien beings could make contact. Whereas the smallest reasonable political unit on a galactic neighbourhood basis was a planet or a solar system, from the alien viewpoint man's was a primitive society whose major activity was tribal warfare; it would make no more sense for alien beings to speak to individual countries than for the United Nations to address individual cities.

5. Some people were worried at the significance of flying saucers and wondered why, in the light of the importance of questions of peace, survival and hunger, people should concern themselves with such matters. He suggested that man's very survival might depend on his taking an earthling orientation. The easiest way of doing so was for him to try to see himself as others saw him. From up above, coming into the planet Earth, there were no boundary lines. Acceptance of oneself as an earthling would become natural when it was recognized that the planet Earth was being visited.

6. There were also practical aspects such as the significance of man's acquiring motive propulsion which would enable him to travel and to transport goods from place to place without using the traditional means of transport and without expending valuable resources which were normally burned and thrown away. It was clear that aliens had solved problems such as the development of new and better means of producing energy. In addition, the Earth might well have some resources which could be exported to alien civilizations; as the densest planet in the solar system, the Earth had more valuable heavy metals than any other planet in the neighbourhood and might also have plant life and other materials which would be of interest to aliens.

7. Modern astronomy frequently assumed, in relation to the possibility of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences, that all other solar systems were isolated in the same manner as our own, in which the nearest star to the sun was four light years away. However, within our own galactic neighbourhood there were approximately 1,000 stars, of which 46 were similar to the sun and might well be expected to have planets and life; some of those planets would be much older than Earth. In addition, research into UFOs had revealed the existence of two sun-like stars, Zeta I Reticulae and Zeta II Reticulae, which were separated by only three light weeks; such close proximity would suggest that interstellar travel and communication might have been developed much earlier than on our isolated planet. Three recent professional publications had expressed the view that our entire galaxy had probably already been colonized. Perhaps the most important thing to recognize was that the next generation would grow up in a drastically different situation; unless something was done to prevent it, another dozen countries would soon have nuclear weapons and the world would be further divided into groups instead of becoming the earthling civilization which was necessary for its survival.

8. [REDACTED] (Grenada) invited members of the Committee to make suggestions and recommendations concerning the draft resolution submitted by his delegation (A/SPC/33/L.20); his delegation was very flexible as to the actual mechanism to be decided on by the Committee for monitoring and co-ordinating research into UFOs and would be interested to hear the ideas of other delegations on the matter. He assumed that the vote on the resolution would take place at a later date.
9. The CHAIRMAN said that the substantive consideration of and vote on the resolution would be deferred until a later meeting.
10. [REDACTED] (Liberia) requested that the statements made by the members of the delegation of Grenada should be reproduced in extenso in the records so that delegates could study them more closely.
11. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Assembly, at the 4th plenary meeting of its current session, had decided to maintain the option that had traditionally been approved for the Special Political Committee to obtain transcriptions of debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof.
12. [REDACTED] (United Kingdom) asked what the financial implications of such action would be.
13. The CHAIRMAN said that such expenditure as might be incurred by the provision of transcriptions of the Committee's debates was considered to be part of the normal work of the General Assembly; there were no direct financial implications. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the request made by the representative of Liberia.
14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.

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We spoke, hope the  
enclosed is useful.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

DI BCR CG3

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 03/05 ‘Details of MoD’s UFO investigations, files, reports and committee minutes’

Reference:

A. ChoTs email from DAS-FOI [REDACTED] dated 4 Jan 05 4:54:32PM

1. DAS, the lead branch, have asked if there is any data in our files relevant to the request that is not duplicated their files. Within DI ST the files relating to this matter are the D/DI55/108/15 series, which cover policy (108/15) and sighting reports (108/15/1 and 108/15/2). Due to the contamination of DIS archive only the policy reports, parts 4 to 8, covering the period from Dec 1971 to the present, and one sighting report file, D/DI55/108/15/2, relating to the Cosford sightings on 31 Mar 93 and copied to DAS in Apr 04, were available and formed the extent of my search.

2. [REDACTED] is correct in her note that we do not ‘investigate’ sightings of unexplained aerial phenomena and to a large extent the DIS files only contain copies of correspondence generated elsewhere. The compilation of sighting reports and limited analysis in file 108/15/2 were largely the result of the personal enthusiasm of Sec(AS)2a desk officer at the time and is by no means typical as far as I can see from the files examined. The only other ‘investigation’ I have found is the work done in preparation for a House of Lords motion put down by Earl of Clancarty in Nov 1978. The LM (D/DD Ops(GE)/10/82 dated 12 Jun 78) by Grp Capt N. Colvin has an Annex A titled ‘Investigation of Aerial Phenomena reports 16 April’ which shows the steps taken to investigate the cause of the time coincident sightings. As the LM was addressed S4(Air), I presume [REDACTED] had a copy. I attach a copy from the file I hold (108/15 part 4). Note that the sighting reports contain personal data.

3. The same file has a background briefing note, (D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 78 by T Stevens, Head of S4(Air)), prepared for the above debate, which summarises the US attitude to the subject and list the results of US investigations into UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969. The USAF investigation was known as Project Blue Book and this was followed by a study led by Dr E. Condon. This LM could be released to put the historical

data in the public domain, but as it is not a DIS document I expect we will need advice from elsewhere

4. If you require any other information please let me know. Attached are the 2 LM referred to above.

[REDACTED]  
DI ST-AM ALM AD  
[REDACTED]

*Sign with Fossie / Guckinly*  
*No desperate reply, but AD will want to have your  
 brief on para 3 by 1 June at the latest please.*

*W 18/5*

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UFOS - DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

There is to be a debate on UFOs in the House of Lords on 12 June based on the following PQ by the Earl of Clancarty, a prominent ufologist:

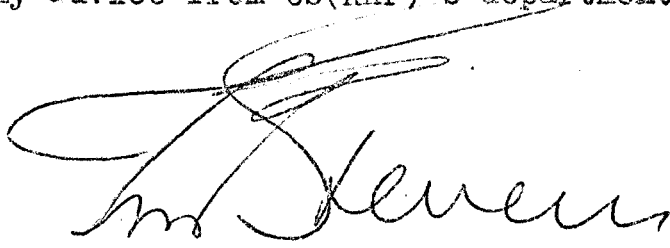
'To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are aware of the increasing number of reports of sightings and landings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) on a worldwide scale, and whether they will initiate an inter-governmental study of UFOs'.

2. S4(Air) is required to provide a brief and draft winding-up speech for Lord Winterbottom. I attach a copy of a proposed line, which I have put to the Department of Education and Science (and to FCO, who were recently involved in brushing off an attempt to get UNO to discuss UFOs). You will see that I propose that the Government should take this opportunity to pour a mass of cold water on ufology. I would be grateful for:

- a. Your advice on the proposed line of action.
- b. Additional arguments or evidence that we might offer.

3. I would be grateful if DD Ops(GE)(RAF) and ADI 55 would say whether we could comment more fully about evidence of extra-terrestrial activity from the reports we receive - ie expand more forcefully on para 4f in the attached letter: '.... perusal of reports received gives us no cause to suspect extra-terrestrial activity'. I would also like to know how much work is done on these reports, and whether there has been any attempt to consider them as a whole.

4. The Chief Scientist's department is at a disadvantage, not seeing the flow of UFO reports that arrive in AFD. However, with MOD taking the lead in refuting UFOs, the inference will be drawn that CS(RAF) endorses that line. Putting the matter differently, I imagine that had CS(RAF) thought, as a scientist, that there was something in UFOs, he would have been quick to draw the matter to the department's attention or to have sought immediate access to the UFO reports. As he has not done so we can assume that he is unimpressed with UFOs. But I would be particularly grateful for any advice from CS(RAF)'s department.



17 May 1978

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17 May 1978

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*Dear Mr Barber,*

There is to be a debate on UFOs in the House of Lords on 12 June '78 based on the following PQ by the Earl of Clancarty:

'To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are aware of the increasing number of reports of sightings and landings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) on a worldwide scale, and whether they will initiate an inter-governmental study of UFOs'.

2. The procedure will be similar to an Adjournment Debate in the Commons. The Earl will introduce the subject, interested members will speak, and Lord Winterbottom will reply for the Government. The debate could last anything from 20 minutes to 4 hours: we have been invited to draft a 10-15 minute winding up speech.

3. We do not take this lightly, because Lord Clancarty is an acknowledged expert on UFOs, whilst MOD has no experts on UFOs - for much the same reasons as we have no experts on levitation or black magic. There is much public interest in UFOs at present, drummed up by the Daily Express and in connection with the heavy sci-fi film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. There is a risk that the Government will be persuaded to conduct a study of UFOs, or at least to examine the mass of evidence that Lord Clancarty and his fellow-ufologists have assembled in the last 30 years. Should the Government's defences break, I need hardly warn you that responsibility for the study could very likely fall on your Department! Accordingly we would be grateful for your help in determining the proper line for Government to take.

4. We believe it would be unprofitable to indulge in too much flippancy, and intend to propose that the Government injects a dose of massive common sense into the debate on UFOs. The general line we have in mind is:

- a. We do not discount the possibility of intelligent life elsewhere among the huge number of other worlds and other galaxies.
- b. The technical difficulties of space travel are stunning, with the nearest star 4 light years away, but it would be unwise to say 'impossible ever'.
- c. The phenomena lumped together as 'UFOs' are often reported by responsible and intelligent people.
- d. But there is a huge gap between those three statements and the assumption that 'UFO reports' constitute serious evidence that extra-terrestrial beings are reconnoitring this planet (Clancarty reports 80,000 verified sightings, the introduction to the book of 'Close Encounters' refers to 'millions!').
- e. The phenomena reported often have common-sense explanations (eg aircraft or met balloons in unusual light, or space debris): it is always difficult to interpret accurately unusual events seen fleetingly; and the constant publicity about UFOs leads people to interpret the phenomena as extra-terrestrial spacecraft and to embellish their reports unconsciously.
- f. Extensive US studies indicate no evidence of extra-terrestrial visits. No studies have been considered necessary in UK, but perusal of reports received gives us no cause to suspect extra-terrestrial activity.
- g. If there was serious scientific evidence of extra-terrestrial visits we would expect the scientific world to be agog and committed; but the scientific world seems at best unimpressed, more likely heavily cynical.
- h. There is no internal consistency about the idea of there having been 80,000 or perhaps millions of genuine sightings. We would expect some accidents or artefacts (Clancarty has suggested that the CIA has collected and hidden them all); or some approach to or direct evidence held by Governments (Clancarty has suggested there is a conspiracy of silence between Governments until they know how to cope); or some overt political or cultural activity to show for 30 years of presumably high-technology reconnaissance (Clancarty's own UFO references go back to the Star of Bethlehem and earlier).



5. We would plan to lead up to the argument that it is pointless to try to persuade the Government unless and until the scientific community has been persuaded. We could offer the suggestion that the scientific community is most unlikely to be persuaded by mere quantity of reported sightings (as one newspaper recently remarked, 80,000 times nothing still equals nothing); a more profitable course would be for Clancarty, being so certain about his case, to present say 10 well-documented readily-verifiable recent cases in this country on which he would state his professional reputation as a ufologist. It is doubtful whether the 'scientific community' would welcome our directing Clancarty towards them, but this is surely the proper course for a layman who believes he has evidence of a matter of massive scientific concern upon which he cannot convince the Government.

6. I would be grateful for your advice on the above proposed line of action; and, if you agree it, advice on any other arguments that could be advanced. Attached is a first draft of a background note describing the past attitudes of MOD, US, France and Grenada.

7. Because of the deadline for briefing Ministers and the intrusion of the Spring Bank holiday, I am afraid I must ask for your advice by pm Wednesday 24 May.

8. I am copying this letter to Mr R Alston, Energy, Science and Space Department, Room EO22, FCO: I have noted the robust line taken by FCO recently with UNO proposals to study UFOs.

*Yours Sincerely*  
*Patrick Stevens*

The Earl of Clancarty

1. We understand from the Press that Lord Clancarty is a staunch believer in UFOs. He is reported to have seen two and he has written seven books on the subject having studied the phenomena for 30 years. He has asserted that a former French Minister of Defence admitted that UFOs exist, that there are serious problems and that many landings have taken place. When asked to comment on a report that a UFO had followed a young housewife home Lord Clancarty told the Evening News that the lights may have been those of a space craft sent to spy on us by an unknown civilisation from another planet. A lot of UFOs, he said, seem to disguise themselves in clouds.

The American Attitude to UFOs

2. There has been no British scientific enquiry into the possible existence of UFOs. However, the Ministry of Defence has kept in touch with the United States Air Force who made a systematic attempt to record and investigate UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969. During this period the USAF received 12,618 reports: of these 701 were not explained.

3. This USAF investigation known as Project Blue Book was followed by a study which was originally suggested a member of a congressional investigation in the Armed Forces Committee and which was assigned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to the University of Colorado. It was led by Dr Edward V Condon, Professor of Physics and formerly Director of the National Bureau of Standards. The main findings of this study, published in 1969 were that:-

- a. About 90% of all UFO reports prove to be plausibly related to <sup>natural</sup> ~~scientific~~ phenomena.
- b. Little if anything had come to light from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that added to scientific knowledge.
- c. Further extensive study of UFO sightings was not justified in the expectation that science would be advanced thereby.

b. No evidence had come to light in the study to indicate that UFO sightings might represent a defensive hazard.

e. The US Department of Defence should continue to handle UFO reports in its normal surveillance operations without recourse to special units such as Project Blue Book.

4. These findings were endorsed by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which advised that the Condon enquiry had been an adequate scientific study of UFO phenomena and that the methodology and approach were well chosen and in accordance with the accepted standards of scientific investigation. The Panel added: "We are unanimous in the opinion that this (the Condon Report) has been a very creditable attempt to apply objectively the relevant techniques of science to the solution of the UFO problem. The Report recognises that there remain UFO sightings that are not easily explained. The Report does suggest, however, so many reasonable and possible directions in which an explanation may eventually be found that there seems to be no reason to attribute them to an extra-terrestrial source without evidence that is much more convincing.

The Report also shows how difficult it is to apply scientific methods to the occasional transient sightings with any chance of success. Whilst further study of particular aspects of the topic (eg atmospheric phenomena) may be useful, a study of UFOs in general is not a promising way to expand scientific understanding of the phenomena. On the basis of present knowledge the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extra terrestrial visitations by intelligent beings\*."

5. The USAF wound up their Project Blue Book investigation on 17 December 1969 on the strength of the Condon Report, the advice of the National Academy of Sciences, past UFO studies and their own experience of investigating UFO reports over two decades. Their conclusions were that no UFO reported, investigated or evaluated by the Air Force had ever given any indication of a threat to their national security; that there had been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day

scientific knowledge, and that there had been no evidence indicating that sightings categorised as "unidentified" were extra terrestrial vehicles.

6. The Condon Report caused a good deal of controversy and, we Believe, was much criticised. In August 1976, however, the RAF Staff in Washington were informed by the US Department of the Air Force that there was no likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area. The Department pointed to the considerable Air Force Commitment of resources in the past, the extreme pressure on Air Force funds in 1976 and the fact <sup>since 1969 no evidence had been presented to warrant</sup> that further investigation by the Air Force. The Department of the Air Force added that a number of universities and professional scientific organisations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science had considered UFO phenomena. Private organisations had also shown interest in aerial phenomena. It was considered that such timely review of the situation by private groups insured that sound evidence would not be overlooked by the scientific community.

#### Ministry of Defence attitude

7. The MOD policy takes its cue from the Americans. It is always possible, of course, that the considerable correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestrial origin which could have a bearing on national security. All letters are therefore referred to specialist authorities in MOD for any further investigation thought to be necessary; we do not take the enquiries further than that and we do not enter into detailed correspondence with the public. The standard reply to Members of Parliament and the public is that we have not the resources to conduct a scientific investigation into the nature of UFOs and, although we invariably pass reports of sightings to the staffs responsible for the air defences, we do not pursue enquiries to the point of positive identification. We do not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life could exist in outer space but to date no evidence has emerged to suggest that UFOs have extra terrestrial origins

or that they represent a threat to national security. In fact, most of the sightings have commonplace origins, such as aircraft or aircraft lights seen from an unusual angle or in unusual meteorological conditions.

8. The trouble is that the dedicated "UFO-clogist" will not listen and is more concerned with selective evidence to support his own thesis. The more common criticisms are:-

- a. MOD will not let the public see its files. There is a "cover up" for security reasons.

There is no cover up and no security ban. It is true that when people ask to see the MOD UFO files they are told the papers must remain confidential. But there is a mundane reason for that. The files contain voluminous correspondence from the general public and we cannot divulge the identity of the correspondents, or the references to classified subjects which some of the files might contain. To remove these details would require extensive editing and we have not the staff to do the job. It follows that the files must remain closed under the rules laid down in the public Records Acts which at present preclude disclosure until 30 years have elapsed since the date of the particular correspondence. The earliest reports MOD hold are dated 1962. All earlier UFO papers were destroyed many years ago.

- b. MOD employs a special UFO organisation.

Quite untrue. Nobody is employed full time to monitor UFO sightings. There is no UFO section in MOD. One of the Secretarial branches answers letters from the public about UFOs but it has many other, quite different, responsibilities as well. It does not review or analyse the sightings. It merely sends the letters to the specialised branches who examine them solely to see if they have any bearing on the air defences.

- c. Vast numbers of UFO sightings are reported to MOD, many are unexplained

No statistical records are kept in MOD because of the staff shortage. All we can say is that MOD received rather more than 400 reports from the public in 1977, at a rate of 20 to 40 per month on average. There was a flurry of correspondence recently when the Daily Express launched its advertising campaign for the commercial film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

#### Attitude of French Government to UFOs

9. Apart from American policy we have recent information on only two Governments - those of France and Grenada. The French official procedure is not unlike ours. Reports from the public go in the first place to the Gendarmerie who if necessary interview the observer and take statements. The Gendarmerie send on the reports simultaneously to the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CENS) and to the French Ministry of Defence, who check radars etc to discover any military implications. The reports are then fed into a computer so that they can be "added to the statistics of the problem".

10. The view of the French Ministry of Defence may be summarised as follows:

- a. The role of the Air Force consists solely in estimating whether certain information amongst the evidence they receive

is likely to affect national defence; this is not in fact so ....

No acts of aggression either against persons or property civilian or military have been detected.

- b. The phenomena cannot at present be analysed by means of known measuring instruments .... Whilst maintaining an open mind we must restrain ourselves from hasty conclusions regarding the nature and origin of the phenomena and accept the fact that this problem like many others remains suspended in space.

11. In the last few months a small study group has been set up under the *auspices* of the CNES. It is chaired by Monsieur Claude Poher and is called the Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aerspatiaux Non-identifies. The terms of reference for this group are not yet known but the title seems to be self-explanatory. The group has no formal links with the United Kingdom, and the Department of Education and Science advise that there is no similar scientific group in UK to study unidentified objects to phenomena.

12. Lord Clancarty drew attention to this group in a recent Parliamentary Question when he also referred to a broadcast on France-Inter radio in February 1974 when M. Robert Galley, the then French Minister of Defence was interviewed about UFOs. The interview is reported in a book, "The Crack in the Universe" which contains an accurate translation of the broadcast and introduces the transcript (quite fairly as an interview in which the Minister declared "there are phenomena which are unexplained". The blurb on the dust cover, however, has M. Galley freely admitting that UFOs exist and that they are a serious problem. According to the official transcript M. Galley made only two points of substance:-

- a. There are things about UFOs which are not understood and have not been explained.
- b. "We must adopt an extremely open attitude of mind to this, not put into doubt the sincerity of people reporting UFOs .... but at the moment it is really far too soon to draw the least conclusion".

#### Attitude of the Government of Grenada

13. In December 1977 Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, tabled a resolution at the United Nations calling on the Special Political Committee to set up a special agency or department to conduct research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. The British

(and we believe other) representatives were briefed to oppose such an agency on the grounds that it would reduce the credibility of the United Nations. Sir Eric withdrew the proposal and circulated a draft resolution requiring the Secretary General to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into flying saucers, including an analysis of the benefits, problems and dangers stemming from any contact with terrestrial life.

14. The UN Special Political Committee advised the General Assembly to take note of the various statements made by the Prime Minister of Grenada and to instruct the Secretary General to transmit the text to Member States of the UN and to interested specialist agencies. In other words the resolution has been shelved indefinitely.



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D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8C

S4(Air)Copies to:  
PS/CS(RAF)  
DI 55UFOS DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

## Reference:

A. D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 78



1. Reference A asked if we could comment more fully about the evidence of extra-terrestrial activity based on the reports received in the Ministry of Defence.

Additionally you wished to know how UFO reports are processed and whether there has been any attempt to consider them as a whole.

2. All aerial phenomena reports received by the Air Force Department of the MOD are reviewed by the Directorate of Operations (A Def & O); specifically by Ops(GE)2c. Each report is assessed on its merits and can be subjected to further investigation if considered necessary. An example of such an investigation is contained in Annex A; a number of time co-incident reports concerning the sighting of aerial phenomena over Southern England in the early hours of 16 April were eventually linked, by RAF Fylingdales (a BMEWS site), to the re-entry into earth's atmosphere of a satellite or satellite debris.

3. In the period 1 May 77 to 30 April 78 a total of 501 aerial phenomena reports were received and processed; of these only 6% indicated that further investigation was required; each report needing approximately 3 working hours to process fully. Such investigation requires that detail contained in each report be mapped and the resultant possible trajectory/track be correlated with any factual evidence that may be available either from the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) or the Air Defence Ground Environment (ADGE) radar sites. During this period Air Defence radar sites have no record of unusual observations. Indeed none of the unusual phenomena reports have ever been confirmed as having an unknown origin by our ground radar sites.

4. Until the receipt of Reference A no attempt has been made to consider the reports as a whole, indeed the effort required would be difficult to justify. A review of the reports still held on file has been carried out; the statistical results appear in Annex B. Two points of interest emerge: firstly there appears to be a dramatic increase in the number of reported sightings since the end of 76, although it is possible that some reports received during the period 72-76 may have been destroyed. Secondly the detailed plotting of a number of the reports received in the period 1 Jan 78 to 30 April (Annex C) reveals a number of observation patterns which could be interpreted as the sighting of manmade space objects and/or decaying satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The CS may wish to comment on this. However, much detailed work would be necessary to investigate fully this hypothesis.

5. RAF Fylingdales advise that on 23 May a total of 4,661 items of manmade space objects were orbiting the earth. Of these, 65% (3,343) had an angle of inclination which would result in an overflight of the United Kingdom. At Annex D is a table of the number of manmade objects launched each year since 1972. The table also shows yearly additions to the space catalogue and the number of items which were removed from the catalogue as they decayed from orbit and entered earth's atmosphere. It is estimated that approximately 20% of decaying objects are of sufficient size to be visible on their entry into the atmosphere.

6. We believe that the majority of aerial phenomena sighting reports have a rational explanation; meteorological balloons, atmospheric phenomena, orbiting space hardware, space debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, cosmic debris and high-flying aircraft (both military and civil) are among the most probable explanations. Of the reports reviewed to date we can find no evidence of extra terrestrial visitation to either earth, its atmosphere or near space. The total lack of primary radar observations of unnatural phenomena leads us to be sceptical of Lord Clancarty's claims although we would not wish to state categorically that "UFOs" do not exist.

Undoubtedly a very small proportion of sightings reports will defy rational explanations but within MOD AFD we have neither the staff, information nor the time to investigate fully all reports.

7. We propose to continue with the compilation of Annex B in order that you may be given a current statement of figures at the time of the resubmission of the PQ.

12 Jun 78



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ANNEX A TO  
D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8C  
DATED 2 JUN 78

INVESTIGATION OF AERIAL PHENOMENA REPORTS - 16 APRIL

Reference:

A. D/S4(Air)/8/3 dated 17 May 78.

1. As a result of the receipt on 17 April of a number of reports relating to time co-incident sightings of aerial phenomena in the early morning of 16 April, an investigation as to the probable cause was initiated. The period initially investigated was 15, 16 and 17 April and Appendix 1 shows the initial results which indicated that on 16th and 17th sighting reports revealed that phenomena were observed to travel from the South-West to the North-East across the Southern half of the United Kingdom, whilst on 15 April a reverse direction was observed. As the predominant number of sightings were after midnight on 16 April these were reviewed in more detail and appear at Appendix 2. Subsequent discussion with Fylingdales on 18 April revealed that 3 items of space hardware had been deleted from the space catalogue and from the trajectory of the phenomena reports it could be reasonably assumed that the witnesses had observed decaying items of hardware re-entering the earths atmosphere.

2. Subsequent to the receipt of Reference A the incident on 16 April has been re-examined. A geographical plan of the reports is at Appendix 3 together with numerically related reports. It is of interest that while the majority of the reports describe what was seen by the observer, reports 1 and 5 contain a limited amount of embellishment. Over the period May 77 to April 78 .2 percent of all received reports contained descriptions which could be interpreted as a report of the sighting of an "UFO". Two examples are shown at Appendix 4.

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3. The information given in all aerial phenomena reports is related to the following paragraph sequence:

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting
- B. Description of Object
- C. Exact Position of Observer
- D. How Observed
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen
- F. Angular Elevation of Object
- G. Distance of Object from Observer
- H. Movements of Object
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations
- K. Nearby Objects
- L. To Whom Reported
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- P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report.

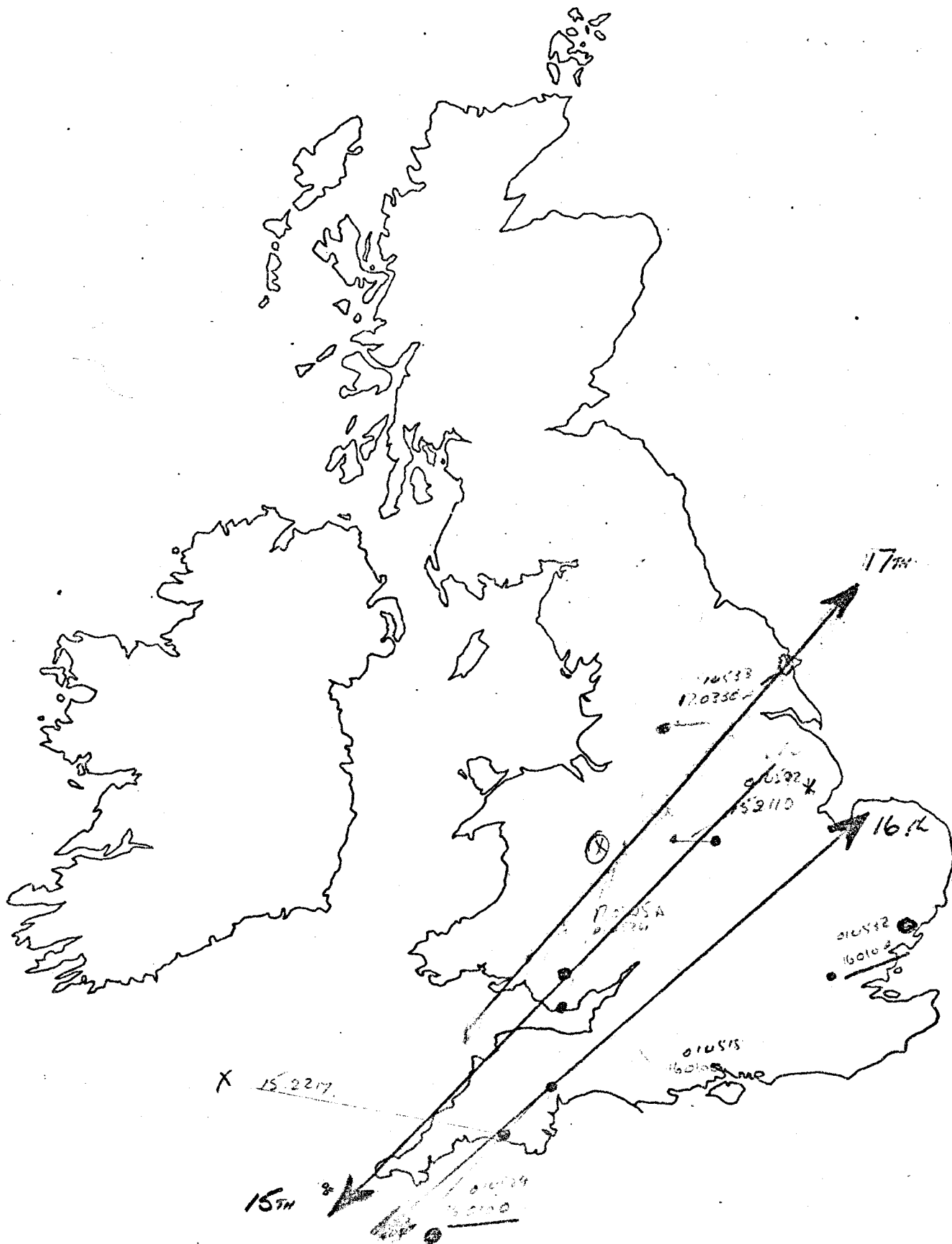
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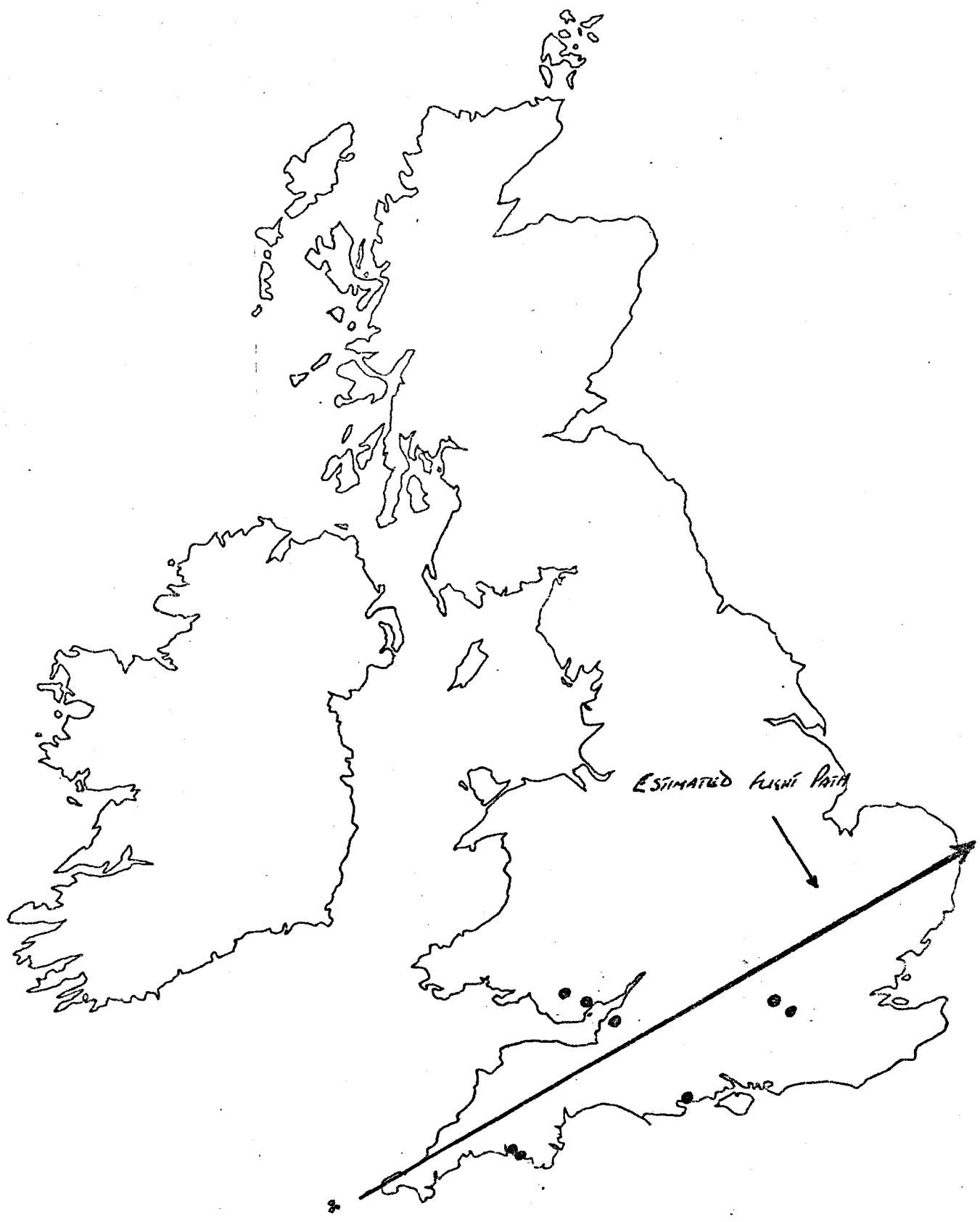
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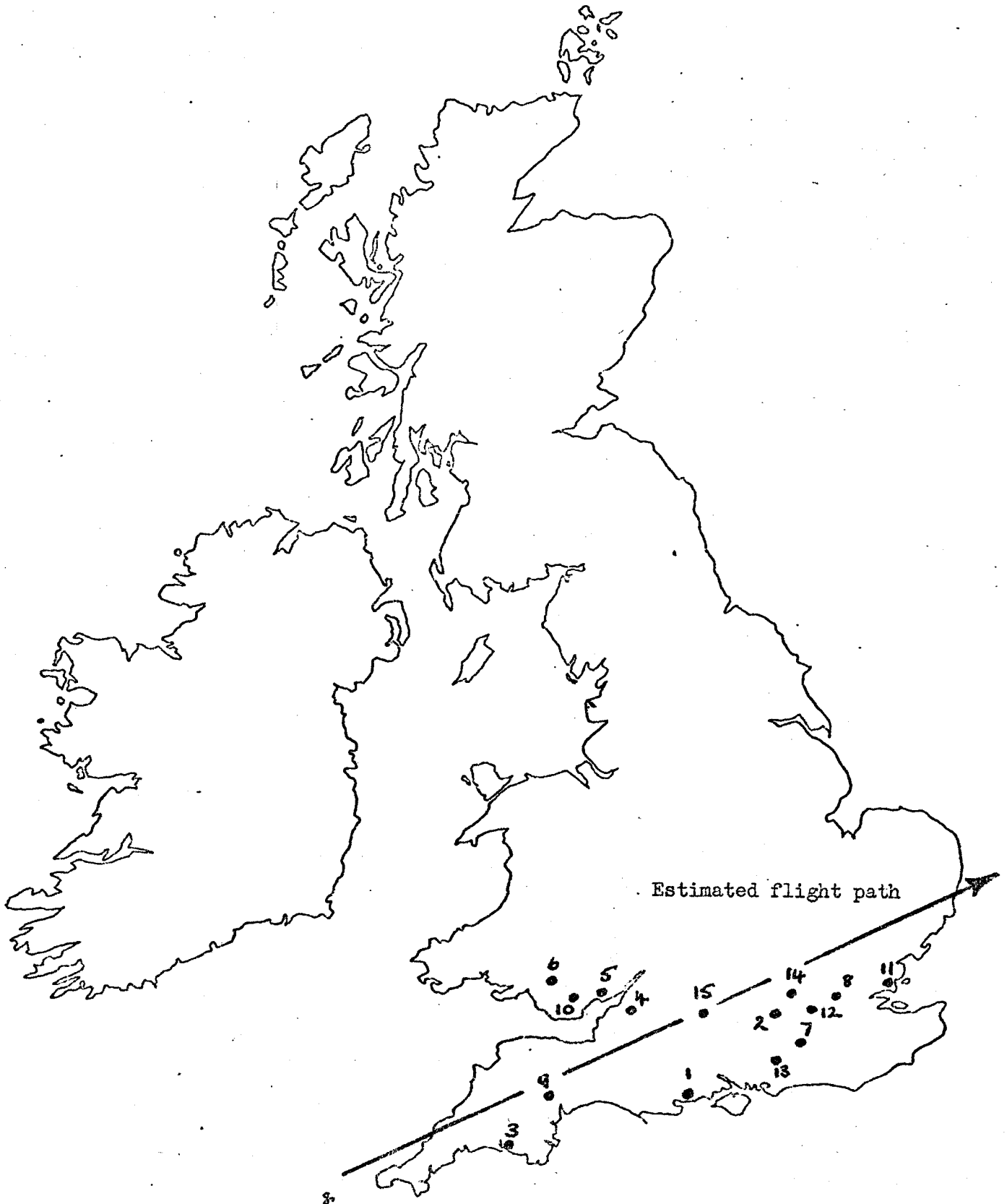
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F 30 DEGREES

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H FIXED FLIGHT PATH TRAVELLING EAST

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L ATC HURN

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- A. 16 APR 73 1100Z SHOW PERIOD
- B. ONE VERY BRIGHT OBJECT POSSIBLY OVAL SHAPED LEAVING TRAIL
- C. EARLSWOOD DRIVE MAINSTONE PLYMOUTH OUTDOORS STATIONARY
- D. HAZED EYE
- E. NORTHWARDS
- F. QUOTE AS HIGH AS A HELICOPTER UNQUOTE
- G. NOT KNOWN
- H. TOWARDS EAST WHEN LOOKING NORTHERLY. GETTING PROGRESSIVELY CLOSER TO GROUND MOVING SLOWLY
- J. CLEAR SKY

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- K. UNINTERRUPTED VIEW
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 SERIAL PHENOMENA

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- . 160103Z APR TO 10-15SECS
- . ONE WHITE AND ORANGE EXHAUST TRAIL BRIGHT NONE NONE
- . QUEENNS ROAD STORE OUTDOOR STATIONARY
- . NAKED EYE
- . NORTH EAST
- . 30DEGS
- . N/K
- . STEADY
- . SKY CLEAR
- . VICTORIA BUILDINGS CLIFTON
- . SOUTHMEAD POLICE STATION BRISTOL
- . DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR CLIFFORD, STAPLE HILL POLICE STATION BRISTOL

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- . NONE
- . SGT CAMPBELL, REDLAND POLICE STATION BRISTOL
- . SIMILAR REPORTS RECEIVED DURING EARLY HOURS OF 16 APR FROM THE FOLLOWING POLICE FORCES
- . CARDIFF CENTRAL POLICE
- . BURTON ON TRENT POLICE
- . DEVON SOMERSET CONSTABULARY
- . THESE REPORTS GIVE SIGHTING TIMES BETWEEN 152359Z TO 160108Z APR

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 DIG LGZ162  
 AERIAL PHENOMENA  
 A 160130A APR SHORT DURATION  
 B ONE OVAL ORANGE WITH WHITE COCKPIT  
 C BEDROOM WINDOW OF HOUSE  
 D NAKED EYE  
 E FROM SOUTH WEST  
 F NOT KNOWN  
 G 1000FT  
 H CAME FROM SOUTHWEST HOVERED THEN WENT OFF AT GREAT SPEED TO SOUTH EAST  
 J CLEAR  
 K MULTI STOREY FLATS  
 L POLICE MAINDEE NEWPORT  
 M MR SIDNEY MORGAN 27 RINGLAND CENTRE NEWPORT

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 N NIL  
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 P 161015A APR GWYNEDD POLICE  
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ROUTINE 171930Z APR

FROM LATOCNHL  
TO MODUK AIR

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AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 100400 10SECCS

B ONE ORANGE BALL OF FLAME NONE NONE

C FERNDALE, PONTYPRIDD OUTDOORS STATIONARY

D NAKED EYE

E S/E

F N/E

G N/E

H STEADY

J CLEAR SKY

K NONE

L SOUTH WALES CONSTABULARY BRIDGE END

M MR AND MRS WEDMAN, 21, NORTH ROAD, BORTH MR AND MRS OWEN, BOWLING STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN PONTYPRIDD

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ROUTINE 181810Z APR

FROM LATCOMIL  
TO MODUK AIR

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

DIG L02174

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 180105A APR 6-7 SECONDS

R 1 CORNET SHAPED OBJECT WITH SHEET OF ORANGE AND NEON GREEN LIGHT

AT TAIL END. - THEN SPLIT INTO 3 PIECES AND FADED OUT

C ON THE A201 HORSHAM TO GUILDFORD ROAD IN CAR MOVING

O NAKED EYE

E SOUTH WEST MOVING NORTH EAST

F N/K

G N/K

H LEVEL WITH SPEED LIKE A ROCKET

J CLEAR

K NIL

L GUILDFORD POLICE

M MR FRANKLIN 25 HANDEVILLE CLOSE GUILDFORD SURREY

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N NFL

O WIFE

P 181824A APR

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ROUTINE 171335Z APR

FROM LATCONIC  
TO MODUK AIR

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DIG 132170

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 171135Z APR

O ONE LARGE BALL OF FIRE

C BRENTWOOD

D NAKED EYE

E NOT GIVEN

F NOT GIVEN

G NOT GIVEN

H HOVERING

J CLEAR SKY

K NONE

L ESSEX POLICE

M MRS DICKIE 49 SONGOR ROAD, BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

N NONE

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O NONE

P 171435A APR

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CYD134 17/1700 10703211

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ROUTINE 171545Z APR

FROM HQ PLYMOUTH  
TO MODUK AIR  
UKRAOC  
LATCHMIL  
HQ 11 GP

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UFG REPORT

A. 150400A

B. LONG OBJECT WITH FLAMES BEHIND (MULTICOLOURED)

C. OUTDOORS IN OLD TIVERTON ROAD EXETER

D. NAKED EYE

E. TOWARDS SOUTHWEST

F. APPROX 45 DEGREES

G. QUARTER MILE

H. MOVING SOUTHWESTERLY

I. CLEAR SKY

J. DISAPPEARED BEHIND HOUSES BUT APPEARED TO BE IN LEVEL FLIGHT

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L. EXETER EXPRESS AND ECHO (NEWSPAPER)

M. MR AND MRS HOAKEN 2 YONKS RD EXETER

N. NONE

O. SEEN BY HUSBAND AND WIFE AT PARA W.

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ROUTINE 151435Z APR ?

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FROM LATSOMIL  
TO MODUM AIR

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AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 150145Z APR ONE MIN

B INTENSE BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WHICH CHANGED TO RED

C FROM UPSTAIRS ROOM WINDOW

D NAKED EYE

E FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

F LOW

G NOT KNOWN

H TRAVELLED HORIZONTALLY JUST BELOW MOUNTAIN-LINE SHOWING AS WHITE LIGHT THEN STOPPED CHANGED TO INTENSE RED LIGHT AND SHOT UP VERTICALLY AT GREAT SPEED AND DISAPPEARED

I CLEAR

K MOUNTAIN BACKGROUND WITH ROAD RUNNING ALONG MOUNTAIN

L FERNDALE POLICE

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M MRS GAYNOR COX 59 REGENT ST FERNDALE GLANORMAN

N RELIABLE

O MIE

P 151100Z APR

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ACTIVE 1380484 APR

FROM THE NEWINGTON  
TO WISDOM AIR

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT-REPORT

1 SUNDAY 12 APR AT 2130 HRS FOR 5 TO 6 SECONDS  
 2 ONE BRILLIANT WHITE BALL APPROX HALF BICE HOUSEHOLD  
 KITCHEN STOVE. LEAVING A PERFECTLY STRAIGHT TRAIL OF LIGHT  
 3 STAIRWAY OUTSIDE AMBULANCE STATION AT SCRUB LAKE THUNDERBAY  
 ESSEX  
 4 NAKED EYE  
 5 APPEARED OVER INTERSECTION OF SCRUB LAKE AND DAVES HEATH LAKE. ROOF  
 TOP HEIGHT  
 6 FROM ROOF TOPS CLIMBED VERY FAST AT ESTIMATED ANGLE OF 50 DEGREES  
 FROM HORIZONTAL. OBSERVER REMARKED THAT CLIMB OUT SIMILAR TO  
 MILITARY JET  
 7 POSSIBLY FROM PLAYING FIELD IN SCRUB LAKE ESTIMATED DISTANCE 300  
 TO 1000 METRES

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8 EXTREMELY FAST NON DEVIATING COURSE. OBJECT APPEARED TO JETTISON  
 WHITE PARTICLES OF SAME BRILLIANCE HALF WAY THROUGH FLIGHT. OBJECT  
 INCREASED SPEED CONTINUOUSLY BEFORE DISAPPEARING STILL CLIMBING  
 STEEPLY

9 CLEAR SKY-STARS CLEARLY VISIBLE  
 10 DOMINANT AIRPORT ABOUT 4 MILES AWAY  
 11 NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THIS REPORT TO SAC PARKER OPS  
 NEWINGTON

12 MR D. STUBBS, WYTHORPE GARDENS, SHOEBURYNESS, ESSEX. TEL NO  
 0206251155

13 OBSERVER IS AN AMBULANCE MAN WHO WAS COMING OFF DUTY WITH A  
 COLLEAGUE. HE WAS GOING TO REPORT THE INCIDENT EARLIER BUT WAS  
 UNSURE OF PROCEDURE

14 MR SPINNER  
 15 1380484 APR  
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. <u>Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.</u>	160107A April 11 to 12 seconds
B. <u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	ONE White with orange centre (Not unlike the trail of a rocket firework)
C. <u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	Indoors looking out of North facing window.
D. <u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked Eye
E. <u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	West moving East
F. <u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	20° from an upper room approx 14 ft from ground.
G. <u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	Not known
H. <u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Speeding up, broke into three parts then disappeared.
J. <u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear

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<p><u>NEARBY OBJECTS</u>          (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 flood lights or night lighting)</p>	<p>Housing estate with clear all round visability</p>
<p>L. <u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u>          (Police, military, press etc)</p>	<p>Belvedere police station          (383 7282)</p>
<p>M. <u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u></p>	<p>Mrs Woodward <sup>TEL:-</sup> 304-9530          340 Long Lane          Rexley Heath</p>
<p>N. <u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u></p>	<p>Sugar refiner</p>
<p>O. <u>OTHER WITNESSES</u></p>	<p>Mr Woodward</p>
<p>P. <u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u>          (AFOR to obtain)</p>	<p>Clear with few showers</p>
<p>Q. <u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u></p>	<p>161100A April 1978</p>
<p>R. <u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u>          (Check radars, ATCCs etc)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aircraft</li> <li>2. Ranges</li> <li>3. Gliding</li> <li>4. Balloon</li> <li>5. Air Sea Rescue Activities</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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ROUTINE 161323Z APR ?

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FROM LATCOMIL  
TO NODUK AIR

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AERIAL PHENOMENA

- A 161115A-APR DURATION NOT STATED
- B ONE LARGE ROUND GLOWING OBJECT WHICH SEEMED TO BE SHEDDING SOME GLOWING MATERIAL
- C OUTDOORS LEATHERHEAD RD GREAT BOOKHAM SURREY
- D NAKED EYE
- E WEST
- F NOT KNOWN
- G ESTIMATED ONE MILE
- H MOVING EAST TOWARDS COBHAM
- J CLEAR
- K NOT STATED
- L LEATHERHEAD POLICE
- M MR JONES SILVER BIRCHES LEATHERHEAD RD GT BOOKHAM SURREY

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H NIL

O WIFE

P 161335A APR

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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<p>A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.</p>	<p>160100A 2 seconds</p> <p align="right">(161)</p>
<p>B. <u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)</p>	<p>Similar to rocket fireworks - front half a ball shape - trail of sparks &amp; patches of brown smoke - one only</p>
<p>C. <u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)</p>	<p>A10 bypass travelling North between Hoddleston and Hertford</p>
<p>D. <u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)</p>	<p>Naked eye</p>
<p>E. <u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)</p>	<p>West to East</p>
<p>F. <u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)</p>	<p>1 - 2 miles</p>
<p>G. <u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)</p>	<p>near distance - almost overhead</p>
<p>H. <u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)</p>	<p>nil</p>
<p>J. <u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)</p>	<p>clear</p>

<p>K. <u>NEARBY OBJECTS</u>          (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 flood lights or night lighting)</p>	<p>Main road - fairly clear</p>
<p>L. <u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u>          (Police, military, press etc)</p>	<p>Police (Hertford)</p>
<p>M. <u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u></p>	<p>Mrs Suzanne High          24 Riversmeet, Hertford</p>
<p>N. <u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u></p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>O. <u>OTHER WITNESSES</u></p>	<p>With husband</p>
<p>P. <u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u>          (AFOR to obtain)</p>	<p>Sunny spells. few showers or rain or sleet</p>
<p>Q. <u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u></p>	<p>160150A</p>
<p>R. <u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u>          (Check radars, ATCCs etc)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aircraft</li> <li>2. Ranges</li> <li>3. Gliding</li> <li>4. Balloon</li> <li>5. Air Sea Rescue Activities</li> </ol>	

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.	160115A April 10 Seconds
B. <u>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT</u> (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Bright white light (not unlike firework trail) Disappeared then re-appeared
C. <u>EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER</u> (Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving)	In motor car (in motion and stationary)
D. <u>HOW OBSERVED</u> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical devices, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. <u>DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN</u> (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	West to East
F. <u>ANGLE OF SIGHT</u> (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Due North. 30° approx
G. <u>DISTANCE</u> (By reference to known landmark)	Approx over Donnington Castle (3-4 miles away) <i>S. A. North</i>
H. <u>MOVEMENTS</u> (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Possible reduction in altitude
J. <u>MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS</u> (Clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear with bright moonlight

<p>K. ● <u>NEARBY OBJECTS</u>          (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 flood lights or night lighting)</p>	None
<p>L. <u>TO WHOM REPORTED</u>          (Police, military, press etc)</p>	Nil
<p>M. <u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT</u></p>	Mr. Palmer TEL: 20 Rupert Road 0635-43206 Newbury 262-3232 5/56 Berks
<p>N. <u>BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED</u></p>	Accountant with BR
<p>O. <u>OTHER WITNESSES</u></p>	Miss Jane Davies
<p>P. <u>DETAILED MET REPORT</u>          (AFOR to obtain)</p>	Clear with few showers
<p>Q. <u>DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT</u></p>	161020Z April
<p>R. <u>ADOC ASSESSMENT</u>          (Check radars, ATCCs etc)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aircraft</li> <li>2. Ranges</li> <li>3. Gliding</li> <li>4. Balloon</li> <li>5. Air Sea Rescue Activities</li> </ol>	

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ROUTINE/ROUTINE 201055Z JAN

FROM RAF VALLEY  
TO MODUK AIR  
INFO HQRAFSC

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SUBJECT UFO REPORT

A 191145Z JAN OCN 1 TO 2 MIN

B 1 OBJECT OCN 40 FEET LONG 20 FEET HIGH OCN CIGAR SHAPED WITH BULGE ON TOP SURFACE AT MID POINT OCN BRIGHT SILVER WITH BRIGHT RED BAND AROUND BASE OF BULGE OCN NO SOUND OR SMELL OBSERVED

C VILLAGE OF EHEL OCN OBSERVER DRIVING FROM RUTHIN TO DENBY

D NAKED EYE THROUGH CAR WINDSCREEN

E EAST OCN OVER HOUSE ROOFTOPS

F 20 DEGREES

G ESTIMATED BETWEEN 1 QUARTER AND 1 HALF MILE

H CLIMBED VERY SLOWLY TO ESTIMATED 500 FEET OCN MOVED SLOWLY PARALLEL TO ROAD FOR APPROX 1 HALF MILE THEN DESCENDED BEHIND TREES

J FINE AND SUNNY

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K TREES OCN COTTAGES OCN TELEPHONE LINES ALONG ROADSIDE

L MRS A THATCHER AND MISS ROSE OWEN WOODLAND HALL COUNTRY CLUB RUTHIN

M INFORMANT CLAIMS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

O NONE

P 191640Z JAN

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CYV	2	DI 10			

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ROUTINE 282150Z DEC

FROM LATOC MIL  
TO HODUKAIR

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282150Z DEC  
LATOC MIL/HODUKAIR*

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DIG LGZ682

AERIAL PHENOMENA

A 281300Z DEC

B ONE SPACE VEHICLE OVAL IN SHAPE SIZE OF SINGLE DECKER BUS COLOURED SILVER HAVING LIGHTS ALL AROUND BASE COLOURED WHITE CMM YELLOW AND BLUE

C BRITON FERRY 745945 OUTDOORS

D NAKED EYE

E EASTERLY CMM OBJECT TRAVELLED WEST

F NOT STATED

G NOT STATED CMM SITE IS OPEN MOORLAND/WASTE LAND

H SIGHTED COMING INTO HOVER ABOUT TWENTY FEET UP PD LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED PD DOOR OPENED TO REVEAL INTERNAL LIGHTS PD DOOR CLOSED AND VEHICLE THEN ACCELERATED VERY FAST TO THE WEST

J COLD CLEAR NIGHT

QE 2 RBDPGA 003 UNCLAS

K NONE

L HQ BRIDGEND POLICE TEL 55555

M ROBERT ADAIR 49 RUSKIN STREET BRITON FERRY

N INTERVIEWED BY POLICE CMM WITNESSES APPEARED EXCITED AND SHAKEN AGE GROUP 16/17 YEARS

O MARTIN KERSWELL 24 GLANYMOR BRITON FERRY

P 281810Z DEC

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1972	4	7	7	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1973	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	10
1974	-	1	-	10	-	2	5	21	9	3	-	-	51
1975	-	7	8	2	4	6	6	18	6	7	18	9	91
1976	-	-	11	6	-	11	17	10	3	9	5	14	86
1977	17	20	13	14	70	25	62	27	43	49	27	20	387
1978	39	23	48	68									278

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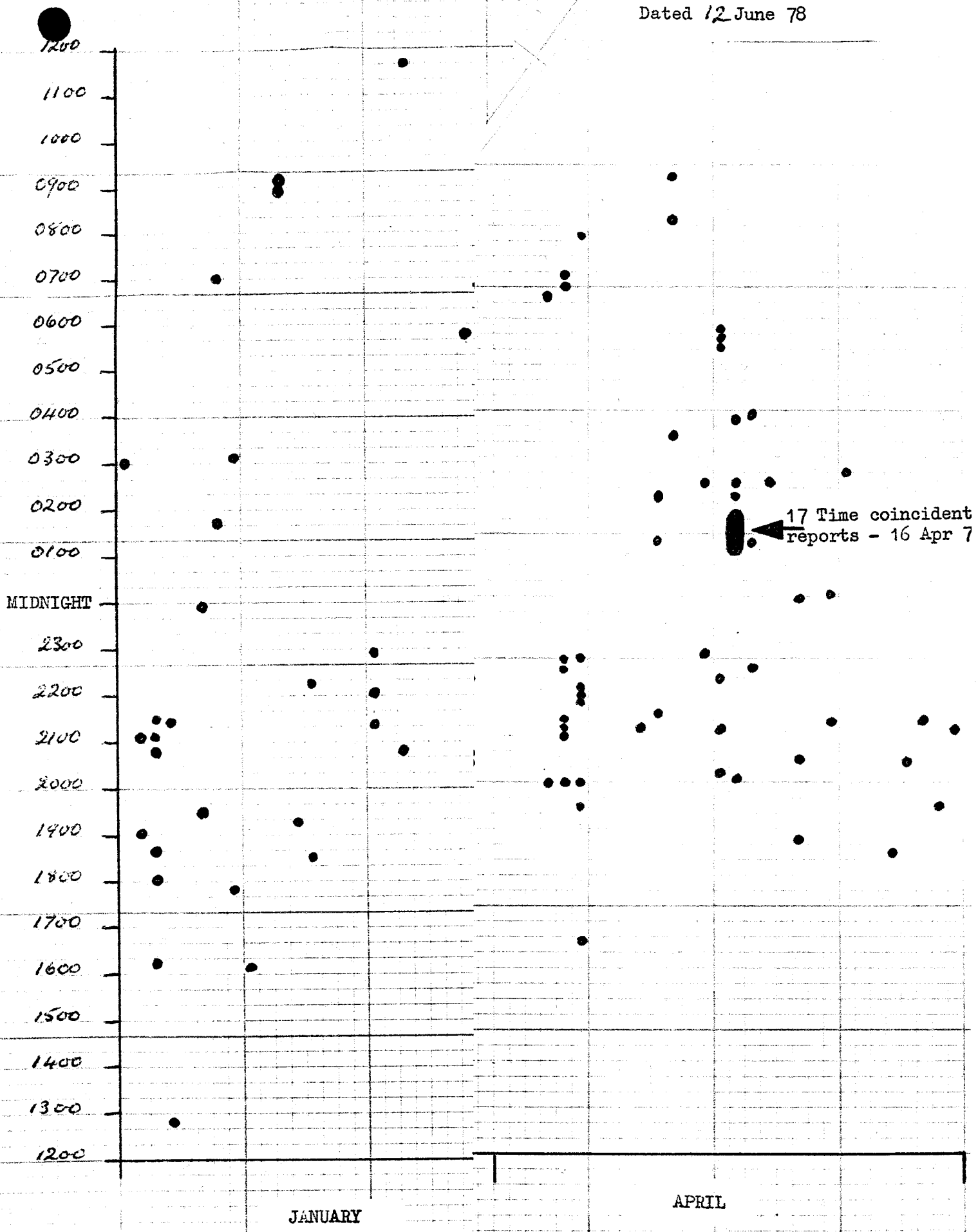
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SPACE CATALOGUE - TABLE OF MAN-MADE SPACE HARDWARE - WORLDWIDE

a	b	c	d
Year	Total added to Catalogue	Total Launches	Total Decay
1972	568	99	373
1973	763	108	524
1974	510	106	361
1975	976	125	316
1976	1128	128	674
1977	979	124	525
1978	279	51	210

NOTES

1. Column b. identifies the number of items of space hardware that are added to the Space Catalogue each year, (Includes all hardware remnants from a Space launch).
2. Column c. The total number of launches (worldwide)
3. Column d. Total number of items of space hardware that have decayed into earth atmosphere, 20% are large enough to be visible from earth.
4. Total number of items in Space Catalogue up to 23 May 78 = 4661  
Of these 75% (3643) have a trajectory which would result in overflight of UK.





**AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 17-01-2005-103143-013

Expiry: 11 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please could you let me know the number of UFO sightings reported by the public in the last 50 years.

Case for release of information

The applicant has requested figures for the past 50 years, however, the MOD has only kept statistics on the number of UFO reports received since 1959. These figures include all the reports received per year and are not segregated by source (ie. public, military personnel, civilian pilots, air traffic controllers, etc). These figures have already been released in answer to Parliamentary Questions and enquiries from the public.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 ..... Name: [REDACTED] .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 04/05.....

Date: 24/1/05 .....



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 January concerning the number of UFO sightings reported in the last 50 years. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached a list of the number of UFO sighting reports received by the MOD since 1959. We do not hold figures before 1959. These figures are not held by source (i.e. members of the public, military, civilian pilots, air traffic controller, police etc) so these show the total number of reports received per year from all sources.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, [REDACTED]  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

[Das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:Das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> January 2005

NUMBERS OF "UNEXPLAINED" AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED  
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

N.B. The figures below relate to the number of reports, received by the Ministry of Defence, of aerial activity which was not immediately identifiable to the witness. They should not be taken to reflect sightings of "UFOs/flying saucers".

1959 – 22  
1960 – 31  
1961 – 71  
1962 – 46  
1963 – 51  
1964 – 74  
1965 – 56  
1966 – 95  
1967 – 362  
1968 – 280  
1969 – 228  
1970 – 181  
1971 – 379  
1972 – 201  
1973 – 233  
1974 – 177  
1975 – 208  
1976 – 200  
1977 – 435  
1978 – 750  
1979 – 550  
1980 – 350  
1981 – 600  
1982 – 250  
1983 – 390  
1984 – 214  
1985 – 177  
1986 – 120  
1987 – 150  
1988 – 397  
1989 – 258  
1990 – 209  
1991 – 117  
1992 – 147  
1993 – 258  
1994 – 250  
1995 – 373



1996 - 609  
1997 - 425  
1998 - 193  
1999 - 229  
2000 - 210  
2001 - 203  
2002 - 100  
2003 - 99  
2004 - 85  
2005 - 4



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Date request received: 16 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] Other: [Redacted]  
 First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: [Redacted] 40  
 Organisation: [Redacted]  
 Applicant Type: Private Individuals Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]  
 Address Line2: [Redacted]  
 Address Line3: [Redacted]  
 Town/City: [Redacted]  
 Postcode: [Redacted] Country: United Kingdom  
 Email: [Redacted]  
 Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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Editing the request details will initiate a new search.  
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Please could you let me know the number of UFO sightings reported by the public in the last 50 years.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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## AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 07-01-2005-~~10451-006~~<sup>7</sup>  
104751-006 Expiry: 4 February 2005

### The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Under the guidelines of the new Freedom of Information Act, I am enquiring about what has become known as "The Rendlesham Incident". The date of this incident was the night of December 27/28 1980 and centred around the sighting(s) of an unidentified aerial object / craft, in effect a UFO an alleged landing / near landing of same. The event(s) involved members of the USAF and other personnel at RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge bases adjacent to Rendlesham Forest in South-East England, and was subsequently reported on the "News of the World (Oct 2 1983) and later via two books, "Turn Left at Eastgate" and "You Can't Tell The People". Specifically, I wish to have the following questions addressed:

- (1) Have any of the reported aerial / landed/ near landed objects been identified?
- (2) During the years following December 28, 1980 was information pertaining to any part(s) of the Rendlesham Incident withheld from the public domain?
- (3) If "yes" to Q2, why was this information denied public scrutiny?
- (4) If applicable, do you have for release – to send to me – a copy of any original document / memo that will support the official suppression of the Rendlesham Incident?

### Case for release of information

The documents on these events were not "suppressed" or "denied public scrutiny", but prior to the introduction of the FOI Act, they were closed for 30 years in accordance with the Public Record Act 1958 and 1967. Since 1994 the public have been able to make requests for information from closed files in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code). Following such a request in July 2002, the documents were released and are now freely available via the MOD FOI Publication Scheme.

Please see attached a draft letter to [REDACTED] informing him of the above and how he can access these records. This answers [REDACTED] request in full.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2..... Name: .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 06/05.....

Date: 25/1/05.....



From: [REDACTED]  
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140  
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
(Fax) [REDACTED]  
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

[REDACTED]  
Kings Norton  
Birmingham  
[REDACTED]

Your Reference  
Our Reference  
07-01-2005-104751-006  
Date  
26 January 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 3 January regarding your Freedom of Information request for information about the alleged UFO incident at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980.

In response to your questions;

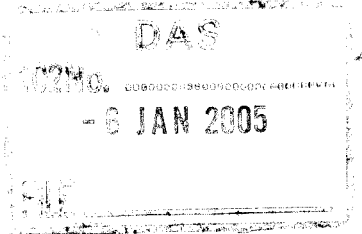
(1) The MOD records of the period contain no evidence that anything was positively identified as landing at Rendlesham Forest on 28 December 1980.

(2-4) Until 31 December 2004 in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, by law all Government files were closed from public viewing for 30 years after completion of the last action. This Act of Parliament applied to all Government files, and not just those containing information about UFO sightings. In 1994 the Government introduced the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code). This was not legislation, but a Citizen's Charter which encouraged the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested was supplied wherever possible providing it did not fall under one of the exemptions in the Code. In July 2002 a member of the public made a request under the Code for a copy of the documents the MOD holds on these events and they were released, with personal data removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. A few papers were initially withheld under exemptions of the Code, but these were also later released following an appeal. All of these papers can now be accessed via the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search under Rendlesham Forest will take you directly to them.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD





Attn. Of : Secretariat,

(Air Staff) AS2 (?)  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Kings Norton  
Birmingham [REDACTED]

January 3 - 2005

Dear Sir or Madam ,                      Re    RENDLESHAM ( "UFO" ) INCIDENT, 1980.

Under the guidelines of the new Freedom of Information Act, I am enquiring about what has become known as "The Rendlesham Incident". The date of this incident was the night of December 27 / 28, 1980, and centred around the sighting(s) of an unidentified aerial object / craft, in effect a UFO, and an alleged landing / near landing of same. The event(s) involved members of the USAF and other personnel at RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge bases adjacent to Rendlesham Forest in south-east England, and was subsequently reported on the "News of the World" ( Oct.2 / 1983) and later via two books, "Turn Left at Eastgate" and "You Can't Tell The People". Specifically, I wish to have the following questions addressed :

- (1) Have any of the reported aerial / landed / near landed objects been identified ?
- (2) During the years following December 28, 1980, was information pertaining to any part(s) of the Rendlesham Incident withheld from the public domain?
- (3) If "yes" to Q.2., why was this information denied public scrutiny?
- (4) If applicable, do you have for release, - to send to me - a copy of any original document / memo that will support the official suppression of the Rendlesham Incident?

May I thank you, in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter, and that in accordance with the Act, you will reply to me within 20 days.

Yours faithful

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 January 2005 13:38  
**To:** [REDACTED]@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Internet-authorized: Request for Information concerning UFOs

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning your request for information about Area 51 and contact with Aliens. Your enquiry has been passed to me as this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Questions about Area 51 are a matter for the US Government. I suggest therefore that you may wish to look at the US Department of Defense website [www.defenselink.mil/pubs/foi/](http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/foi/) which includes details of how to make a request for information in accordance with the US Freedom of Information Act.

With regard to your question about whether the Ministry of Defence has communicated with Aliens, the answer to this is no. The Ministry of Defence does not have any 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 totally open-minded. I should add that to date the Ministry of Defence knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'UFOs' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the Ministry of Defence to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

If you wish to see the information the Ministry of Defence has already published on UFOs please see the MOD Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme at [www.foi.mod.uk](http://www.foi.mod.uk) and search under UFO.

I hope this is helpful.

[REDACTED]

14<sup>th</sup> January 2005



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Date request received: 09 January 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title:	<input type="text"/>	Other:	<input type="text"/>
First Name:	<input type="text"/>	*Surname:	<input type="text"/>
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>		
Applicant Type:	Private Individuals	Other:	<input type="text"/>

**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line2:	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line3:	<input type="text"/>		
Town/City:	Birmingham		
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>	Country:	United Kingdom
Email:	<input type="text"/> @hotmail.com		
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Fax:	<input type="text"/>

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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

WHAT'S AREA 51 AND WHY DO U SAY ITS NOT THERE WHEN WE HAVE PHOTOS VIDEOS WHAT DO THEY DO IN THERE  
ALSO HAVE YOU REALLY COMMUNICATING WITH ALIENS.  
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Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information concerning a UFO sighting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1978.

All the surviving Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are available for viewing at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey. Details of how to access records at The National Archives and their on line catalogue can be found at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). A quick search of the catalogue has revealed a file which might be relevant to your enquiry. It is titled UFO Reports and Correspondence: June-August 1978 (National Archives Reference-DEFE 24/1210).

I hope this is helpful.

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Zone H  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

7<sup>th</sup> January 2005

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 06 January 2005 19:16  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** FOI Request for information

Name of Applicant: [REDACTED]

Address of Applicant:

[REDACTED]  
Uxbridge  
Middlesex  
[REDACTED]

Information required:

Dear Sir,

I am interested in a UFO sighting that occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1978 and was subsequently reported to RAF Brize Norton and the investigation that was carried out afterwards by your department. My family reported the sighting and was involved in the investigation.

Do you have any records pertaining to this incident and can I have a copy of them.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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 Person\_Title: [REDACTED]  
 First\_Name: [REDACTED]  
 Surname: [REDACTED]  
 Organisation:  
 Applicant\_Type: Not Specified  
 Address\_Line\_1: [REDACTED]  
 Address\_Line\_2:  
 Address\_Line\_3:  
 TownCity: Uxbridge  
 Postcode: [REDACTED]  
 Country: United Kingdom  
 Email: [REDACTED]  
 Telephone:  
 Fax:  
 Request\_Details: I am interested in a UFO sighting that occurred on 19th June 1978 and was subsequently reported to RAF Brize Norton and the investigation that was carried out afterwards by your department. My family reported the sighting and was involved in the investigation.  
  
Do you have any records pertaining to this incident and can I have a copy of them.  
 Case\_Number: 07-01-2005-082343-001  
 Originator: DII [REDACTED]  
 User\_Group: GxAITESTPTCDAS  
 Date\_Received: 07/01/2005  
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 Media\_Date\_Sent: 07/01/2005  
 Media\_Response\_Sent: Yes  
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Vexatious\_Date\_Authorised:  
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Exemption\_Applied: No  
Exemptions\_Authorised\_By:  
Exemptions\_Date\_Authorised:  
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Std\_Resp\_Authorised\_By:  
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Fees\_Offline\_Authorised: No  
Fees\_Date\_Authorised:  
Fees\_Auth\_Ref\_Number:  
Fees\_Online\_Authorised\_By:  
Fees\_Online\_Authorised:  
Fees\_Ref\_Letter\_Date\_Sent:  
Fees\_Refusal\_Notice\_Sent:  
Fees\_Close\_Case:  
Attachments: Comments.xml

SearchResults.html  
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Last modified at 07/01/2005 08:40 by AccelK2\_svc

Our Reference:05-01-2005-115416-027



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2005, concerning records of Ministry of Defence plans for dealing with extraterrestrials (Your Reference: rw/et). I have been passed your request, as this Department is the focal point for correspondence concerning 'unidentified flying objects'.

The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. While we remain open-minded, to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena and therefore has no plans for dealing with such a situation.

If you are interested in information currently available on UFOs please look at the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at [www.foi.mod.uk](http://www.foi.mod.uk) and The National Archives website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
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Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

6<sup>th</sup> January 2005

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DG INFO ADMIN  
- 5 JAN 2005  
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[REDACTED]  
Chawton,  
Hampshire,  
[REDACTED]

4<sup>th</sup> January 2005

[REDACTED]  
FOI programme manager  
Ministry of Defence  
Room 831 St Giles Court  
1-13 St Giles High Street  
London  
WC2H 8LD

Dear [REDACTED] 40

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am writing to ask the Ministry of Defence for a list of records detailing the plans held by the MoD for dealing with the arrival of extra-terrestrials.

To ask for copies of those plans.

I would be grateful if you would email the requested information and send a copy by post. My email is [REDACTED]

I would ask that if you withhold any material you explain your reasons with reference to the new laws.

If you would like to discuss this further you can contact me on my mobile. The number is [REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you. Would you please quote the reference rw/et in your reply.

Best wishes.  
[REDACTED]





Dear [REDACTED]

To request information about UFOs under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you can e-mail me direct at this mailbox or use the form provided on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme site at [www.foi.mod.uk](http://www.foi.mod.uk), follow the link for Requesting Information. Alternatively, you may wish to write to me at the address below.

Please note in order to request information you must provide an address for a reply (postal address if you require hard copies), state in what form you would like the information, and clearly state what information you are seeking. Although a daytime telephone number is optional, it will assist us and reduce delays if we need to contact you during the processing of your request.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ministry of Defence  
DAS-FOI  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Zone H  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

*4 January 2005*

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 01 January 2005 15:50  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wonder could you possibly tell what the procedure is for obtaining UFO information under the new Freedom of Information Act.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]