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'UFOs': NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Reference: D/Sec (AS) 64/1 dated 15 November 1999

1. Thank you for your minute at reference, the contents of which you discussed today with the Under Secretary of State.
2. The Under Secretary of State explained that he had been approached by [S 40] of the Sunday Times about the Department's position on UFOs. He had told [S 40] that he would consider offering him a briefing on the subject. (This was subsequently discussed with you and D News' staff although no decision had been reached). The Under Secretary of State had not discussed the issue with [S 40], the author of Sunday's News of the World article.
3. You explained the Department's position on UFOs and the early release of files, as set out at reference, which the Under Secretary of State noted.





4. The Minister remains keen to offer S.40 a briefing to explain the Department's policy and the reasons behind it. If possible, he would like to show S.40 some typical extracts from the files to support this. You undertook to consider this in conjunction with D News' staff and provide advice. I should be grateful to see this advice before the end of this week.

4. I agreed the following additional press lines with the Duty Press Officer last night, which could be used if pressed on whether S.40 had made any decisions or given any commitments on the publication of UFO files:

S.40 has asked officials to consider whether there is any additional information which could be provided in response to requests about UFO reports, in the interests of removing the aura of mystery which surrounds the topic. He has not yet received that advice and no decisions have been taken.

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'UFOs': NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Issue

1. *News of the World* (14 Nov) and *Daily Mail* (15 Nov) articles about 'UFOs'.

Recommendation

2. To note.

Timing

3. As soon as possible in the event of any further media interest.

Background

4. It is standard practice to release to the Public Record office at the 30-year point MOD 'UFO' files. The files are withheld until that time to protect the personal details (names and addresses) of members of the public reporting what they have seen and themselves failed to identify. The files do not contain highly classified material (two examples are provided herewith). The issue of early release of files was address in September last year (CS(RM)/4/6/37 – copy attached for USofS) in response to Lord Hill Norton's request; legal advice was that the Department would be at risk of legal action for breach of confidence if it did so.

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problems facing Britain today?

Root schools that are not teaching children properly? The crisis in our health service which means people are waiting longer and longer for treatment?

The desperate paralysis on our roads and public transport? Rising crime that makes none of us feel safe on our streets? The flood of bogus asylum seekers? The daily selling-out to Brussels on issues like British beef?

These are what I think are the urgent problems facing Britain today. You probably agree with me. If next week's Queen's Speech was setting out the programme of the next Conservative government, I'll tell you what would be in it. Education would be right at the heart of the speech.

There would be a law to guarantee to parents the power to do something about bad schools by sacking school managements. And there would be a law to turn every primary and secondary

being a pushover'

WILLIAM HAGUE Opposition Leader

school in the country into a Free School where teachers could get on with improving standards.

Then we'd give patients in the NHS a unique guarantee. Patients with the most serious conditions would get a maximum waiting time based not on party political targets but medical need.

We would introduce a tough law to make sure unemployed people who can work take the jobs that are offered to them—or lose their unemployment benefit.

A revolution in crime-fighting would make sure criminals serve the sentence handed down in court, teaching prisoners what it's like to work, dealing out life sentences to drug dealers who

sell to children, and helping police get out and on to the street.

We would help pensioners and savers by halving the startling rate of tax on savings and protect the homes and assets of people who save for their long-term care.

We would help working women who take career breaks to look after their children with Family Scholarships that will help them if they want to get back to work.

We would propose a Budget that would put an end to Labour's stealth taxes with this open and honest Tax Guarantee: we'll cut the overall burden of tax over the lifetime of a parliament. And we'd show everyone that Britain is no pushover in Eu-

ment will make sure Britain is in Europe but not run by Europe.

So what is our Prime Minister doing about the issues? Nothing. If you don't believe me, just wait to see what the government announces in the Queen's Speech. It is likely to propose:

A NEW law about how political parties are run, a new law on the organisation of local government, a new law on motorway tolls and car park taxes, a new law creating a Right to Roam.

None of these laws will do anything to tackle the main problems that actually matter to the majority of people.

This week you will see a Labour government that is pursuing its own obscure political priorities instead of rising to the challenge of the real problems.

The next Conservative government would not duck the challenge. Our Queen's Speeches would turn the commonsense of the people into commonsense policies for the country.

TODAY, on Remembrance Day, it's more important than ever to remember our debt to those who gave their lives to protect our country and the ideals we stand for.

It's important, too, that we continue repaying the debt to the whole generation who sacrificed so much.

Many pensioners feel they don't get a fair share of the nation's prosperity. We've improved things since we came to power but there's a lot more to do. Gordon Brown's announcements on free TV licences for the over-75s, the £100 winter allowance to be paid every year and raising the minimum income guarantee, went a little further in honouring our debt.

We are half way through this Parliament. We've done a lot. But there is much more to. Like

'We'll make Britain richer and fairer'

TONY BLAIR Prime Minister

getting the Health Service right. But that's why we're putting in the extra £21 billion investment over the next three years, recruiting the extra doctors and nurses, building new hospitals and introducing new services.

You didn't expect miracles from New Labour. You knew how much was wrong.

But what you wanted was a government to start moving us in the right direction. Nothing is more important for a government than running the economy well. And nothing has a great impact if the government fails.

Whether Labour could be trusted on the economy was why many of you thought long and hard before voting for us.

I understand that. It's not always been the fault of past Labour governments. But memories of devaluation, of the IMF crisis and the winter of discontent still haunted those who lived through them.

I believe we have gone a very long way to burying those memories and the doubts they fuelled. And Gordon Brown, a brilliant, radical and reforming chancellor deserves credit for that. We

inherited an economy devastated by the two deepest recessions since the war. Where Tory boom was all too quickly followed by Tory bust, a Government spending £28 billion a year more than it had.

Now inflation's low and on target. Government borrowing is under control. Employment is up by 700,000 since the election.

We're creating a climate where business can succeed and in turn create jobs and prosperity by boosting skills.

And we're also creating a fairer country by extending opportunities to all, tackling poverty and increasing support to families through measures like the New Deal, the minimum wage and the Working Families Tax Credit—all of which the Tories would scrap.

It's what we mean by enterprise and fairness. They are the guiding principles of this government, and the driving force behind Gordon's package.

Then the careless coppers snopped the brave pair by broadcasting their names over the police radios, from which they were picked up by the Yardies' scanners.

Now mother and son continue to live in fear of their lives, for their tormentors, released because of 'legal complications', have launched a terrifying campaign of revenge.

Thames Valley police must round up and jail the thugs.

And this time they can't expect the public to do the job for them.

Aliens - the truth

THE government is to throw open its top-secret X-Files on UFOs and aliens.

Ministers have looked at them and decided that there is nothing too sensitive to hold back.

Enthusiasts are hoping at last to learn the truth about all the incidents reported over the last 30 years.

Cynics think it will all turn out to have been pie in the sky.

Thugs mar glory

A GREAT game it wasn't. A determined first half at Hampden was followed by a dull second.

But it did manage to focus for 90 minutes or so the combined passions of soccer fans the length and breadth of Britain.

Then, despite their victory, came the pointless violence when 400 English fans went on the rampage in the streets of Glasgow.

It's a poor omen for Wembley on Wednesday.



NEWS BRIEF

DTG: 15 NOVEMBER 1999

SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: 'UFOs'

SOURCE: Branch: Sec(AS)2: S40 [redacted] Tel: MB S40 [redacted]

PRESS OFFICER: S40 [redacted] (D News RAF)

BACKGROUND

'News of the World' (14 Nov) and Daily Mail (15 Nov) have printed speculative articles that MOD is about to release all 'UFO' files.

KEY MESSAGE

MOD routinely releases files containing information from the public about alleged 'UFO' sightings under the 30-year rule. We are unable to release more recent files because there is a need to maintain third party confidentiality (ie the personal details of those providing information). There is no evidence to support the view that the UK Air Defence Region is being breached by hostile foreign military activity or anything else. There are no plans to change Government policy on 'UFOs'.

KEY POINTS

* As is the case with other Government files, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967 and official files generally remain closed for 30 years. Prior to 1967 it was the case that 'UFO' files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient interest in the subject to warrant their retention but since 1967 all 'UFO' files have been preserved and routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30-year point.

* We have looked carefully to see whether early release of 'UFO' files is possible. However, the files contain personal details of all those contacting and corresponding with the Department. MOD has a duty to protect the third party confidentiality. Staff would need to be diverted from essential tasks to manually scrutinise and remove all personal details on the files and the knock-on effect would be a major disruption to MOD's overall programme for release of files to the PRO. It cannot be justified.

S40 [redacted]

* It is Government policy that any air defence or air traffic implications of 'UFOs' are a matter for MOD and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) respectively. **MOD's interest is limited to establishing from any reported sightings it receives whether the UK Air Defence Region has been breached by hostile military activity, and responding to any associated public correspondence.**

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5. Under the 30-year rule, a total of 13 'UFO' files from 1969 have been passed to the Public Record Office and will be released on 1 January 2000. The files contain sighting reports, public correspondence and associated papers. As I explained (D/Sec(AS)/64/1 of 8 September copy also attached), it is simply not possible to say whether other 'UFO'-related papers might be filed elsewhere in MOD archives.

6. There is little factual information in the two newspaper articles. It is likely they are misrepresenting the arrangements for the Department's release of files, perhaps hoping to force MOD into expanding their limited interest in publicly reported unidentified sightings. I attach lines to take in the event of any further media interest.



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SUBSIDIARY POINTS

* Military Task 9 is to maintain the integrity of the UK's airspace. This requirement is met by the continuous recognised air picture (radar) and an air policing capability. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might, if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of RAF air defence aircraft).

* Alleged sightings sent 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. Only a handful of reports have been received in recent years that warranted any further investigation and no evidence was found of any threat.

* Where there is no evidence in a report of defence concern, no action is taken to try and identify what might have been seen. From the types of descriptions generally received, aircraft or natural phenomena probably account for most of the observations.

* Sec(AS)2 is the Air Staff Secretariat. It deals with a wide range of RAF-related issues. It also acts as the focal point within MOD for the Government's limited interest in 'UFOs'. A 24-hour answerphone is provided so that members of the public can telephone through sighting reports. Reports made elsewhere, either to military establishments, air traffic control centres or the civilian police are forwarded to Sec(AS)2. Some 230 sighting reports and 250 letters were received last year.

* Where a military or civilian pilot considers his aircraft has been endangered by the proximity of another aircraft (including any flying object he is unable to identify), or in regulated airspace where an Air Traffic Controller believes there has been the risk of a collision, the pilot or ATC would be obliged to file an airmis report (Airprox).

AS MINISTERS PLEDGE TO RELEASE TOP SECRET UFO RESEARCH ...

DOCUMENTS and photographs detailing UFO investigations in Britain over 50 years are at last being made available for public scrutiny under New Labour's policy of greater openness in Government, according to reports at the weekend. Here, NICK POPE, the Ministry of Defence official formerly responsible for investigating extra-terrestrial visitations, previews the eagerly awaited contents.

Britain's X-Files

(and yes, the truth is on this page)



OFFICIAL interest in UFOs has always had more to do with the Russians than any impending visit from Martians.

But in keeping an eye out for the Soviet aircraft that routinely probed our air defences during the Cold War, it soon became clear that there were other more exotic craft operating in British airspace.

There has been a steady stream of UFO reports sent to the Ministry of Defence over the past 50 years — between 200 to 300 each year. They fill more than 200 files, files to which I have had access. If, when they are made available publicly, I can promise some exciting revelations.

For three years it was my job in Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A at the MoD to investigate such reports, to determine any potential threat to the UK. I found explanations for 90pc of sightings, which turned out to be mis-identifications of ordinary objects or phenomena; aircraft lights, satellites, meteors and airships.

However, there has always been a hard core of sightings that couldn't be explained in conventional terms, where trained observers such as police officers and pilots have seen unidentified craft doing speeds and manoeuvres way beyond our capabilities.

Britain's most sensational UFO case occurred in 1980 in Rendlesham Forest, near the USAF/RAF base at Woodbridge in Suffolk. UFO activity was witnessed over a series of nights, then on December 26 at 2am two patrolmen on a tour of the camp perimeter saw bright lights among the trees and went to investigate.

Initially, they thought an aircraft had overshot the runway although there was no accompanying noise. But what they saw was like no aircraft they had ever encountered before; a large metallic, triangular object which they chased before losing it among the trees.

JUST two nights later, there was a similar sighting. This time the deputy base commander, USAF Lt-Col Charles Halt, led a team out to investigate. He submitted a report to the MoD, describing the UFO as 'metallic in appearance and triangular in shape'.

There is also an eerie 18-minute tape, which reveals conversations between Halt and his men as they moved to within 150 yards of the moving red and yellow lights.

The report says that suddenly the lights appeared to 'explode' in fragments of white light. Immediately, Lt-Col Halt observed three objects in the sky, like stars, but giving off red, green and



blue lights, darting off in all directions in sharp, angular movements.

The objects were visible for two to three hours, occasionally flashing down beams of light or energy. Radiation readings were subsequently taken from the landing site in the forest and were found to peak in the three indentations where the craft had touched down in a clearing.

There are a number of intriguing aerial encounters in Britain's so-called X-files, too. One of the earliest took place in August 1958, when a UFO was tracked on radar systems at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk.

Two RAF jets were scrambled to intercept the mystery craft, and an energetic game of cat and mouse ensued as the pilots attempted to lock-on to the target. But the UFO was too quick and agile, and managed to elude the pilots, who eventually ran low on fuel and were forced to return to base.

Almost 40 years later, a number of RAF Tornados jets were overtaken by a UFO over the North Sea in November 1990. No adequate explanation was ever forthcoming.

Last year also over the North Sea, a 900ft UFO was pursued by two fighter jets before it took off at 17,000mph.

More disturbing are the reports to the MoD that detail near-misses between UFOs and civil aircraft. There were two such cases in 1991, both over Kent.

In 1995, the pilots of a Boeing 737 encountered what they described as a brightly lit UFO while on their approach to Manchester Airport, and

believed that it had passed only yards from their aircraft. This incident was investigated by the Civil Aviation Authority but remains a mystery.

One of the most fascinating cases that I investigated related to an incident that occurred in the early hours of March 31, 1993.

There had been a wave of UFO sightings that night, culminating in the direct overhead of two military bases, RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury in Shropshire.

The UFO was described by one of the military witnesses as being a vast, triangular craft only marginally smaller than a jumbo jet. It flew slowly over the base at a height of 200ft, firing a narrow beam of light at the ground, before flying off at high speed.

These then, are the sorts of incidents to be found in the MoD's UFO files.

But the files also contain reports of alien abductions, the appearance of crop circles and animal mutilations, all of which have been linked with UFOs.

THE MoD was drawn into the crop-circle debate in 1985 — five years after they first started appearing — when a farmer in Middle Wallop, Hampshire, found a quintuplet of crop circles and blamed the local Army air corps base.

A Lt-Col Edgecombe investigated and submitted photographs and reports to the MoD, a routine procedure but one which gave credence to the UFO link and allegations that then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had asked for a report on the phenomenon.

I have reviewed all the theories about crop circles and, while many are hoaxes, there are those which have yet to be explained; for example, why do crop samples taken

from these 'genuine' circles show distinct cellular changes. Some details of UFO sightings in Britain have, of course, already been made public under the 30-year rule which applies to sensitive documents, but by releasing files from more recent years the Government clearly hopes to end speculation that it has been covering up the truth about the phenomenon.

Unfortunately, releasing the files is a tactic that some people think could backfire.

A similar initiative in the U.S. simply fuelled interest in the subject, and led to accusations that other more highly classified papers were still being withheld.

The U.S. government's denial was not helped by the claims of a former U.S. army colonel, Philip Corso, who said that the so-called Roswell incident from 1947 — in which alien corpses were allegedly seen at an air force base in New Mexico — really did involve the crash of a UFO.

Colonel Corso claimed that he'd seen the bodies, and that his job at the Pentagon involved finding ways to use the technological secrets gleaned from the debris of the craft. He died of a heart attack shortly after going public with these claims, so look the secrets to his grave.

Conspiracy theorists love this sort of thing, and are unlikely to be satisfied by any release of papers that doesn't support their own theories.

But there really isn't any cover-up in the UK, although a letter sent from the MoD to the U.S. government in 1985 admits that MoD policy is to play down the subject of UFOs.

My three years of official research into the UFO phenomenon changed my life for ever. I'd come into the job as a sceptic, but came to believe that some UFOs might well be extra-terrestrial.

If these files are to be made public, I think people are in for

a big surprise, and I believe that, like me, they will come to see that this is a serious subject which raises important national security issues. As far as these files are concerned... the truth is in there!

NICK POPE'S latest book is Operation Thunder Child (Simon & Schuster, £9.99).

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A YOUNG mystery woman was at the centre of a kidnap scare last night after a blood-stained van she was bundled into was found abandoned.

Two men had earlier roughly dragged her screaming across a garage forecourt at Reading, Berks, during the rush-hour.

She was viciously beaten and thrown into the van.

A witness told police the woman, aged about 20, suffered facial injuries.

Detective Superintendent Trevor Davies said: "We are extremely worried. If this woman can get in touch with us she should."

A team of detectives were trying to identify the woman and scouring missing person reports. The CCTV footage from the garage has been seen by police.

WEIRD

LEE Si Chung, 26, who tried to save his Beijing-to-London fare by POSTING himself, got caught short in the sorting office and was jailed for four weeks.

WORLD

MODEL ROBBED

A GANG of Rolex robbers pounced on Andrea Foulkes, the QVC Shopping channel model, as she parked her car in the early hours.

The 27-year-old blonde was grabbed by the throat by one man while another snatched her £2,600 Cartier watch and a £200 necklace.

Then they flung her to the ground and made off in a silver car with her bag containing £300 in cash.

The attackers, said to be black and in their 20s, struck as Andrea pulled up in Sloan Square, London.

WEIRD

COPS smashed into a car in Lyons, France, to rescue a man collapsed inside—and discovered a blow-up dummy used to fool car-jackers.

WORLD

MURDER OF BABY

AN eight-week-old boy was murdered in his home yesterday by a frenzied attacker.

Police found little Bradley George being cradled by his sobbing mother. He died four hours later in hospital from head injuries.

The 10½-year-old Samantha George, 20, and brother Christopher, five, also suffered head injuries in the attack at the two-bed council house in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.

Nolthour Jeannette Hussey said: "I heard a woman screaming and a young boy crying. Samantha came out with her face covered in blood and was taken away in an ambulance."

A 26-year-old man was arrested by police at the house and was being questioned yesterday.

Watch this space for truth about aliens

MINISTER TO OPEN BRITAIN'S X-FILES

THE truth about whether aliens have ever visited Britain is to be revealed at last.

Top secret government X-Files on thousands of 'space-ship' riddles will be opened up to public gaze by Defence Minister Peter Kilfoyle.

They will include photos and details of every UFO investigation in the past 30 years. Every year, around 300 alien sightings are reported.

Plans by military experts for action in the event of an alien invasion of London will also be unveiled.

The files, stored in a nuclear bomb-proof bunker deep below Whitehall, should be released in three months.

The move, part of a government drive to end unnecessary secrecy, is sure to send UFO spotters into a frenzy. They will hope to learn secrets about:

● A MASSIVE craft spotted flying in zig-zags off Britain's North Sea coast last year. The 900ft UFO shot off at 17,000mph when pursued by two fighter jets.

● CLAIMS that seven UFOs have crashed in Britain since World War II.

● SIGHTINGS of a triangular three-legged spaceship in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, in 1980.

Hover

US airmen from two nearby bases claim the object rose hovering out of the trees, then blasted into space at an incredible speed. RAF investigators cordoned off the area, but their findings are still a closely-guarded secret.

Some details of UFO sightings in the Fifties and Sixties have already been made public under the Thirty-Year Rule applied to sensitive documents.

Among them is the famous 1962 incident in which 16-year-old Anne Heston was sworn to secrecy after she reported seeing a star-like object shooting out red and green flames above her home in Taunton, Somerset.

Ten years earlier, RAF Flight Lieutenant John Kilburn saw a shining object in the sky above a West Yorks air base. When jets were scrambled to investi-

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BY IAN KIRBY

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

gate, the UFO took off at an incredible speed. But the facts about most later mysteries are still locked away.

They include the truth about claims by former defence chief Lord Hill-Norton that RAF Feltwell in Suffolk uses its space-age radar, built by the US Air Force, to track UFOs.

He quizzed ministers about the base, but never got a satisfactory answer. Several sightings in 1990 of a bright

light above the Thames in London could also be explained.

The pledge to open up our X-Files follows similar moves in America.

The Yanks recently released a report of the notorious Roswell incident in 1947, in which alien corpses were allegedly seen at a secret New Mexico air base.

They explained the "bodies" were dummies from a secret weather balloon, but UFO theorists still believe there has been a cover-up.

Crank

Britain's files were prepared by the MoD's hush-hush Aircraft Secretariat, set up to investigate UFOs. Amazingly, its one-time boss Nick Pope believes HE was abducted by aliens while driving in Florida.

He kept mum while in his job for fear of being labelled a crank.

But after leaving the secret unit, he wrote a series of bestsellers about alien incidents.

He said: "My experiences convinced me that

UFOs are a real and threatening phenomenon. We are not alone.

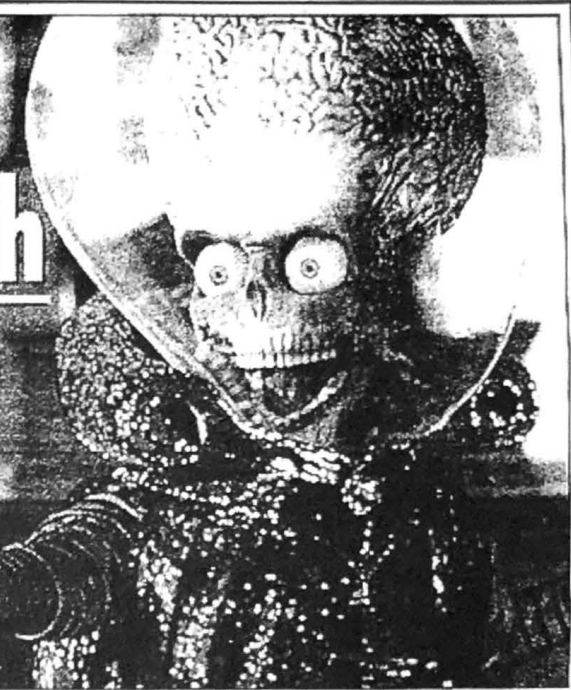
"Since 1959, the MoD has heard of 9,000 UFO sightings, though that's probably only the tip of the iceberg."

Defence Minister Mr Kilfoyle has told colleagues that, after a careful review of the files, he is "not convinced" about the existence of aliens.

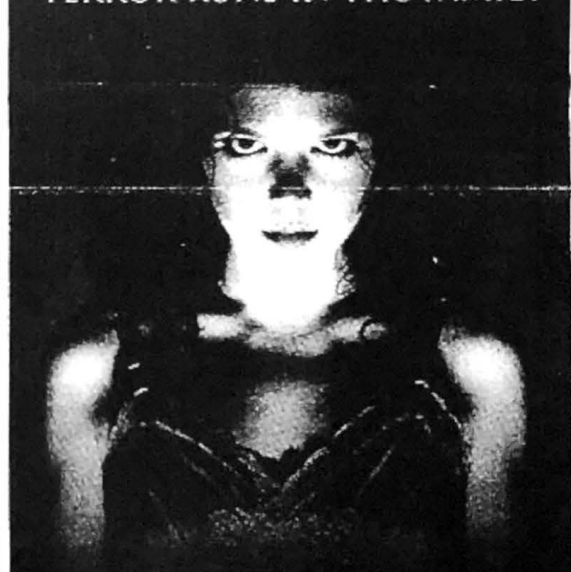
But MoD staff say he wants people to be able to make up their own minds.

A source said: "These files are of huge public interest. They paint a fascinating picture of how UFO reports were investigated—and what would happen if aliens ever did land in Britain."

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TERROR RUNS IN THE FAMILY



THE RAGE

UNITED ARTISTS PICTURES PRESENTS A RED BOW FILMS PRODUCTION "THE RAGE: CARIE 2" EMILY BERCL
JASON LEE, GUY DOLZA, BILLY J. SMITH, CALISTO TAN, RAY BRIDGEMAN, STEPHEN KING
CARRIE & HARRY THOMAS ALBRECHT RICHARD NURD PETER JALVSON
DEWILDA ANDERSON PHILIPPA WALKER PAUL WATSON
MUSIC BY RACHEL TAYLOR LYNN COLLIER

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1999.

1. In line with our current policy, please find below a 'UFO' report from a retired police officer, currently a professional pilot. I would be grateful if you could let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING



1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	No date or time given by caller on answerphone. Message was received at 11:51 a.m. on 03/11/99
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A Silver object, darting back and forth
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors. Above Chobham common, Surrey,
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	
6.	Approximate distance.	Approximately 3,000 ft above cloud layer
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Moving fast, disappeared quickly.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a1 answerphone
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>§ 40</p> <p>§ 40</p> <p>Camberley Surrey</p> <p>Telephone: § 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	
12.	Remarks.	<p>The informant has also reported the incident to the CAA.</p> <p>The informant is a retired police officer and professional pilot.</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	03/11/99 at 13.51 p.m.

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Precedence ROUTINE
DTG 100114Z JUL 99
From RAF FYLINGDALES
To MODUK AIR
SIC Z6F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON

1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED

- A. 10 JUL 99, 0051 TO 0056 (LOCAL)
 - B. CIRCULAR OBJECT, SIZE UNKNOWN, SURROUNDED BY RED AND GREEN LIGHTS
 - C. INSIDE THEIR HOUSE
 - D. BOTH NAKED EYE AND AN OLD TELESCOPE
 - E. ROUGHLY NORTH/NORTH EAST OF RILLINGTON
 - F. UNKNOWN
 - G. UNKNOWN
 - H. STATIC
 - J. CLEAR NIGHT SKY
 - K. UNKNOWN
 - L. WHITBY POLICE WHO PASSED INFO TO FYLINGDALES
 - M. S40 RILLINGTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE
 - N. UNKNOWN
 - P. S40
 - Q. 100101 (LOCAL)
 - R. NIL
 - S. THIS WAS REPORTED BY S40, A CIVILIAN WORKER AT WHITBY POLICE STATION
2. POC S40 CREW CMDR - RAFTN EXT S40 OR S40
SPACE INFO OFFICER - EXT 2537

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/C=GB/ 3659 990710013659Z

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'UFO' REPORT - 10 Apr 99

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 12 Apr 99

1. At Reference A, you asked whether the UFO report represented anything of air defence interest. Following enquiries, there is no evidence that unauthorised military activity or any other activity of air defence interest occurred in the Shrewsbury area at that time.

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'UFO' REPORT - 10 Mar 99

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 9 Apr 99

1. At Reference A, you asked whether the UFO report represented anything of air defence interest. Following enquiries, there is no evidence that unauthorised military activity or any other activity of air defence interest occurred in the Stamford Bridge area at that time. It is certainly better watching the sky than watching Chelsea play!

[original signed]

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Air Def 1a		Air Off 1a		AT/AAR 1a	
		Air Off 2			
AEW 1		Air Off 2a		SO1 AB/SF Pol	
ADGE 1	540	Recce 1		AT/AAR 2	
AD NATO		Recce 2		HELS 1	
Mar 1		Recce 2a		HELS 1a	
Mar 1a		Recce Clerk		HELS 2	
				HELS 2A	
APA-F3		APA-FW		HELS 2B	
APA-MAR/AEW		APA-HAR			
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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 10 APRIL 1999.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a 'UFO' report from a pilot. I should be grateful if you could let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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ENCLOSURE
 NUMBER 34

Date:	10 APR 99	Time:		Duration of Sighting:	
Description of Object:					
Number	1	Size	LARGE	Shape	CIRCULAR WITH BOTTOM MISSING
Brightness		Sound		Smell	
Other: 34					
C Exact Position of Observer:					
Geographical Location			WEM ^{NDS} SHREWSBURY		
Stationary			Indoors		Outdoors
Moving					
D How Object was Observed:					
Naked Eye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Binoculars	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E Direction in which Object was first seen: (A Landmark may be useful)					
F Angle of Sight:					
G Distance: (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)					
H Movement of Object:					
J Met conditions during Observation:					
Moving Clouds, Mist, Haze etc					
K Nearby Objects or Buildings:					
L To Whom Reported:					
Press:		Police:		SHROPSHIRE POLICE	
Military Organisation: RAF SHAWBURY					
M Details of Informant:					
Name:		[REDACTED]		Tel No [REDACTED]	
Address:		[REDACTED]		Postcode [REDACTED]	
N Any Background of Informant that may be Volunteered:					
[REDACTED] VIDEOED THE OBJECT.					
O Other Witnesses:					
P Date/Time of Report:					
Date:				Time:	

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Air Def 1a	Air Off 1a	AT/AAR 1a
	Air Off 2	
AEW 1	Air Off 2a	SO1 AB/SF Pol
ADGE 1	Recce 1	AT/AAR 2
AD NATO	Recce 2	HELS 1
Mar 1	Recce 2a	HELS 1a
Mar 1a	Recce Clerk	HELS 2
		HELS 2A
APA-F3	APA-FW	HELS 2B
APA-MAR/AEW	APA-HAR	
	APA-JAG	APA-AT/AAR
PA/DAO	APA-IDS	
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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 10 MARCH 1999.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a 'UFO' report from a Police Officer on duty at a football match. I should be grateful if you could let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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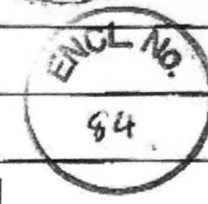
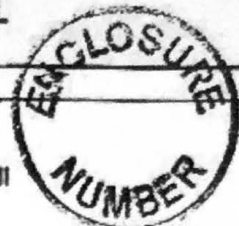
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CHOTS: SEC(AS)2A1A

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

FAX TRANSMISSION DETAILS:		DTG of Transmission: 191115 Z MAR 99	
From: AIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 [REDACTED]		To: [REDACTED] SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0171 [REDACTED]	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:	
RANK, NAME & [REDACTED]		RANK/GRADE & NAME: [REDACTED]	
SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]		SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]	



A	DATE: 10 MAR	TIME: 2005 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 10-15 SECS
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number 4 LIGHTS Size NIK Shape SQUARE TO DIAMOND SHAPE Colour YELLOW Brightness FAIRLY BRIGHT Sound? No.		Smell? No. Other — NOT LIKE ANYTHING HE'D SEEN BEFORE.
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: CHELSEA FOOTBALL GROUND. Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving OBSERVER (POLICEMAN STOOD WITH HIS HORSE)		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) OBJECT TRAVELLING E-W.		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: IN FRONT & ABOVE OBSERVER.		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): NOT SURE.		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: MOVED ACROSS SKY FAIRLY QUICKLY CHANGING SHAPE SLOWLY		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): Clear Day - see stars.		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: OSWALD STON MANSIONS		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: Police: Military Organisation: NIL Airport: Other:		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED], Chessham, Bucks, [REDACTED]		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: POLICEMAN.		
O	OTHER WITNESS? COLLEAGUE SAW IT ALSO.		

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11/18G/BP/88772/10/GE

Mar 99

- forwarded to Sec(AS)2a1

ADGE1

- Agreed to release radar recording however 11/18Gp to retain video tap recording for 1 year

UFO REPORTS - 15 & 22 FEB 99

You asked me to research these UFO reports to see if there were any AD involvement, interest or corroboration of sighting.

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AD ACTIVITY

- Have checked AD activity for the periods concerned. the results are as follows;

15 Feb 99 (Period 1015-1045hrs).

- UKCAOC. No record of AD activity over the duration of the UFO report. Particularly, there was no QRA(I) activity, no routine UK AD flying and no exercises in progress between those times.
- RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest.
- RAF Buchan. RAF Buchan were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest.
- Radar Investigations. Due to the source of this report and the description of the observed traffic, further investigation was carried out by examination of recorded radar data from the following sources:
 - RAF Buchan Reference Telecon [S 40] 220915ZMar99 - RAF Buchan radar information examined for the time and area of the reported sighting by Buchan ops staff. No traffic matching the report was seen. VHS video tape en-route to HQ11/18Gp, radar tape impounded.
 - LATCC West Drayton Reference Telecon [S 40] 221012ZMar99 - LATCC radar information examined for the time and area of the reported sighting by AIS staff. No traffic matching the report was seen. VHS video tape en-route to HQ11/18Gp, radar tape impounded.
 - SCATCC Prestwick Reference Letter PWK/20/1/ATCC dated 15 Mar 99 - SCATCC radar information examined for the time and area of the reported sighting by SO2 ASACS Ops1. No traffic matching the report was seen. VHS video tape with HQ11/18Gp, radar tape impounded.

CONCLUSION

- There was no AD activity at the time of the report.
- No exercises involving RAF AD units were in progress at the time.

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Recorded radar data replays do not support the sighting.

- Report of no further interest to HQAD.

22 Feb 99 (Period 2030-2100hrs).

- UKCAOC. No record of AD activity over the duration of the UFO report. Particularly, there was no QRA(I) activity and no exercises in progress between those times.
- RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were controlling 4 x Leeming F3s (SAMSON 1-4 – 11 Sqn) in area 7 (Lincolnshire MTRA) at the time of the reported sighting. These ac are discounted from contributing to the sighting for the following reasons;
 - The Westerly boundary of Area 7 is over 35nm East of Littleover.
 - Any traffic inadvertently straying West towards Littleover from Area 7 would infringe the E. Midlands Airport CTZ, which would be a serious matter and subject to a special report.
 - The F3 ac were not stationary, and
 - They were not dropping flares.
 - Notwithstanding the above, F3s do not show steady lights when carrying out Practice Intercepts, only flashing anti-collision strobes.

CONCLUSION

- There was no QRA(I) activity at the time of the report.
- No exercises involving RAF AD units were in progress at the time.
- There was AD training flying in the Lincolnshire MTRA, but this could not have produced the sighting observed.
- Report of no further interest to HQAD.

NOTE

- I have impounded 3 radar tapes upon your authority for the purpose of examining recorded radar data for evidence of the 15 Feb 99 sighting. If you agree, I will release each radar tape once I have received the VHS video of the area/time of interest. Please advise.

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502



REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 10 March 1999
2030 15 min |
| 2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness) | BRIGHT STAR SHAPED
LIGHT ABOUT THE SIZE
OF A HOT AIR BALLON
NO NOISE |
| 3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving) | OUTDOORS STATIONARY
NEXT TO HOUSE |
| 4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving) | NAKED EYE |
| 5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | BROUGHTON WOODS
LOOKING IN DIRECTION
OF HUMBER BRIDGE |
| 6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | 45 DEGREES |
| 7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark) | 2 MILES |
| 8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed) | OBJECT WAS STILL
THEN DROPPED IN
HEIGHT BELOW TREE
LINE |
| 9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc) | CLEAR |
| 10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) | NIL |
| 11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc) | RANG MOD POLICE |

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12. Name and Address of Informant
Name
Address

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SCUNTHORPE

13. Background of informant that
may be volunteered

NEVER REPORTED UFO
BEFORE. POSSIBLY SAW
ONE TWO WEEKS AGO

14. Other Witnesses

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15. Date, Time of Receipt

10 MAR 99 2050

16. Any Unusual Meteorological
Conditions

NIL

17. Remarks

NIL

Date: 10 Mar 99

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Precedence ROUTINE
 DTG 070900Z MAR 99
 From HQSTC
 To MODUK AIR
 SIC Z6F
 Subject UFO REPORT - 06 MAR 99

1. 061315Z - 1330Z MAR 99. FOR A FEW MINUTES
2. BLACK, BALL SHAPED OBJECT. NO WINGS OR OTHER APPENDAGES
3. OUTDOORS, WALKING
4. NAKED EYE
5. OVERHEAD MOVING SOUTH THEN TURNING TO HEAD EAST
6. NOT KNOWN OVERHEAD TO 45 DEGREES
7. ABOVE SCATTERED CLOUDS SAY 4 TO 5 THOUSAND FEET
8. CHANGED DIRECTION OF TRAVEL FROM SOUTH TO EAST
9. FINE, SCATTERED CLOUDS
10. LOCAL HOUSING
11. HQ STC DO
12. [REDACTED] S 40 [REDACTED] WORTHING, W. SUSSEX, S 40 [REDACTED]
 TEL: [REDACTED]
13. NONE
14. NONE
15. 061820Z MAR 99
16. NONE
17. INFORMANT SEEMED RATIONAL AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT NORMALLY SEEN IN THAT AREA, EG AIRWAYS TRAFFIC AND GA TRAFFIC
 INFORMANT ADVISED TO CALL MOD SEC (AS) 2A ON MONDAY 8 MAR

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HQ 11/18 Gp - SO1 ASACS Ops
Sec(AS)2a

UFO REPORTS FROM CREDIBLE WITNESSES

1. In accordance with current procedure, I would be grateful if you would determine whether any unusual air activity of air defence significance was associated with the 2 attached UFO reports.
2. The report from the Prestwick SATCO is unusual and may be the subject of subsequent publicity. I would be grateful, therefore, if this incident could be thoroughly scrutinised to determine whether a similar phenomenon was seen on sensors available to ASACS. Additionally, please determine whether a radar recording of the incident has been retained by Prestwick and, if so, request that it be kept for future reference.
3. A reply by 26 Mar 99 would be appreciated.

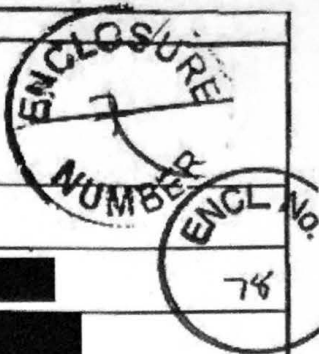


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Attachments:

UFO Report Prestwick SATCO 15 Feb 99
UFO Report Derby Police 22 Feb 99

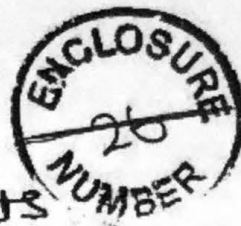
TRANSMISSION DETAILS:		DTG of Transmission: 15 FEB 99 1030z	
From: AIS(M), LATCC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 [redacted]		To: SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0171 [redacted]	
AUTHORISING OFFICER: AISO		TRANSMISSION OPERATOR: AISA	
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT: [redacted] AISO		RANK/GRADE & NAME: [redacted]	
SIGNATURE: [redacted]		SIGNATURE: [redacted]	



A	DATE: 15 FEB 99.	TIME: 1025 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING: 1-2 MINS
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number: PRIMARY RADAR CONTACT Size: 10 MILES WIDE Shape: 10 MILES WIDE Colour: TRAVELLING V. QUICK Brightness: ABOUT 2 MILES LONG Sound? [redacted]		Smell? Other: COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE 15 FEB 1999 WEST DRAYTON
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: PRESTWICK TOWER. Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving: [redacted]		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera: ON RADAR.		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) TRM VOR ^{HEADING} - SW TOWARDS BELFAGE.		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: [redacted]		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): [redacted]		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: 50 MILES IN ROUGHLY 1 MINUTE.		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): [redacted]		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: [redacted]		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: [redacted] Police: AISO (MIL) Military Organisation: [redacted] Airport: [redacted] Other: [redacted]		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [redacted] Address: PRESTWICK SATCO.		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: [redacted]		
O	OTHER WITNESS? [redacted]		
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 15 FEB 99 1030z.		

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PFS



- A. 22 FEB 1999 2009.
- B. 2x large white/yellow lights
(round)
- C. King George's Playing Fields
Littleover, Derby.
- D. Naked eye
- E. Static
- F.
- G.
- H.
- J.
- K.
- L. Derby Police
- M. P.C. S40 Incident N° 737/22
- N.
- O.
- P.

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Precedence ROUTINE
DTG 131113Z FEB 99
From RAF LEEMING
To MODUK AIR
SIC Z6F

- A. 12 FEB 99, 2100Z, 30 TO 45 SECONDS
- B. SINGLE OBJECT, RETANGULAR, LIKE A FIREBALL, RED CENTRE WITH A YELLOW OR ORANGE AURA
- C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. LOOKING NORTH DIRECTLY OVER WAKEFIELD
- F. 45 DEG UP
- G. ESTIMATED OVER WAKEFIELD OR BEYOND
- H. SLOW VERTICAL MOVEMENT ENDING WITH 2 YELLOW FLASHES IN QUICK SUCCESSION. IT THEN DISAPPEARED
- I. CLEAR STARY NIGHT
- J. CALLERS HOUSE
- K. INITIALLY REPORTED TO THE AMERICANS AT MEMWORTH HILL WHO SUGGESTED THE CALLER CONTACT RAF LEEMING
- L. MR [S40] [S40] WAKEFIELD,
[S40] TEL [S40]
- M. INFORMANT IS A PSYCHOLOGIST AND HYPNOTHERAPIST STUDYING FOR A PHD IN HYPNOTHERAPY AND WRITING A THESIS ON THE BENEFITS OF HYPNOTHERAPY TO ENHANCE THE IMUNE SYSTEM
- N. NIL
- O. 130845Z FEB 99
- P. NIL
- Q. SPOKE TO NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR WHO HAPPENED TO BE LEAVING HER HOUSE AT THE SAME MOMENT AS CALLER WATCHED REPORTED OBJECT. NEIGHBOUR REPORTS SEEING A FLASH FROM CORNER OF EYE. CALLER MADE 3 SKETCHES SOON AFTER THE OBSERVATION AND WILL SEND COPIES TO OC GD FLT RAF LEEMING

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ROUTINE 031645Z FEB 99

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON

1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

- A. 020130 LOCAL FEB 99, 30 MINS DURATION
- B. ROUND IN SHAPE, NO NOISE, COLOURED RED, GREEN, BLUE, WHITE AND YELLOW
- C. STATIONARY AT BEDROOM WINDOW OF FLAT
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. ABOVE THE TOWN OF HULL, HOUSE LOOKS OUT TOWARDS TOWN
- F. VERY HIGH
- G. TWO MILES
- H. REMAINED STATIONARY UNTIL END OF SIGHTING WHEN IT FLEW STRAIGHT UP AT HIGH SPEED UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED
- J. CLEAR SKY

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K. ONLY THE TOWN OF HULL MENTIONED IN SIGHTING

L. HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND RAF FYLINGDALES

M. [REDACTED] HULL TEL NO. [REDACTED]

N. NONE AVAILABLE

P. NONE

Q. 031445Z FEB 99

R. NONE

S. NONE

T. POC [REDACTED] CREW CDR, RAFTN/UNITER EXT [REDACTED] OR FLT LT

[REDACTED] SPACE INFORMATION OFFICER EXT [REDACTED]

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1 Feb 99

Sec(AS)2a1

'UFO' REPORTS - 9 JAN 99

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 19 Jan 99

1. At Reference A, you asked whether the UFO reports in the Fife region represented anything of air defence interest. Following enquiries by staff at HQ 11/18 Gp, there is no evidence that unauthorised military activity or any other activity of air defence interest occurred in the area at that time.

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POINT BRIEF FOR ADGE1

UFO REPORT - 9 JAN 99

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You asked me to research these UFO reports to see if there were any AD involvement or interest.

AD ACTIVITY

- Have checked AD activity for the periods concerned the results are as follows;

9 JAN 99 (Period 2137 - 2350 hrs).

-- UKCAOC. No record of AD activity over the duration of the UFO report. Particularly, there was no QRA(I) activity, no routine UK AD flying and no exercises in progress between those times.

-- RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest.

CONCLUSION

- There was no AD activity at the time of the report.
- No exercises involving RAF AD units were in progress at the time.
- Report of no further interest to HQAD.

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HQ 11/18 Gp - ASACS Ops 1

UFO REPORTS

1. In accordance with current procedure, I would be grateful if you would determine whether any unusual air activity was associated with the 3 attached UFO reports which originated in the E Scotland on 9 Jan 99.
2. A reply by 5 Feb 99 would be appreciated.

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→ Telefax

To:	MOD Sec (AS) 2a
Fax:	
From:	STN OPS - RAF LEUCHARS
Date:	14 JAN 99
Pages:	6



ANNEX A TO
ORDER NO 16 TO
COC ORDERS
DATED 7/ JAN 95

REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting: .09 JAN 99., AT LEAST.
..1 HR... AND STILL THERE.....
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, sound, smell, etc): .ONE LIGHT., RED/GREEN/YELLOW.....
ALTERNATING LIGHTS.....
3. Exact Position when Observed (Geographical Location, Indoors or Outdoors, Stationary or Moving): .HOME ADDRESS.. OUTSIDE,.....
4. How Observed (Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Movie Camera/VCR):
.....NAKED EYE... /... BINOCULARS.....
5. Direction in which Object was First Seen (Possibly with Reference to a Landmark): .TOWARDS.. DUNBAR.....
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated Heights are Unreliable):
...HIGH IN SKY.....
7. Distance (With Reference to a Landmark if Possible):
8. Movements (Changes in 6, 7 & 8 may be better than Estimates of Heading and Speed):NIL.....
9. Weather: (Moving Clouds, Visibility) .CLEAR.....

10. Nearby Objects (Telephone or Power Lines, Lakes, Rivers, High Structures, Airfields, Generating Plants, Factories, Pits or Other Sites with Floodlights or Night-lights):

.....NIL.....
.....
.....

11. To Whom Reported: S40 [redacted]; OPS, RAF. LECHARS...

12. Name and Address for Informant: S40 [redacted]
S40 [redacted] ANSTRUTHER.....
S40 [redacted], S40 [redacted].....

13. Any Background on Informant that may be Volunteered:
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14. Other Witnesses: HUSBAND + DAUGHTER.....

15. Date and Time of Receipt of Report: 09 JAN 99 2137.....

16. Is a Reply Requested: YES.....

Notes:

1. Members of the public who submit reports should be informed that their reports have been passed to the Ministry of Defence.
2. Sightings by Service personnel and action taken as a result of civilian sightings must not be disclosed to members of the Press who, if they make enquiries, should be referred to the Ministry of Defence.
3. A routine unclassified signal, or Fax (Ext 82680) should be sent to Ministry of Defence, London (for the attention of MOD Sec(AS)2A). The format of the signal is as set out in the report above. The signal SIC is Z67.
4. Contact MOD Sec(AS)2a as soon as possible at MOD Main Building Ext 82140 or Fax 82680.

EXAMPLE of a completed signal below THIS case.



To:	MOD Sec (AS) 2 a	→Telefax
Fax:		
From:	STN OPS - RAF LEUCHARS	
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ANNEX A TO
ORDER NO 16 TO
COC ORDERS
DATED 26 JAN 95

REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- Date, Time and Duration of Sighting: .09 JAN 99.., 30 MINS..
..STILL THERE.....
- Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, sound, smell, etc): ONE.. SPHERE.., ALTERNATING...RED/WHITE/GREEN/BLUE....(LOOKED LIKE A CAFE...THRO' BINOCULARS)
- Exact Position when Observed (Geographical Location, Indoors or Outdoors, Stationary or Moving): HOME ADDRESS... , OUTSIDE.....
- How Observed (Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Movie Camera/VCR):
.....
....NAKED EYE... , BINOCULARS.....
- Direction in which Object was First Seen (Possibly with Reference to a Landmark): ' ..SOUTH EAST...TOWARDS...KENNOWAY.....
- Angle of Sight (Estimated Heights are Unreliable):
.....45°.....
- Distance (With Reference to a Landmark if Possible):
- Movements (Changes in 6, 7 & 8 may be better than Estimates of Heading and Speed): ...NIL.....
- Weather: (Moving Clouds, Visibility) CLEAR.....

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10. Nearby Objects (Telephone or Power Lines, Lakes, Rivers, High Structures, Airfields, Generating Plants, Factories, Pits or Other Sites with Floodlights or Night-lights):

.....NIL.....
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11. To Whom Reported: S40 [redacted] OPS, RAF LEUCHARS

12. Name and Address for Informant: S40 [redacted]

S40 [redacted] FREUCHIE S40 [redacted]
S40 [redacted]

13. Any Background on Informant that may be Volunteered:

14. Other Witnesses: WIFE, SON, NEIGHBOURS (7)

15. Date and Time of Receipt of Report: 09 JAN 99, 2146

16. Is a Reply Requested: YES

Notes:

1. Members of the public who submit reports should be informed that their reports have been passed to the Ministry of Defence.
2. Sightings by Service personnel and action taken as a result of civilian sightings must not be disclosed to members of the Press who, if they make enquiries, should be referred to the Ministry of Defence.
3. A routine unclassified signal, or Fax (Ext 82680) should be sent to Ministry of Defence, London (for the attention of MOD Sec(AS)2a). The format of the signal is as set out in the report above. The signal SIC is Z6F.
4. Contact MOD Sec(AS)2a as soon as possible at MOD Main Building Ext 82140 or Fax 82680.

EXAMPLE of a completed signal below this case.

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ANNEX A TO
ORDER NO 16 TO
COC ORDERS
DATED 7/ JAN 95

REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting: 09 JAN 99, 30 MINS...
..STILL THERE.....
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, sound, smell, etc): ONE SPHERE, ALTERNATING RED/WHITE/GREEN/BLUE... (LOOKED LIKE A CAGE THRO' BINOCULARS)
3. Exact Position when Observed (Geographical Location, Indoors or Outdoors, Stationary or Moving): HOME ADDRESS, OUTSIDE.....
4. How Observed (Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Movie Camera/VCR):
.....NAKED EYE, BINOCULARS.....
5. Direction in which Object was First Seen (Possibly with Reference to a Landmark): SOUTH EAST TOWARDS KENNOWAY.....
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated Heights are Unreliable):
.....45°.....
7. Distance (With Reference to a Landmark if Possible):
8. Movements (Changes in 6, 7 & 8 may be better than Estimates of Heading and Speed): ...NIL.....
9. Weather: (Moving Clouds, Visibility) CLEAR.....

10. Nearby Objects (Telephone or Power Lines, Lakes, Rivers, High Structures, Airfields, Generating Plants, Factories, Pits or Other Sites with Floodlights or Night-lights):

NIL

11. To Whom Reported:

S40 [redacted] OPS, RAF LEUCHARS

12. Name and Address for Informant:

S40 [redacted] S40 [redacted] ANSTRUTHER
S40 [redacted]

13. Any Background on Informant that may be Volunteered:

PRIVATE PILOT

14. Other Witnesses:

15. Date and Time of Receipt of Report: 09 JAN 99 2306

16. Is a Reply Requested: YES

Notes:

- Members of the public who submit reports should be informed that their reports have been passed to the Ministry of Defence.
- Sightings by Service personnel and action taken as a result of civilian sightings must not be disclosed to members of the Press who, if they make enquiries, should be referred to the Ministry of Defence.
- A routine unclassified signal, or Fax (Ext 82630) should be sent to Ministry of Defence, London (for the attention of MOD Sec(AS)2A). The format of the signal is as set out in the report above. The signal SIC is 267.
- Contact MOD Sec(AS)2a as soon as possible at MOD Main Building Ext 82140 or Fax 82630.

EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETED SIGNAL SENT IN THIS CASE.

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23 Nov 98

HQ 11/18 Gp - ASACS Ops 1

UFO REPORT

1. In accordance with current procedure, I would be grateful if you would determine whether any unusual air activity occurred at the time and location listed below which might be consistent with the reported phenomena:

192043L Nov 98 – White strobe light (every 20 secs) at high level and high speed for 5 mins – near Polehill – Reported by ac Captain – reported to LATCC – nothing on their radar.

2. A reply by 27 Nov 98 would be appreciated.

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 by 27 Nov 98*

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*Nil return sent to
 (AS/2A) 1 20 Nov 98*

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D/Sec(AS)/64/2

20 November 1998

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 19 NOVEMBER 1998.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a 'UFO' report from a British Regional Airline Captain and his Second Officer. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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1 OBJECT. VERY BRIGHT STROBE LIGHT
STROBE 1 EVERY 20 SECONDS.

(B+C) IN A/C FH240 NORTH NITON. HEADING
TOWARDS POKHILL OBJECT HEADING NORTH
HIGH LEVEL. DISAPPEARED INTO HORIZON
IN 5 MINS. CHECKED WITH LOCAL
CONTROL 133.6. NOTHING SHOWN ON
RADAR.

D. NAKED EYE

F A/C HEADING NORTH OBJECT DUE NORTH
OF A/C

F. 10 DEC 2008. FM HORIZON.

G U/C

H. VERY HIGH SPEED.

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L. EDWARD BUREAU ATC

M.

[Redacted] S40 [Redacted] S40 [Redacted] S40 [Redacted] S40

STIRLING, BRITISH REGIONAL AIRLINE JETSTREAM 41.

N. AIRLINE CRT

O 2ND OFFICER

[Redacted] S40 [Redacted]

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ANNEX A TO
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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|-----|---|--|
| 1. | Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 19 Nov 98, between 2330 and 0115 for 60 minutes |
| 2. | Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness) | Large, circular, with silver, red, green and blue lights |
| 3. | Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving) | Outdoors, in the hover |
| 4. | How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving) | Naked eye |
| 5. | Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | |
| 6. | Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | Height above 1000 ft |
| 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) | <u>After hovering, accelerated away in a vertical direction.</u> |
| 9. | Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc) | clear |
| 10. | Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, | <u>Not Known</u> |

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generating plant, factories,
pits or other sites with
floodlights or night lighting)

11. To whom reported (Police,
military, press, etc)

Military

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12. Name and Address of Informant
Name
Address

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Minchhead, Somerset. S 40
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13. Background of informant that
may be volunteered

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14. Other Witnesses

15. Date, Time of Receipt

19 Nov 98 0105 hrs

16. Any Unusual Meteorological
Conditions

17. Remarks

Date: 19 Nov 98

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	Air Off 2	
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ADGE 1	Recce 1	AT/AAR 2
AD NATO	Recce 2	HELS 1
Mar 1	Recce 2a	HELS 1a
Mar 1a	Recce Clk	HELS 2
		HELS 2A
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NFA*

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORTS DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1998.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached three 'UFO' reports; two from RAF officers based at RAF Marham and one from a radar engineer based at RAF St Athan. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest.

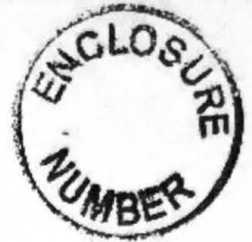
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ROUTINE 161003Z NOV 98

FROM RAF MARHAM
TO MODUK AIR

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FOR SEC (AS) 2A

UFO REPORT

1. 160640 NOV 98 3-4 SECONDS
2. WHITE BALL WITH LONG TAIL PROBABLY COMET
3. A17 NEAR BOSTON
4. NAKED EYE VIA CAR WINDSCREEN
5. SOUTH
6. 40 DEGREES
7. DISTANT BUT LARGE
8. DOWNWARDS 40 DEGREES TO VERTICLE
9. CLEAR NIL CLOUD
10. NONE
11. 000 RAF MARHAM
12. S40 [REDACTED] S40 [REDACTED] COMMCEN RAF MARHAM

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13. RAF
 14. NONE
 15. 160920 NOV 98
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FROM RAF MARHAM
TO MODUK AIR

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UFO REPORT

1. 160550 NOV 98
2. WHITE BRIGHT LIGHT MAYBE COMET 2-3 SECONDS
3. ON FOOT SOMERSHAM NEAR HUNTINGDON
4. NAKED EYE AT NIGHT
5. SOUTH
6. +5 DEGREES
7. DISTANT CLOSER THAN STARS
8. ARC NE
9. FROSTY BUT CLEAR
10. NIL
11. 000 RAF MARHAM
12. [S40] RAF MARHAM

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13. RAF

14. NONE

15. 160930 NOV 98

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting.** 16 NOV 0640 - 0645
- B. Description of Object.**
 Number, ONE
 Size,
 Shape, ~~Circular~~ CIRCULAR
 Colours, BRIGHT WHITE LIKE AIR LIGHT - VAGUE TRAIL
 Brightness, VERY BRIGHT
 Sound, NO
 Smell, NO
- C. Exact Position of Observer.**
 Geographical Location, OPERING FN ST ATHAN RAF CAMP
 Indoors, Outdoors, OUTDOORS
 Stationary, Moving, MOVING IN CAR
- D. How Object was Observed.**
 Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Video Camera. NAKED EYE
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen.**
 (A Landmark may be useful) SKY ABOVE
- F. Angle of Sight.** 80°
- G. Distance.**
 (By reference to a known Landmark if possible) VERY HIGH
- H. Movement of Object.** N to S.
- J. Met Conditions during Observation.**
 Moving Clouds, CLEAR SKY
 Haze, Mist.
- K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc.** NO
- L. To Whom Reported.**
 Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport. RAF ST ATHAN ATC - CARDIFF ATC
- M. Name and Address of Informant.**
 S40 EXT S40 AT ST ATHAN
- N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered.**
 WORK AT RAF ST ATHAN - RADAR ENGINEER
- O. Other Witnesses.**
 NO
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report.**
 16 NOV 98 0855 LOCAL





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29 Sep 98

Sec(AS)2a1

'UFO' CORRESPONDENCE

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 25 Sep 98

1. At Reference A, you asked whether the UFO report raised by a member of the police represented anything of air defence interest. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 25 Sep 98 nor was there any other activity of air defence interest.

2. Maybe the policewoman had stars in her eyes!

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**REPORT OF AN 'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT' MADE BY A POLICE OFFICER
- FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - 0145 HRS - 0220 HRS**

In line with current policy, please find attached a 'UFO' report which was submitted by a police officer for your consideration.

I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting.** 0145-0220A
25 Sep ~~20-30~~ 20-30 mins '94
- B. Description of Object.**
 Number, Size, Shape, Colours, Brightness, Sound, Smell, 5 lights, left → right, 100 yds at time, very quick, white light shone onto road & disappeared
 5-6 circles, 1 object, larger than Jumbo, rotating, circular. Above cloud.
- C. Exact Position of Observer.**
 Geographical Location, Blackstone, west Sussex
 Indoors, Outdoors, Outdoors
 Stationary, Moving, Moving
- D. How Object was Observed.**
 Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Video Camera. Naked eye.
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen.** -
 (A Landmark may be useful)
- F. ✓ Angle of Sight.** 60°
- G. Distance.** 3 km.
 (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)
- H. Movement of Object.** L → R, circles
- J. Met Conditions during Observation.**
 Moving Clouds, Partially cloudy
 Haze, Mist.
- K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc.** -
- L. To Whom Reported.** S40
 Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport. Harsham Police
 (Police Ref No 153/25 Sep)
- M. Name and Address of Informant.** S40
 Harsham Police
 Sussex
- N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered.**
 Duty Patrol officer.
- O. Other Witnesses.** 1 other officer
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report.**

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10 Sep 98

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(thro S40 [redacted])

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DP 3354/98: LORD HILL-NORTON

1. I attach a draft reply to send to Lord Hill-Norton who is dissatisfied with the answer he was given to a recent PQ (No 3733 - copy and background note attached).
2. The requirements of SDR Military Task 9 (ie. to maintain the integrity of the UK's airspace) are fully met by a continuous recognised air picture and an air policing capability. In a similar way, our NATO commitment in respect of the UK Air Defence Region is met. As we are confident that the requirements of MT9 are fully met, it follows that there is no requirement at all to solicit 'UFO' sighting reports through any means whatsoever. The answer to the PQ was designed to convey this message.
3. As explained in the background note to the PQ, of those sighting reports forwarded to us, only those in very clearly defined categories are examined further. We have however, been careful not to release details of these categories publicly so as to avoid the possibility of 'UFO' sighting evidence being falsely manufactured. We should continue to classify this information, thereby preventing any misuse of defence resources on unwarranted investigations.
4. The draft reply attached tries, once more, to explain to Lord Hill-Norton that we are not reliant on 'UFO' reports to maintain the integrity of UK Airspace.
5. I am satisfied that the draft is in accordance with the Government's policy on answering Parliamentary Enquiries and the Open Government Code (DCI Gen 54/98).

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Thank you for your letter of 21 August in which you seek further clarification of the Ministry of Defence's interest in the reporting of 'unidentified flying objects'.

You will know by now the limited interest the Department has in this whole subject. You will also know that the Department's responsibility for the integrity of UK airspace is fully met. It is, therefore, the case that there is no requirement for anyone to submit 'UFO' sighting reports to us. If they are submitted, we will give them the attention they deserve commensurate with the information provided.

LORD GILBERT

Admiral of The Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton GCB

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ROUTINE 251710Z AUG 98

FROM RAF FYLINGDALES
TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON.

1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

- A. 250230L AUG 98
- B. HAZY SHAPE, HAD THREE LIGHTS AT BOTTOM LIKE TRAFFIC LIGHTS, SURROUNDED BY FOG
- C. FROM INDOORS THROUGH WINDOW, THEN OUTSIDE TO GET A BETTER LOOK
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. SOUTH
- F. NOT KNOWN
- G. FOUR MILES
- H. DISAPPEARED FROM ONE POINT, THEN APPEARED IN ANOTHER PLACE
- J. HAZY
- K. TALL CHIMNEY NEARBY

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L. CREW COMMANDER, RAF FYLINGDALES

M. [S40] [S40] [S40] HULL

N. SINGLE PARENT

P. NONE

Q. 251340Z AUG 98

R. VERY COLD IN HOUSE

S. NONE

T. POC [S40] - CREW CDR - RAFTN/UNITER EXT [S40] OR [S40]

[S40] - SPACE INFORMATION OFFICER EXT [S40]

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- ATTN AFDD
- A. 15023098 DURATION 30 SECONDS
- B. BRIGHT GREEN LIGHT, 3 LARGE GREEN WINDOWS, 8 FT APART, OVAL IN SHAPE, A QUARTER OF A MILE LONG.
- C. SEEN FROM A MOVING CAR, PASSENGER SIDE. STOPPED THE CAR GOT OUT AND IT HAD GONE
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. TRAVELLING FROM CONNINGSBY- (HURBERTS BRIDGE) TOWARDS SWINSHEAD ROUNDABOUT
- F. 45 DEGREES
- G. 10 TO 15 MILES
- H. HOVERING
- I. FAIR
- J. NIL
- K. WHITEHALL 0178522620 AND BOSTON POLICE
- L. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BOSTON,
- M. [REDACTED] TEL NO [REDACTED]
- N. AGE 34, HAD BEEN DRINKING, BUT DID NOT SOUND DRUNK
- O. HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] WHO WAS THE DRIVER OF THE CAR AND A LADY IN THE CAR BEHIND THEM
- P. 150550Z TO 150655Z
- Q. NIL
- R. [REDACTED] CHANGE HIS STORY A COUPLE OF TIMES AND REPEATED HIMSELF SEVERAL TIMES. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PEOPLE HE HAD TELEPHONED WERE ABUSIVE AND PUT THE TELEPHONE DOWN ON HIM. HE HAS ASKED TO CALLED BACK TODAY. HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT IT HAD TAKEN HIM TWO AND A HALF HOURS TO GET THROUGH TO SOMEONE WHO WOULD LISTEN TO HIM

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502



REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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| 1. | Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 8 Aug 98 at 8.25pm for about 4-5 minutes |
| 2. | Description of Object (No of objects, size/shape/colour/brightness) | Like a jet airliner, but very low and with no wings. Observed with binoculars |
| 3. | Location (indoor/outdoor/stationary/moving) | Outdoors in the garden |
| 4. | How observed (naked eye/binoculars/other optical device/still or moving) | Naked eye, and then with binoculars |
| 5. | Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | Coming from NNE, heading w |
| 6. | Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | A/S 10-20 degrees, a height of 2000 ft |
| 7. | Distance (By reference to a known landmark) | No estimate |
| 8. | Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be more use than estimates of course and speed) | Accelerated away |
| 9. | Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud/haze/mist etc) | Clear |
| 10. | Nearby objects (Telephone lines/high voltage lines/reservoir/lake or dam/swamp or marsh/river/high buildings/tall chimneys/steeple/spires/TV or Radio masts/airfields/generating plant/factories/pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) | Nil |
| 11. | To whom reported (Police/Military/Press etc) | DCDSDO only |
| 12. | Name and Address of Informant | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lateham Middx, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] |
| 13. | Background of Informant that may be volunteered | Currently a Prison Officer. Previously a No1 in 16 AD Regt Royal Artillery. Served with DCDSDO |
| 14. | Other Witnessess | His family |
| 15. | Date. Time of Receipt | 8 Aug 98 2030hrs local |
| 16. | Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions | Nil |
| 17. | Remarks | |

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SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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| 1. | Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 7 Aug, 2140 hrs, about 5 minutes |
| 2. | Description of Object (No of objects, size/shape/colour/brightness) | Like a shooting star, but with unsynchronised flashing lights |
| 3. | Location (indoor/outdoor/stationary/moving) | outdoors |
| 4. | How observed (naked eye/binoculars/other optical device/still or moving) | By naked eye |
| 5. | Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | From front garden of home which faces East, hence seen in the East |
| 6. | Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | About 45 degrees |
| 7. | Distance (By reference to a known landmark) | Great distance, no means of giving a realistic estimate |
| 8. | Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be more use than estimates of course and speed) | It moved across the sky and then turned back on itself and returned in the reverse direction |
| 9. | Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud/haze/mist etc) | Clear |
| 10. | Nearby objects (Telephone lines/high voltage lines/reservoir/lake or dam/swamp or marsh/river/high buildings/tall chimneys/steeple/spires/TV or Radio masts/airfields/generating plant/factories/pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) | None that the person was aware of. |
| 11. | To whom reported (Police/Military/Press etc) | Police first, who gave our telephone number. |
| 12. | Name and Address of Informant | [REDACTED] S 40
Hounslow, Middlesex, S 40
[REDACTED] S 40 |
| 13. | Background of Informant that may be volunteered | Actor |
| 14. | Other Witnessess | His parents |
| 15. | Date, Time of Receipt | 7 August 2150 local |
| 16. | Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions | No |
| 17. | Remarks | He did not sound as though he had a fertile imagination, nor unduly under the influence of stimulants. |

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- 1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting 22 Jul 98, 2344 hrs, 15-20 sec
- 2. Description of Object (No of objects, size/shape/colour/brightness) squashed, elongated disc with yellow glow
- 3. Location (indoor/outdoor/stationary/moving) Object out over Hythe Bay, moving
- 4. How observed (naked eye/binoculars/other optical device/still or moving) Naked eye
- 5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) E to W
- 6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) NK
- 7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark) About 2 miles
- 8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be more use than estimates of course and speed) Faded and then brightened
- 9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud/haze/mist etc) Reasonably clear
- 10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines/high voltage lines/reservoir/lake or dam/swamp or marsh/river/high buildings/tall chimneys/steeple/spires/TV or Radio masts/airfields/generating plant/factories/pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) Nil, but the sighting was in the vicinity of CPTA, Cinque Ports Training Area
- 11. To whom reported (Police/Military/Press etc) Police
- 12. Name and Address of Informant S 40 [redacted] S 40 [redacted]
Hythe, Kent
S 40 [redacted]
- 13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered DATE RETURNED NK
Other Witnessess 23 JUL 1998 Nil
- 14. Date, Time of Receipt FILING 23 Jul, 0010hrs local
- 15. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions No
- 16. Remarks Reported to Folkestone Police, PC [redacted]
- 17. S 40 [redacted]
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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 22 13 JUL 98

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 15 Jul 98. @ 5311

1. At Reference you asked whether the UFO report raised by a credible witness represented anything of air defence interest.

2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 13 Jul, nor was there any other unusual activity of air defence interest.

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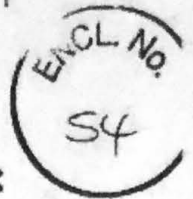
- I have made enquiries with the UKCAOC and CRC Neatishead about AD activity during the period of the report. They confirm that there was no AD involvement or interest in the UFO report for 13 Jul 98.
- There were no notified SAR events recorded during the period.

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1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	18 Jul 98 0106(3 minutes)
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size/shape/colour/brightness)	Very intense white light. Object round in shape.
3. Location (indoor/outdoor/stationary/moving)	Outdoor - moving slowly
4. How observed (naked eye/binoculars/other optical device/still or moving)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	From Lydney(Forest of Dean) object moved South to North then changed direction moving East to West.
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	11 O'Clock in sky from first sight.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Approximately 2 miles high
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be more use than estimates of course and speed)	Object was slow moving, no further info provided.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud/haze/mist etc)	Clear sky.
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines/high voltage lines/reservoir/lake or dam/swamp or marsh/river/high buildings/tall chimneys/steeple/spires/TV or Radio masts/airfields/generating plant/factories/pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	High voltage cables in valley. Informant is positive that this had no bearing on his sight of object.
11. To whom reported (Police/Military/Press etc)	S 40 - Gloucester Police (S 40 S 40), Incident No 34 of 18 July 98.
12. Name and Address of Informant	S 40 S 40 Lydney, Gloucester (S 40)
13. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14. Other Witnessess	Nil
15. Date, Time of Receipt	18 Jul 98 0123
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Clear sky.
17. Remarks	Nil

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15 July 1998

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 JULY 1998.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a "UFO" report made by a pilot. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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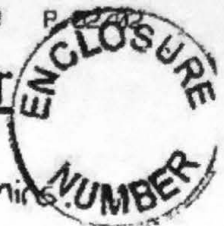
1. I attach a UFO report from a credible witness (pilot) of an occurrence on 13 Jul 98 over Barking in Essex.
2. As usual, I would be grateful if you would determine whether there was any unusual air activity in the area at the time in question which might be associated with this report.
3. A reply by COP 23 Jul 98 would be appreciated.

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Attached: UFO Report 132040L Jul 98

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- A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting. 13 JULY 2040(L) 20 mins
- B. Description of Object.
 Number, 2
 Size, ACFT SIZE
 Shape, DIAMOND.
 Colours, BRIGHT YELLOW
 Brightness, QUITE YELLOW
 Sound, NO
 Smell, NO.
- C. Exact Position of Observer.
 Geographical Location, BARKING, ESSEX
 Indoors, Outdoors,
 Stationary, Moving, OUTDOORS - STATIONARY.
- D. How Object was Observed.
 Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Video Camera. NAKED EYE
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen.
 (A Landmark may be useful) S.W.
- F. Angle of Sight. OVERHEAD.
- G. Distance.
 (By reference to a known Landmark if possible) 2-3,000 ft.
- H. Movement of Object. ZIG-ZAG - 150-200 mph.
- J. Met Conditions during Observation.
 Moving Clouds, LOW CLOUD.
 Haze, Mist.
- K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc. BLOCK OF FLATS NEAR.
- L. To Whom Reported.
 Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport.
- M. Name and Address of Informant. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
- N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered.
 SINGLE ENGINE PILOT
- O. Other Witnesses.
 ALSO WIFE.
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report.



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 and replaced by this one. file 1/13
 Only change highlighted.

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION - URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

DATE FOR RETURN : 12:00 ON MONDAY 13 JULY 1998
 PQ REFERENCE : PQ'3335i
 PQ TYPE : Lord's Written
 SUPPLEMENTARIES REQUIRED? : No
 MINISTER REPLYING : MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
 PROCUREMENT
 LEAD BRANCH: : SEC(AS)
 COPY ADDRESSEE(S) :

- The answer and background note must be authorised by a civil servant at Senior Civil Service level or a military officer at one-star level or above who is responsible for ensuring that the information and advice provided is accurate and reflects Departmental Instructions on answering PQs DCI GEN 150/97.
- Those contributing information for PQ answers and background notes are responsible for ensuring the information is accurate.
- The attached checklist should be used by those drafting PQ answers and background material, those contributing information and those responsible for authorising the answer and background note as an aid to ensuring that departmental policy is adhered to.
- If you or others concerned are uncertain about how PQs are answered seek advice from a senior civil servant in or closely associated with your area.

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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government what follow-up action is taken by the Ministry of Defence when they receive a report of an unidentified flying object; and whether checks are routinely made to see whether such reports can be correlated by radar. [HL2609]

REMEMBER you are accountable for the accuracy and timeliness of the advice you provide. Departmental Instructions on answering PQs are set out in DCI GEN 150/97 and can be viewed on the CHOTS public area and on DAWN.

Six PQs! For info.

We'll run our drafts in front of you on A.D. matters in case we say anything wrong before we despatch to the Parliamentary Branch

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION - URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

DATE FOR RETURN : 12:00 ON FRIDAY 10 JULY 1998 8/7
PQ REFERENCE : PQ 3290i
PQ TYPE : Lord's Written
SUPPLEMENTARIES REQUIRED? : No
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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government when arrangements for disseminating reports of unidentified flying objects within the Ministry of Defence were put in place, and last reviewed; and whether they will ensure that all airports, observatories, RAF bases and police stations have accurate and up to date instructions about how to record details of unidentified aerial phenomena reported to them, together with instructions to pass them to the appropriate authorities within the Ministry of Defence. (HL2607)



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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government how many reports of unidentified flying objects were notified to the Ministry of Defence in 1996, 1997 and the first six months of 1998; and how many of these sightings remain unexplained.
(HL2608)

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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government why the Ministry of Defence has installed an answering machine on the line used by members of the public to report unidentified flying objects; and whether those people who leave contact details on the machine receive a formal reply. [HL2611]

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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government what follow-up action is taken by the Ministry of Defence when they receive a report of an unidentified flying object; and whether checks are routinely made to see whether such reports can be corroborated by radar. (HL2609)

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QUESTION

Lord Hill-Norton - To ask Her Majesty's Government how many military personnel witnessed the unidentified craft that overflowed RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury on 31st March 1993; and whether, when the craft has not been identified, such an event ought to be classified as being of no defence significance.
[HL2612]

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|--|---|
| 1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting | 2315 hrs 28 Jun
for about 20 minutes |
| 2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness) | Saucer shaped,
revolving in the sky,
greyish-white in
colour |
| 3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving) | Outside, hovering and
rotating |
| 4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving) | Naked eye |
| 5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing) | |
| <hr/> | |
| 6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable) | Not very high |
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| 7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark) | About 10 miles |
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| 8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed) | rotating |

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9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc) Fine, no wind

10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting) Nil

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc) Only to DCSDO

1.

12. Name and Address of Informant
Name
Address

S 40

Uttoxeter, Devon

13. Background of informant that may be volunteered Farmer

14. Other Witnesses Family, wife and two sons

15. Date, Time of Receipt 2330 hrs

16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions no

17. Remarks S 40 says that they have seen the

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object on several
occasions recently.
His sons saw it
yesterday returning
from a dance (?)

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1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	Every day for the last 3 years. Variable times
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	The objects looked like real microlights, biplanes, civvi planes, and learjets, except that they appeared from nowhere, flew erratically, and were pilotless, sometimes accompanied by a bright flash.
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Over Orpington, Bromley, and Farnborough Kent.
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Various
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Various
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Various
8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	I do not think that this report should be taken to seriously.

540 was inconsistent, incoherent, and implausible. He wanted someone to reassure him that someone was watching all these aliens, and that there was no

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threat to him.

9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)

Variable

10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)

none

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)

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12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[REDACTED] Farnborough Kent
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	None
14. Other Witnesses	None
15. Date, Time of Receipt	10 Jun 98, 1930
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	No
17. Remarks	When asked what the difference between the objects he saw and normal planes was, he said that they were too advanced for earthly warplanes

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AD NATO	Recce 2	HELS 1
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1. DETAILS AS PASSED BY SHEFFIELD POLICE AT ~~0050Z~~.

2. ITEM 24 PAGE 4 MAY BE INTERESTING.

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Comments/Message

INFORMATION REGARDING SUSPICIOUS LIGHTS IN SKY
OVER THE NORTH OF SHEFFIELD. REPORTED BY LOCAL
RESIDENTS AND ALSO POLICE MOBILES.

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ROOM FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

From: S40 [REDACTED]

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Serial No: 1249 Date/Time: 22:43 31/05/1998 Extended: N
 Telephone: [REDACTED] Meth Rep: 999 Operator: 14SY2020
 Title: STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY Type: SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Response: PROMPT

Location	Location Info	DCU	Beats
S40 [REDACTED]		J	62/--/--
SHEFFIELD			

 SOURCE Address: S40 [REDACTED]
 SHEFFIELD
 Name: S40 [REDACTED]
 Tel: [REDACTED] EXT

 RESOURCES 0 resource(s)

 INCIDENT LOG 25 entries

THIS IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE INCIDENT LOG AT :- 01/06/98 00:36:17

No.	Date & Time	Operator	Type	
1	22:46 31/05/1998	14SY2020	WARNING	PREVIOUS INCIDENTS EXIST AT THIS LOCATION
2	22:46 31/05/1998	14SY2020	SYSTEM	FIELD SOURCE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED FROM S40 [REDACTED] SHEFFIELD TO S40 [REDACTED] SHEFFIELD
3	22:48 31/05/1998	14SY2020	OPERATOR	CALLER AND NEIGHBOURS VERY WARY OF STRANGE GROUP OF LIGHTS IN THE SKY WHICH ARE MOVING IN IRREGULAR PATTERNS AND NOT THOUGHT TO BE AIRCRAFT.
4	22:48 31/05/1998	14SY2020	OPERATOR	CALLER IS ONLY STAYING AT ABOVE ADDRESS WITH LOCAL RESIDENT
5	22:48 31/05/1998	14SY2020	SYSTEM	Incident transferred to DISTRICT J
6	22:48 31/05/1998	14NCMUMB	SYSTEM	Incident transfer accepted by operator 14NCMUMB
7	22:51 31/05/1998	14NCDWA	OPERATOR	THIS HAS BEEN REPORTED ALSO BY J79 - OVER

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8 22:52 31/05/1998 14NCEDWA OPERATOR LIGHTS ALSO SEEN BY J93....2 HAVE SHOT OFF AT SPEED.

9 22:54 31/05/1998 14NCEDWA REFERAL Incident Referred to FORCE_OPS at terminal 'eccpolop7' with referral message 'SORRY ABOUT THIS...ANY SUGGESTIONS...LASERS/F/WORKS OR DISPLAYS IN AREA...EVEN BOBBIES ARE A BIT WORRIED.'

10 22:54 31/05/1998 14SYJACK REFERAL Referral to District FORCE_OPS has been accepted at terminal 'snop11'

11 22:55 31/05/1998 14SYJACK REFERAL REFERRAL FROM DISTRICT J HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT TERMINAL 'SNOPI1' WITH MESSAGE 'NOTHING WE KNOW OF '

12 22:55 31/05/1998 14NCEDWA REFERAL REFERRAL TO FORCE_OPS HAS BEEN REMOVED AT TERMINAL 'ECCPOLOP7'

13 22:56 31/05/1998 14SYJACK OPERATOR ANY SIGHTINGS OR INFORMATION TO BE FAXED TO RAF WADDINGTON. IN HOURS 01522 [REDACTED], OUT OF HOURS 01522 [REDACTED] THEY WILL FORWARD INFORMATION TO M.O.D. AIR UK.

FAX 01522 [REDACTED]

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4. ALL INFORMATION TO BE PASSED TO RAF WADDINGTON WHO ACT AS THE "NODAL POINT" FOR DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION TO THE MOD

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- 14 22:56 31/05/1998 14SYJACK REFERAL INCIDENT REFERRED TO DISTRICT J AT TERMINAL 'SNOP11' WITH REFERRAL MESSAGE 'J - NOTE BODS INFO - ON INC RE SIGHINGS'
- 15 22:58 31/05/1998 14NC2612 OPERATOR FURTHER CALL RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] STATES HE HAS OBSERVED THE LIGHTS ABOVE PARSONS CROSS/HILLSBRO' STATES HE HAS OBSERVED FIVE LIGHTS WHICH APPEAR TO BE PARACHUTISTS WITH FLARES/LIGHTS OR DISTRESS FLARES ON PARACHUTES.
- 16 22:58 31/05/1998 14NC2612 SYSTEM INCIDENT TAG (ATTENTION DISTRICT J) HAS BEEN ADDED.
- 17 22:59 31/05/1998 14NCEDWA REFERAL REFERRAL TO DISTRICT J HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AT TERMINAL 'ECCPOLOP7'
- 18 23:00 31/05/1998 14NCEDWA REFERAL REFERRAL FROM FORCE_OPS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT TERMINAL 'ECCPOLOP7' WITH MESSAGE 'THANKS - MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU....!'
- 19 23:00 31/05/1998 14SYJACK REFERAL REFERRAL TO DISTRICT J HAS BEEN REMOVED AT TERMINAL 'SNOP11'
- 20 23:01 31/05/1998 14NC3021 OPERATOR FURTHER CALL FROM [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] WHO SAYS HE WAS STOOD OUTSIDE WITH HIS NEIGHBOUR [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] WHEN HE SAW FIVE LIGHTS IN THE SKY - THEY CAME DOWN VERY LOW OVER HIS HOUSE AND THEN MOVED OFF. ADVISED SEVERAL CALLS RECEIVED.
- 21 23:13 31/05/1998 14NC3341 OPERATOR CALL RECIEVED FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NO TN. STATES AT 2245HRS SAW WHAT HE DESCRIBES AT 4 HOT AIR BALLOONS IN THE SKY ABOVE VICINITY OF OLD MAGNET PH. THE ORANGE LIGHTS WERE THE BURNERS. 1 SUDDENLEY DROPPED & BLK CANOPY DRIFTED DOWN 2 & 3 APPEARED TO COLLIDE.THE TWO BURNERS WERNT OUT & SOMETHING DROPED. 4 DRIFTED OFF TOWATDS HALIFAX RD AREA
- 22 23:14 31/05/1998 14NC3341 SYSTEM INCIDENT TRANSFERRED TO DISTRICT J

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- 23 23:14 31/05/1998 14NCMUMB SYSTEM INCIDENT TRANSFER ACCEPTED BY OPERATOR 14NCMUMB
- 24 23:16 31/05/1998 14NC3021 OPERATOR WITH REGARD TO SEQUENCE 20 [REDACTED] HAS
RECORDED THIS SIGHTING ON VIDEO.
- 25 23:49 31/05/1998 14NCRAYN OPERATOR [REDACTED] WHO SAW THIS INC LIVES AT [REDACTED]
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1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	About 2 weeks ago
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Black, rectangular, with a small fuselage
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Above ESSO refinery at Hawley, Hampshire, moving very fast.
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	By naked eye, and subsequent photographs.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Not known
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Not known
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not known
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Us and local press.

12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	Ms [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Boscombe Bournemouth [REDACTED] 01202-[REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	Appears very involved with UFOs
14. Other Witnesses	
15. Date, Time of Receipt	27 May 98 at 1845 local
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17. Remarks	[REDACTED] has had the photos analysed scientifically, but will not say where. She says this analysis confirms that the object in the photos is not fake. She was loath to give her address, but relented. Her local paper The Echo, is interested, and visiting her on Friday, 29 May. She would like to receive advice as to whether she can go-ahead with the visit.

Date: 27 May 98

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1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	17 May 98, 1700L, 45 mins
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	5 white objects very high in sky, then 4, then 5
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoors over Wigan, very slow moving
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye, binoculars, very slowly moving.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Over Wigan
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Over head, above plane height
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Overhead
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	slow
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	patchy cloud
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	none
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	none

12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Wigan [REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	TA
14. Other Witnesses	15 neighbours
15. Date, Time of Receipt	17 May 98, 1700L
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
17. Remarks	nil

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UFO ARTICLES - DAILY MAIL AND DAILY EXPRESS - 27 APRIL 1998

ISSUE

1. To provide advice following the Daily Mail and Daily Express articles of 27 April alleging a 'UFO' sighting over the North Sea.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To note.

BACKGROUND

3. On Sunday 26 April the MOD Press Office received calls from the Daily Mail and Daily Express about an alleged 'UFO' sighting over the North Sea involving an object 'the size of a battleship' travelling at around '17,000 mph' (the published articles subsequently alleged 24,000 mph). No additional information about the date of this alleged incident was provided at the time or has been since. A further 20 phonecalls from the print and broadcast media have now been received.

Source of the Story

4. The Daily Mail has said that [redacted] was the source of the story. [redacted], a former editor of the [redacted], is believed to have left the paper under a cloud and has, we understand, been contributing material to the national Press on a freelance basis since that time. [redacted] is known to be rather inventive of the facts.

RAF Fylingdales, Yorkshire

5. The Fylingdales radar is tasked only to detect and track objects in orbit and those with a ballistic trajectory. The Officer Commanding at RAF Fylingdales has confirmed that for the

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35 years it has operated, no 'UFOs' have been tracked. It is the case that the radar is not configured to track such objects, particularly in the reported areas, and there is therefore no substance to the claim that recorded data of this nature is held at RAF Fylingdales.

6. OC Fylingdales also confirmed that the station has not been approached to provide supporting information for the Space Symposium at RAF Cranwell in June. The RAF Fylingdales Crew Commander received a call from a journalist on Sunday but was asked only about RAF Fylingdales' involvement with the Symposium. The Crew Commander denied all knowledge of any involvement and referred the journalist to the MOD Press desk.

Symposium at RAF Cranwell

7. The Air Warfare Centre and the MOD branch Operational Requirements (Information & Communication Services) are jointly hosting a 'Military Exploitation of Space' Symposium on 3-4 June at RAF Cranwell. It is open to Service and MOD civilian personnel and industrialists with an interest in this subject and is mentioned on the Internet.

8. The newspaper articles allege plans for one of the speakers at the Symposium to present radar tapes from RAF Fylingdales to substantiate the 'UFO' claims. Neither the Air Warfare Centre's focal point for this event, nor OR(ICS) staff, have knowledge of any material of this nature on the agenda and have confirmed that the Symposium has nothing whatsoever to do with 'UFOs'. A copy of a brochure about the Symposium is attached for information.

Conclusion

9. All enquiries indicate that there is nothing of substance in the claims made by the media.

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A 2-day operational and technical symposium on the military exploitation of space, sponsored by the Air Force Board, will be held at RAF Cranwell, UK, on Thur 4 - Fri 5 June. The aim of the symposium is to raise the profile of Space within the defence community, both military and industrial at 3 levels: very senior officers, who are already well aware of MOD space policy but probably less aware of future technological trends; middle-ranking MOD personnel, whose professional knowledge would benefit significantly from greater exposure to the potential benefits of space exploitation; and industry, who wish to be informed about MOD interest in space as an operational environment and are keen to gain an opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities and concepts they may offer in support of space objectives. All the briefings at the symposium will be presented at an unclassified level; however, arrangements can be made for participants to discuss technology issues at a classified level. The symposium is being run jointly by the Air Warfare Centre (AWC) at RAF Cranwell and OR(ICS) staff from MOD. The AWC point of contact for the symposium is Mr J West, RAF Cranwell (01400-261201) Ext 6474.

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OD Space AWC

1215 Lunch in College Hall

1330 UK Space Policy and Programmes
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1415 Future Developments and Trends -
UK MOD DERA

1500 Tea in College hall

1530 Future Developments and Trends -
UK/European Industry BNSC

1615 View from the Pentagon
US DoD

1700 Close

1930 Pre-Dinner Drinks at The Lawns

2000 Symposium Dinner at The Lawns

Friday 5 June

0900 Introductory Remarks
Chairman

Communications

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1030 Coffee in College Hall

Remote Observation

1100 Spaceborne AWACS
Boeing

1145 EOSAT LM Space Imaging

1230 Lunch in College Hall

1345 SBIRS LM/TRW

Launch Systems

1430 TSTO/Re-usables
US Industry

1515 Tea in College Hall

1545 Sea Launch
Boeing/Khrunichev

1630 Closing Address ACAS

1645 Discussion Chairman

1700 Close

(Contents may change due to the availability of speakers)

Registration Form

Please register the following delegate for:

The Military Exploitation of Space Symposium

RAFC Cranwell 4 and 5 June 1998

Surname:

First Name:

Title/Position/Function:

Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone: Fax:

Signature:

Fee per Delegate: Non MOD employee £220
MOD employee £20

The fees include tea/office and buffet lunches for both days

Symposium Dinner: I would like to attend the dinner on the night of Thursday 4 June 1998 to be held at The Lawns, Lincoln and enclose an additional cheque for £30. YES NO

Because of the large numbers expected to attend you are advised to book early. All applications must be received by 18 May. Cheques will be refunded if over-subscribed.

Dress: Uniform/jacket and tie for symposium, lounge suit for dinner.

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Tel: 01400 261201 Ext. 647464258410

Accommodation: Due to the reorganisation of Cranwell Messes there will be no Service accommodation available at RAF Cranwell. Neighbouring stations at Waddington, Digby & Coningsby will be able to offer some accommodation if requested early and booked direct, quoting Space Symposium. A list of local hotels and camps are enclosed.



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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	25 Apr 98, 2250L 6 mins
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	solid in front, sparks coming out of the rear
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	outdoors from car window
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	not known
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	below star height
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	not known
8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving fast
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc) Clear night	
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	nil
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	friend

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13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14. Other Witnesses	Friend
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17. Remarks	Nil

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MOD Establishment.
RAF Fylingdales,
North Yorkshire.

28th April 1998



Dear Sirs,

Ref: Daily Mail dated 27/4/98 page 17.

Was this a recent tracking of a UFO?

As a Spiritualist, I know space-ships are used by Spiritual Beings to travel around the globe & to planets. Some transport, others research the problems of this planet, caused by ignorant scientists & humankind & such which is destroying the environments. Others are stabilising the electro-magnetic fields, the vortexes, the balances of the Universe, because mankind are abusing space, & earth itself.

Some of us who see The Holy Spirit Masters would like you to understand the Spiritual Viewpoint of life, from whence we came & where we return after death.

You should reveal your encounters quickly. Time for Planet Earth is dangerous & some of us are trying to bring sense to people involved in Service life, NASA & space endeavours.

There is too much junk produced by humans, space-ships are not junk so do not shoot at them with any weapon.

Sincerely,

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UFO ARTICLES - 27 APR 98

References:

- A. D/Sec(AS)/64/5 dated 28 Apr 98.
- B. FYD/2401/10/1/Org dated 28 Apr 98.

1. At Reference A you asked me investigate the involvement of Fylingdales in events quoted in recent press articles on alleged UFO's.
2. As you will read in Fylingdale's reply at Reference B (attached), they have no knowledge of the alleged 'sighting', have no tapes or any other recorded data and have no involvement in the forthcoming Military Space Symposium at Cranwell.
3. The Fylingdales radar is tasked only to detect and track objects in orbit and those with a ballistic trajectory.

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ALLEGED UFO SIGHTINGS - RAF FYLINGDALES

Reference:

- A. Telecon [REDACTED] 28 Apr 98.
B. Fax Ref D/DAO/1/13 dated 28 Apr 98.

1. Reference A requested RAF Fylingdales' response to 2 tabloid newspaper articles from 27 Apr 98 concerning alleged UFO activity.
2. Both the newspaper articles forwarded under Reference B are pure fantasy and contain no element of truth. Over 35 years of operations at RAF Fylingdales, no UFOs have been tracked; indeed, the radar is not configured to track any such objects, particularly in the reported areas. It follows, therefore, that there is no recorded data on UFOs held at the Station.
3. We have no knowledge of a 'Space' conference at RAF Cranwell in June, nor have we been approached to provide any supporting information of such an event. On 26 Apr 98, the Fylingdales Crew Commander was telephoned by Mr John Ingham, who asked about our involvement with the Cranwell conference. The Commander denied all knowledge of it and referred the caller back to the MOD Press Desk.
4. Interestingly enough, as is always the case with these reports, the military source remains unnamed, lending weight to the fact that the reports are a fabrication.

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4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	naked eye, small binoculars
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
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9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	clear sky
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UFO ARTICLES: DAILY MAIL AND DAILY EXPRESS - 27 APRIL 1998

1. You discussed informally with someone at RAF Fylingdales the background to the Daily Mail article of yesterday.
2. As you will see from the attached, USofS has seen this article (and another from the Daily Express) and has asked for a background briefing on the Department's knowledge of this matter. In the light of this formal request from the Minister's office I should be grateful if you would approach RAF Fylingdales and seek a formal line from them on their knowledge of this alleged event.
3. May I ask for something by close of play tomorrow please.

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UFO ARTICLES: DAILY MAIL AND DAILY EXPRESS, 27 APRIL 1998

The Under Secretary of State has seen the above articles (copies attached) and has requested an urgent brief on the reports.

2. The Minister would also like to know all the details of the Space Symposium to be held at the RAF College, Cranwell in June, including information on the taped radar records that will be presented.
3. I would be grateful for an early response.

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RAF spots speeding UFOs with new radar

BRITAIN'S X-Files may be opened up amid claims of stunning evidence that UFOs fly over Britain.

Tapes to be shown to British and American experts are said to show objects which change shape in mid-air and a battleship-sized aircraft travelling at 33 times the speed of sound.

The details are due to be revealed in early June at a Space Symposium at the RAF's Cranwell staff college.

A senior RAF source claims the mystery craft have been picked up by the latest Phased Array radar at the Cold War listening post at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire.

One senior officer said: "What we have seen are not secret weapons. They are craft

BY JOHN INGHAM

of which we have no technical knowledge. We know their shape, speeds and height but cannot explain what they are."

The most spectacular discovery is a craft spotted by Fylingdales and the Dutch Air Force over the North Sea. Described as "the size of a battleship", it zig-zagged at up to 24,000mph for 15 minutes, "as if it wanted to be spotted".

Another tape shows a group of 12 oval objects seemingly change shape, to the amazement of observers.

But the RAF is expected to withhold some X-Files. It is feared they could reveal how sophisticated their new radars are.

What is all this about?

**RAF TRACKS MYSTERY CRAFT OVER NORTH SEA ...
AND FIGHTERS CAN'T CATCH IT**

24,000mph UFO buzzes Britain

THE RAF has tracked a UFO 'as big as a battleship' off the coast of Britain, military sources revealed yesterday.

They said the massive craft was tracked flying in a zig-zag pattern at 17,000mph over the North Sea. It then accelerated to 24,000mph and zoomed off towards the Atlantic.

The Dutch air force also tracked the UFO, but two F-16 fighters scrambled to intercept the object were unable to keep up, it is claimed.

RAF officials are said to be baffled by the object, spotted by the Ministry of Defence long-range listening station on Fylingdales moor in North Yorkshire.

'It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed,' said a source. 'It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (about 900ft long).'

Radar records of the craft are due to be presented to science and military experts from around the world, who will examine how to exploit space for military purposes at a conference at RAF College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire, in June. Other tapes of

By DAVID DERBYSHIRE
Science Correspondent

the UFO - thought to have been made during the last two years - are being withheld because they give too much information about the radar base's scanning ability.

However, military chiefs may release a second series of tapes, reported to show 12 UFOs changing shape in mid-flight.

While the 'battleship' UFO is most likely to be an experimental aircraft or a sighting caused by a freak weather effect, UFO watchers believe it is further evidence that the Earth is being visited by alien craft.

The popularity of TV series such as the X-Files has rekindled interest in flying saucers and conspiracy theories in recent years.

A spokesman for the Fortean Times, the journal devoted to UFOs, psychic phenomena and the paranormal, said: 'The vast majority of strange objects seen in the sky have a more down-to-earth explanation. But most UFO investigators would be very interested in seeing these tapes.' The latest theory gaining

popularity among some dedicated UFO watchers is that the military deliberately release stories about UFOs as a 'smokescreen' - and that witnesses are really seeing top-secret experimental aircraft.

The base at RAF Fylingdales has been watching the skies since the end of the Cold War. A large pyramid-shaped, 360-degree radar has now replaced the gigantic landmark 'golf balls' tracking system.

The base has concentrated on tracking satellites and pieces of space junk circling the Earth.

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SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

**SPACE DEBRIS IMPACTS IN SCOTLAND/NE ENGLAND ON
23 SEPTEMBER 1997.**

The aim of this memorandum is to identify the likely origin of a number of objects sighted in the skies above Scotland and NE England on 23 September 1997. It is assessed that these objects were the remains of a Russian satellite destroyed in orbit on the 16 September 1997. (U)

Comments are welcome and should be addressed in the first instance to Head DI50B, Room 422, Old War Office Building, London, SW1A 2EU. Tel. 0171-218-
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SPACE DEBRIS IMPACTS IN SCOTLAND / NE ENGLAND ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1997

INTRODUCTION

1. On the morning of the 23 September 1997 between approximately 07:00 and 10:00 GMT, a number of bright, flare like objects were seen in the skies above Scotland and NE England. As a result of this activity, the emergency services across the regions involved received a large number of incident reports. Although most of the reported sightings were of airborne objects, there were also a number of possible impacts (mostly in the Borders region of southern Scotland). (U)

2. The initial explanation for the phenomena was an aircraft crash, but a more likely explanation is that the objects were due either to a meteorite shower or the re-entry of debris from a low Earth orbiting (LEO) satellite. The aim of this report is to identify the likely cause of the observed phenomena. (U)

INCIDENT REPORTS.

3. Table 1 lists the incident reports received by the police at the Air Rescue Control Centre (ARCC) Kinloss. A number of the reports did not contain geographic details and have been omitted from the listing. (U)

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF EVENTS

Aircraft crash

4. It was initially feared that the observed flashes were connected to an aircraft crash/explosion. However, there have been no subsequent reports of missing aircraft. Consequently this has been eliminated as a possible explanation for the flashes. (U)

Single meteor.

5. The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh (ROE) has reported that the observations were almost certainly of a single meteor (or boloid). Meteors are the

result of meteoroids (objects a few cm in diameter) being vaporised due to frictional heating in the upper atmosphere. The resulting streaks of light, or in some cases "fireballs", are known as meteors. An important feature of meteoroids is that they are much more likely to vaporise and become meteors than to strike the Earth in solid form, and their final explosion can in some cases be quite spectacular (as for example in Texas in October 1997). A meteorite event on the other hand, always results in an impact. In this case a larger object breaks up in the atmosphere (as opposed to being vaporised) resulting in the re-entry of a number of objects which survive to result in impacts. (U)

6. The wide range of geographical locations over Scotland and NE England, from which the "flashes" were seen, point to a high altitude meteor event. The ROE suggests that it could have been seen at altitudes of up to 100 km although the final explosion of the object may have been as low as 20-30 km. The ROE believes the latter took place over the Moray Firth, where shock waves were apparently detected by the British Geological Survey before 09:30 GMT. An event of this kind is quite unusual, especially during daylight hours and would have to be exceptionally bright to be seen. Indeed an ROE spokesman stated that he could not recall a previous event of this nature in Scotland although several similar events occur around the world each year. (U)

7. While the meteor theory explains some of the incident reports, it does not account for all the observations reported to the police and completely discounts the reports of possible impacts. There is also the question of timing. From Table 1 it is clear that the police reports cover approximately 1.5 hours. While some of this time range could be accounted for by the delay between observation and reporting; the two most reliable times probably come from the two airborne observations (#5 and #15) which are separated by 1 hour. A meteor flash would have a duration of approximately 5-10 s. (U)

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Table 1: Details of sightings reported to ARCC Kinloss. Note that all times are in GMT and indicate the time at which the police were notified of the sightings. (U)

#	TIME	LOCATION	SIGHTING DETAILS
1	07:10	Tomatin (nr Inverness)	Possible aircraft crash 15 miles from observers (15 people).
2	07:15	Bara area	Reports of flares.
3	07:22	Tyne River area	
4	07:26	Bummouth	Possible aircraft crash.
5	07:28	NW of Newcastle	Report from GILAIR773A (aircraft).
6	07:29	Orkney	Flash in the sky.
7	07:29	Caithness area	Smoke in the sky (in SSE direction).
8	07:30	Caithness area	Explosion (in SSW direction).
9	07:45	Orkney-John's Groats	Sighting from ferry.
10	07:45	Lothian area	
11	07:46	Dee Valley (nr Aberdeen)	
12	07:54	Duns area (Lothian)	
13	08:00	Duns area (Lothian)	
14	08:24	Gorden-Greenlaw	Person standing on main road saw something come down in hills to North.
15	08:28	Nr. Inverness	Aircraft (from Lossiemouth) saw orange flare.

Meteors/meteorites

8. A possible explanation for the long duration of the events might be that there was more than one meteor. A meteor shower consists of a number of meteoroids being vaporised and resulting in a number of streaks of light across the sky. (U)

9. Meteors are monitored by both professional and amateur astronomers from around the world and it is possible to predict fairly accurately when they will occur. A number of showers were predicted for the August-November 1997 interval; their parameters are described in Table 2. (U)

10. The Perseid meteor shower is a bright shower but would have ended by the time of the Scottish events. The Taurids and Orionids (seen in the constellations of Taurus and Orion respectively) would have appeared too late. The Aurigids meteor shower might be a possible candidate. The alpha-Aurigids are known to produce outbursts of increased activity but the delta-Aurigids result in only an occasional shower and are considerably fainter. The problem with both of these showers is that they are expected to be visible

Table 2: Meteor showers in late 1997. (U)

NAME	DATE RANGE
Perseid	July 17 - Aug. 24
Alpha Aurigids	Aug. 25 - Sept. 5
Delta-Aurigids	Sept. 5 - Oct. 10
Southern Taurids	Oct. 1 - Nov. 25
Northern Taurids	Oct. 1 - Nov. 25
Chi-Orionids	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15.

only at night and would hence be too faint to see during mid-morning. The further complication of the low probability of an impact would seem to rule out the meteor shower theory. (U)

11. An alternative explanation would be a meteorite shower. It has been estimated that there may be up to 560 meteorites (exceeding 100g in weight) impacting per million square kilometres of the Earth's surface per year¹. However, only an average of 6 observed meteorites are normally recovered, together with a

further 12 from unobserved meteorite showers (e.g. from areas with a low population density such as Antarctica). Meteorites are of great interest to scientists because they provide information about the physical content of solar system material. So far, there has been no news of any recovered pieces from the possible impacts on the 23 September the validity of this theory can not be verified. (U)

12. From the discussion above it appears that the meteor explanation can probably be discounted. The absence of a credible meteor shower candidate when combined with the evidence of possible impacts is evidence against this explanation. The meteorite impact cannot be immediately discounted but without recovery of fragments it cannot be verified either and so remains a possibility. It is worth noting, however, that a similar event took place in Texas on 9 October 1997. In this instance a meteor was seen in the sky at local midday (again resulting in reports of a aircraft crash). However, unlike the events in Scotland/NE England, there were no reported impacts and it would appear that the object was vaporised in the atmosphere (with an associated large explosion). (U)

Satellite impact.

13. An alternative to the natural explanation is that the observed phenomena were the result of either the natural decay, or the destructive de-orbit, of a low Earth orbiting satellite. Our analysis suggests that this may be the more likely explanation. (U)

14. The most likely candidate is a probable photo-reconnaissance satellite, Cosmos 2343 (see figure 1 for schematic diagram and table 3 for the satellite's basic parameters), launched by Russia from the Baikonur Federal Space Centre on 15 May 1997 into a low Earth orbit. The satellite completed its mission and was apparently destroyed in orbit on 16 September 1997, resulting in the formation of approximately 50 smaller pieces. The main payload decayed on the 18 September 1997, but some of the remaining fragments remained on orbit. These fragments were expected to decay anything from a few days to a week after the initial de-orbit. It is believed that the subsequent decay of this material caused the events seen on the 23 September 1997. (R)

15. Figure 2 shows the ground track for a fragment from Cosmos 2343 on the 23 September 1997 between 07:12 and 07:14 GMT. It should be noted

that there were a total of 50 pieces of debris created by the destruction of the satellite, and the range of observation times would tend to suggest that these pieces could have been re-entering around the same time period. The map indicates the positions from which observers reported the events to ARCC Kinloss (see table 1). The ground track (which moves from NW to SE with increasing time) and the positions of the observers seem roughly to coincide, especially since some of the positions furthest from the track are of airborne events rather than impacts.

Table 3: Cosmos 2343 parameters. (U)

NAME	COSMOS 2343	MISSION END	16 SEPT. 1997
Int. Designator	97-024-A	Apogee (km)	329
Mission	Probable Photo Reconnaissance	Perigee (km)	184
Launch Site	Baikonur, Kazakhstan	Period (mins)	89.6
Launch Date	15 May 1997	Inclination (deg)	64.6

16. Correlating the observations in terms of time is more difficult as there is uncertainty caused by the unknown delay between the sighting and notification of the police. In some instances it seems likely that the observation times are fairly accurate (e.g. the observation from the aircraft to NW of Newcastle at 07:28 GMT) but for others (e.g. the reports from the ferry between the Orkney Islands and John 'O'Groats at 07:45 GMT) a delay is more likely to have occurred. It is, however, not unusual for the re-entry of orbital debris to result in impacts at different times and locations. An example of this was the re-entry in January 1997 of the upper stage of a US Delta-II launch vehicle². Three main fragments were observed over a time interval of 30 minutes at a separation of 750 km. The spread in impacts is explained as being due to the different mass-to-area ratios of the debris fragments. Objects with low mass-to-area ratios would be expected to take longer to decay than more massive objects. They would also travel a shorter distance along the groundtrack, resulting in impacts uprange compared to the impact points of objects with larger mass-to-area ratios. (U)

17. The question remains as to how many objects re-entered and impacted. From the times of the reports it would appear that at least two and possibly three

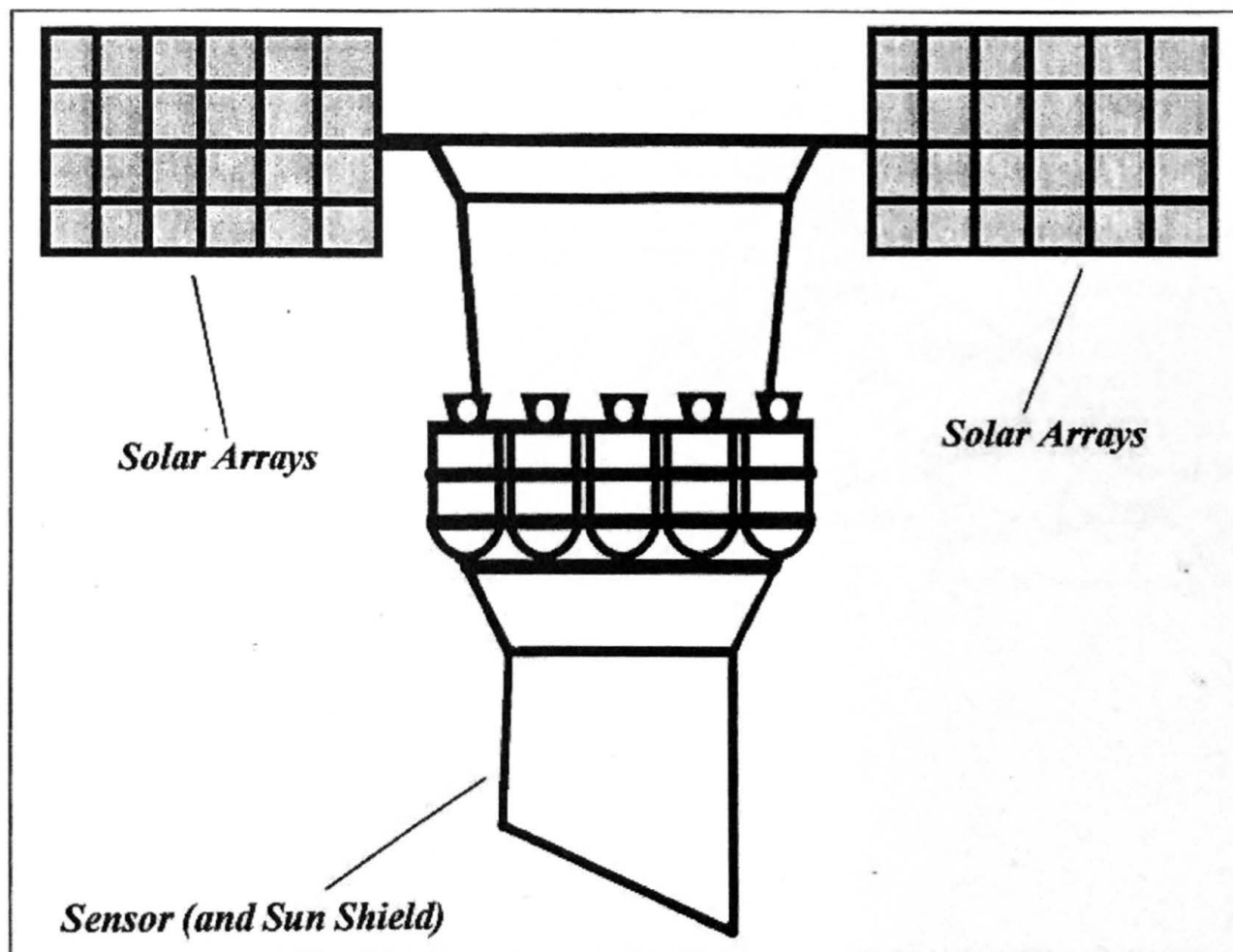
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fragments of the satellite re-entered the atmosphere. Looking at figure 2 it is possible that events 1-5 represent the first object, 6-13 represent the second object (with a probable delay in sighting number 9 due to the witness being on the ferry at the time of the sighting) and event 15 may be a third object. Sighting 14 does not appear to fit into the other patterns, but given that the eye witness saw an impact it may be that there was a time delay factor involved and this is object 2 impacting. (U)

CONCLUSIONS.

18. We conclude that although it is possible that the events of the 23 September 1997 were due to natural phenomena (meteors or more likely meteorites) it is more probable that they were a consequence of the decay of orbital debris resulting from the re-entry of the Russian satellite Cosmos 2343. (U)

Figure 1: Artists Impression of Cosmos 2343. (U)



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Figure 2: Satellite Track and Sighting Locations. All times are in GMT. (U)



Figure 2: Satellite Track and Sighting Locations. All times are in GMT. (U)



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9 Mar 98

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 4 MAR 98

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 5 Mar 98.

1. At Reference you asked whether the UFO report raised by a credible witness required follow up action.
2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 4 Mar 98, nor was there any other unusual activity of air defence interest. I do not intend, therefore, to take any further action.

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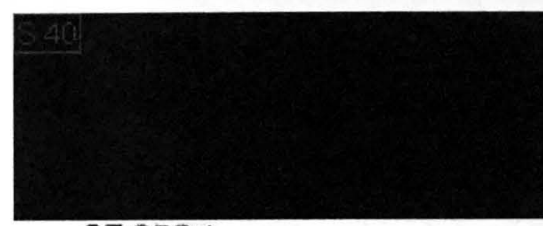
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'AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT' - 4 MAR 98.

1. I have made enquiries with the UKCAOC, CRC Buchan and CRC Neatishead about AD activity during the period of the report. They confirm that there was no AD involvement or interest in the UFO report for 4 Mar 98.
2. Just out of interest, NATINADS 1/98 was in progress that day, which may have contributed to the sighting of unusual objects.



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'UNEXPLAINED' AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT - 4 MAR 98

1. In accordance with current policy I am required to run all 'UFO' reports received by the Department made by 'credible witnesses' past you.
2. We received a message at 1607 hrs yesterday from a Mr [redacted] (an assistant Air Traffic Controller (civilian) based at RAF Wainfleet, Boston Lincolnshire, Tel No available if needed). At 041306Z Mar 98 for period of 20 seconds he and a colleague (Mr [redacted] a Chief Radio Technician) saw a large cylindrical solid object which was silver in colour and very bright. The object was seen over the North Sea, South West of Gibraltar Point. They observed the object with the naked eye. It was very high in the sky - well above the cumulous cloud. The object then shot up in the air and disappeared from view. The weather was good with 25K visibility.
3. Thus far we have received no other reports for yesterday.
4. I should be grateful if you would let me know if any follow up action is necessary.



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<p>[redacted]</p> <p>grateful if you would make the usual inquiries as to whether he saw any unusual activity in the area mentioned on the attached minute.</p> <p>A reply by 10 Mar would be helpful (by phone will do if reply negative) Regards,</p> <p>[redacted]</p>		

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	241830-2030z Feb 98 coming and going each 5 mins
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	2 large yellow lights surrounded by smaller blue green and yellow lights
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Indoors
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	both naked eyes and binos
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	NE
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Low angle
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	1 mile
8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	vertical and horizontal movements.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Cloudy
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Nil
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	MOD initially

12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[REDACTED] Hemel Hempstead [REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	Nil
14. Other Witnesses	Mother & Brother
15. Date, Time of Receipt	282035z Feb 98
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
17. Remarks	Nil

Date: 28 Feb 98

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1. FOLLOWING SIGHTING OF A POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS REPORTED

- A. 24 JAN 98, 1500 - 1515
- B. BLACK TRIANGULAR SHAPED OBJECT WITH 2 FINS
- C. ON THE M4 MOTORWAY EAST OF BRISTOL
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. STATIONARY
- F. NOT KNOWN
- G. NOT KNOWN
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	201758 Approx 1 min
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Appeared to be triangular in shape defined by 3 flashing lights. 1 on right was green and others white. Flashing slower than normal commercial ac
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	South East
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	70°
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)	overflowed house and disappeared to NW
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	Clear
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	Police

12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	[REDACTED] Airdrie [REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other Witnesses	
15. Date, Time of Receipt	200198 1840
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
17. Remarks	A police helo had been in the area approx 20 mins earlier

Date: 20 Jan 98

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting	14 Jan 98, 4 secs
2. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Cigar shape, white, green tinge
3. Location (indoor/outdoor stationary/moving)	Outdoor, moving
4. How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or moving)	Naked eye, object moving
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	North east from Calne towards Lyneham
6. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	not known
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	750 - 1000 metres
8. Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	seen for a few secs, then accelerated extremely fast - gone from sight in a few secs
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc)	clear night, some cloud banks
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or Radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	RAF Lyneham 3 miles away
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press, etc)	RAF Lyneham

12. Name and Address of Informant Name Address	Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Calne [REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	[REDACTED] and girlfriend say that it was not an aircraft from Lyneham. After years of living in the area, they are aware of most aircraft in skies around Lyneham
14. Other Witnesses	[REDACTED] [REDACTED], girlfriend, saw it first
15. Date, Time of Receipt	14 Jan 98, 2255
16. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nil
17. Remarks	[REDACTED] would like written details of outcome

Date: 14 Jan 98

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12 Jan 98

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 NOV 97

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 06 Jan 98.

1. At Reference, you asked whether the UFO reports raised by credible witnesses represented anything of air defence interest.

2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on either 19 or 28 Dec 97 nor was there any other activity of air defence interest. Perhaps it was Santa on his outbound and return trips.

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1. Attached report confirms no AD involvement in the UFO reports for 19 and 28 Dec 97.

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POINT BRIEF FOR ADGE1 THROUGH WG CDR AD C2 OPS

UFO REPORTS - 19 AND 28 DEC 97

You asked me to research these UFO reports to see if there were any AD involvement or interest.

AD ACTIVITY

- Have checked AD activity for the periods concerned. the results are as follows;

19 Dec 97 (Period 0820-0840hrs).

-- UKCAOC. No record of AD activity in the region of the UFO report. Particularly, there was no QRA(I) activity, no routine UK AD flying and no exercises in progress between those times.

-- RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON REPORT

- Report is of a 'Parachute, Flying Wing, Dark Green'.

-- Report area is within 10nm of Farnborough and Aldershot.

--- UK(L)1 En Route Low Altitude Southern UK flying map shows a parachute training area with a top level of FL150 centred upon Aldershot.

28 Dec 97 (Period 1940-1955hrs).

-- UKCAOC. No record of AD activity in the region of the UFO report. Particularly, there was no QRA(I) activity, no routine UK AD flying and no exercises in progress between those times.

-- RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest.

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CONCLUSION

- There was no AD activity at the time of the report.
- UK AD Sqns were not flying at all that evening.
- No exercises involving RAF AD units were in progress at the time.
- Reports of no further interest to HQAD.



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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORTS DATED 19 & 28 DECEMBER 1997

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached two "UFO" reports both made by civil airline pilots. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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- A. 28/12/77 1948 FROM MALBY TIL 10 NM WEST OF BCN.
- B. 1 OBJECT
VERY BRIGHT, COLOURS CHANGING IN SEQUENCE
WHITE - YELLOW - RED.
- C. PILOT + COPILOT ABOARD RYAN AIR 905, FIRST REPORTED
IN MALBY AREA. UFO REMAINING IN AIRCRAFTS 10° CLOCK
POSITION, MAINTAINING SPEED.
- D. NAKED EYE.
- E.
- F. PILOT ESTIMATED THAT IT WAS ~~AT~~ APPROX 5000 FT
BELOW. THEY WERE MAINTAINING FL310.
- G. AGAIN PILOT ESTIMATED DISTANCE TO BE 20 MILES.
- H. THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT FL310 ALONG GI. UFO REMAINED
IN HIS 10° CLOCK FROM MALBY TO 10 WEST OF BCN WHERE
IT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.
- J. NOT REPORTED.
- K. N/A
- L. TO BRS SECTOR CONTROLLER FREQUENCY 134.75
- H. UNKNOWN
PILOT OF S40, BOEING 737 FROM STANSTED TO COCK.
- N.
- O.
- P. 1948 28/12/77.

AT NO STAGE WAS THERE ANYTHING OBSERVED ON RADAR
AND THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY AT THE
TIME.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting.**
19 Dec 97 0820Z.
- B. Description of Object.**
Number, 1
Size,
Shape, Parachute, flying wing
Colours, DARK GREEN.
Brightness,
Sound,
Smell,
- C. Exact Position of Observer.**
Geographical Location, . Pilot of Airbus S 40
Indoors, Outdoors, In Detroit → Heathrow.
Stationary, Moving,
- D. How Object was Observed.**
Naked Eye, Binoculars, ~~Still or Video Camera.~~
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen.**
(A Landmark may be useful) 3-4 miles from OAK HOLE
- F. Angle of Sight.**
- G. Distance.**
(By reference to a known Landmark if possible) 200-300 ft ABOVE A/C.
- H. Movement of Object.**
- J. Met Conditions during Observation.**
~~Moving Clouds,~~
Haze, Mist. CLEAR
- K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc.**
- L. To Whom Reported.**
Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport.
Z - WATCH TLR WATER.
- M. Name and Address of Informant.**
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- N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered.**
- O. Other Witnesses.**
Flight crew
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report.**
19 Dec 97 1010Z



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10 Dec 97

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORTS DATED 22 NOV AND 5 DEC 97

References:

- A. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 8 Dec 97.
- B. D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 9 Dec 97.

1. At References A and B you asked whether the UFO reports raised by credible witnesses represented anything of air defence interest.
2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on either 22 Nov 97 or 5 Dec 97, nor was there any other activity of air defence interest.

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AS 12a	Recce 2	HELs 1
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D/Sec(AS)/64/2

9 December 1997

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1997

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a "UFO" report from an on duty West Mercia Police Constable. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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of Defence
- 9 DEC 1997
Directorate of
Air Operations**

TELEPHONE REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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A	Date:	22 Nov 97	Time:	0604	Duration of Sighting:	1 min
B	Description of Object:					
	Number:	1	Size:	N/K	Shape:	Round
	Brightness:	Dim	Sound:	NIL	Colours:	Green
C	Exact Position of Observer:					
	Geographical Location:	BLEDENHAM, Herefordshire			Indoors:	Outdoors: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Stationary:	Moving: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
D	How Object was Observed:					
	Naked Eye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Binoculars:	Camera:	Type:		
E	Direction in which Object was first seen: (A Landmark may be useful)					
West						
F	Angle of Sight: Varied					
G	Distance: (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)				N/K	
H	Movement of Object: Fell from Sky at steady rate					
J	Met conditions during Observation: Overcast.					
	Moving Clouds, Mist, Haze etc					
K	Nearby Objects or Buildings: Rural Area					
L	To Whom Reported:		Press:	Police:	West Mercia	
	Military Organisation:					
M	Details of Informant:		Name:	[REDACTED]		
	Address: West Mercia Police				Tel No:	
N	Any Background of Informant that may be Volunteered:					
	On duty Police Officer					
O	Other Witnesses:					
	[REDACTED]					
P	Date/Time of Report:		Date:	22 Nov 97	Time:	0620

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/2

8 December 1997

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 5 DECEMBER 1997

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a "UFO" report from a witness who claims to be a civil airline pilot. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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of Defence
- 9 DEC 1997
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. DATE, TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING (Local times to be quoted)

0209 until 0214

2. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (Number of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, sound, smell etc.)

Bright Red light, Circular.
3mm in diameter relative to cockpit windscreen.

3. PLACE OF POSITION OBSERVED (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving)

3 miles ~~west~~ of ~~airport~~
from a/c 8 miles west of Mona a/f. (Anglesey) FL70.
moving in westerly direction.

4. HOW OBSERVED (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera)

Naked eye.

5. SITUATION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN (A landmark may be more useful than a local estimate bearing)

In a/c's 10 o'clock, range approx 20 miles.

6. HEIGHT OF OBJECT (Estimated heights are unreliable)

Same level as a/c.

7. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible)

Approx 20 miles.

8. MOVEMENT (Changes in H, P, C may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)

Maintained constant altitude and bearing in relation to a/c.

1. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS: (Dewy clouds, haze, mist etc.)

VMC

2. NEARBY OBJECTS (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, ferretors, lake or dam, ramp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or other night lighting).

3. FROM WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organizations, the press etc.)

DIC at CC

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[Redacted] (PILOT OF [Redacted])
[Redacted] [Redacted]

WHITWICK

5. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

For six months has flown route regularly, and not witnessed this phenomenon before.
Out of country until 22nd Jan

6. OTHER WITNESSES

NONE.

7. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

0215 5/12/97

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIB (Military), LATOC on extensions 5151, 5343, or 5344

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry of Defence (ASO)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1

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D/DAO/1/13

28 Nov 97

Sec(AS)2a1a

CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 NOV 97

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 25 Nov 97.

1. At Reference, you asked whether the UFO report raised by a civilian airline pilot represented anything of air defence interest.

2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 13 Nov 97 nor was there any other activity of air defence interest.

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Authorizing Officer	Transmit Operators
Rank, Name and Appointment: SP4 WDR [redacted]	Rank/Grade and Name:
Signature: [redacted]	Signature:

Sir, please find attached my brief on the UFO report of 13 Nov.

[redacted]

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28 Nov 97

POINT BRIEF FOR ADGE1 THROUGH WG CDR AD C2 OPSUFO REPORT - 13 NOV 97

You asked me to research this UFO report to see if there were any AD significance or interest.

AD ACTIVITY

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 - RAF Buchan. RAF Buchan have no record of any AD activity in the area between those times. Flying ops at Buchan had closed at 1630Z.
 - RAF Neatishead. RAF Neatishead were not involved in any AD, exercise or air activity during the period of interest. Night flying had finished at 1817 due to bad weather.
 - RAF Coningsby. No RAF Coningsby ac were flying that evening; last landing was at 1813Z.
 - RAF Leeming. No RAF Leeming ac were flying that evening; last landing was at 1835Z.
 - RAF Leuchars. No RAF Leuchars ac were flying that evening; last landing was at 1400Z.

Other Airfields In The General Area Of The Report.

- RAF Shawbury. RAF Shawbury had closed at 1705Z and the ATC tower was unmanned after this time. Flying had stopped for bad weather.
- RAF Ternhill. Ternhill had closed at the same time as RAF Shawbury.
- RAF Cosford. RAF Cosford closed at 1715Z.
- Welshpool Airfield. Welshpool Airfield had no flying that evening.

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25 November 1997

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1997

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of Defence
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Directorate of
Air Operations

REPORT of an UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Date/Time and Duration of Sighting (Local times to be quoted)

13/11/1997 1845

b. Description of Object (No. of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc)

1 OBJECT, LARGE, UNDISCERNIBLE SHAPE, WHITE: LIKE "WHITE HOT"

c. Exact Position Observed. (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving)

10NM WEST OF STOKE ON TRENT, PILOTS ONBOARD
BAW47K, ATP AT FL150 + CFE78NB AT FL170, SOUTHBOUND

d. How Observed (Naked eye, Binoculars other optical device, still or movie camera)

NAKED EYE

e. Direction in Which Object was First Seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

E → W

f. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)

10° BELOW

g. Distance (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)

UP TO 20NM

h. Movements (Changes in E,F,G may be of more use)

~~DESCENDING~~ DESCENDING. NOTE: 5.40 WITNESSED
OBJECT CLIMBING THROUGH FL170

i. Meteorological Conditions During Observations. (Moving clouds Mist etc.)

VMC SCATTERED CLOUD BELOW .

j. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines Spires Etc.)

l. Name and Address of Informant

CAPTAIN .

CONDORRAT, GLASGOW,

Background on the informant that may be Volunteered.

n. Other Witnesses

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o. Date and Time of Receipt

13/11/97 1910 .

The above details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), Latcc on ext. 6717, 6718 and

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RAF Main Building

Whitehall
LONDON SW1



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Subject: <u>Ufo Report</u> Grateful if you would investigate whether the attached ufo report (from a pilot) represented anything of air defence interest. Regards, [S40] PS. Policy is now only to follow these up if source is a "credible witness" eg police, airline pilots etc		

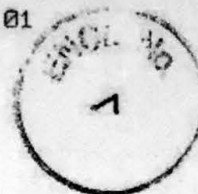
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION - URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

DATE FOR RETURN : 12:00 ON friday 7 november
1997

PQ REFERENCE : PQ 1082i
PQ TYPE : Written
SUPPLEMENTARIES REQUIRED? : No

MINISTER REPLYING : PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE - USofs

LEAD BRANCH: : SEC (AS)
COPY ADDRESSEE(S) : DAO

MP's DETAIL: MR NIGEL JONES (LIB DEM)(CHELTENHAM)

QUESTION

16|To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make a statement on his Department's investigations into alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects intruding into British air space. [14907]

ANSWER

My Department examines any reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings that are sent to us solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance, namely, whether there was any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been breached by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported incident.

DRAFTED BY : [REDACTED] TEL: [REDACTED] MB
AUTHORISED BY : [REDACTED] TEL: [REDACTED] MB
GRADE/RANK : Grade 7
AUTHORISED BY : [REDACTED] TEL: [REDACTED] MB
GRADE/RANK : SCS

DECLARATION: I have satisfied myself that the following answer and background note are in accordance with the Government's policy on answering PQs, Departmental instructions (DCI {To Be Confirmed}), and the Open Government Code (DCI GEN 48/97).

BACKGROUND

1. Nigel Jones is not known to us as an MP with an interest in "UFOs". It is possible that he has been lobbied by a constituent with such an interest.
2. The question provides us with a useful opportunity to reiterate the MOD's policy in this area.



LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAQ/1/13

27 Oct 97

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 OCT 97

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/2 dated 23 Oct 97.

1. At Reference, you asked whether the UFO report raised by a 'civil pilot' represented anything of air defence interest.

2. There is no evidence that unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 13 Oct 97 nor was there any other activity of air defence interest.



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D/Sec(AS)/64/2

23 October 1997

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 OCTOBER 1997

1. In line with our current policy, I am hereby forwarding a "UFO" report from a witness who claims to be a civil pilot.
2. I should be grateful if you would let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT



- A. **Date, Time, Duration of Sighting.**
13/05/97 Oct 97
- B. **Description of Object.**
Number, 1
Size, small
Shape, oval
Colours, white
Brightness,
Sound,
Smell,
- C. **Exact Position of Observer.**
Geographical Location, WATTON - ON - THAMES
Indoors, Outdoors, outdoors
Stationary, Moving,
- D. **How Object was Observed.**
Naked Eye, Binoculars, Still or Video Camera.
- E. **Direction in which Object was first seen.**
(A Landmark may be useful)
- F. **Angle of Sight.**
- G. **Distance.**
(By reference to a known Landmark if possible)
- H. **Movement of Object.** SW - NE.
- J. **Met Conditions during Observation.**
Moving Clouds,
Haze, Mist. CLEAR
- K. **Nearby Objects or Buildings etc.**
- L. **To Whom Reported.**
Police, Press, Military Organisation, Airport.
- M. **Name and Address of Informant.**
Surrey.
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WATTON - ON - THAMES
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- N. **Any Background of the informant that may be Volunteered.**
Pilot HAWKER
- O. **Other Witnesses.**
MCR DAUGHTER.
- P. **Date & Time of Receipt of Report.**
13/05/97 Oct 1997

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13 Oct 97

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(thro [redacted])

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of Defence
16 OCT 1997
Directorate of
Operations

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Hd CS(RM)1
ADGE1

LETTER FROM RHODRI MORGAN MP - US 3722/97

1. I attach a draft reply for USofS to send to Rhodri Morgan MP. The background note and draft reply necessitated detailed research and consultation between ourselves and other branches and I am grateful for the extension of the deadline.

2. This is the second time [redacted] has written to the Department via his MP in as many months. He is not content with the response he received to his first letter (US 3134/97 attached at ANNEX A) and raises further detailed issues. There is no indication, however, that Rhodri Morgan has any personal interest in "UFO" issues or was unhappy with the earlier reply.

3. As is sometimes the case with correspondence on "UFOs" from members of the public, it is felt that the Department has not responded properly to their specific concerns because our interest in reports of "unexplained" sightings in the sky is limited to ascertaining whether a sighting represents a military threat to the UK. A number of "ufologists" accept without question that "unexplained" lights in the sky are evidence of extraterrestrial craft/lifeforms. These beliefs are fuelled by elements of the media who seek to promote "cover-up" theories. This in turn leads to public dissatisfaction when the Department explains that to date it knows of no evidence which substantiates these alleged phenomena.

4. Taking each of [redacted] points in turn:

ALLEGED EVENTS AT RENDLESHAM FOREST - DEC 1980

- [redacted] complains that no specific comment was made about the alleged events at Rendlesham Forest. However, in his initial letter he sought only the release of all paperwork relating to this case and four other alleged incidents mentioned in a magazine article. The earlier reply therefore explained about the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967 and the release of documentation

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into the public domain. We are now asked specifically about the case and information is provided in the attached draft.

"UFO" REPORTS COPIED TO INTELLIGENCE BRANCHES

- In response to this point, the draft reply explains that the MOD does not hold files containing "UFO" reports for establishing their "UFO/flying saucer" interest. Public incident reports are received by MOD for their potential significance as possible incursions of the UK Air Defence region. In the past it was standard practice to pass all "UFO" reports received to MOD Intelligence branches in order to establish any defence scientific and technical intelligence value in respect of terrestrial military threats. In the early 1960s the number of reports received annually was about 50-70. Fuelled by media interests, the number of sighting reports received in recent years has dramatically increased. Last year we received over 600 reports most of which contain less than credible information. It is therefore current Departmental policy to forward for expert assessment only those reports received from "credible witnesses" such as military personnel, civil pilots, and members of the emergency services.

WEST FREUGH CASE - APR 57

- The alleged events occurred forty years ago and all of the information available is in the public domain. It would therefore be inappropriate for the Department to speculate about what might have happened. Although [redacted] has included an official document, another entitled "Incident at West Freugh" (TAB B) is a highly speculative piece of work which Dr Colin Ridyard, a persistent "UFO" correspondent, has forwarded recently to the Department claiming as his own research based on the Public Record Office files. This document is clearly being circulated by "ufologists" and we can expect further copies to come to light.

SIR PETER HORSLEY

- Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley was quoted in an article in *The Mail on Sunday* - 10 Aug 97 (TAB C). The draft reply makes clear that the views in the article are his own and makes no further comment on them.

"UFO" FILES HELD UNDER EXTENDED CLOSURE

- No "UFO" records are held under extended closure. The procedure which operates at present is that intelligence files which survive to a second review (conducted at around the 25 year point) are considered for permanent preservation so that by the time they are 30 years old agreement has been reached that they can either be transferred to the Public

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Record Office or that they are too sensitive and should be retained in the department. To date, no files containing documents about possible "UFO" sightings have both survived to a second review and been earmarked for retention in department. It is the case that under present review procedures most files which are assessed as worthy of permanent preservation reach the Public Record Office 30 years after the date of the last enclosure. Where sensitivity precludes release at the normal point the Lord Chancellor's agreement is sought for continued closure. However, very recently it has been discovered during the review process that following a weeding exercise in 1967, the first part of a multi-part file was not annotated with its own "out of time" date but grouped with the second part. As a result, the first part was not given its second review at the proper date. These two very recently discovered policy files on "UFO" reporting, which cover the period 1958-67, will be included with the 1998 New Year releases. DDI SEC is not aware of any intelligence "UFO"-related files retained under extended closure.

5. I am satisfied that the draft is in accordance with the Government's policy on answering Parliamentary Enquiries and the Open Government Code (DCI Gen 48/97). The full draft reply has been cleared with DDI Sec and CS(Records Management) (information about Intelligence branch files) and DAO/ADGEL (concerning air defence issues).

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USoFS/3722/97

October 1997

Thank you for your letter of 18 September (ref: file 4069) enclosing further correspondence from [S40] of [S40] [S40] Ely, Cardiff, about alleged "UFO" incidents.

I am sorry that [S40] feels his concerns were not fully addressed. It is sometimes the case that my Department's limited interest in these matters does not correspond with the wider-ranging interests of members of the public such as [S40]. I hope therefore that the following additional information helps to clarify matters.

[S40] now specifically seeks our comment on the alleged events at Rendlesham Forest in December 1980. When the Ministry of Defence was informed at the time, all available substantiated evidence would have been looked at in the usual way by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement then was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question and no further investigation into the matter was deemed to be necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 16½ years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by my Department was incorrect.

[REDACTED] also seeks clarification of why sighting reports were passed to MOD Intelligence branches. Reports from the public are only received by MOD for their potential significance as possible incursions of the UK Air Defence Region by unauthorized military activity. As such, they are passed as necessary to MOD experts, including intelligence branches in order to establish their defence, scientific and technical intelligence value in respect of terrestrial military threats.

With regard to the alleged incident at West Freugh in 1957, I can say that all of the information, including any relevant background material assessed to be worthy of permanent preservation, is held in the files in the Public Record Office. I cannot of course speculate on the events of forty years ago. I should, however, wish to reassure [REDACTED] that defence technology, including the effectiveness of our air defence systems, is constantly evolving and we are confident that our present air defence capabilities fully meet the air defence threat and protect the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region.

The recent comments attributed to Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley about an encounter with an "extraterrestrial" are, of course, his own views. I should stress at this point that my Department has no expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of extraterrestrial lifeforms. To date, however, we know of no evidence which would support the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Finally, [S 40] seeks release of all "UFO" files held under extended closure. My Department does not hold "UFO" files under extended closure. As I said in my earlier reply, MOD files are subject to the Provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, and material over 30 years old on the subject of "UFOs" has been transferred to the Public Record Office. So far as intelligence branch files are concerned these might, of course, contain sensitive information on terrestrial military threats and so careful reviewing processes apply. Under present review procedures their files which are assessed as worthy of permanent preservation either reach the Public Record Office 30 years after the date of the last document on the file or, where sensitivity precludes release, the Lord Chancellor's agreement is sought for closure. My officials have confirmed that they are not aware of any intelligence "UFO"-related files retained under extended closure. During a very recent routine review, two policy files have been found to include, between them, some documents spanning the period 1958-1967. These files will be included with the 1998 New Year releases.

I hope this further information will set [S 40] concerns to rest.

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