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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (U.F.O.'s)
 Report of Sighting, Rendlesham Forest
 December 1980

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)
APO NEW YORK 09755



REPLY TO
ATTN OF. CD

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.


CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander



RAF LIAISON OFFICE

Royal Air Force Bentwaters Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 2RQ

Telephone Woodbridge 3737 ext ~~2333~~ 2257

(E110)

MOD (DS8a)

Your reference

Our reference BENT/019/76
AIR

Date 15 January 1981

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO's)

I attach a copy of a report I have received from the Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters concerning some mysterious sightings in the Rendlesham forest near RAF Woodbridge. The report is forwarded for your information and action as considered necessary.

D H MORELAND
Squadron Leader
RAF Commander

Copy to:

SRAFLO, RAF Mildenhall

Copy sent to Ops (SE) 26 Sq WY Bland

*also consulted by Ops (SE) 26. are: DISS
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RAF establishments in
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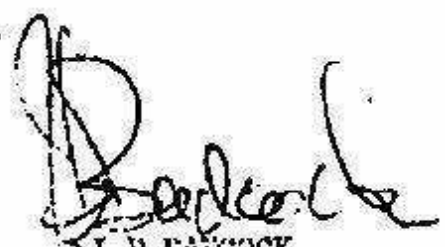
RAF Keatishead
Eastern Radar
RAF Watton

D/DO Ops(GB)/10/B

26 January 1981

UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

1. The Deputy Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters has reported sightings of airborne phenomena on the evening of 29 Dec 80 in the Roudlesham forest area near Woodbridge. We would appreciate a statement of radar observations, or lack of them, in the area and at the time concerned.


J D BAYCOCK
Squadron Leader
Ops(GB)26(RAF)

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DD Ops(GE)10/8

DI 55

Copy to:
PS/ACS(G)(RAF)

UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

1. During the preparation for the Lords Debate on UFOs on 18 Jan 1979, DI 55 (Mr Asteraki) made contributions to Hd of S4(Air)'s Draft Closing Address and Background note. Since the bulk of reports of unusual sightings have been of a routine nature. However I have been asked by DSE if any other dept would have an interest in the attached correspondence from the USAF Deputy Base Commander at Bentwaters.
2. We would particularly like to know whether the readings of radioactivity are unusual or whether they are within the normal background range to be expected.

26 Jan 81


J.D. BADCOCK
Sqn Ldr
Ops(GE)2b(RAF)
MB 4258 7274 MB

Encl: Dept of the Air Force letter 13 Jan 81

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Royal Air Force
Neatishead Norwich Norfolk NR12 8YB

Telephone NORWICH 737361 ext 7-413

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Please reply to the Officer Commanding
Your reference

MOD (Ops(GE)26(RAF))

Our reference NEAT/12/1/AIR

Date 5 Feb 81

UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

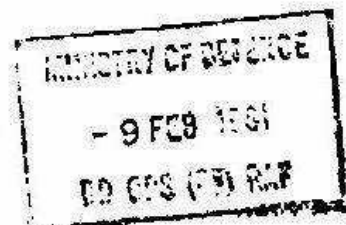
Reference:

A. D/DD Ops (GE)/10/B Dated 26 Jan 81. - E26

1. At Reference A you asked us to provide a statement of radar observations, or lack of them, regarding a reported sighting of airborne phenomena on the evening of 29 Dec 80.

2. I regret that, in accordance with local procedures, our radar camera recorder was switched off on cessation of normal flying activities at 1527% on 29 Dec 80. An examination of executive logs revealed no entry in respect of unusual radar returns or other unusual occurrences.

S D Sharpe
S D SHARPE
Sqn Ldr
for OC



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D/DD Ops(GE)/10/8


DSS ←

UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

Reference: A. D/DSS/72/1/2 dated 20 Jan 81.

1. At Reference you forwarded a report from RAF Bentwaters for information and asked if anyone else might have an interest in the content. You will see from the attached JM, I forwarded a copy to DI55 and PS/ACS(G)(RAF). I have had no response.
2. SOC/CRC Neatishead regret that the radar camera recorder was switched off at 1527Z on 29 Dec 80 and an examination of the executive logs revealed no entry in respect of unusual radar returns or other unusual occurrences.
3. I have spoken with Sqn Ldr Moreland at Bentwaters and he considers the Deputy Base Commander a sound source. I asked if the incident had been reported on the USAF net and I was advised that tape recordings of the evidence had been handed to Gen Gabriel who happened to be visiting the station. Perhaps it would be reasonable to ask if we could have tape recordings as well.

16 Feb 81


J D BADCOCK
Sqn Ldr
Ops(GE)2b(RAF)
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Loose Hints

DI52/103/10

CR 24/2

DI55a Attn Mr C P Comper

Unexplained Lights

Reference: DI55/103/15/1

1. Like DI55, DI52 do not know of any serious explanation for the phenomena described at reference.
2. Background radioactivity varies considerably due to a number of factors. The value of 0.1 milliroentgens (mr), I assume that this is per hour, seems significantly higher than the average background of about 0.015 mr. I would not expect the variation in this to be much more than a factor of two, although it might be greater for specific reasons.
3. If you wish to pursue this further I could make enquiries as to natural background levels in the area. The way the US report is written, however, suggests that 0.1 mr was greater than they expected.

23 February 1981

R C Mercroft
ADI/DI52

102/3/Air

Eastern Radar
RAF Watton

Watton 881691 ext 200

MOD(Air)
Ops (GE) 2b (RAF)

26 Feb 81

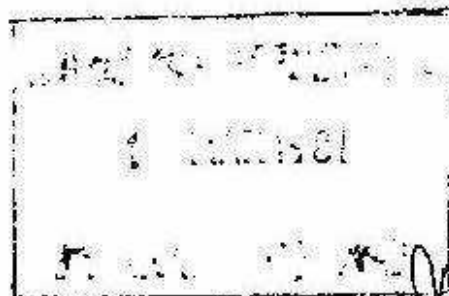
UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS - RAF BENTWATERS

References:

- A. Telecon Sqn Ldr Coumbe/Sqn Ldr Badcock 23 Feb 81.
B. D/DD Ops (GE)/10/8 dated 26 Jan 81.

1. At Reference A we confirmed that the film of the reported sighting in Reference B was at fault. We have now developed the film on the days prior to and after the reported phenomena - regrettably both films were also faulty.

2. On the night of the reported sighting our controller on duty was requested to view the radar; nothing was observed. The facts are recorded in our log book of that night



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[Signature]
D J COUMBE
Sqn Ldr
for OC

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LOOSE MINUTE

15/103/15/1

Cms (GB) 2b (RAF)

Copy to:
PS/ACS(G)(RAF)

UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

Reference:

1. D/23 Cps (GB)10/8 dated 23 January 1981.
2. Having canvassed DCFI for thoughts on this matter, DI55 cannot offer any explanation for the phenomena.
2. In answer to your specific inquiry regarding the readings of radioactivity, please see the attached correspondence from ADI/DI52.
3. If you wish to take up ADI/DI52's offer of further assistance, please let me know.

2 March 1981



C F CONFER
DI55(a)
ME 7/26 4131 MB

Enc: DI52/106/10 dated 23 February 1981.

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To DS8.

From CE 26.

D35

Date 9/3/81.

Tel 7274

Your ref D/36/2/1/2 dated 1/1/81

Our ref D/DDOPS(CE)/10/8

Subject: UNEXPLAINED NIGHTS

1. Further to my LM at Ref dated 16 Feb attached herewith copies of responses from DISS(a) and DISS - with an offer to pursue from the letter.

Judice
(CE) 26 (RAF)

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DS8/10/209 -1178

Ops(CE)(RAF)

UFO SIGHTING - RAF WOODBRIDGE DECEMBER 1980

1. You may recall that in December 1980 two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights at the back gate of RAF Woodbridge and on investigation found a brightly lit triangular object either hovering or on legs.
2. You began investigations into the incident and suggested asking the USAF for tape recordings (your D/DD Ops(CE)/10/8 of 16 Feb 81 refers) but unfortunately our files do not appear to show the outcome of your investigations.
3. I attach a copy of a letter received from one of our more regular UFO correspondents in which she seeks advice as to the Ministry's position on this incident. I am inclined to say that we are aware of the incident, that we made investigations but that we could find no explanation for the lights. Is this a true reflection of the facts or did we, in fact, come up with anything more substantive?
4. Any help you could give in replying to Miss Randle's letter would be much appreciated.

Mar 83

P. J. Titchmarsh
P J TITCHMARSH (Mrs)
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D/ED Ops(GE)/10/8

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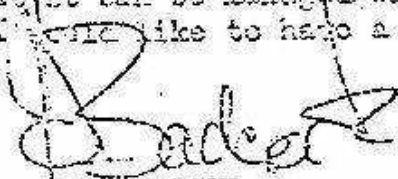
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INFO SIGNING - RAF WOODBRIDGE DECEMBER 1980

1. At Reference you ask if the suggestion that the RMAF be asked for the tape recordings was followed up by this Deputy Directorate. It was considered that the tapes would reveal no better report than that already received, and no further request was made. However, it is considered that your approach to the RAF Liaison officer, will produce any considered views on the event.

2. I believe your outlined response is the right one; Westisham, which is the Sector Ops Centre responsible for that area had nothing unusual to report, and nothing more substantive has come to light. I have received no evidence that any radar reported unusual tracks. 1029 handles appears to have "evidence of radar tracks", and provided that it can be managed without undermining our position, I would like to have a look at this radar evidence.

2 (Mar 81)



J.S. EDCOCK
Cdr Ldr
Ops(GE)2p(RAF)
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D/O A. D. / 3/6/3 909

From: GE3

To: Sec (As) Da

Subject: UFO FIGHTING 27 Dec 80

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1. We discussed and I agreed to forward copies of relevant correspondence
2. Regrettably, the tasking letter from M00 referred to an incident on 29 Dec 80, therefore the replies from Nectidhead and Gasken bases are probably worthless. Unit radio recordings are not held for 4 years, consequently we are back where we started!

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G T KEITH
Wg Cdr
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