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MOD Form 329D
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**Part No.** T330 (2)

1. **Attention is drawn to the notes on the inside flap.**
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**DIVISION/ESTABLISHMENT/UNIT/BRANCH**

Royal Air Force
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Bucks HP14 4UE

ATTN [illegible]

**[FULL ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER]**

**SUBJECT** UFO
PARLIAMENT
FOI
2009

**[BLOCK CAPITALS]**

**RECORD OF KEYWORDS:**

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**2nd Review date**

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MOD Form 262F
(Revised 9/01)

FILE TITLE: (Main Heading - Secondary Heading - Tertiary Heading etc)
UFO - Parliament - FOI 2009

Reference: (Prefix and Number): MoD/Air/Cmd Secs/5 -RAF Business Secretariat /FOI

Part: 2

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): Unclassified

Date of last enclosure: 19/08/09

Date closed: 19/08/09

**PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION**
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| Destroy after _____ years | |
| Forward to INFO(EXP)-R after _____ years | |
| No recommendation | |

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Reviewer's

Reviewer's Signature: _____

**PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW**
(To be fully completed at time of file closure)
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**a.** Of no further administrative value and not worthy of permanent preservation. DESTROY IMMEDIATELY (Remember that TOP SECRET and Codeword material cannot be destroyed locally and must be forwarded to INFO(EXP)-R. ✔

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| | ✔ | | ✔ | |
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(iii) At the end of the specified retention period the file is to be:

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| Destroyed | ☐ |
| Considered by DR for permanent preservation | ☐ |

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Section 40

Signature: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
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Grade/Rank: C1 Date: 25 NOV 2010

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**PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET* and SECRET only)

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 19 August 2009 13:10

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090819-FOI Response Section 40 1974 Sighting 19-08-2009-111146-001-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request asking for a copy of the UFO sighting you reported in 1974.

Given the length of time since your sighting, the Ministry of Defence no longer holds UFO files for the period in question. It is possible that the file containing details of the sighting has been transferred to The National Archives who can be contacted at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4D,U Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

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19-01-2019 - 11:11:46 - 001
Exp 16 Jan.

[redacted]e: Section 40
First name: Section 40
Surname Section 40
Email Address: Section 40 [redacted]
Occupation: Retired
Organisation:
Address 1:
Address 2:
Address 3:
Town/city:
State/country: United Kingdom
Zip code/Postcode:
Country: United Kingdom
Telephone: Section 40 [redacted]
Information request: Dear Sirs, I would appreciate your assistance in obtaining under the FOIA the ufo sighting data I reported to the MOD. The date of the sighting was May 11th 1974 and the location was off Sewardstone road, Chingford, Essex. I detailed the sighting to your offices shortly afterwards. Many thanks,
Section 40

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 05 May 2009 07:41
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised: Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 April 2009 asking for the Rendlesham Forest Incident documents previously placed on the Ministry of Defence website. Your e-mail is being treated as a Freedom of Information request.

I can provide you with a copy of the documents, but as they are quite large, I am unable to e-mail them to you. However, if you could provide me with your postal address I can send you an electronic copy on disk or a paper copy, depending on your preference.

Please let me know which format you prefer.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 [mailto:Section 40
Sent: 30 April 2009 23:19
To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk
Subject: Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

Hi

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Your website says they have been removed for copyright reasons and I must request these documents

Could you please forward me them as an attachment or do I need to write to the address shown on the website?

Thanks

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DID NOT RESPOND TO CLARIFICATION REQUEST CONSIDER AS CLOSED W.E.F. 10/JAN.

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RAF BUS Sec 13

19/8/09

FoI: Rendlesham Incident.

Section 40 [redacted]

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05-05-2009-142543-003

Due 01/06/09

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Our Ref:
10-08-2009-135528-001

21 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Further to my letter of 19 August 2009, I believe that I may have given you incorrect information.

I am afraid that in my haste to respond to you, I erroneously interpreted a response from colleagues to refer to both dates, when it actually only referred to 25 June 2009. I am awaiting clarification of the situation on 26th June and will provide you with a full response as soon as possible.

Please accept my apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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Our Ref:
10-08-2009-135528-001

19 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter clarifying your previous Freedom of Information request (13-07-2009-152625-002) asking whether any military aircraft were near Alton Barnes in Wiltshire. You stated you were interested in the period around 14:30 on both 25 and 26 June 2009. You also asked whether we had received any reports for that area.

The MoD is not aware of any military aircraft being in the area at the time and dates in question and have received no reports for Wiltshire for either date.

I hope this is helpful.

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Your Ref: 13-07-2009-152625-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter, the time of the alleged incident was around 2.30pm. Also could you check whether there was a report for that area on 25th June and whether there were helicopters in that area on the 25th within the same 2.30pm time frame. As ever, many thanks.

Yours sincerely Section 40
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10-08-2009-135528-001
exp 7/9/09

# SYNOPSIS OF REQUESTED RADAR REPLAY

Radar Analysis Cell
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SO31 7AY

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Mil:
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e-mail: rac.mil@nats.co.uk

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CD No(s) ***Not produced***

***Incident 182/09*** DTG ***251330Z Jun 09 – Thursday***

Position: Adjacent to Alton Barnes (N5121W00151)

Aircraft Type – ***N/K*** Callsign – ***N/K*** SSR Code N/K Mode C ***N/K***

Radar Heads ***Clee Hill and Pease Pottage***

Recording starts ***N/A*** Recording ends ***N/A***

Orientation ***N/A***

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Synopsis of Events Based on Radar Replay: ***Clee Hill and Pease Pottage radars***

I looked at each of the above stated radars from 251325Z to 1335Z Jun 09.

Nothing was observed.

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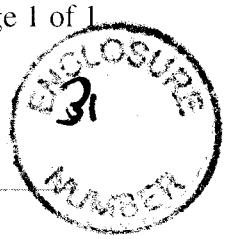
Comments by RACO:

CD contents as follows:
As no aircraft was seen in the vicinity on the 2 observations, a CD was not produced.

13-Aug-09

Section 40
Warrant Officer
Duty RACO




**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 18 August 2009 13:54
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised: 20090818-FOI REQUEST UFO SIGHTINGS NORTHERN IRELAND -U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 August regarding your Freedom of Information request.

The site I directed you to includes reports from across the UK, including Northern Ireland. If there are no sightings shown for Northern Ireland in 1998, it would be because we did not receive any.

I have been doing this job for over two years and, during that time, UFO sightings from Northern Ireland have been quite rare. I am afraid that I have no particular explanation for this.

I am sorry that I could not be more helpful

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 17 August 2009 13:34

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1

**Subject:** Section 40 Ref 09-07-200-144456-003

I have tried the Web site you sent in your letter but i was particularly looking for N.Ireland reported sightings of 1998 along with mine so i can see if anybody else reported it. There does not appear to be any N.Irealand sightings on the address you gave me at www.mod.uk

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 17 August 2009 07:51
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090817-FOI Response Section 40 Rendlesham and Cosford-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 25 July 2009 asking for copies of documents removed from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) website for copyright reasons. I assume you are referring to the Rendlesham file and documents relating to the Cosford Incident. If this is not the case, please let me know.

Both the Rendlesham file and the Cosford file (which contains the Cosford documents) have just been made available to the general public via The National Archives who can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone, 0208 8763444. The files can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

You may be interested to know that the release of these files is part of a three year programme to transfer some 160 files for the preiod from the late 1970's up to 2007 to The national archives by the close of 2010. It is hoped that the files for the preiod 1997-2000 will be transferred by the end of this year and they will be made available for public viewing on the internet.

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27-07-259-150810-001

EXP 24 AUG 09

**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 25 July 2009 18:16
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1
**Subject:** Document Request

Hello,

I would like to request some documents that have been released by the 'Freedom of Information Act' but have been removed from the MOD website for copyright issues. Is it possible to get a copy of the files either sent to me by post or email.

Regards,

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Our Ref:
09-07-200—144456-003

13 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 July 2009 asking for confirmation that we had received your Freedom of Information request concerning UFO sightings in Northern Ireland.

We had indeed received your request and an answer was e-mailed to you on 16 July 2009. However, it would appear that you did not receive it. I am therefore attaching a paper copy of our response.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your latest e-mail.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)
**Sent:** 16 July 2009 14:45
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090713 FOI 09-07-2009-144456-053 UFO Sightings1998/1999-u

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 July 2009 asking for all Northern Ireland UFO sightings in 1998/1999.

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

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

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

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". For the current year until the 30 June, the MoD has recorded 240 reports relating to 2009, a further 8 relating to 2008 which were not received in time to appear on the website and 1 for 2007. Details of sightings for 2009 will be placed on the MoD website in early 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
**Sent:** 11 August 2009 18:12
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** FW: FOI written request
**Categories:** Check with previous

Section 40

Please see below and respond to the applicant please.

Thanks

CIO-Access

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**From:** CIO-CI-ISG Internet Ed 3 Section 40
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 15:03
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
**Subject:** FW: FOI written request

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**Sent:** 21 July 2009 14:38
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** FW: FOI written request

Regards,
MOD Webmaster

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**Sent:** Tue 21/07/2009 14:30
**To:** Web Master
**Subject:** FOI written request

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

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtoccupation: pensioner
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txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: ENNISKILLEN
txtstatecountry: Fermanagh
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress Section 40 [redacted]
txttelephone: Section 40 [redacted]
txtinforequest: Some weeks ago i requested the information you apparently released recently about all reported UFO sightings in N.Ireland for 1998/1999. Did you receive it as i have had no aknowledgement of receipt?

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 12 August 2009 15:05
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090810-FOI Response to Section 40 02-08-2009-173744-002-U
**Attachments:** Section 40 .xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 3 August 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings for York and North Yorkshire for the period April 1999 to April 2009 and asking what the Ministry of Defence (MoD) policy on UFOs was.

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

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

The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. The MoD investigates only a handful of UFO sightings per year, (usually from aircrew, air traffic controllers, the police or military personnel) and to date, the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

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Additionally, we are part way through a three year programme to release UFO files from the

Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff covering the period from the late 1970's to 2007. You may wish to consider contacting The National Archives press office for details of when the next release is due.

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## ESTIMATE COST ANALYSIS

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|---|---|---|
| **Task (What you are permitted to take into account)** | **Hours** | **Cost** |
| How long to determine if we hold information | 73 | £1,825 |
| How long to retrieve the information or documents | 1.5 | £37.50 |
| How long to extract and edit/redact the information | 1.5 | £37.50 |
| **Total estimate** | | £1,900 |

## FOI Number

The MoD has no formal list of those UFO sightings which have been investigated. The list of sightings on the MoD website shows occupation for sightings from aircrew etc, which is probably 90% or more of investigations initiated by the MoD.

However, it does not take into account "investigations" that were undertaken in answer to correspondence from the public or parliament. Therefore, the pool of files that must be looked at is very wide.

Calculation

The period 1999-09 is covered by a minimum of 19 Sighting Report files, 32 Correspondence files, 21 Persistent Correspondent files and 4 PQ files.

In total this is some 76 files

To read and extract information from a single file would take a minimum of 1 hour

76 files = 76 hours

1 hour =£25

76 hours x £25

**TOTAL £1,900**

These figures exclude DIS files.

[redacted]m: Section 40 [mailto Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 03 August 2009 17:18
**To:** DMC-BM Business Manager Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:**

Hi,

For each of the past ten years (April 1999-April 2009), please state how many reports of unidentified flying objects in York and North Yorkshire were made to the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

For each report, please state the date it was received by the MoD, who made the report and what the report states. For each report, please state where the unidentified flying object(s) were sighted.

Please state the MoD's policy on investigating sightings of unidentified flying objects. For each of the reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, please state whether you investigated the sighting and if you did investigate the sighting please state the outcome of your investigation.

Thank you,

Section 40 [redacted]porter, The Press newspaper, York Section 40 [redacted]

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 07 August 2009 14:52

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090807-FOI Response Section 40 Sighting Taunton 31-07-2009-122422-005-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of information request of 28 July 2009 asking whether anything unusual was reported for 15 March 2009 over Taunton.

I have checked our records and can confirm that this office has received no unusual reports for the whole of the UK for the date in question.

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Exd 26 AUG 09

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**Sent:** Tue 28/07/2009 19:10
**To:** Web Master
**Subject:** FOI written request

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtorganisation: MUFON (MUTUAL UFO NETWORK)
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Glasgow
txtstatecountry: Strathclyde
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: I am a certified UFO Investigator for MUFON, and am currently investigating a possible UFO sighting case which occurred over Taunton, Somerset on 15th March 2009 at approx. 7.30pm.
To assist with my investigations please could you give me any information whether anything unusual was reported on this date & time over Taunton and if there were any reports of flares?
Any information would be appreciated.
Thank you.
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Our Ref:
10-07-2009-163453-001

6 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 July 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings in Northern Ireland between 1959 and 2009.

With regard to sightings for the period 1959 to 1992, what records remain are available for Public Viewing at The National Archives. You may wish to note that only a few files survived before 1967 as MoD files were routinely destroyed after 5 years until then. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Date 10/7/07

**REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT**

A. Date, Time and duration of sighting - 10/7/07 / 0000 - 0100 / 30 MINS

B. Description of Object:- 50 GOLDEN BALLS

C. Exact Position of Observer:- FINAGHEY, BELFAST

D. How Observed? NAKED EYE

E. Direction in which Object was first seen - SSE

F. Angular Elevation of Object - 10°

G. Distance of Object From Observer:- 20/25 MILES

H. Movements of Object:- SLOWLY - VERTICALLY & HORIZONTALLY

J. Meteorological Conditions during Observations - CLEAR SKY

K. Nearby Objects - NIL

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L. To Whom Reported - [redacted]/WM/ BELFAST

M. Name and Address of Informant:- [redacted]
BELFAST, [redacted]

N. Any background on the Informant that may be volunteered:

O. Other Witnesses:- FIANCEE

P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report:- 10/7/04 12-15 pm

The details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), DATCC.

The completed report is to be sent by the originating ATSU to the MOD Sec (AS).

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

# AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 10-07-2009-163453-001 Expiry Date: 6 Aug 09

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Details of UFO sightings for Northern Ireland for the period 1959-2009. Include the date, location and description of the UFO.

Background

The files containing details of UFO files for the period 1959-92 are, if they exist, already available at The National Archives.

Files for the ~~remaining~~ period (1993-1996) will be passed to The National Archives by the end of this year.

Details of sightings for 1997-2008 are already available via the MoD website. We have received only one sighting for Northern Ireland in 2009 which will be released with name and the address redacted.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

| Information not disclosed (detail) | FOIA exemption Specify section | Reason for application of exemption | PIT carried out? (Y/N)[1] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc | 40 | Personal data | No. Absolute Exemption |
| Sightings between 1993-96 | 22 | Information intended for future publication | Y |

The following comments will be made to the applicant

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I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: Section 40

Date: 30/7/09

Signature: Section 40

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**From:** CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40
**Sent:** 10 July 2009 16:38
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**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 10-07-2009-163453-001 Section 40
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up
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txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
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1997 - 2009 wd +
up to 1992 - TNA.
1993-1996

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Our Ref:
02-07-2009-124939-002

28 July 2009

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| DATE OF SIGHTING | TIME OF SIGHTING | TOWN OF SIGHTING | AREA OF SIGHTING | DESCRIPTION | OCCUPATION OF WITNESS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 Dec 07 | | N/A | M26 Southbound | A square of 4 white lights rotating one way and then the other, simultaneously changing size like a circle in a circle. Travelled with us for 10 minutes | N/A |
| 9 Jul 08 | | Outon | County Durham | Four or five blue flashing lights, one after the other. One flew between two houses across the road. Then a blue object two ft long with flashing lights slowly flew into the garden opposite | N/A |
| 11 Jul 08 | 14:35 | Ellesmere | Shropshire | Eleven planes. They were square, with long box shaped fuselage, open at the rear with narrow swept back wings | N/A |
| 1 Sep 08 | 11:05 | N/A | M23/M25 | A flash and a bright light which stopped. An oval object accelerated at colossal speed | N/A |
| 17 Oct 08 | 13:30 | Harlow | Essex | An object seen whilst photographing the clouds | N/A |
| 29 Nov 08 | 18:01 | Southgate | London | A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky. | N/A |
| Nov 08 | | Herne Bay | Kent | UFO Report | N/A |
| Early December 08 | | Carlisle | Cumbria | A disk with a hull and two square engines. It made a purring sound. | N/A |
| 24 Dec 08 | 17:45 | Derby | Derbyshire | A beaming sunburst ball that soared low over houses. The object slowed down then hovered in the sky. It stopped still, then shrank in size and sped off | N/A |
| 27 Dec 08 | 20:22 | Exmouth | Devon | A bright orange light that travelled erratically across the sky. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Sawtry | Cambridgeshire | A UFO | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | N/A | North Yorkshire | Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Carterton | Oxfordshire | A very bright constant red light. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| Jan 09 | | Warwick | Warwickshire | An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| Jan 09 | 01:30 | N/A | N/A | Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09) | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Porthcawl | Mid Glamorgan | Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Halifax | West Yorkshire | A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Colington | Edinburgh | Lights in the sky. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Llundudno | Clwyd | A bright orange light. | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Chippenham | Wiltshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | 00:10 | Blairgowrie | Perthshire | Four bright orange lights in a group. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | St Albans | Hertfordshire | Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Melton Mowbray | Leicestershire | 2 round, bright, orange lights/objects. Hovered and glided soundlessly. One flashed and disappeared a minute later. Same happened to 2nd one. | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Streatham Hill | London | Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky | N/A |
| 2 Jan 09 | 17:00 | Nuneaton | Warwickshire | 5 yellow/orange objects in formation. Moving east to west. Slow but straight flight. | N/A |
| 3-4 Jan 09 | | Sandbach | Cheshire | A UFO. An orange/yellow light | N/A |
| 4 Jan 09 | | Haslingdale/Rossendale | Lancashire | 4 or more moving bright solid orange lights. Followed by a further 8 identical objects. Rose vertically over the side on the valley. Made no sound. | N/A |
| 5 Jan 09 | 19:00 | Malvern | Worcestershire | A V shaped formation similar to how birds fly of 7 lights. Moved rapidly across the sky rotated slightly then the lights split up and vanished. Lights were size and brightness of stars. No noise and no visible trails in sky. | N/A |
| 6 Jan 09 | 21:00 | Northampton | Northamptonshire | Strange lights. Eleven in total. | N/A |
| 6 Jan 09 | | Cardigan | Cardiganshire | Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified. | N/A |
| 8 Jan 09 | 04:40 | Blackpool | Lancashire | A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway. | N/A |
| 9 Jan 09 | | Exeter | Devon | An object in the sky over Exeter | N/A |
| 12 Jan 09 | | Old Coulson | Surrey | Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards cater ham where a friend saw it | N/A |
| 13 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 13 Jan 09 | 20:15 | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | Strange burning objects in the sky | N/A |
| 14 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 18 Jan 09 | 19:44 | Lichfield | Staffordshire | A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| 18 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 19 Jan 09 | | Tarland | Aberdeenshire | A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared | N/A |
| 23 Jan 09 | 20:58 | Undy | Newport | Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound. | N/A |
| 23 Jan 09 | 21:40 | West Cross | Swansea | Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange. | N/A |

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| 23 Jan 09 | 20:40 | Anlaby | Hull | A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away | N/A |
| 24 Jan 09 | 23:05 | Henleaze | Bristol | Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 19:00 | Livingston | West Lothian | An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 18:00 | Perton | West Midlands | Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 23:25 | Sittingbourne | Kent | A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out. | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 18:15 | Bromley | Kent | Three orange lights in horizontal line above the opposite side of the hill. Stopped car but saw only four lights, two separate at the top & two close together at the bottom. Top two rose and disappeared. 2nd two moved higher then also vanished | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 17:15 | Northholt | Middlesex | A bright oval orange in the sky. Thought at first it was an aircraft on fire. After five minutes the bright glow petered out and then became totally black. Lived in the area all her life but had never seen anything like it before. | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 21:45 | Tarring | West Sussex | Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one | N/A |
| 28 Jan 09 | 22:10 | Grimsby | Lincolnshire | Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter. | N/A |
| 29 Jan 09 | | Colchester | Essex | We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them. | N/A |
| Feb 09 | | Swadlincote | Derbyshire | 15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft. | N/A |
| Feb 09 | | East Kilbride | Lanarkshire | Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere | N/A |
| 3 Feb 09 | 01:00 | N/A | Thames Estuary | Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. matches description The Sun gave. | N/A |
| 3 Feb 09 | 10:10 | West Row | Suffolk | Bright clear light shooting across sky. There were blue lights almost in line with the clear light. They were evenly spaced. | N/A |
| 4 Feb 09 | 18:32 | Chesterton | Newcastle Under Lyme | A dullish orange light low in the sky. Circular in shape with no defined edge. Surface had texture of the Sun's surface but not as bright. It reduced in size as it backed away from the witness An aircraft flew in its direction whilst giving it a wide berth. | N/A |
| 5 Feb 09 | 06:30 | Cropwell Bishop | Nottinghamshire | Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them | N/A |
| 5 Feb 09 | | Portslade | Sussex | Sic red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | 20:10 | Near Edinburgh Airport | Edinburgh | White on outer edges. 7-800ft long. Moving very fast from North to South. | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | 17:30 | Mealrigg | Cumbria | A clearly defined, shiny silvery metallic cylinder with rounded ends. Estimated 50ft in length. Small protrusion on upper rear body. Object made no sound nor visible emissions. Between Mealrigg and Langrigg | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | | Rossendale | Lancashire | A blue and purple flashing light over the moors for 30 minutes | |
| 7 Feb. 09 | 22:05 | Fowey | Cornwall | Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 20:05 | N/A | N/A | Six lights, some red, some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction. It was either one big object or six single objects. All travelling in the same direction. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Between Norwich and Lenwade | Norfolk | 10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noised. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 23:10 | Basingstoke | Hampshire | A bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South east. Too large and bright to be a plane. In view for one minute then disappeared behind a cloud. Noticed no noise or tail. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | | Gorseinon | Swansea | Strange object seen when he developed photographs he had taken | N/A |
| 8 Feb 09 | 21:00 | Sutton | Surrey | 5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London. | N/A |
| 8 Feb 09 | 20:00 | Ashingdon | Essex | Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange. | N/A |
| 9 Feb 09 | | Romsley | Shropshire | A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter of light aircraft | N/A |
| 10 Feb 09 | 22:45 | Western-super-Mare | Somerset | An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived. | N/A |
| 10 Feb 09 | 21:00 | N/A | Somerset | Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froome or Wiltshire | N/A |
| 13 Feb 09 | 23:12 | Bradford-on-Avon | Wiltshire | An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house. | N/A |
| 14 Feb 09 | 20:10 | Roxwell | Essex | A bright orange object. The top was rounded like the top of a balloon and was a brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary. | N/A |
| 15 Feb 09 | 00:15 | Winwick | Warrington | Two orange lights in the sky that hovered over the old hospital site. The lights were not together but were stationary. They made no noise. They then moved off in a southerly direction. | Police Officer |
| 15 Feb 09 | | Aberford | Leeds | Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks. | N/A |

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| 15 Feb 09 | 06:30 | Bennech | Anglesey | Strange lights seen over the bay. | N/A |
| 16 Feb 09 | 19:19 | Leigh | Greater Manchester | A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air | N/A |
| 16 Feb 09 | 19:00 | Colchester | Essex | A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester. | N/A |
| 19 Feb 09 | 19:50 | Gravesend | Kent | A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter. | N/A |
| 20 Feb 09 | 21:45 | Bradford | West Yorkshire | Two strange lights behind the clouds that appeared to be playing with each other, pretending to crash into each other. Then they were joined by a third light that hovered underneath them, going back and forth. | N/A |
| 21 Feb 09 | 22:45 | Arundel | West Sussex | Five bright orange lights in the sky. One was in the lead the other four in a loose rectangular formation. Disappeared behind trees then were seen in a line with long gaps between them. Heard no engine noise. Headed south for two miles before vanishing. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Swindon | Wiltshire | 80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Bedford | Bedfordshire | A sizeable, silent, flickering orange light. Difficult to judge height and speed but much slower than any meteorite and much faster than the prevailing wind which was negligible. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | | South East London | London | An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:00 | Oxted | Surrey | Object came in trajectory into back garden. It was like the upper part of an egg, glowing bright orange like hot steel. On bottom it had something like a root structure. It looked like it was having some trouble but righted itself, and gently flew off. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 01:10 | Chepstow | Gwent | A single object the size of a large car. Silver with flames flickering from the underside. Then moved up and away | N/A |
| 23 Feb 09 | 22:52 | South East London | London | It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site. | N/A |
| 23 Feb 09 | 19:17 | New Ash Green | Kent | A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound. | N/A |
| 24 Feb 09 | 18:45 | Hartlepool | Cleveland | Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that fade and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from. | N/A |
| 25 Feb 09 | 18:30 | Oldham | Manchester | A very bright object that glows red and bright. | N/A |
| 26 Feb 09 | 19:15 | Malmesbury | Wiltshire | Two lights above the cloud with beams of light coming out from them horizontally. Dotting about like two fireflies. The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 21:00 | Lelant | Cornwall | Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 23:00 | Newquay | Cornwall | Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 18:15 | Central London | London | One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City. | N/A |
| 28 Feb 09 | 21:50 | Mary Tavy near Dartmoor | Devon | Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound | N/A |
| 28 Feb 09 | 04:30 | Portlethen | Aberdeenshire | A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 20:15 | West Bridgford | Nottingham | A swarm of about 100 flashing white lights, high in the sky moving from the NE to SE. Very quick and keeping equidistant and of equal speed. Disappeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. The swarm moved in an arc of 40 degrees in about 10 seconds. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 19:00 | Warlingham | Surrey | Three very bright orange lights in triangular formation. They were circular with no tails. Travelling at speed towards the east. Made no sound. Could not tell height. Visible for 4-5 minutes before fading away one by one. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 18:45 | Bishopsmill | Morayshire | Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly. | N/A |
| 4 Mar 09 | 22:50 | Swindon | Wiltshire | Various different lights in a star shape. | N/A |
| 5 Mar 09 | | Selby | North Yorkshire | Two sphere like objects orange/red in colour. The first object ran parallel to the witness , dropped then disappeared. The second object moved straight across the sky line then disappeared. | N/A |
| 7 Mar 09 | 05:00 | Cottingham | Humberside | An object in the sky changing colour | N/A |
| 8 Mar 09 | 01:30 | Bolton | Lancashire | A large fireball but with an oblong shape. Thought it was a crashing airliner but it stopped and hovered. It then came towards Dascar, stopped and headed in a SE direction towards Bury. It hovered in the distance for a minute before disappearing. | N/A |
| 9 Mar 09 | 23:10 | Holland on Sea | Essex | An emerald green object that was like a torchlight or a large grapefruit. It flitted up, down and around outside the landing window. The beam of light narrowed and it came back as a ball shape. It was still for 90 seconds then vanished. | N/A |
| 9 Mar 09 | 21:15 | Hayes | Middlesex | An object hovering in the sky. The object had bright lights. | N/A |
| 10 Mar 09 | 18:15 | A3 South of M25 | A3 South of M25 | A long cylinder of gold light. It looked like a very bright shooting star. Observed it for 3 seconds. | N/A |
| 10 Mar 09 | 22:10 | Spalding | Lincolnshire | Strange orange lights in the sky | N/A |

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| 10 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Barrow-in-Furness | Cumbria | The whole object was glowing like hot metal and there was no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a fighter or a satellite, from NW to SE. It looked to be flying quite low. | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:30 | Harlyn Bay | Cornwall | Five strange orange lights in formation, moving very quickly | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Bugbrooke | Northamptonshire | A big bright red ball of fire travelling at a terrific speed. | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:15 | Flitwick | Bedfordshire | Two UFOs. Orange globes that moved near together then separated and very gradually disappeared | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:40 | King's Lynn | Norfolk | Object was travelling east/southeast. An extremely bright, constant red/orange light shining down. The shape of the object was obscured by the light. It made no sound. Cannot determine speed, but was visible for two minutes. May have speeded up. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 00:35 | N/A | N/A | The shape of a rectangle. It had a dull green glow with no other lights showing. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 05:35 | Portsmouth | Hampshire | A wide pear drop shaped translucent green light with a small tail of light. Moved in NW direction. Made no noise and vanished after a few seconds. | MoD Guard Service |
| 17 Mar 09 | | Croydon | London | A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 20:30 | Heywood | Lancashire | Three orange lights, evenly spaced and moving at the same speed. Gradually disappeared after five minutes. Heading from SE to NW | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 21:02 | Bromsgrove | Worcestershire | A red fire ball travelling at extreme speed. It made no sound. Heading from Coventry to Leominster | N/A |
| 18 Mar 09 | 22:00 | Milton Keynes | Buckinghamshire | Two very bright glowing orange lights moving at very high speed. | N/A |
| 19 Mar 09 | | N/A | West Sussex | A constant light travelling West to East. Very erratic, wobbling off course then just disappeared. | N/A |
| 20 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Exton | Rutland | Large bright light seen to the east of Exton, moving south to north at high speed- at first mistaken for a planet | N/A |
| 22 Mar 09 | 19:55 | Newtimber | West Sussex | A bright diamond shaped light. Definitely not an aircraft. Faster than an aircraft. Headed east for one minute before moving upwards and disappearing. | N/A |
| 22 Mar 09 | 20:00 | Adfa | Powys | Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished. | N/A |
| 24 Mar 09 | 05:17 | Bridgend | Glamorgan | Four UFOs flying beneath two aircraft. They moved much faster than the aircraft. Greyish in colour with a dome on top and bottom. Flew over the Waterton Industrial Estate. | N/A |
| 25 Mar 09 | 20:25 | Godlming | Surrey | A very bright spherical object. Size of a full moon. Yellow/orange in colour. Object seemed wrapped in a bright glowing cloud of light. It made no noise. It moved towards Hascombe. Performed a series of erratic moves. | N/A |
| 27 Mar 09 | 16:10 | Walthamstow | London | three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects | N/A |
| 28 Mar 09 | 08:45 | Torquay | Devon | A group of very bright orange objects heading NW to SE at a consistent speed and low altitude. There was a group of 15 followed by groups of 2-3 and 3-4 over a 5 minute period. They made no noise. | N/A |
| 29 Mar 09 | 20:45 | Preston | Lancashire | Three bright lights heading in the same direction some 2 minutes apart. The 3rd light disintegrated and spilt up. | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 00:30 | Saddleworth | Lancashire | A bright orange ball of fire. It was quite high up in the sky over the house. It was changing colour and disappeared straight into the sky. | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | | Swindon | Wiltshire | A massive orange thing. Going so fast it passed a plane going towards RAF Lyneham. | N/A |
| 6 Apr 09 | | Hessel | Humberside | Very bright white light. Its trail followed it for half an hour heading towards Brough | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 23:15 | Leyland | Lancashire | Object seen for 6-7 minutes | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 10:30 | Harrogate | North Yorkshire | It was square with orange lights | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 21:02 | Abergavenny | Gwent | Two UFOs | N/A |
| 5 Apr 09 | 09:00 | Swindon | Wiltshire | Something peculiar | N/A |
| 8 Apr 09 | | Leeds | West Yorkshire | A ball of fire | N/A |
| 8 Apr 09 | 01:00 | Brighton | Sussex | Looked like a squashed balloon and had no wings. Rounder at the front and pointed at the back. It had no lights at the front but 2-3 at the back, 1 red, 1 red and flashing and 1 white/green. Witness heard the noise first which grew louder. | N/A |
| 9Apr 09 | 21:26 | N/A | Liverpool | Two parallel lights . Red or orange lights in the sky. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:35 | Ellon | Aberdeenshire | A very bright orange glow. Moved about the speed of an airliner, heading south to north | N/A |
| 11 April 09 | 21:05 | Harrow | London | A big ball of fire, like a star. It deceased in size over two minutes. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Bromley | Kent | A UFO | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:40 | Goole | Humberside | A Light. Moved past very slowly then shot off at phenomenal speed. It was round but twice it changed into a cone shape. 300-400ft up. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:20 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | Several orange lights, sae colour and brightness of street lights. Three were close together and the others were in a horizontal line | N/A |
| 12 Apr 09 | | Swindon | Wiltshire | Four glowing objects coming from southwest and then turned north. They were glowing duller and brighter, then disappeared. | N/A |
| 12 Apr 09 | 23:10 | Linlithgow | West Lothian | A UFO | N/A |
| 13 Apr 09 | | Farnborough | Hampshire | A ball of glowing red light. After 30 seconds the light dimmed slightly and then just disappeared. | N/A |

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| 13 Apr 09 | 21:30 | Derby | Derbyshire | Two orangey lights in the sky moving towards each other. Then a ball of light approached the other lights. All three were stationary for a while before disappearing into the distance. Another light then hovered where the others had been | N/A |
| 13 Apr 09 | 21:00 | Moelfre | Angelsey | Looked like a Chinese lantern | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 22:00 | Smalley | Derbyshire | A round yellow ball. It looked like it had a parachute on top, the shape of a helmet | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 22:45 | Wallington | Surrey | Nine green lights in the sky | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 21:45 | Strathspey | Highland District | A bright orange light approached at low level and then remained stationary for 10 minutes. Then it turned red. | N/A |
| 15 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Dover | Kent | Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail. | N/A |
| 18 Apr 09 | 22:22 | Brandon | Suffolk | Two yellow objects like giant sparklers heading North to South | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 10:00 | Maghull | Merseyside | A orange ball in the sky, travelling very quickly then stopped and faded away. | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 20:40 | Snodlands | Kent | An oval shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other. | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 21:23 | N/A | Liverpool | A UFO Southwest of Liverpool | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 22:03 | Pendleton | Manchester | A bright orange object moving at a steady pace | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 22:55 | Brighton | Sussex | A bright flaming object, about a quarter of the size of the moon. It was like a special effect. It was silent and went from horizon to horizon, starting in the North. | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 21:34 | Maidstone | Kent | Lights rising from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone | N/A |
| 22 Apr 09 | 15:10 | Basingstoke | Hampshire | Like a large black parachute with nothing suspended from it. It changed shape and gradually pot smaller as it went into the distance. Observed for 10-20 minutes. | N/A |
| 24 Apr 09 | 01:22 | Harrow | London | A long shaped vehicle with a red light at the front and 2 gold lights either side. Hovered above the house and then moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter. | N/A |
| 25 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Bury St Edmunds | Suffolk | A large black ball with a light underneath. Travelling South over western Bury St Edmunds at 3000ft at 200 miles an hour | Former Air Traffic Controller |
| 25 Apr 09 | 10:15 | Croydon | London | A bright red light over the house. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 00:50 | Hackney | London | Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 18:15 | Regents Park | London | A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 18:30 | Central London | London | Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | | Holmefirth/Huddersfield | West Yorkshire | A black spherical object 12m in diameter. It was 500ft up and travelling at 500 mph. It made no sound. It had a light on but switched it off when the witness shone a torch at it | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 22:05 | Grimsby | Lincolnshire | Looked like a star or satellite. Saw 3 within 20 minutes. Came from the south. Its speed increased and then slowed down. Finally headed East over the North Sea | N/A |
| 28 Apr 09 | 21:48 | South Woodham Ferrers | Essex | A sighting | N/A |
| 28 Apr 09 | | Tywyn | Gwynedd | A big bright orange light. It turned white and then disappeared very quickly. It made no noise. | N/A |
| 29 Apr 09 | 23:44 | Caterham | Surrey | A very small white light with no flashing lights or smoke trail. Headed North then did a sharp turn to the East and then was just gone pouf. | N/A |
| 29 Apr 09 | 23:10 | Nottingham | Nottinghamshire | Two orange lights flying in a parallel formation in an arc. One slowed and went behind the other then they both gradually faded away. Far too fast to be aircraft. They had no flashing lights and made no sound. | N/A |
| 30 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Sutton | Surrey | A bright green light that whizzed about the sky for an hour. It was very fast and a few planes got in its way. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:30 | Buckhurst Hill | Essex | A slow moving, silent, orangey/red light. Does not think it was a helicopter or aircraft. Flew at same height as a helicopter | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 21:36 | Chorley | Lancashire | Saw orange lights that looked like flames. They were heading South to North towards Preston. Police said it was the open rear of an aircraft undertaking parachute training. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:00 | Long Eaton | Nottinghamshire | A large bright yellow object hovering in the sky. Too bright to be an aircraft and the wrong colour. It didn't move for ages and then disappeared in the blink of an eye. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:55 | Southampton | Hampshire | Six bright white & orange lights, 2 single and 2 in 2 object formation. Lower and faster than a satellite. Witness contacted local police who had no other reports. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 22:00 | Burbage | Wiltshire | Initially one then five pitch black hot air balloon shaped objects with continual flames underneath. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 21:50 | Upper Norwood | London | Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace | N/A |

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| 3 May 09 | 15:50 | Otmoor | Oxfordshire | A shiny black flying cylinder, 20-30ft long at about 4700ft which was 200ft above the pilots aircraft. Although the pilot sighted the object, it was ATC that forwarded details to the UFO Desk | Pilot |
| 3 May 09 | 21:30 | Ammanford | Dyfed | Seven orange orbs that suddenly disappeared. They were on a North-South trajectory. Witness contacted Cardiff ATC who had nothing on radar. | Pilot |
| 3 May 09 | | Darlington | County Durham | Two bright orangey/red lights moving towards Durham/Tees Valley Airport. The objects flew steady, level and straight. | N/A |
| 4 May 09 | 00:20 | Barton near A6 | Lancashire | Nine bright orange lights moving at slow speed and at 2000ft. They made no sound. | N/A |
| 5 May 09 | 22:10 | Roade | Northampton | An orange flash and a loud bang | N/A |
| 7 May 09 | 22:25 | High Peak | Derbyshire | Three bright small lights very close together travelling in a straight line. They were flashing rapidly but made no noise and looked like they were on fire but clearly were not. Speed of 100-150mph at 1000ft. Came back 8 minutes later. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:50 | Central London | London | Twenty orange balls heading north. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:00 | Harlow | Essex | a diamond shaped orange light. If you held out your hand it would have been the size of a 20p coin. It was totally silent. The object carried on in the distance and then another one appeared and followed the same path | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 17:55 | St Helens | Merseyside | A UFO over the witnesses house. It was at 30,000ft and he has seen it before. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:10 | Northwich | Cheshire | Four big lights in a line formation. Two dropped down and the other two moved off quickly into the distance | N/A |
| 11 May 09 | | Tomintoul | Banffshire | Like a star, but jumping all over the sky. It was 70 degrees above the horizon. It was a blue/white colour and occasionally red and left a light trail. | N/A |
| 11 May 09 | 21:38 | Southampton | Hampshire | A very bright light. It made no sound but was very low. | N/A |
| 14 May 09 | 22:00 | Nenthead | Cumbria | A bright orange light. Too bright for a Chinese lantern. The light looked electrical not a flame. Travelled in a straight line at a steady speed. Travelled East to West with the wind. Made no noise. It was about the size of a quarter moon. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | | Brandon | Suffolk | Four flaming balloons that disappeared over the horizon fairly quickly. Was not very high. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 21:50 | Petts Wood | Kent | 8-10 bright red lights. They were hovering. They moved independently into the distance and disappeared when a light aircraft appeared. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 00:20 | Bedford | Bedfordshire | A strange blue light near the Cardington Hangers. Flew straight past the witness. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 22:00 | Deeside | Flintshire | Seven bright orange lights in the sky. Silent. Travelling towards the Wirral. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 22:15 | Long Eaton | Nottingham | An ellipse shaped object the size of a commercial plane. It was on fire. It glowed bright orange. It moved South East to North and then returned and hovered for at least a minute. Moved further away at supersonic speed. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 21:30 | Bexhill-on-Sea | East Sussex | A series of orange balls of fire. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 10:00 | Redruth | Cornwall | A big bright light. Came from west Cornwall towards Plymouth. | N/A |
| 21 May 09 | | N/A | N/A | A very bright blue light flew behind the house. | N/A |
| 21 May 09 | 23:40 | King's Lynn | Norfolk | Very strange circular objects without definite shape. They stayed around for about 5 minutes. They were 8-9 of them. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:00 | Penzance | Cornwall | Ten orange lights in a line with intermittent gaps. They made no sound and flew at helicopter height. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 23:00 | Winsford | Cheshire | An orange light travelling from the south. It was followed by 2 more orange lights on the same path, then 5 more and then 2 more. They made no noise but were at the height of a helicopter. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:10 | Dudley | West Midlands | A big bright light. Thought it was a helicopter at first. Within seconds followed by 3 others and then a further 3. Flew low but made no sound. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:10 | Bodium | East Sussex | A strange sighting | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 23:00 | Hove | East Sussex | A very big red light moving slowly. It then faded away. | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 00:00 | Llandaff City | Cardiff | Seven bright red lights | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 13:42 | Wakefield | West Yorkshire | A white object with a silver beam coming from it, over Pugneys Country Park. It looked square but changed shape as it moved about. Witness saw it through binoculars. An aircraft flew very close to it. | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 22:15 | Solihull | West Midlands | Three objects like fireballs falling to earth. They were glowing and orange. There was 1 large object and 2 smaller ones which converged together and rose into the atmosphere until they faded away. | N/A |
| 25 May 09 | 23:00 | Bracknell | Berkshire | A UFO. It was a "glowing ball of something or other". Definitely not a plane. | N/A |
| 25 May 09 | 12:00 | Swansea | West Glamorgan | Three small yellow orbs travelling quite slow | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 22:30 | Tunstall to Butley Road | Suffolk | Two clusters of bright lights. They were stationary for a while then the first group of 15 headed towards Woodbridge followed by the second cluster of 6-7 lights. They were very high up. They made no sound. | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 23:30 | Ballynahinch | County Down | Three distinct sets of green, orange and white lights. Don't match any constellation and are in the wrong place. Static to the eye but with binoculars are moving at speed and at random | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | | Spilsby | Lincolnshire | A sighting | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 02:47 | Folkestone | Kent | A bright circular amber light, the size of a 2p coin. It was moving very slowly in a straight line but once it flew over the witnesses house it accelerated away very very quickly into the distance. It made no noise and left no vapour trail. | N/A |
| 31 May 09 | 00:30 | Chapel-en-le-Frith | Derbyshire | Was watching shooting stars when the witness saw two bright luminous orange objects like birds or swans. Does not think they were birds as they moved too fast. | N/A |
| 2 Jun 09 | 22:50 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | A sighting | N/A |
| 6 Jun 09 | | Lewes | East Sussex | Eleven bright star like objects heading North East | N/A |

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| 7 Jun 09 | 00:15 | Ripon | North Yorkshire | Bright orange lights. A single light followed by a group of three and then another single light. On a North East to South West track. | Air Traffic Controller |
| 9 Jun 09 | | Bradford | West Yorkshire | Different coloured pulsating lights. Police checked with Air Traffic Control who said they had nothing. Police suspect Chinese lanterns. | N/A |
| 12 Jun 09 | 23:10 | Shoreham | Kent | Initially 2 UFOs increasing to 6. Bright orange. Last 4 were bigger and brighter than the first 2. | N/A |
| 13 Jun 09 | | Porthcawl | Mid Glamorgan | A very bright orange circular shape. Got smaller as it moved away. Moving South West to South | N/A |
| 14 Jun 09 | 19:30 | Wroughton | Wiltshire | Black disc shaped objects hovering over crop circles near Barbury Castle. They cast shadows on the ground. | N/A |
| 14 Jun 09 | | Cardiff | Cardiff | A UFO | N/A |
| 18 Jun 09 | 23:20 | Stevenage | Hertfordshire | Two huge lights chasing each other like cat and mouse. It was broken cloud and the lights would never leave the clouds, just go to the edge. It looked like a strong light was coming from above the clouds. They both shot of to the North. | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 23:30 | Angmering | West Sussex | Ten orange lights moving at a sedate pace West to East. Went from horizon to horizon in two minutes | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 22:45 | N/A | Norfolk | 11-12 objects in the sky. Witness thinks they may be Chinese lanterns. | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | | Angmering | West Sussex | A large orange glowing ball in the sky. It was stationary and not very high up | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | | Abingdon | Oxfordshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 22:00 | Chelmesford | Essex | Two objects the size of light aircraft but perfectly spherical and glowing bright orange. They were solid and made no sound. They headed NW to SE. | N/A |
| 21 Jun 09 | 21:45 | N/A | On the A3 | 50-100 objects moving together in the same direction. They were helicopter sized but made no noise. | N/A |
| 23 Jun 09 | 19:06 | Hull | Humberside | A light at about 1000ft. It split in two and flew away. | N/A |
| 23 Jun 09 | 19:09 | Rotherham | South Yorkshire | A circular object, metallic in colour. It was following a plane. It shot downwards several times and then back up again to the same level as the plane | N/A |
| 24 Jun 09 | 22:05 | Swansea Bay | West Glamorgan | A bright circle of fire travelling South Westerly. It was only a few hundred feet up moving silently across the sky at 30mph and then after 4 minutes, vanished | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 16:22 | Milnathort | Fife | Witness was watching two helicopters (one a Chinook) coming from the Edinburgh area when she saw an orb shaped object through her binoculars glistening in the sun. The orb was quite high above the helicopters | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 23:00 | Bridport | Dorset | Three orange lights south of Bridport coming from the East. They were the size of a two thirds moon. Moved away to the West rapidly diminishing | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 01:00 | Minehead | Somerset | Looked like a highly lit aeroplane with wings. It was heading NNW to SSE. It was visible for 20 seconds then changed direction quickly and dropped out of the sky or disappeared. | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:35 | Morton-in-Marsh | Gloucestershire | Six round brilliant objects in pairs, apart from the last 2 which were in line. Travelling South to East | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:25 | Rotherham | South Yorkshire | Object approached from the direction of Doncaster. It was a bright orange ball in the sky. It kept a level flight path then stopped. It then zigzagged a few times before shooting off at tremendous speed, vanishing in a few seconds. | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:45 | Welwyn Garden City | Hertfordshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:20 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | Twelve bright lights in the sky. Moving slowly. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 23:59 | Pulborough | West Sussex | Up to 20 orange and red glowing lights. They appeared to be in formation and under some form of control. They came from the Eastern horizon. They moved upwards, were then stationary, moved side to side and then disappeared upwards. Seen for 20 minutes. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 22:30 | Looe | Cornwall | Two orange balls of light travelling North in parallel to each other. Then a further ball of light was seen, heading North. The lights made no noise. They faded and then disappeared. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 22:45 | Redruth | Cornwall | Two brown objects like balls of fire. Appeared to be in convoy heading towards Portreath | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 00:05 | Bow | London | Nine objects like golden globes. They hovered for a bit and were joined by 3 others before shooting off. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 23:20 | Stafford | Staffordshire | Four UFOs flying North. They were silent. A plane was flying in the opposite direction. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | | Hope Valley | Derbyshire | Red objects moving slowly. They were not high and were silent. Might have been going over Bakewell. | N/A |
| 30 Jun 09 | 02:41 | Hayes | Middlesex | A roundish glowing shape. Flying at a steady speed with no noise. It was a clear night. Filmed it but the camera died. | N/A |
| 1 Jul 09 | 18:45 | Swansea | West Glamorgan | Seemed like a rather large disc or round in appearance. It was dark in colour but bounced sunlight off its surface. It was floating or bobbing up and down. Other aircraft were at the same altitude and could be heard. The object made no noise. Weather very | N/A |
| 2 Jul 09 | 22:20 | Blackwood | Gwent | A bright orange light seen through the tree line. It turned and cleared the tree line. The other side of the object appeared to be a large rectangle shape of fire red/orange. It was silent. The object slowly climbed in the direction of Gloucester. | Ex test engineer for Hawker Siddley |
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## ESTIMATE COST ANALYSIS

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| **Task (What you are permitted to take into account)** | **Hours** | **Cost** |
| How long to determine if we hold information | 0 | 0 |
| How long to retrieve the information or documents | 0 | 0 |
| How long to extract and edit/redact the information | 98 | £2,450 |
| **Total estimate** | 98 | £2,450 |

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Air Command has 7 UFO sighting reports covering the period 1993-96 inclusive which constitutes the balance of the information requested

Calculation

2 days to prepare file

2 days = 14 hours

14 x 7 files = 98 hrs

98 hrs @£25

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These figures exlude DIS files.

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
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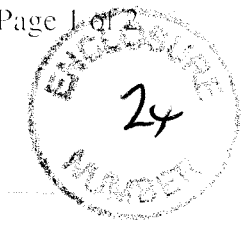
thankyou for your time in reading this.

Section 40 [redacted]




**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 27 July 2009 11:11

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090727-FOI Response Section 40 Flares in kent 09-07-2009-102814-002-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 29 June 2009 asking for details of any flares launched by military establishments in Kent, specifically on 9 and 21 June 2009. Additionally you asked for details of military exercises that could account for several bright lights seen in the Brenzett area on the nights in question. I have also received your e mail of 24 July in which you express your dissatisfaction with the fact you had not received a response to your request of 29 June. Whilst under the provisions of the FOI Act we are required to respond within 20 working days of receipt of a request for information, as we have in this case, we always try to respond as quickly as we can. However, it is inevitable that some requests take longer than others for very good reasons. In order to respond to your specific enquiry, we needed to contact a number of areas within MOD to obtain the requested information, as you will appreciate, this takes time. Consequently, the need for these enquiries meant that the time taken to respond to you took longer than it otherwise would have done but I hope the information provided is still helpful.

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

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

On the nights of both 9 and 21 June 2009 the Army carried out night exercises at the Lydd ranges which are some 3.5 miles away from Brenzett. Over 100 flares were fired on each night as part of the exercises. The flares used were parachute flares, which launch to a height of about 500ft. It is therefore possible that this may account for the lights seen. The nearest other military establishments in Kent are in the Chatham area, some 50 miles away.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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**From:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 24 July 2009 22:29
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk (MULTIUSER)
**Subject:** Sighting in Kent

Dear Sir/ Madam

The below e-mail was sent on the 29th of June, 2009 and i have still received no reponse. I thus intend to lodge an official complaint, with the MOD and i have further contacted my MP who also intends to raise the matter.

Yours Faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

>
> On the evening of June 9th 2009 at approximately 9.35pm, a resident of
> Kent (brenzett) witnessed and was successful in video-recording
> several bright "anomalous lights"
> (in the sky). The lights appeared again over the next three subsequent
> evenings.
>
> The individual also witnessed and video-recorded the phenomena on the
> evening of June 21st. The video footage shows in excess of ten bright
> lights ( generally descending and moving to the left).
>
> Although a prosaic explanation for these sightings seems probable, at
> present it has been difficult to identify the exact stimulus of such.
> Thus I request any information regarding flares launched by any
> military establishment in Kent on the dates specified ( specifically
> the 9th and 21st of June). Further information on any military
> exercise(s) in the vicinity that could account for the sighting would
> also be appreciated.
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> Any other suggestions that may account for the sightings would also be
> welcome.
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>
> It should be noted that the video footage has now been distributed via
> the internet and it is possible that the MOD will receive additional
> requests for information by the press and other agencies relating to
> these sightings.
>
> (If one wishes to view the footage the witness has uploaded it onto
> youtube and it can be accessed by searching "clb121983").
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>
> Yours Faithfully
> Section 40 [redacted]

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 22 July 2009 15:30
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** RE: FOI REQUEST

Section 40

Further to my earlier mail, investigations reveal the following:

09 June Lydd Ranges. In excess of 100 flares fired by 3 Rifles during night exercises. 21 June. In excess of 100 flares by the Household Cav Regt. Flares used were 1.5" Schermuley Parachute Flares that launch to an approx height of 500ft, depending on angle of launch. Wind direction for both dates was East to West with nil low cloud, it is therefore possible that these flares were seen from Brenzett which is 3.5 miles away to the NW from the Lydd Complex. Details can be confirmed from Maj Section 40 Range Officer at Lydd. He can be contacted on Section 40

Hope this helps.

Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40 [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13@mod.uk]
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 13:43
**To:** DTE Landmarc SE - SO3 G1/G2 Section 40 (Retd))
**Subject:** FOI REQUEST

Section 40

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Whilst I appreciate it is a nuisance, could I ask you to go to the relevant establishments (by which I assume the individual means bases) to see if they are aware of any flares being fired off on the dates in question. I would be looking for a response by c.o.p. Thursday 23rd if possible.

Happy to discuss further.

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 20:01
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** RE: FOI REQUEST

Section 40 no problem.

What I need however is an idea of the sort of distance we are talking about. The further locations are based in the Chatham area which is about 50 miles away. Are we therefore still interested in this? The local training areas range from 4 to 17 miles from Brenzett. Again what sort of distance? In essence how far does this chap think he can see!

Best

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** Section 40

**From:** STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint Section 40 Sqn Ldr)
**Sent:** 16 July 2009 12:33
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Subject:** 20090716 FOI Request 09-07-2009-102814-002 Section 40 UFO Activity - Exercises-U
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up
**Flag Status:** Red

Section 40 there are 2 ranges in Kent, Hythe and Lydd, where Flares are used on a regular basis. In Kent, the RAF would not use flares anywhere other than these two ranges. I have confirmed with the RAF Regt that they did not use the ranges over the time period in question. I am therefore confident that the RAF was not responsible for illusion of UFOs over Kent over the stated period. You will need to contact JHC and LAND to see if they may have released flares over the period of concern.

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1 Gp ac did not dispense flares in the Kent area. ✓

Flares may be dispensed over sea, within and outside of Air Weapons Ranges (AWRs). 1 Gp ac are not cleared to dispense flares overland, although within RAF Spadeadam AWR and under certain conditions it is possible to do so.

Suggest you also consult 2 Gp.

Regards

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Sent:** 16 July 2009 09:48
**To:** STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint Section 40
**Subject:** 20090716 FOI Request 09-07-2009-102814-002 Section 40 UFO Activity - Exercises-U

Dear Sqn Ldr Section 40

We have received FOI request concerning UFO activity in Kent. However, a supplementary question has been asked as to whether the sighting could be attributed to any military exercises or flares that may have been launched within the Kent area, on the 9, 10, 11, 12 and 21 June 09. Unfortunately the area in Kent has not been specified. Therefore, I would be grateful if you are able to confirm whether there was any military activity or flares launched on the above mentioned dates. A response by COP 20 Jul 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40

**Sent:** 15 July 2009 11:43

**To:** LF-Sec-Wilton (Mailbox) (MULTIUSER)

**Subject:** Release-authorised: FOI Request 09-07-2009-102814-002 Section 40 Activity - Exercises-U

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Dear Land,

We have received FOI request concerning UFO activity in Kent. However, a supplementary question has been asked as to whether the sighting could be attributed to any military exercises or flares that may have been launched within the Kent area, on the 9, 10, 11, 12 and 21 June 09. Unfortunately the area in Kent has not been specified. Therefore, I would be grateful if you are able to confirm whether there was any military activity or flares launched on the above mentioned dates. A response by COP 20 Jul 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

EXL 24 Jul 09

**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 29 June 2009 11:26
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk (MULTIUSER)
**Subject:** sighting in Kent

Dear Sir/ Madam

On the evening of June 9th 2009 at approximately 9.35pm, a resident of Kent (brenzett) witnessed and was successful in video-recording several bright "anomalous lights" (in the sky). The lights appeared again over the next three subsequent evenings.

The individual also witnessed and video-recorded the phenomena on the evening of June 21st. The video footage shows in excess of ten bright lights ( generally descending and moving to the left).

Although a prosaic explanation for these sightings seems probable, at present it has been difficult to identify the exact stimulus of such. Thus I request any information regarding flares launched by any military establishment in Kent on the dates specified ( specifically the 9th and 21st of June). Further information on any military exercise(s) in the vicinity that could account for the sighting would also be appreciated.

Any other suggestions that may account for the sightings would also be welcome.

It should be noted that the video footage has now been distributed via the internet and it is possible that the MOD will receive additional requests for information by the press and other agencies relating to these sightings.

(If one wishes to view the footage the witness has uploaded it onto youtube and it can be accessed by searching "clb121983").

Yours Faithfully
Section 40

9, 10, 11, 12 29/6
& 21 June Section 40

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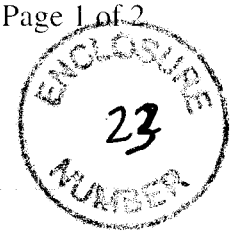
Flying Exercises:




**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 24 July 2009 08:39

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090724-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Sighting Scarborough09-07-2009-112137-002-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 July 2009 concerning your sighting of a UFO near Newby, Scarborough in North Yorkshire.

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

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

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

However, I have checked with the appropriate agencies and I can confirm that we have no record of any military flying activity at or around the area you reported your sighting.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 04 July 2009 19:20
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1

09-07-2009-112137-002
Exp 31-7-09

**Attachments:** ufo 1.jpg; ufo 3.jpg; ufo4.jpg

ufo 1.jpg (296 KB)

ufo 3.jpg (118 KB)

ufo4.jpg (51 KB)

Hi

I saw a ufo, at 12 midnight on friday 3rd July 2009. I tried to photograph it, and i have made two small films that i can't attached because of size. It changed from three colours, red, green, and yellow. It appeared to change shape alot and moved around rapidly in what i would describe as a small amount of air space. It was seen roughly 2 miles west of my house at Section 40 scarborough in North Yorkshire. If you could provide me with any information on wheather anyone from the MOD were testing anything in that area i would appreciate it.

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Flying Area 11

Section 40 confirms nothing booked in.

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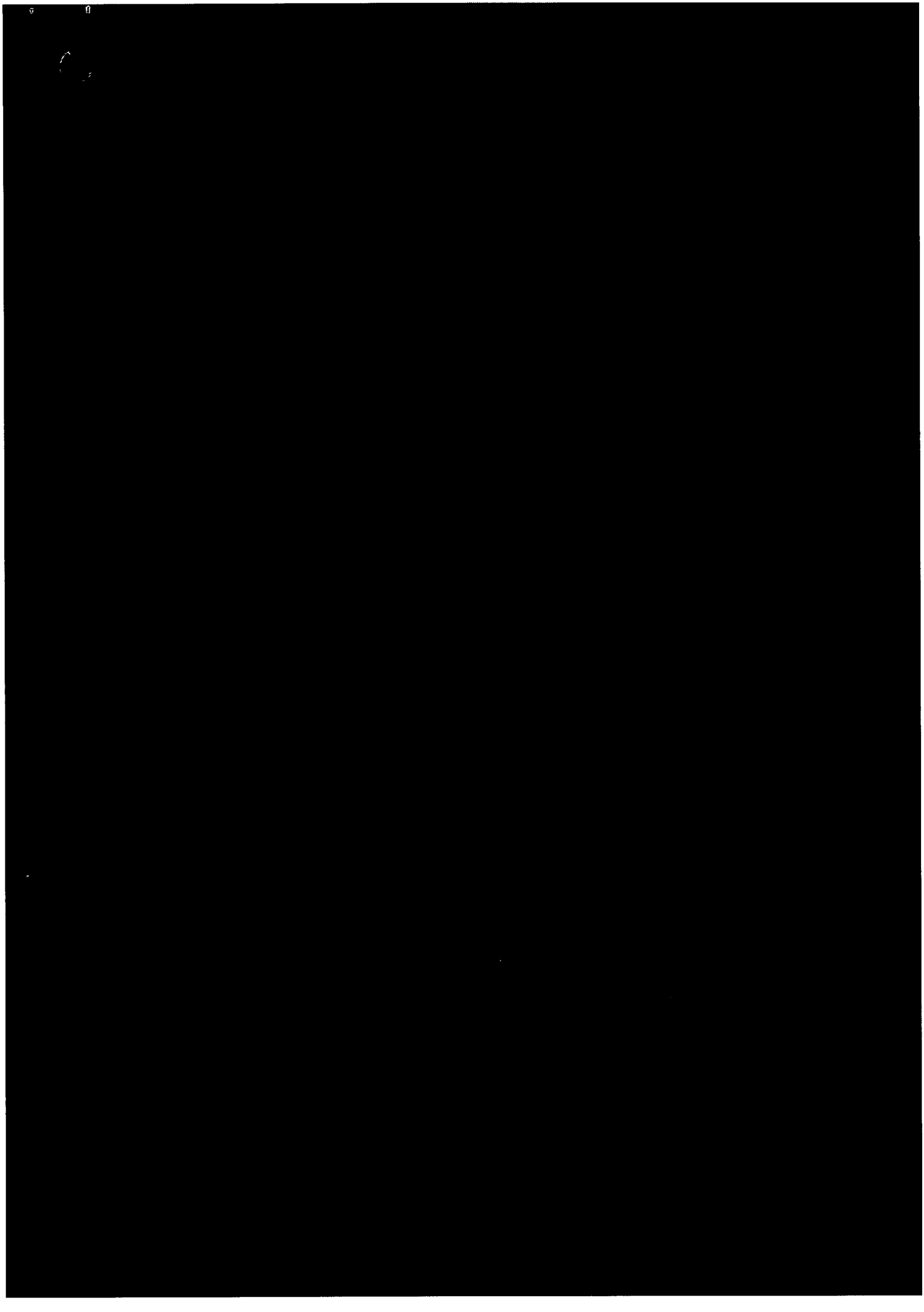

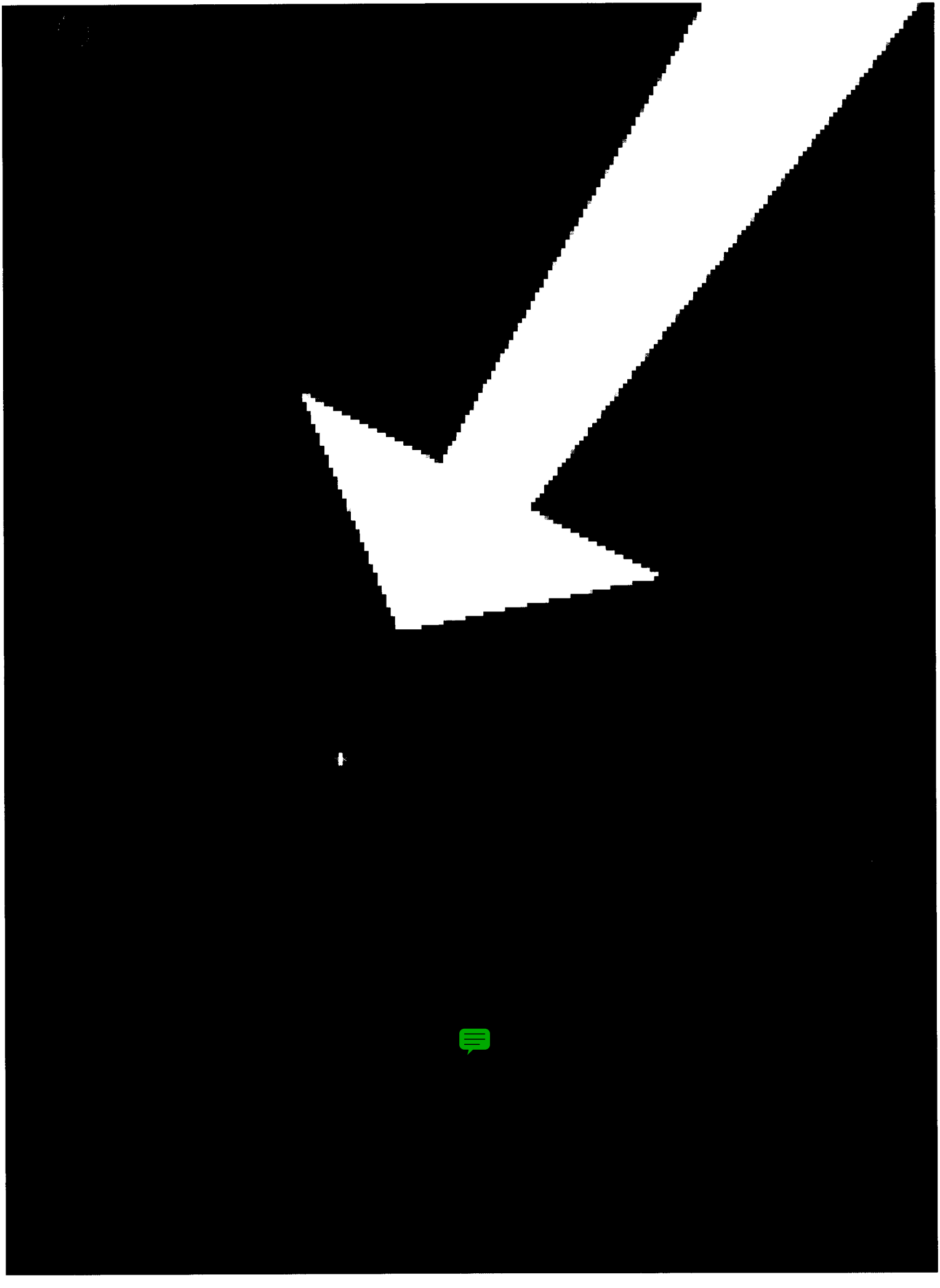

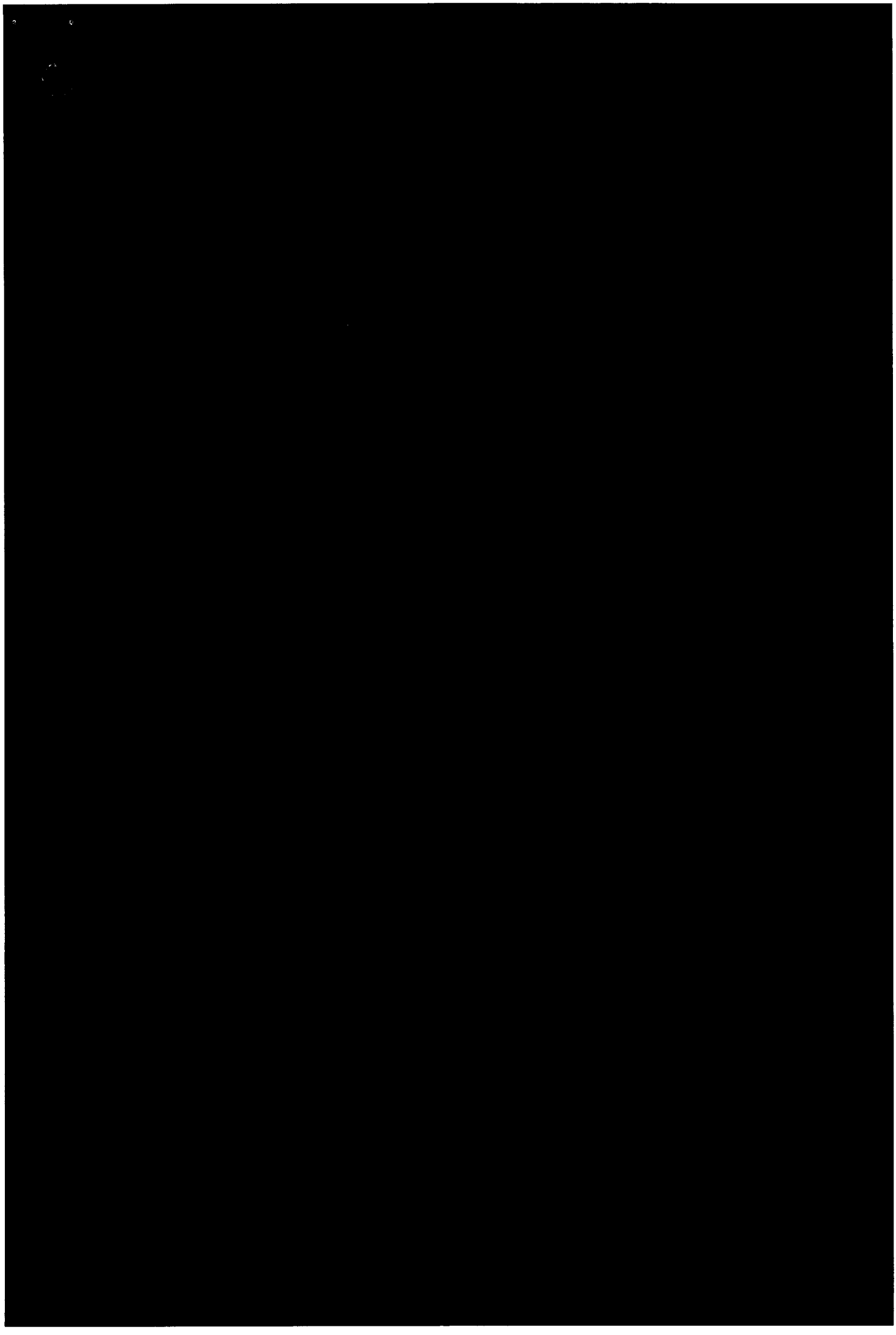

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** Section 40

**From:** Section 40 @mod.uk]
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 11:21
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Subject:** RE: Release-authorised:20090713 UFO Sighting-u

Section 40

Just to confirm, there were no aircraft booked to operate in the low flying system on 3 July.

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 10:09
**To:** DAS-LF1
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised:20090713 UFO Sighting-u

Hi Section 40

Following my senior moment of last week! The e-mail I sent to you or thought I did. I know you are busy with a PQ but if I cold have a response by COP 23 Jul 2009 that would be great.

Many thanks

Regards

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Sent:** 13 July 2009 15:03
**To:** DAS-LAOpsPol1a
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised:20090713 UFO Sighting-u

Dear Section 40

Further to my telecom this afternoon. We have received a UFO report from a member of the public and he has also asked us to check if there was any flying activity within the area. Please would you check to see if anything was booked into the flying system at midnight on 3 Jul 09, 2 miles west of Section 40 arborough, North Yorkshire. A response by the 20 Jul 09 would be appreciated.

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## INCIDENT 163/09 (UFO SIGHTING) -- FURTHER RADAR WORK

There was a Local / Zulu error with the first observations.
They were done from 2345 to 0015 Zulu, which is actually 0045 to 0115 Local.

I have now done further observations, also using Claxby and Clee Hill radars.
These were done from 2245 to 2315 Zulu, which is 2345 to 0015 Local.
Though again, nothing was seen on radar at or around the reported location.

Additionally, to prove what can be seen in that particular area, I carried out observations from 0900 to 0930 Zulu, which is 1000 to 1030 Local.
A variety of tracks were seen on radar around the reported location, with their heights ranging between 900ft and 36000ft.

If there was something there and it did not show on radar, there could be 2 reasons why.

1. The item was very low and was underneath the radar coverage of that area…did the individual reporting it state a height?

2. The shape of the item and its construction material could mean that it does not provide a good radar signature (in a similar way to military stealth aircraft).

***Note:***
You have probably considered this already.
The time of the report was midnight local on 03 Jul…entering into 04 Jul.
Could it have been fireworks etc being used by Americans working/living at the Fylingdales complex.

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Warrant Officer
Duty RACO

16 Jul 09

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** Section 40

**From:** RAC.Mil [RAC.Mil@nats.co.uk]
**Sent:** 14 July 2009 08:21
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Subject:** RE: UFO Sighting-U
**Attachments:** 20090714 Inc16309 Synopsis.doc

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Please find the attached synopsis, unfortunately there was nothing to be seen on radar to confirm the sighting.
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LATCC (Mil)
Swanwick

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40 [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10@mod.uk]
**Sent:** 13 July 2009 14:24
**To:** RAC.Mil
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd3 Section 40 ; Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** UFO Sighting-U

Dear RAC,

Further to my telecon with you today I understand that you may be able to help with a UFO sighting that has been reported to Air Command by a member of the public. Unfortunately, the requestor has only provided an approximate location, which is as follows: 2 miles west of Section 40 arborough, North Yorkshire at midnight on Friday 3 July 2009. If you are able to confirm whether there was air activity at this time I would be grateful.

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I would appreciate a response by COP 20 Jul 2009.

Thanking you in advance for your help and advice.

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# SYNOPSIS OF REQUESTED RADAR REPLAY

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CD No(s) ***Not produced***

***Incident 163/09*** DTG ***032359Z Jul 09 – Friday***

Position ***2 nm West of Newby (N5418.0 W000 26.5)***

Aircraft Type – ***N/K*** Callsign – ***N/K*** SSR Code N/K Mode C? ***N/K***

Radar Heads ***Great Dun Fell & Claxby***

Recording starts ***N/A*** Recording ends ***N/A***

Orientation ***N/A***

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Synopsis of Events Based on Radar Replay: ***Great Dun Fell radars***

I looked at each of the above stated radars from 032345Z to 040015Z Jul 09.

No aircraft was seen on any of the observations, within 15nms of the reported location.

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Comments by RACO:

CD contents as follows:
As no aircraft was seen on the 2 observations, a CD was not produced.

This area has pretty good radar coverage and so we would expect to see any aircraft down to fairly low levels.

Please note that it is not always possible to complete requests by given dates as we deal with tasks in the received order. The only exceptions to this are the high priority tasks that we get from the security services.

*[Signed Electronically]*

14-Jul-09

[redacted]
Warrant Officer
Duty RACO

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Section 40
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Our Ref:
13-07-2009-152625-002

21 July 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 6 July 2009 asking whether there had been any reports of UFOs for the Alton Barnes area in Wiltshire on 26 June 2009. additionally, you asked if any helicopters were airborne in the area on that date.

We have no record of any UFO sighting in the area for 26 June 2009.

If you can provide me with a rough time of day for the incident, I can check to see if we have a record of any helicopters operating in the UK Low Flying System.

I hope this is helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

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06/07/09

Dear Section 40

I have been contacted recently by a number of people who witnessed a UFO being chased by what they believed were Gazelle helicopters over the Golden Ball Hill area near Alton Barnes, Wiltshire. Could you confirm whether any sightings have been made and whether any helicopters were airborne in this area during the 26th June this year.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

received Friday 10 Jul 09
13-07-2009-152625-002 - due 10/7 Aug 09

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 09:42
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Subject:** FW: 20090713 FOI 09-07-2009-144456-053 UFO Sightings1998/1999-u

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The response I sent on your behalf.

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 July 2009 asking for all Northern Ireland UFO sightings in 1998/1999.

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

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

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". For the current year until the 30 June, the MoD has recorded 240 reports relating to 2009, a further 8 relating to 2008 which were not received in time to appear on the website and 1 for 2007. Details of sightings for 2009 will be placed on the MoD website in early 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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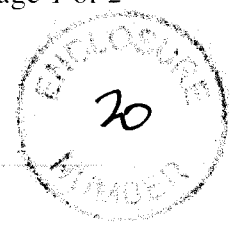


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I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of extra-terrestrial life. We therefore have no plans relating to contact with aliens. I am not aware of any meetings being held where this matter was discussed.

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| 7 Jun 09 | 00:15 | Ripon | North Yorkshire | Bright orange lights. A single light followed by a group of three and then another single light. On a North East to South West track. | Air Traffic Controller |
| 9 Jun 09 | | Bradford | West Yorkshire | Different coloured pulsating lights. Police checked with Air Traffic Control who said they had nothing. Police suspect Chinese lanterns. | N/A |
| 12 Jun 09 | 23:10 | Shoreham | Kent | Initially 2 UFOs increasing to 6. Bright orange. Last 4 were bigger and brighter than the first 2. | N/A |
| 13 Jun 09 | | Porthcawl | Mid Glamorgan | A very bright orange circular shape. Got smaller as it moved away. Moving South West to South | N/A |
| 14 Jun 09 | 19:30 | Wroughton | Wiltshire | Black disc shaped objects hovering over crop circles near Barbury Castle. They cast shadows on the ground. | N/A |
| 14 Jun 09 | | Cardiff | Cardiff | A UFO | N/A |
| 18 Jun 09 | 23:20 | Stevenage | Hertfordshire | Two huge lights chasing each other like cat and mouse. It was broken cloud and the lights would never leave the clouds, just go to the edge. It looked like a strong light was coming from above the clouds. They both shot of to the North. | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 23:30 | Angmering | West Sussex | Ten orange lights moving at a sedate pace West to East. Went from horizon to horizon in two minutes | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 22:45 | N/A | Norfolk | 11-12 objects in the sky. Witness thinks they may be Chinese lanterns. | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | | Angmering | West Sussex | A large orange glowing ball in the sky. It was stationary and not very high up | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | | Abingdon | Oxfordshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 20 Jun 09 | 22:00 | Chelmesford | Essex | Two objects the size of light aircraft but perfectly spherical and glowing bright orange. They were solid and made no sound. They headed NW to SE. | N/A |
| 21 Jun 09 | 21:45 | N/A | On the A3 | 50-100 objects moving together in the same direction. They were helicopter sized but made no noise. | N/A |
| 23 Jun 09 | 19:06 | Hull | Humberside | A light at about 1000ft. It split in two and flew away. | N/A |
| 23 Jun 09 | 19:09 | Rotherham | South Yorkshire | A circular object, metallic in colour. It was following a plane. It shot downwards several times and then back up again to the same level as the plane | N/A |
| 24 Jun 09 | 22:05 | Swansea Bay | West Glamorgan | A bright circle of fire travelling South Westerly. It was only a few hundred feet up moving silently across the sky at 30mph and then after 4 minutes, vanished | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 16:22 | Milnathort | Fife | Witness was watching two helicopters (one a Chinook) coming from the Edinburgh area when she saw an orb shaped object through her binoculars glistening in the sun. The orb was quite high above the helicopters | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 23:00 | Bridport | Dorset | Three orange lights south of Bridport coming from the East. They were the size of a two thirds moon. Moved away to the West rapidly diminishing | N/A |
| 25 Jun 09 | 01:00 | Minehead | Somerset | Looked like a highly lit aeroplane with wings. It was heading NNW to SSE. It was visible for 20 seconds then changed direction quickly and dropped out of the sky or disappeared. | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:35 | Morton-in-Marsh | Gloucestershire | Six round brilliant objects in pairs, apart from the last 2 which were in line. Travelling South to East | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:25 | Rotherham | South Yorkshire | Object approached from the direction of Doncaster. It was a bright orange ball in the sky. It kept a level flight path then stopped. It then zigzagged a few times before shooting off at tremendous speed, vanishing in a few seconds. | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:45 | Welwyn Garden City | Hertfordshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 26 Jun 09 | 22:20 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | Twelve bright lights in the sky. Moving slowly. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 23:59 | Pulborough | West Sussex | Up to 20 orange and red glowing lights. They appeared to be in formation and under some form of control. They came from the Eastern horizon. They moved upwards, were then stationary, moved side to side and then disappeared upwards. Seen for 20 minutes. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 22:30 | Looe | Cornwall | Two orange balls of light travelling North in parallel to each other. Then a further ball of light was seen, heading North. The lights made no noise. They faded and then disappeared. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 22:45 | Redruth | Cornwall | Two brown objects like balls of fire. Appeared to be in convoy heading towards Portreath | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 00:05 | Bow | London | Nine objects like golden globes. They hovered for a bit and were joined by 3 others before shooting off. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | 23:20 | Stafford | Staffordshire | Four UFOs flying North. They were silent. A plane was flying in the opposite direction. | N/A |
| 27 Jun 09 | | Hope Valley | Derbyshire | Red objects moving slowly. They were not high and were silent. Might have been going over Bakewell. | N/A |
| 30 Jun 09 | 02:41 | Hayes | Middlesex | A roundish glowing shape. Flying at a steady speed with no noise. It was a clear night. Filmed it but the camera died. | N/A |
| 1 Jul 09 | 18:45 | Swansea | West Glamorgan | Seemed like a rather large disc or round in appearance. It was dark in colour but bounced sunlight off its surface. It was floating or bobbing up and down. Other aircraft were at the same altitude and could be heard. The object made no noise. Weather very | N/A |
| 2 Jul 09 | 22:20 | Blackwood | Gwent | A bright orange light seen through the tree line. It turned and cleared the tree line. The other side of the object appeared to be a large rectangle shape of fire red/orange. It was silent. The object slowly climbed in the direction of Gloucester. | Ex test engineer for Hawker Siddley |
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| DATE OF SIGHTING | TIME OF SIGHTING | TOWN OF SIGHTING | AREA OF SIGHTING | DESCRIPTION | OCCUPATION OF WITNESS |
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| 31 Dec 07 | | N/A | M26 Southbound | A square of 4 white lights rotating one way and then the other, simultaneously changing size like a circle in a circle. Travelled with us for 10 minutes | N/A |
| 9 Jul 08 | | Outon | County Durham | Four or five blue flashing lights, one after the other. One flew between two houses across the road. Then a blue object two ft long with flashing lights slowly flew into the garden opposite | N/A |
| 11 Jul 08 | 14:35 | Ellesmere | Shropshire | Eleven planes. They were square, with long box shaped fuselage, open at the rear with narrow swept back wings | N/A |
| 1 Sep 08 | 11:05 | N/A | M23/M25 | A flash and a bright light which stopped. An oval object accelerated at colossal speed | N/A |
| 17 Oct 08 | 13:30 | Harlow | Essex | An object seen whilst photographing the clouds | N/A |
| 29 Nov 08 | 18:01 | Southgate | London | A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky. | N/A |
| Nov 08 | | Herne Bay | Kent | UFO Report | N/A |
| Early December 08 | | Carlisle | Cumbria | A disk with a hull and two square engines. It made a purring sound. | N/A |
| 24 Dec 08 | 17:45 | Derby | Derbyshire | A beaming sunburst ball that soared low over houses. The object slowed down then hovered in the sky. It stopped still, then shrank in size and sped off | N/A |
| 27 Dec 08 | 20:22 | Exmouth | Devon | A bright orange light that travelled erratically across the sky. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Sawtry | Cambridgeshire | A UFO | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | N/A | North Yorkshire | Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Carterton | Oxfordshire | A very bright constant red light. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| Jan 09 | | Warwick | Warwickshire | An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| Jan 09 | 01:30 | N/A | N/A | Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09) | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Porthcawl | Mid Glamorgan | Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Halifax | West Yorkshire | A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Colington | Edinburgh | Lights in the sky. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | Llundudno | Clwyd | A bright orange light. | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Chippenham | Wiltshire | A UFO | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | 00:10 | Blairgowrie | Perthshire | Four bright orange lights in a group. | N/A |
| Jan 09 | | St Albans | Hertfordshire | Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Melton Mowbray | Leicestershire | 2 round, bright, orange lights/objects. Hovered and glided soundlessly. One flashed and disappeared a minute later. Same happened to 2nd one. | N/A |
| 1 Jan 09 | | Streatham Hill | London | Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky | N/A |
| 2 Jan 09 | 17:00 | Nuneaton | Warwickshire | 5 yellow/orange objects in formation. Moving east to west. Slow but straight flight. | N/A |
| 3-4 Jan 09 | | Sandbach | Cheshire | A UFO. An orange/yellow light | N/A |
| 4 Jan 09 | | Haslingdale/Rossendale | Lancashire | 4 or more moving bright solid orange lights. Followed by a further 8 identical objects. Rose vertically over the side on the valley. Made no sound. | N/A |
| 5 Jan 09 | 19:00 | Malvern | Worcestershire | A V shaped formation similar to how birds fly of 7 lights. Moved rapidly across the sky rotated slightly then the lights split up and vanished. Lights were size and brightness of stars. No noise and no visible trails in sky. | N/A |
| 6 Jan 09 | 21:00 | Northampton | Northamptonshire | Strange lights. Eleven in total. | N/A |
| 6 Jan 09 | | Cardigan | Cardiganshire | Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified. | N/A |
| 8 Jan 09 | 04:40 | Blackpool | Lancashire | A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway. | N/A |
| 9 Jan 09 | | Exeter | Devon | An object in the sky over Exeter | N/A |
| 12 Jan 09 | | Old Coulson | Surrey | Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards cater ham where a friend saw it | N/A |
| 13 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 13 Jan 09 | 20:15 | High Wycombe | Buckinghamshire | Strange burning objects in the sky | N/A |
| 14 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 18 Jan 09 | 19:44 | Lichfield | Staffordshire | A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared. | Air Traffic Control employee |
| 18 Jan 09 | | Leyton | London | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) | N/A |
| 19 Jan 09 | | Tarland | Aberdeenshire | A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared | N/A |
| 23 Jan 09 | 20:58 | Undy | Newport | Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound. | N/A |
| 23 Jan 09 | 21:40 | West Cross | Swansea | Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange. | N/A |

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| 23 Jan 09 | 20:40 | Anlaby | Hull | A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away | N/A |
| 24 Jan 09 | 23:05 | Henleaze | Bristol | Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 19:00 | Livingston | West Lothian | An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 18:00 | Perton | West Midlands | Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise. | N/A |
| 25 Jan 09 | 23:25 | Sittingbourne | Kent | A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out. | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 18:15 | Bromley | Kent | Three orange lights in horizontal line above the opposite side of the hill. Stopped car but saw only four lights, two separate at the top & two close together at the bottom. Top two rose and disappeared. 2nd two moved higher then also vanished | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 17:15 | Northholt | Middlesex | A bright oval orange in the sky. Thought at first it was an aircraft on fire. After five minutes the bright glow petered out and then became totally black. Lived in the area all her life but had never seen anything like it before. | N/A |
| 26 Jan 09 | 21:45 | Tarring | West Sussex | Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one | N/A |
| 28 Jan 09 | 22:10 | Grimsby | Lincolnshire | Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter. | N/A |
| 29 Jan 09 | | Colchester | Essex | We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them. | N/A |
| Feb 09 | | Swadlincote | Derbyshire | 15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft. | N/A |
| Feb 09 | | East Kilbride | Lanarkshire | Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere | N/A |
| 3 Feb 09 | 01:00 | N/A | Thames Estuary | Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. matches description The Sun gave. | N/A |
| 3 Feb 09 | 10:10 | West Row | Suffolk | Bright clear light shooting across sky. There were blue lights almost in line with the clear light. They were evenly spaced. | N/A |
| 4 Feb 09 | 18:32 | Chesterton | Newcastle Under Lyme | A dullish orange light low in the sky. Circular in shape with no defined edge. Surface had texture of the Sun's surface but not as bright. It reduced in size as it backed away from the witness An aircraft flew in its direction whilst giving it a wide berth. | N/A |
| 5 Feb 09 | 06:30 | Cropwell Bishop | Nottinghamshire | Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them | N/A |
| 5 Feb 09 | | Portslade | Sussex | Sic red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | 20:10 | Near Edinburgh Airport | Edinburgh | White on outer edges. 7-800ft long. Moving very fast from North to South. | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | 17:30 | Mealrigg | Cumbria | A clearly defined, shiny silvery metallic cylinder with rounded ends. Estimated 50ft in length. Small protrusion on upper rear body. Object made no sound nor visible emissions. Between Mealrigg and Langrigg | N/A |
| 6 Feb 09 | | Rossendale | Lancashire | A blue and purple flashing light over the moors for 30 minutes | |
| 7 Feb. 09 | 22:05 | Fowey | Cornwall | Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 20:05 | N/A | N/A | Six lights, some red, some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction. It was either one big object or six single objects. All travelling in the same direction. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Between Norwich and Lenwade | Norfolk | 10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noised. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | 23:10 | Basingstoke | Hampshire | A bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South east. Too large and bright to be a plane. In view for one minute then disappeared behind a cloud. Noticed no noise or tail. | N/A |
| 7 Feb 09 | | Gorseinon | Swansea | Strange object seen when he developed photographs he had taken | N/A |
| 8 Feb 09 | 21:00 | Sutton | Surrey | 5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London. | N/A |
| 8 Feb 09 | 20:00 | Ashingdon | Essex | Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange. | N/A |
| 9 Feb 09 | | Romsley | Shropshire | A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter of light aircraft | N/A |
| 10 Feb 09 | 22:45 | Western-super-Mare | Somerset | An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived. | N/A |
| 10 Feb 09 | 21:00 | N/A | Somerset | Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froome or Wiltshire | N/A |
| 13 Feb 09 | 23:12 | Bradford-on-Avon | Wiltshire | An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house. | N/A |
| 14 Feb 09 | 20:10 | Roxwell | Essex | A bright orange object. The top was rounded like the top of a balloon and was a brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary. | N/A |
| 15 Feb 09 | 00:15 | Winwick | Warrington | Two orange lights in the sky that hovered over the old hospital site. The lights were not together but were stationary. They made no noise. They then moved off in a southerly direction. | Police Officer |
| 15 Feb 09 | | Aberford | Leeds | Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks. | N/A |

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| 15 Feb 09 | 06:30 | Bennech | Anglesey | Strange lights seen over the bay. | N/A |
| 16 Feb 09 | 19:19 | Leigh | Greater Manchester | A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air | N/A |
| 16 Feb 09 | 19:00 | Colchester | Essex | A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester. | N/A |
| 19 Feb 09 | 19:50 | Gravesend | Kent | A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter. | N/A |
| 20 Feb 09 | 21:45 | Bradford | West Yorkshire | Two strange lights behind the clouds that appeared to be playing with each other, pretending to crash into each other. Then they were joined by a third light that hovered underneath them, going back and forth. | N/A |
| 21 Feb 09 | 22:45 | Arundel | West Sussex | Five bright orange lights in the sky. One was in the lead the other four in a loose rectangular formation. Disappeared behind trees then were seen in a line with long gaps between them. Heard no engine noise. Headed south for two miles before vanishing. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Swindon | Wiltshire | 80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:30 | Bedford | Bedfordshire | A sizeable, silent, flickering orange light. Difficult to judge height and speed but much slower than any meteorite and much faster than the prevailing wind which was negligible. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | | South East London | London | An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 19:00 | Oxted | Surrey | Object came in trajectory into back garden. It was like the upper part of an egg, glowing bright orange like hot steel. On bottom it had something like a root structure. It looked like it was having some trouble but righted itself, and gently flew off. | N/A |
| 22 Feb 09 | 01:10 | Chepstow | Gwent | A single object the size of a large car. Silver with flames flickering from the underside. Then moved up and away | N/A |
| 23 Feb 09 | 22:52 | South East London | London | It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site. | N/A |
| 23 Feb 09 | 19:17 | New Ash Green | Kent | A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound. | N/A |
| 24 Feb 09 | 18:45 | Hartlepool | Cleveland | Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that fade and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from. | N/A |
| 25 Feb 09 | 18:30 | Oldham | Manchester | A very bright object that glows red and bright. | N/A |
| 26 Feb 09 | 19:15 | Malmesbury | Wiltshire | Two lights above the cloud with beams of light coming out from them horizontally. Dotting about like two fireflies. The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 21:00 | Lelant | Cornwall | Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 23:00 | Newquay | Cornwall | Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky. | N/A |
| 27 Feb 09 | 18:15 | Central London | London | One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City. | N/A |
| 28 Feb 09 | 21:50 | Mary Tavy near Dartmoor | Devon | Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound | N/A |
| 28 Feb 09 | 04:30 | Portlethen | Aberdeenshire | A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 20:15 | West Bridgford | Nottingham | A swarm of about 100 flashing white lights, high in the sky moving from the NE to SE. Very quick and keeping equidistant and of equal speed. Disappeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. The swarm moved in an arc of 40 degrees in about 10 seconds. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 19:00 | Warlingham | Surrey | Three very bright orange lights in triangular formation. They were circular with no tails. Travelling at speed towards the east. Made no sound. Could not tell height. Visible for 4-5 minutes before fading away one by one. | N/A |
| 1 Mar 09 | 18:45 | Bishopsmill | Morayshire | Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly. | N/A |
| 4 Mar 09 | 22:50 | Swindon | Wiltshire | Various different lights in a star shape. | N/A |
| 5 Mar 09 | | Selby | North Yorkshire | Two sphere like objects orange/red in colour. The first object ran parallel to the witness , dropped then disappeared. The second object moved straight across the sky line then disappeared. | N/A |
| 7 Mar 09 | 05:00 | Cottingham | Humberside | An object in the sky changing colour | N/A |
| 8 Mar 09 | 01:30 | Bolton | Lancashire | A large fireball but with an oblong shape. Thought it was a crashing airliner but it stopped and hovered. It then came towards Dascar, stopped and headed in a SE direction towards Bury. It hovered in the distance for a minute before disappearing. | N/A |
| 9 Mar 09 | 23:10 | Holland on Sea | Essex | An emerald green object that was like a torchlight or a large grapefruit. It flitted up, down and around outside the landing window. The beam of light narrowed and it came back as a ball shape. It was still for 90 seconds then vanished. | N/A |
| 9 Mar 09 | 21:15 | Hayes | Middlesex | An object hovering in the sky. The object had bright lights. | N/A |
| 10 Mar 09 | 18:15 | A3 South of M25 | A3 South of M25 | A long cylinder of gold light. It looked like a very bright shooting star. Observed it for 3 seconds. | N/A |
| 10 Mar 09 | 22:10 | Spalding | Lincolnshire | Strange orange lights in the sky | N/A |

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| 10 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Barrow-in-Furness | Cumbria | The whole object was glowing like hot metal and there was no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a fighter or a satellite, from NW to SE. It looked to be flying quite low. | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:30 | Harlyn Bay | Cornwall | Five strange orange lights in formation, moving very quickly | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Bugbrooke | Northamptonshire | A big bright red ball of fire travelling at a terrific speed. | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:15 | Flitwick | Bedfordshire | Two UFOs. Orange globes that moved near together then separated and very gradually disappeared | N/A |
| 14 Mar 09 | 20:40 | King's Lynn | Norfolk | Object was travelling east/southeast. An extremely bright, constant red/orange light shining down. The shape of the object was obscured by the light. It made no sound. Cannot determine speed, but was visible for two minutes. May have speeded up. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 00:35 | N/A | N/A | The shape of a rectangle. It had a dull green glow with no other lights showing. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 05:35 | Portsmouth | Hampshire | A wide pear drop shaped translucent green light with a small tail of light. Moved in NW direction. Made no noise and vanished after a few seconds. | MoD Guard Service |
| 17 Mar 09 | | Croydon | London | A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly. | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 20:30 | Heywood | Lancashire | Three orange lights, evenly spaced and moving at the same speed. Gradually disappeared after five minutes. Heading from SE to NW | N/A |
| 17 Mar 09 | 21:02 | Bromsgrove | Worcestershire | A red fire ball travelling at extreme speed. It made no sound. Heading from Coventry to Leominster | N/A |
| 18 Mar 09 | 22:00 | Milton Keynes | Buckinghamshire | Two very bright glowing orange lights moving at very high speed. | N/A |
| 19 Mar 09 | | N/A | West Sussex | A constant light travelling West to East. Very erratic, wobbling off course then just disappeared. | N/A |
| 20 Mar 09 | 18:50 | Exton | Rutland | Large bright light seen to the east of Exton, moving south to north at high speed- at first mistaken for a planet | N/A |
| 22 Mar 09 | 19:55 | Newtimber | West Sussex | A bright diamond shaped light. Definitely not an aircraft. Faster than an aircraft. Headed east for one minute before moving upwards and disappearing. | N/A |
| 22 Mar 09 | 20:00 | Adfa | Powys | Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished. | N/A |
| 24 Mar 09 | 05:17 | Bridgend | Glamorgan | Four UFOs flying beneath two aircraft. They moved much faster than the aircraft. Greyish in colour with a dome on top and bottom. Flew over the Waterton Industrial Estate. | N/A |
| 25 Mar 09 | 20:25 | Godlming | Surrey | A very bright spherical object. Size of a full moon. Yellow/orange in colour. Object seemed wrapped in a bright glowing cloud of light. It made no noise. It moved towards Hascombe. Performed a series of erratic moves. | N/A |
| 27 Mar 09 | 16:10 | Walthamstow | London | three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects | N/A |
| 28 Mar 09 | 08:45 | Torquay | Devon | A group of very bright orange objects heading NW to SE at a consistent speed and low altitude. There was a group of 15 followed by groups of 2-3 and 3-4 over a 5 minute period. They made no noise. | N/A |
| 29 Mar 09 | 20:45 | Preston | Lancashire | Three bright lights heading in the same direction some 2 minutes apart. The 3rd light disintegrated and spilt up. | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 00:30 | Saddleworth | Lancashire | A bright orange ball of fire. It was quite high up in the sky over the house. It was changing colour and disappeared straight into the sky. | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | | Swindon | Wiltshire | A massive orange thing. Going so fast it passed a plane going towards RAF Lyneham. | N/A |
| 6 Apr 09 | | Hessel | Humberside | Very bright white light. Its trail followed it for half an hour heading towards Brough | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 23:15 | Leyland | Lancashire | Object seen for 6-7 minutes | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 10:30 | Harrogate | North Yorkshire | It was square with orange lights | N/A |
| 4 Apr 09 | 21:02 | Abergavenny | Gwent | Two UFOs | N/A |
| 5 Apr 09 | 09:00 | Swindon | Wiltshire | Something peculiar | N/A |
| 8 Apr 09 | | Leeds | West Yorkshire | A ball of fire | N/A |
| 8 Apr 09 | 01:00 | Brighton | Sussex | Looked like a squashed balloon and had no wings. Rounder at the front and pointed at the back. It had no lights at the front but 2-3 at the back, 1 red, 1 red and flashing and 1 white/green. Witness heard the noise first which grew louder. | N/A |
| 9Apr 09 | 21:26 | N/A | Liverpool | Two parallel lights . Red or orange lights in the sky. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:35 | Ellon | Aberdeenshire | A very bright orange glow. Moved about the speed of an airliner, heading south to north | N/A |
| 11 April 09 | 21:05 | Harrow | London | A big ball of fire, like a star. It deceased in size over two minutes. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Bromley | Kent | A UFO | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:40 | Goole | Humberside | A Light. Moved past very slowly then shot off at phenomenal speed. It was round but twice it changed into a cone shape. 300-400ft up. | N/A |
| 11 Apr 09 | 21:20 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | Several orange lights, sae colour and brightness of street lights. Three were close together and the others were in a horizontal line | N/A |
| 12 Apr 09 | | Swindon | Wiltshire | Four glowing objects coming from southwest and then turned north. They were glowing duller and brighter, then disappeared. | N/A |
| 12 Apr 09 | 23:10 | Linlithgow | West Lothian | A UFO | N/A |
| 13 Apr 09 | | Farnborough | Hampshire | A ball of glowing red light. After 30 seconds the light dimmed slightly and then just disappeared. | N/A |

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| 13 Apr 09 | 21:30 | Derby | Derbyshire | Two orangey lights in the sky moving towards each other. Then a ball of light approached the other lights. All three were stationary for a while before disappearing into the distance. Another light then hovered where the others had been | N/A |
| 13 Apr 09 | 21:00 | Moelfre | Angelsey | Looked like a Chinese lantern | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 22:00 | Smalley | Derbyshire | A round yellow ball. It looked like it had a parachute on top, the shape of a helmet | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 22:45 | Wallington | Surrey | Nine green lights in the sky | N/A |
| 14 Apr 09 | 21:45 | Strathspey | Highland District | A bright orange light approached at low level and then remained stationary for 10 minutes. Then it turned red. | N/A |
| 15 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Dover | Kent | Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail. | N/A |
| 18 Apr 09 | 22:22 | Brandon | Suffolk | Two yellow objects like giant sparklers heading North to South | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 10:00 | Maghull | Merseyside | A orange ball in the sky, travelling very quickly then stopped and faded away. | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 20:40 | Snodlands | Kent | An oval shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other. | N/A |
| 19 Apr 09 | 21:23 | N/A | Liverpool | A UFO Southwest of Liverpool | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 22:03 | Pendleton | Manchester | A bright orange object moving at a steady pace | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 22:55 | Brighton | Sussex | A bright flaming object, about a quarter of the size of the moon. It was like a special effect. It was silent and went from horizon to horizon, starting in the North. | N/A |
| 21 Apr 09 | 21:34 | Maidstone | Kent | Lights rising from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone | N/A |
| 22 Apr 09 | 15:10 | Basingstoke | Hampshire | Like a large black parachute with nothing suspended from it. It changed shape and gradually pot smaller as it went into the distance. Observed for 10-20 minutes. | N/A |
| 24 Apr 09 | 01:22 | Harrow | London | A long shaped vehicle with a red light at the front and 2 gold lights either side. Hovered above the house and then moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter. | N/A |
| 25 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Bury St Edmunds | Suffolk | A large black ball with a light underneath. Travelling South over western Bury St Edmunds at 3000ft at 200 miles an hour | Former Air Traffic Controller |
| 25 Apr 09 | 10:15 | Croydon | London | A bright red light over the house. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 00:50 | Hackney | London | Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 18:15 | Regents Park | London | A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all. | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 18:30 | Central London | London | Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | | Holmefirth/Huddersfield | West Yorkshire | A black spherical object 12m in diameter. It was 500ft up and travelling at 500 mph. It made no sound. It had a light on but switched it off when the witness shone a torch at it | N/A |
| 26 Apr 09 | 22:05 | Grimsby | Lincolnshire | Looked like a star or satellite. Saw 3 within 20 minutes. Came from the south. Its speed increased and then slowed down. Finally headed East over the North Sea | N/A |
| 28 Apr 09 | 21:48 | South Woodham Ferrers | Essex | A sighting | N/A |
| 28 Apr 09 | | Tywyn | Gwynedd | A big bright orange light. It turned white and then disappeared very quickly. It made no noise. | N/A |
| 29 Apr 09 | 23:44 | Caterham | Surrey | A very small white light with no flashing lights or smoke trail. Headed North then did a sharp turn to the East and then was just gone pouf. | N/A |
| 29 Apr 09 | 23:10 | Nottingham | Nottinghamshire | Two orange lights flying in a parallel formation in an arc. One slowed and went behind the other then they both gradually faded away. Far too fast to be aircraft. They had no flashing lights and made no sound. | N/A |
| 30 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Sutton | Surrey | A bright green light that whizzed about the sky for an hour. It was very fast and a few planes got in its way. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:30 | Buckhurst Hill | Essex | A slow moving, silent, orangey/red light. Does not think it was a helicopter or aircraft. Flew at same height as a helicopter | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 21:36 | Chorley | Lancashire | Saw orange lights that looked like flames. They were heading South to North towards Preston. Police said it was the open rear of an aircraft undertaking parachute training. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:00 | Long Eaton | Nottinghamshire | A large bright yellow object hovering in the sky. Too bright to be an aircraft and the wrong colour. It didn't move for ages and then disappeared in the blink of an eye. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 23:55 | Southampton | Hampshire | Six bright white & orange lights, 2 single and 2 in 2 object formation. Lower and faster than a satellite. Witness contacted local police who had no other reports. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 22:00 | Burbage | Wiltshire | Initially one then five pitch black hot air balloon shaped objects with continual flames underneath. | N/A |
| 2 May 09 | 21:50 | Upper Norwood | London | Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace | N/A |

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| 3 May 09 | 15:50 | Otmoor | Oxfordshire | A shiny black flying cylinder, 20-30ft long at about 4700ft which was 200ft above the pilots aircraft. Although the pilot sighted the object, it was ATC that forwarded details to the UFO Desk | Pilot |
| 3 May 09 | 21:30 | Ammanford | Dyfed | Seven orange orbs that suddenly disappeared. They were on a North-South trajectory. Witness contacted Cardiff ATC who had nothing on radar. | Pilot |
| 3 May 09 | | Darlington | County Durham | Two bright orangey/red lights moving towards Durham/Tees Valley Airport. The objects flew steady, level and straight. | N/A |
| 4 May 09 | 00:20 | Barton near A6 | Lancashire | Nine bright orange lights moving at slow speed and at 2000ft. They made no sound. | N/A |
| 5 May 09 | 22:10 | Roade | Northampton | An orange flash and a loud bang | N/A |
| 7 May 09 | 22:25 | High Peak | Derbyshire | Three bright small lights very close together travelling in a straight line. They were flashing rapidly but made no noise and looked like they were on fire but clearly were not. Speed of 100-150mph at 1000ft. Came back 8 minutes later. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:50 | Central London | London | Twenty orange balls heading north. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:00 | Harlow | Essex | a diamond shaped orange light. If you held out your hand it would have been the size of a 20p coin. It was totally silent. The object carried on in the distance and then another one appeared and followed the same path | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 17:55 | St Helens | Merseyside | A UFO over the witnesses house. It was at 30,000ft and he has seen it before. | N/A |
| 9 May 09 | 22:10 | Northwich | Cheshire | Four big lights in a line formation. Two dropped down and the other two moved off quickly into the distance | N/A |
| 11 May 09 | | Tomintoul | Banffshire | Like a star, but jumping all over the sky. It was 70 degrees above the horizon. It was a blue/white colour and occasionally red and left a light trail. | N/A |
| 11 May 09 | 21:38 | Southampton | Hampshire | A very bright light. It made no sound but was very low. | N/A |
| 14 May 09 | 22:00 | Nenthead | Cumbria | A bright orange light. Too bright for a Chinese lantern. The light looked electrical not a flame. Travelled in a straight line at a steady speed. Travelled East to West with the wind. Made no noise. It was about the size of a quarter moon. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | | Brandon | Suffolk | Four flaming balloons that disappeared over the horizon fairly quickly. Was not very high. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 21:50 | Petts Wood | Kent | 8-10 bright red lights. They were hovering. They moved independently into the distance and disappeared when a light aircraft appeared. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 00:20 | Bedford | Bedfordshire | A strange blue light near the Cardington Hangers. Flew straight past the witness. | N/A |
| 16 May 09 | 22:00 | Deeside | Flintshire | Seven bright orange lights in the sky. Silent. Travelling towards the Wirral. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 22:15 | Long Eaton | Nottingham | An ellipse shaped object the size of a commercial plane. It was on fire. It glowed bright orange. It moved South East to North and then returned and hovered for at least a minute. Moved further away at supersonic speed. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 21:30 | Bexhill-on-Sea | East Sussex | A series of orange balls of fire. | N/A |
| 19 May 09 | 10:00 | Redruth | Cornwall | A big bright light. Came from west Cornwall towards Plymouth. | N/A |
| 21 May 09 | | N/A | N/A | A very bright blue light flew behind the house. | N/A |
| 21 May 09 | 23:40 | King's Lynn | Norfolk | Very strange circular objects without definite shape. They stayed around for about 5 minutes. They were 8-9 of them. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:00 | Penzance | Cornwall | Ten orange lights in a line with intermittent gaps. They made no sound and flew at helicopter height. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 23:00 | Winsford | Cheshire | An orange light travelling from the south. It was followed by 2 more orange lights on the same path, then 5 more and then 2 more. They made no noise but were at the height of a helicopter. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:10 | Dudley | West Midlands | A big bright light. Thought it was a helicopter at first. Within seconds followed by 3 others and then a further 3. Flew low but made no sound. | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 22:10 | Bodium | East Sussex | A strange sighting | N/A |
| 23 May 09 | 23:00 | Hove | East Sussex | A very big red light moving slowly. It then faded away. | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 00:00 | Llandaff City | Cardiff | Seven bright red lights | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 13:42 | Wakefield | West Yorkshire | A white object with a silver beam coming from it, over Pugneys Country Park. It looked square but changed shape as it moved about. Witness saw it through binoculars. An aircraft flew very close to it. | N/A |
| 24 May 09 | 22:15 | Solihull | West Midlands | Three objects like fireballs falling to earth. They were glowing and orange. There was 1 large object and 2 smaller ones which converged together and rose into the atmosphere until they faded away. | N/A |
| 25 May 09 | 23:00 | Bracknell | Berkshire | A UFO. It was a "glowing ball of something or other". Definitely not a plane. | N/A |
| 25 May 09 | 12:00 | Swansea | West Glamorgan | Three small yellow orbs travelling quite slow | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 22:30 | Tunstall to Butley Road | Suffolk | Two clusters of bright lights. They were stationary for a while then the first group of 15 headed towards Woodbridge followed by the second cluster of 6-7 lights. They were very high up. They made no sound. | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 23:30 | Ballynahinch | County Down | Three distinct sets of green, orange and white lights. Don't match any constellation and are in the wrong place. Static to the eye but with binoculars are moving at speed and at random | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | | Spilsby | Lincolnshire | A sighting | N/A |
| 30 May 09 | 02:47 | Folkestone | Kent | A bright circular amber light, the size of a 2p coin. It was moving very slowly in a straight line but once it flew over the witnesses house it accelerated away very very quickly into the distance. It made no noise and left no vapour trail. | N/A |
| 31 May 09 | 00:30 | Chapel-en-le-Frith | Derbyshire | Was watching shooting stars when the witness saw two bright luminous orange objects like birds or swans. Does not think they were birds as they moved too fast. | N/A |
| 2 Jun 09 | 22:50 | Chesterfield | Derbyshire | A sighting | N/A |
| 6 Jun 09 | | Lewes | East Sussex | Eleven bright star like objects heading North East | N/A |

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I'd also like to know how the authorities responded.
Ideally, I'd like this information to stretch back over ten years.
Could you also give me details of any Government policy relating to what should happen in the event of a genuine sighting or contact with aliens.
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Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 June 2009 asking how much money has been spent by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) investigating UFO sightings for each of the years 2008 and 2009. Additionally, you asked how many UFO reports there had been for each of those years.

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

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

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

The Ministry of Defence does not record the costs of investigating UFO sightings, (of which it carries out a handful per year) and I am therefore unable to provide you with this element of the information you requested. However, you may be interested to know that the MoD, which has the lead across government in dealing with UFO matters, employs one fulltime civil servant (myself) dedicated to dealing with the subject of UFOs. The post is at D grade, which is the most junior management level within the Ministry. Whilst it would be inappropriate to provide individual salary details, the pay range for D grade posts is £20,815-£27,159 per year.

In addition to my post, I receive some administrative support from an E1 Grade civil servant and my civil service line manager has oversight of my work. Approximately 20% of the E1's and C1's time is spent on UFO related matters. The annual pay range for an E1 is £15,847-£20,074 and for the C1 it is £32,623-£41,325. All three posts attract a standard local recruitment and retention allowance for RAF High Wycombe of £2000 per year. As a rough guide therefore, based on the highest annual salary, total costs are in the order of £40,000 per year.

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". For the current year until the 30 June, the MoD has recorded 240 reports relating to 2009, a further 8 relating to 2008 which were not received in time to appear on the website and 1 for 2007. Details of sightings for 2009 will be placed on the MoD website in early 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Sent:** 29 June 2009 12:24
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec7 Section 40
**Subject:** FW: Release-authorised: FW: foi email request - PW - 26-06-2009-164104-004 Section 40
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up
**Flag Status:** Red
**Categories:** FOI Information Request
**Attachments:** 20090521-Updated FOI template-U (3).doc

Section 40

We spoke.

30-06-2009-080407-001

Thanks

Section 40

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd3 Section 40
**Sent:** 29 June 2009 10:41
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13
**Subject:** FW: Release-authorised: FW: foi email request - PW - 26-06-2009-164104-004 - Section 40

Section 40

Pse can you log and pass to Section 40 Can you tell CIO to send stuff to the mailbox, I'll tell her not to send to my personal in box as well Thanks

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**From:** CIO-Access Ops5 Section 40
**Sent:** 26 June 2009 16:48
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised: FW: foi email request - PW - 26-06-2009-164104-004 - Section 40

Section 40

Can you please look at this one. Is it one for your area.

Note the attached information.

Thank-you.

Section 40
CIO-Access Ops5
Section 40
MOD Main Building
London SW1A 2HB
Mil Tel: Section 40
Normal:

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**From:** Web Master [mailto:webmaster@dgics.mod.uk]
**Sent:** 26 June 2009 12:20
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
**Subject:** FW: foi email request - PW - 26-06-2009-164104-004 - Section 40

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
**Sent:** Fri 26/06/2009 08:31
**To:** Web Master
**Subject:** foi email request

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: Graphic Designer
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Hi there,

I wish to know how much money has been spent by the MoD investigating UFO sightings for 2009 and how many sightings have so far been reported in the UK.

I also wish to know how much money the MoD spent investigating UFO sightings in 2008 and how many sightings there were in the UK.

Thanks very much
Section 40

## AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS

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Applicant: Section 40 Expiry 2 July 2009

Case Number: 09-06-2009-085554-001

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

A copy of the report on the Cosford Incident because the file was withdrawn from the MoD website for copyright reasons.

Background

Alongside the Rendlesham Incident, the Cosford Incident is probably the most famous UFO incident in the UK. A number of redacted documents relating to the Cosford incident were placed on the MoD website for public viewing before being removed in late 2007/early 2008 for copyright reasons. These documents comprised the bulk of the documents on the MoD file but the file itself was not released. Whilst it is possible he is confusing the two, the applicant has clearly asked for the documents previously published on the MoD website. There is no reason why the applicant cannot be provided with these documents and they have previously been released 7 times in 2008 and twice in 2009.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

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|---|---|---|---|
| Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc | 40 | Personal data | No. Absolute Exemption |

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I should make it clear that whilst these documents constitute the bulk of the MoD file on the subject, the full file is currently being prepared for transfer to The National Archives as part of a major programme to transfer some 160 UFO files covering the late 1970s to 2007. It is expected the file will be available to the public later this year.

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[1] If Yes, please attach details of PIT.

I hereby give authorisation for the use of the aforementioned exemptions and/or exceptions in this case to withhold information from the Applicant:

Grade/Rank: SCS Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 1/7/09

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

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Our Ref:
09-06-2009-085554-001

1 July 2009

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Yours sincerely

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DOCS NOT REPRODUCED HERE TO SAVE PAPER

Section 40 [redacted]

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 22 June 2009 11:15

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Subject:** RE: 20090622-FOI Request Section 40 Cosford Clarfication 09-06-2009-085554-001-U

Dear Section 40

A PDF copy on CD or DVD-ROM would be ideal.

My address until 7th August 2009 is

Section 40
EDINBURGH
Section 40

Many thanks for the response.

Regards,

Section 40

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Subject: 20090622-FOI Request Section 40 Cosford Clarfication 09-06-2009-085554-001-U
Date: Mon, 22 Jun 2009 10:13:57 +0100
From: AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13@mod.uk
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 22 June 2009 10:14
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090622-FOI Request Section 40 Cosford Clarfication 09-06-2009-085554-001-U

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40 [redacted]

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09-06-2009-085554-001

**From:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 04 June 2009 12:37
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Cosford Incident 1993 (UFO) Report

Dear Section 40

I e-mailed ufodesk@mod.uk a week or so ago to request a PDF copy of the report on the Cosford UFO incident in 1993 because the file had been removed from the MOD website for copyright reasons.

I did not obtain any response, automated or manual to indicate that the above e-mail address is valid or checked, so Section 40 kindly provided me with your e-mail address and suggest I request it from you. Therefore, I should be very grafeful if you would e-mail me a copy of this report in PDF format.

I do not need this report on a prompt timescale, it is only for curiousity value.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]
Edinburgh

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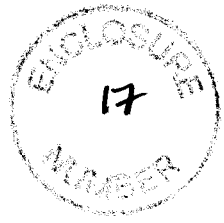


**AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS**

Applicant: Section 40 Expiry 2 July 2009

Case Number: 04-06-2009-093635-001

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

The FULL reports of the following UFO sighting reports made to the MoD in 2008:

26 Jul – Gosport

11 Oct Colcheser

Background

The applicant has asked for copies of the full reports on 2 specific UFO sightings. It is not clear what he means by this, but there is no objection to providing such documentation as we have.

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Grade/Rank: SCS Name: Section 40

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Date: 1/7/09

Signature [redacted] Section 40

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1 July 2009

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From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) [redacted]

[redacted]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2
Date:
21 October 2008

Dear [redacted]

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

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

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

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

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

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

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Sorry I could not be any help. REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Yours sincerely

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

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

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

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

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

Can you tell me if these were military aircraft?

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EXCLUSIVE 18 MINISTRY

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
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(Fax) [redacted]

[redacted]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2
Date:
31 July 2008

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 26 July 2008, and they were from Surrey, Avon and Northamptonshire. As to your question of there being a flyover around the area, between the times of 10-10.30pm on 26 July 2008, I have been informed that there was not, due to the fact that it was a Saturday, and at the times you stated, was too late for a flyover. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 28 July 2008 10:32
**To:** [redacted]
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** FW: FOI written request

[redacted]

Please treat this as ordinary business.

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 July 2008 07:14
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request

[redacted]

Can I interest you with this request?

Do you want it logged as FOI or deal with as normal business?

Regards

[redacted]
FOI Helpdesk
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 26 July 2008 22:50
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

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

txttitle: [redacted]
txtfirstname: [redacted]
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtoccupation: [redacted]
txtaddress1: [redacted]
txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: [redacted]
txtstatecountry: [redacted]
txtzipcodepostcode: [redacted]
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: [redacted]
txtinforequest: I know this may sound weird to ask, but were there any flyover exercises happening over hampshire or the surrounding area around 10-10:30pm tonight, as me and my father witnessed a silent aircraft pass over.

I was a bit concerned to report this as it may sound like some weirdo reporting a UFO, but the sight worried me slightly, as it was clearly visible like a shooting star, but with a very smoothly curving course.

I just wanted to check whether it was infact a navy flyover, as i know that these are going on in the area.

Many thanks
[redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 04 June 2009 01:52
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 04-06-2009-093635-001 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Colchester
txtstatecountry: Essex
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Please provide the FULL reports of the following allged UFO sighting reports made to the MOD in 2008

26-Jul-08 22:00 Gosport Hampshire

11-Oct-08 00:35 A12/Colchester Essex

Thank you!

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 22 June 2009 14:59

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090622-FOI Response Section 40 FOs in London 08-06-2009-155902-004-U

**Attachments:** 20090622-Attachment Section 40 08-06-2009-155902-004.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 June 2009 asking for documentation of UFO sightings for the last year, which I have taken to mean for the period 8 June 2008 to 8 June 2009.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". I attach a spreadsheet containing details of sightings recorded for 2009 across the Greater London area. The list also includes a sighting made in 2008, that was received too late to appear in the 2008 statistics.

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| DATE OF SIGHTING | TIME OF SIGHTING | TOWN OF SIGHTING | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29-Nov-08 | 18:01 | Southgate | A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky. |
| 01-Jan-09 | N/A | Streatham Hill | Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky |
| 13-Jan-09 | N/A | Leyton | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) |
| 14-Jan-09 | N/A | Leyton | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) |
| 18-Jan-09 | N/A | Leyton | Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days) |
| 27-Feb-09 | 18:15 | Central London | One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London |
| 23-Feb-09 | 22:52 | South East London | It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site. |
| 22-Feb-09 | N/A | South East London | An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly. |
| 17-Mar-09 | N/A | Croydon | A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly. |
| 27-Mar-09 | 16:10 | Walthamstow | Three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects |
| 11-Apr-09 | 21:05 | Harrow | A big ball of fire, like a star. It deceased in size over two minutes. |
| 26-Apr-09 | 00:50 | Hackney | Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own. |
| 26-Apr-09 | 18:15 | Regents Park | A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all. |
| 24-Apr-09 | 01:22 | Harrow | A long shaped vehicle with a red light at the front and 2 gold lights eitherside. Hovered above the house and then moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter. |
| 25-Apr-09 | 10:15 | Croydon | A bright red light over the house. |
| 26-Apr-09 | 18:30 | Central London | Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes |
| 02-May-09 | 21:50 | Upper Norwood | Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace |
| 09-May-09 | 22:50 | Central London | Twenty orange balls heading north. |

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Sent: 08 June 2009 11:47
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 08-06-2009-155902-004 Section 40

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txtaddress2:
txttowncity: London
txtstatecountry: London
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone Section 40
txtinforequest: Under the Freedom of Information Act could I have copies of all documents relating to UFO sightings over the Greater London area in the last year? Please can you include detailed descriptions, dates, locations etc...

Thanks for your help
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Our Ref:
UFO Report

22 June 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 11 June 2009 asking for details of UFO incidents in Shrewsbury, West Shropshire and the Mid Wales area from 2008 onwards.

Details of sighting for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the Ministry of Defence website www.mod.uk by searching under UFO reports.

I attach details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the current year to date covering the areas yhou requested. The spreadsheet also includes a sighting for July 2008, which was received too late for it to appear in the 2008 statistics.

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Yours sincerely

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 Jul 08 | 14:35 | Ellesmere | Shropshire | Eleven planes. They were square, with long box shaped fuselage, open at the rear with narrow swept back wings |
| 9 Feb 09 | | Romsley | Shropshire | A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter of light aircraft |
| 22 Mar 09 | 20:00 | Adfa | Powys | Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished. |
| 28 Apr 09 | | Tywyn | Gwynedd | A big bright orange light. It turned white and then disappeared very quickly. It made no noise. |

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Sent: 11 June 2009 13:20
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: foi email request PF 11-06-2009-155727-008 Section 40

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txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: team leader
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtinforequest: i would like details on all ufo incidents in the shrewsbury and west shropshire/mid wales area from 2008 onwards.
there is alot of activity here and as a witness of the cosford incident on march 30th 1993 i feel that this activity is linked. i have only just made public my account of what i witnessed in 1993 and i believe recent sightings may help me investigate the craft seen, which are not civilian or military. i have it on good authority that the americans are wishing to investigate these incidents aswell.
i would appreciate if you could send me this information by post to:
Section 40
shrewsbury,
shropshire,
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the current incidents here and in 1993 are linked and i suspect its got something to do with project bluebook and majestic-12.

thanks.

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40 [redacted]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 16 June 2009 14:40
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Release-authorised: 20090616-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Documentation 26-05-2009-121117-003-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 May 2009 asking for documentation of UFO sightings and reports and any follow up investigations, even if they were not undertaken by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Additionally, you asked for any files that have never been classified or marked as Top Secret.

The MoD has over 170 UFO files and the costs of searching for and preparing the information you request for release, would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

However, you may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after being held for five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

The MoD currently has a programme to transfer some 160 UFO files for the period from the late 1970's up to 2007 to The National Archives by the close of 2010. It is hoped that files for the period 1992-2000 will be transferred by the end of this year and they will be made available for public viewing on the internet.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

A copy of the 2000 report *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) in the UK Air Defence Region* can be found on our website by searching in the publication scheme under *UAP*. This report was commissioned by the Defence Intelligence Service and produced by a civilian contractor. An earlier report by the UFO Flying Saucer Working Party dating back to 1951 can also be found on the website by searching under *Flying Saucer Working Party*.

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**Sent:** 27 May 2009 15:12
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec 5
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 26-05-2009-121117-003 Section 40 [redacted]

**Importance:** High

Air,

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-----Original Message-----
From: CIO-Access Ops4 Section 40 [redacted]
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To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 26-05-2009-121117-003 Section 40 [redacted]

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txtstatecountry: worcestershire
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txtcountry: United Kingdom
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txttelephone: [redacted]
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## ESTIMATE COST ANALYSIS

| ESTIMASTE COST ANALYSIS | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Task (What you are permitted to take into account)** | **Hours** | **Cost** |
| How long to determine if we hold information | 0 | 0 |
| How long to retrieve the information or documents | 0 | 0 |
| How long to extract and edit/redact the information | 2380 | £59,500 |
| **Total estimate** | **2380** | **£59,500** |

## FOI Number 26-05-2009-121117-003

MoD have some 170 UFO files where any reference to this topic is most likely to be held

Calculation

2 days to prepare file

2 days = 14 hours

14 x 170 files = 2380 hrs

2380 hrs @£25

£59,500

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 01 June 2009 15:00
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090601-Response to Section 40 UFO Sightings in Kent-U
**Attachments:** 20090601-UFO Sightings Kent 2009-U.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 7 May 2009 asking for the number of calls the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has received regarding sightings of UFOs in the Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells districts for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under the phrase "UFO reports". I also attach details of the 10 sightings so far this year in Kent.

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec7 ( Section 40

**Sent:** 01 June 2009 08:05

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

Section 40 07-05-2009-150341-002

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|---|---|
| Person_Title: | Section 40 |
| First_Name: | |
| Surname: | |
| Organisation: | Sevenoaks Chronicle |
| Applicant_Type: | Media and Journalists |
| Address_Line_1: | |
| Address_Line_2: | |
| Address_Line_3: | |
| TownCity: | |
| Postcode: | |
| Country: | United Kingdom |
| Email: | Section 40 |
| Telephone: | |
| Fax: | |
| Request_Details: | Please would you provide us with the number of calls you have received regarding sightings of UFOs in the Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Districts for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. Please would you provide this information broken down into individual years within the individual districts. |
| Subject: | UFOs |
| Raised_On_Behalf_Of: | |
| Case_Number: | 07-05-2009-150341-002 |
| Originator: | DIIF Section 40 |
| User_Group: | GxAITESTSTC |
| Date_Received: | 07/05/2009 |
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| 19 Feb 09 | 19:50 | Gravesend | Kent | A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter. |
| 23 Feb 09 | 19:17 | New Ash Green | Kent | A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound. |
| 11 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Bromley | Kent | A UFO |
| 15 Apr 09 | 20:30 | Dover | Kent | Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail. |
| 19 Apr 09 | 20:40 | Snodlands | Kent | An oval shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other. |
| 21 Apr 09 | 21:34 | Maidstone | Kent | Lights rising from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone |
| 16 May 09 | 21:50 | Petts Wood | Kent | 8-10 bright red lights. They were hovering. They moved independently into the distance and disappeared when a light aircraft appeared. |

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 01 June 2009 11:27

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090601-Response Section 40 Inter Governmental Communication-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 21 May 2009, asking for any documents from the period 1947-57 relating to correspondence between governments on the subject of UFOs. Additionally, you asked for copies of documents relating to discussions around 1978-79 regarding a UN debate on UFOs.

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**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 21 May 2009 17:53

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Re: 20090521-FOI Response Section 40 International communications 13-05-2009-123654-010-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the reply to my request,I understand that my request spans a long time period and would cost too much to respond to as i specified.

Could you send me any documents from the year 1947 to 1957 regarding any communications about UFO's between the UK government and other governments around ther world,also i would like to view files from the same time period regarding sightings over nuclear/military installations.

You have stated that there was a "discussion around 1978-79 regarding a UN debate on UFOs and that MoD had a limited number of documents on the subject".I would like to view these documents if possible.

Thank you very much for spending time reading this .
Yours faithfully
Section 40

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West Midlands
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-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 @mod.uk>
To: Section 40
Sent: Thu, 21 May 2009 11:08
Subject: 20090521-FOI Response Section 40 International communications 13-05-2009-123654-010-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 May 2009 asking for any files from 1945 onwards regarding communications between the UK and any other governments on UFO matters such as shared information on findings, reports, sightings etc. Additionally, you asked for details of any unexplained sightings of UFOs over nuclear or military installations.

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

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to

[redacted]e no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

Turning to the specifics of your request, the MoD has no files on the subject of inter governmental communication, discussion or sharing of information on UFOs. You might wish to consider contacting The National Archives at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk in case they have any such old files. However, should this be the case, other UFO researchers would probably have mentioned them by now. You may also wish to know that the MoD currently has a programme to release some 160 UFO files from the late 1970's up to 2007 to The National Archives by the close of 2010. Files for the period 1979-1992 have already been transferred and it is hoped those for 1992-2000 will be transferred by the end of the year and they will be made available for public viewing.

Alternatively, you could contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at www.fco.gov.uk to see if they have any such files.

I am however, aware that there was some discussion around 1978-79 regarding a UN debate on UFOs and that MoD had a limited number of documents on the subject.

The MoD has no central record of UFO sightings and their proximity to military or nuclear installations and it has been assessed that the costs for which we are permitted to charge in providing this information will exceed the appropriate limit. This appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

The MOD may be able to provide information requested if you reduce or=2 0refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so. In the meantime, you may be interested to know that details of UFO reports received by the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*", but in collating this information, no specific regard was taken of proximity to military or nuclear installations.

I hope this is helpful.

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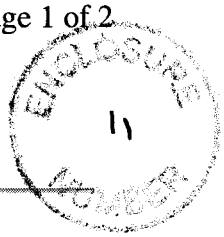


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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 01 June 2009 10:47
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090601-Response to Section Blue Book and MJ-12 -U

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 May 2009 asking to view documents containing the names of 12 specific individuals and the phrases MJ-12 and Blue Book. I have checked the names on the internet and they appear to be associated with the alleged incident at Roswell and The Majestic 12. I assume this is what MJ-12 refers to. If this is incorrect, please let me know.

The MoD has over 170 UFO files and the costs of searching for and preparing the information you request for release, would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that they are not obliged to comply with your request. The topics you raise are occasionally the subject of correspondence from the public, and therefore reference to them may well be found in the MoD files, but I am not aware of any communication between the US authorities and the MoD on the subject.

Given that the Roswell incident occurred in the USA, and Project Blue Book and the Majestic-12 documentation are of US origin, you might like to consider contacting the American authorities.

However, you may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after being held for five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

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| **Task (What you are permitted to take into account)** | **Hours** | **Cost** |
| How long to determine if we hold information | 66 | £1650 |
| How long to retrieve the information or documents | 0 | 0 |
| How long to extract and edit/redact the information | 2 | £50 |
| **Total estimate** | **68** | **£1700** |

## FOI Number 13-05-2009-123654-010

RAF Bus Sec have some 66 UFO Correspondence files where any reference to this topic is most likely to be held (although they could be on any of the other approx 100 files we hold)

Calculation

1 hour to read per file

Minimum 66 files to read

66 files x 1 hour = 66 hours

1 hour = £25

66 hours @£25 = £1650

NOT SENT TO REQUESTER [redacted] Section 40

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2 hours to redact

2 hours @£25 = £50

Total £1700

NOTE:

*1. These figures are a minimum and exclude Report and other UFO files and DIS files*

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 14 May 2009 19:15
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 18-05-2009-094810-001 Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
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txtorganisation: Section 40
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: sutton coldfield
txtstatecountry: west midlands
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
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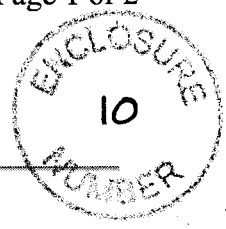
Adm Roscoe H Hillenkoetter
Dr Vannevar Bush
Secy James V Forrestal
Gen Nathan F Twining
Gen Hoyt S Vandenberg
Dr Detlev Bronk
Dr Jerome Hunsaker
Mr Sidney W Souers
Mr Gordon Gray
Dr Donald Menzel
Gen Robert M Montague
Dr Lloyd V Berkner

I would also like to view any documents contaning the letters MJ-12,Blue Book

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40
**Sent:** 29 May 2009 14:28
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI Response Section 40 Camps Heath 1978, 18-05-2009164537-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 May 2009 asking for information on an alleged UFO sighting at Camps Hill, near Lowestoft in July 1978.

Given the length of time since the alleged incident, the Ministry of Defence no longer holds "UFO" files for the period in question. Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1992, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.
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txtorganisation: Private individual enquiry
txtemailAddress: Section 40
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txtinforequest: I am interested if you have any information on an alleged UFO sighting in July 1978 (don't know exact date) at Camps Heath, near Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Two 13-year old girls claimed to have seen a landed craft and three entities emerged from it. The girls were visited by officials, presumably from the MOD

I am pretty confident about the accuracy of the date but if not it is the only reportedsighting at Camps Heath.

Thank you in anticipation

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Our Ref:
19-05-2009-101741-002

29 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2009 asking whether the Ministry of Defence had any records regarding two radar sightings you made in the summer of 1953. It is being treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Given that it is over half a century since you spotted these "Blips" on your radar screen, I am afraid that the MoD would not hold any documentation of any reports or follow up action. Having said that, if the sighting was in anyway considered to be a UFO, it is just possible that details of it were passed to the office dealing with UFO matters and that the relevant file was later transferred to The National Archives.

I should emphasise that this is something of a longshot as before 1967 "UFO" files were routinely destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1992, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at *ww.nationalarchives.gov.uk*.

Whilst the site where you served at Beachy Head might be closed down now, I thought you might be interested to know that there is a radar museum next to RAF Neatishead near Norwich. If you would like to visit it, you can find out more details by telephoning them on 01692 631485.

I hope this is helpful.

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The Air Ministry
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Dear Sii

I am led to believe that in a radio programme, some months ago on world sightings of U.F.O's it was reported that the only time that a sighting was made by British radar was in 1953.

In 1952/ 53 I was a National Service radar operator based at the station built into Beachy Head near Eastbourne. We were equipped with a new type of American radar gear, with a centimetric wavelength which I believe was designated FPS 3.
After fifty five years my memory is somewhat vague but on two occasions in the summer of 1953 I do remember being sitting at a radar set and reporting a 'Blip' on my screen passing down the English Channel from west to east flying at a speed which was at least four times the normal aircraft speed at that time.

After all these years, as I was very much involved, I would be interested to know of there was any reported or recorded follow-up on this sighting.

I have visited the radar site only once in recent years and was disappointed to find that it had been completely sealed up. It could be made into a very interesting visitor centre if it was re-opened as a working Radar Museum.

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Yours faithfu

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Our Ref:
27-04-2009-121043-013

26 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 24 April 2009 asking for Military Airforce exercise records for the nights of 6-7 July 1996 and whether any reports were logged specifically relating to crop circles near Stonehenge.

Given the length of time that has passed, I can find no central records for an exercise on 6-7 July 1996. It may be possible to identify if military aircraft were flying over the area in question over the time period you refer to, but we would need to approach each of some 30 remaining flying stations in the UK to check their records and it has been assessed that the costs for which we are permitted to charge in providing this information will exceed the appropriate limit. This appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that they are not obliged to comply with your request.

That having been said, it is possible that mention of the crop circle appearing is contained on our UFO files for that period as crop circles are often associated by the public with UFOs. I have requested the appropriate files from archive and will write to you again to confirm if they contain anything relevant.

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**Cc:** DE-DTE Secretariat
**Subject:** Re FOI Written Request PF 27-04-2009-121043-013 Section 40

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My apologies for not replying yesterday.

As discussed, it is confirmed that DTE Salisbury Plain does not hold any records relating to 'military airforce' exercises for 6/7 July 1996, either in the vicinity of Stonehenge or over the training area. DTE SP maintains records for 10 years, and they are for allocations only; they do not include flight reports/logs.

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40 Sqn Ldr
**Sent:** 19 May 2009 08:47
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** RE: EXERCISE RECORDS 1996

Section 40 replied to you on 27 Apr on this question. Here is my answer again

Sorry I cannot help you on this one.
1. Our exercise records do not go back that far.
2. If they did we do not keep records as detailed as individual flights.
3. Within the UK a flight such as is mentioned would not necessarily be part of an exercise.

However, my best advice is the low Flying Booking cell, at RAF Wittering (or Salisbury Plain Training Area Control Office). Any low flying over Salisbury Plain must have been booked through them. I do not know if they have records that go back that far either.

Good luck!!

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 19 May 2009 08:45
**To:** Section 40 Sqn Ldr
**Subject:** EXERCISE RECORDS 1996

I have an FOI request asking for "Air Force" exercise records for the night of 6-7 July 1996 between 22:00 and 10:00 the next day, near Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain. The requester is particularly interested to know if there is any record of a crop circle being sighted. (For my sins, I am the MoD's UFO man!)

Would we still hold records for the exercise, if it took place?

If you don't know, who would?

Happy to discuss.

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**From:** AHB-PCB [AHB-PCB@NORTHOLT.raf.mod.uk]
**Sent:** 28 April 2009 13:42
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** RE: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 27-04-2009-121043-013 Section 40

Section 40

Without knowledge of who was using the Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA) on the date in question, we are unable to provide any information as to whether we hold any exercise reports without a trawl of all ORBs submitted by Squadrons/units whose aircraft might use/be involved on Salisbury Plain. The Army Training Area and Range organisation may have some record of units using SPTA.

I would point out that aircraft from all 3 Services overfly SPTA, in particular those of the Army Air Corps based at Middle Wallop.

I regret we are unable to help with this.

Regards,

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Sent: Monday 27 April 2009 13:29
To: AHB-PCB
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 27-04-2009-121043-013 Section 40

Section 40

Any idea whether you would have any exercise records for July 1996? If not, who would have.

The FOI I need to answer is about a famous crop circle, but the request (see below) has focused on "Airforce exercise records"

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-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 On Behalf Of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Sent: 27 April 2009 12:57
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 27-04-2009-121043-013 Section 40

Section 40

Do you deal with Crop circles?

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

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-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 24 April 2009 13:40
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 27-04-2009-121043-013Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname:
txtoccupation: artist
txtorganisation: Section 40
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: london
txtstatecountry: london
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtinforequest: Dear Sir Madame, I am after Military Airforce excercise records over Salisbury plane on the night of 6th July 1996 10pm / morning 7th July 1996 10am, specifically over Stonehenge and if any reports were logged following the Crop Circle which appeared in the adjacent field. Please can you send these or your rejection of my request stating why it has been rejected to my postal address.
Kind regards
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**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 21 May 2009 11:08

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090521-FOI Response Section 40 ternational communications 13-05-2009-123654-010-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 May 2009 asking for any files from 1945 onwards regarding communications between the UK and any other governments on UFO matters such as shared information on findings, reports, sightings etc. Additionally, you asked for details of any unexplained sightings of UFOs over nuclear or military installations.

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

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Turning to the specifics of your request, the MoD has no files on the subject of inter governmental communication, discussion or sharing of information on UFOs. You might wish to consider contacting The National Archives at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk in case they have any such old files. However, should this be the case, other UFO researchers would probably have mentioned them by now. You may also wish to know that the MoD currently has a programme to release some 160 UFO files from the late 1970's up to 2007 to The National Archives by the close of 2010. Files for the period 1979-1992 have already been transferred and it is hoped those for 1992-2000 will be transferred by the end of the year and they will be made available for public viewing.

Alternatively, you could contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at www.fco.gov.uk to see if they have any such files.

I am however, aware that there was some discussion around 1978-79 regarding a UN debate on UFOs and that MoD had a limited number of documents on the subject.

The MoD has no central record of UFO sightings and their proximity to military or nuclear installations and it has been assessed that the costs for which we are permitted to charge in providing this information will exceed the appropriate limit. This appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act,

this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

The MOD may be able to provide information requested if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so. In the meantime, you may be interested to know that details of UFO reports received by the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*", but in collating this information, no specific regard was taken of proximity to military or nuclear installations.

I hope this is helpful.

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|---|---|---|
| **Task (What you are permitted to take into account)** | **Hours** | **Cost** |
| How long to determine if we hold information | 0 | 0 |
| How long to retrieve the information or documents | 0 | 0 |
| How long to extract and edit/redact the information | 250 | £62,500 |
| **Total estimate** | **250** | **£62,500** |

## FOI Number 13-05-2009-123654-010

RAF Bus Sec have 30 UFO Report files

Average 100 reports per file

Minimum 5 minutes per report to locate on map and decide if near relevant installation

100 reports x 5 minutes x 30 files = 15,000 minutes

15,000 minutes = 250 hours

1 hour @ £25

250 x 25

Total: £6,250

NOTE:

*1. Information not held in format requested*
*2. These figures are a minimum and exclude correspondence and other UFO files and DIS files*

NOT SENT TO REQUESTER

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 15 May 2009 09:23
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** RE: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 13-05-2009-123654-010 Section 40

**Categories:** FOI Information Request

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That looks perfectly reasonable and it won't harm to suggest that he might like to contact the FCO.
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Sent: 15 May 2009 09:14
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Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 13-05-2009-123654-010 Section 40

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Please see the FOI request below.

The MoD has no files regarding communications between the UK and any other government on the subject of UFOs. Indeed, to the best of my knowledge, we have no documentation on this at all, other than people asking us about it!

However, since his request covers the period 1945 onwards, I will direct him to The National Archives. Additionally, to be helpful, we might need to refer him to the FCO, although I doubt they will thank us!

As far as UFO sightings over nuclear and military installations goes, we simply don't hold information in that manner. I would need to go through as an absolute minimum 30 UFO Report files, log every sighting and then decide if it was near a military base or nuclear facility - weeks of fruitful work. I would suggest we go back with a excessive cost response but that I point him towards our website where we have 11 years worth of

sightings.

Are you content?

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-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 On Behalf Of Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Sent: 13 May 2009 15:59
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 13-05-2009-123654-010 Section 40

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One for you. Shall I get it assigned to us?

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-----Original Message-----
From: CIO-Access Ops4 Section 40
Sent: 13 May 2009 15:38
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAF Parli Business
Cc: Info-CMemRProj1
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 13-05-2009-123654-010 Section 40

Air,

Can you take?

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 12 May 2009 18:24
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)
Subject: FOI written request PF 13-05-2009-123654-010 Section 40

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txttowncity: sutton coldfield
txtstatecountry: Section 40
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: I would like to view any files from 1945 to the present day regarding any communication's between the UK government and any other government(s) on the subject of UFO's,eg shared information on findings/reports/sightings .I would also like to see documents on any unexplained sightings of UFO's over nuclear/military installations.

Section 40 [redacted]

**From:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 15 May 2009 07:49
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090515-UFO Report Section 40 Strathspey-U

Dear Section 40

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**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 24 May 2009 23:27

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** RE: 20090515-UFO Report Section 40 Strathspey-U

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your detailed reply and for taking time look in to this regarding my request if there was any military activity at the time of the sighting, which is useful in the process of elimination. Whatever it was I would still obviously like to discover, as from my observation it certainly appeared to be an "aircraft" of some type, under control and certainly not a helicopter due to its close proximity and silence. I appreciate it is not the MODs position to provide explanations, if however any (low-flying) aircrew using the area do report seeing something similar at night and have any idea as to what it might be it would be interesting to know.

Had there been any aircraft in the area as there often are in the evenings, then this would have certainly been very clearly visible to them and I'm sure of interest as it would have been well within their airspace.

Regards,

Section 40

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Subject: 20090515-UFO Report Section 40 Strathspey-U
Date: Fri, 15 May 2009 07:49:17 +0100
From: Section 40 @mod.uk
To: Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 18 May 2009 14:05
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Release-Authorised:20090518-UFO REPORT Section 40 - RIGHT OF APPEAL-U

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Further to my e-mail of 15 May 2009, I notice that I failed to include the following paragraphs outlining your rights of appeal relating to your original request of 21 April 2009:

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 06 May 2009 16:19
**To:** Section 40
**Cc:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-authorised: POSSIBLE EXERCISE STRATHSPEY

Section 40

Regarding your query below, which I have taken on from Section 40 there are no Training Areas in the Strathspey area, although there is an Adventurous Training Hut in Kingussie (pronounce the "g" as "y", and you're just about there), which was booked out to Exeter UOTC from 12 to 18 April (contact details Capt Section 40 Section 40 He will be able to advise you what activities they were up to which may be relevant to your line of enquiries. - WALKING - WOULD HAVE BEEN NO FLARES

The only other possibility of Land Forces training activity in the Strathspey area, (bear in mind that this is 70+ miles long) is Training on Private Land (TOPL) which is controlled by G3 Trg LTAR, 51 (Scottish) Brigade here in Stirling. I have spoken to Capt Section 40 who advises me that there was no TOPL booked in that area on the date in question. He was able to tell me, however that he had been notified that RAF Lyneham had a Hercules flying in the general area, dropping things by parachute. RAF Lyneham's Ops room, contact number Section 40, may be able to provide more detail. Otherwise, there are 2 RAF stations in the general vicinity of Lower Speyside, RAF Lossiemouth (Ops Room Section 40 and RAF Kinloss (Ops Room Section 40 who can advise of Air operations in the Highlands on the date in question.

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HERCULES FLIGHTS ENVED HOURS BEFORE LOSSIEMOUTH + KINLOSS DIDN'T HAVE HELICOPTER OR HARRIER FLIGHTS - NOTHING CLOSE COULD HOVER

**From:** DTE Landmarc SE - SO3 G1/G2 Section 40
**Sent:** 06 May 2009 14:53
**To:** DTE Landmarc SCO - SO2 J4(B) Section 40
**Subject:** FW: POSSIBLE EXERCISE STRATHSPEY

Section 40

Good Afternoon,

We spoke earlier. Please see below from Section 40 I would be grateful for any information or direction that you can point me in.

Best wishes

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 [mailto Section 40 @mod.uk]
**Sent:** 06 May 2009 12:51
**To:** DTE Landmarc SE - SO3 G1/G2 Section 40

[redacted]ject: POSSIBLE EXERCISE STRATHSPEY

Section 40

I have received an FOI request asking whether there was any exercise taking place in the Strathspey area on Tuesday 14 April.
Do you have any record of anything in the area for that day?

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18-05-2009-16418-032

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 22 April 2009 10:45
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Enquiry

Nothing booked in. So in the words of L Grossman: "It's over to you."

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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Low Flying
**Sent:** 22 April 2009 10:44
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** FW: Low Flying Enquiry

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 21 April 2009 22:47
**To:** Low Flying
**Subject:** Low Flying Enquiry

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you may assist me as to whether there was any low flying activity (probably helicopter) in the Strathspey area at around 21.45 Tuesday 14th April? The reason for this request is perhaps to explain several sightings by residents of the Nethybridge area that evening of extremely unusual brilliant aerial lights seen at that time. A brilliant orange light (similar to the intensity of an aircraft landing light) was noted approaching the village at fairly low altitude from the east, which then remained stationary for around 10 minutes, turning to bright red. It was moving and stopping as if a helicopter, but no sound was heard or other navigation lights seen. It would be interesting to know if there was any exercise underway, or perhaps the use of some sort of flare to explain this if you are able to provide this information.

It was seen by myself as well as a local farmer and other resident, and none of us can come to any conclusion other than perhaps military activity?

I realise that this does seem to enter in to the realms of a report of a UFO, but that is exactly what it remains. At least if we know there was no aircraft activity at that time we can consider other possibilities and perhaps try and find an explanation. Obviously there are many other possibilities, though as the night was cloudy this eliminates most astronomical ones.

If you do have any suggestions as to it's source they would be welcome.

By coincidence, I do note that there is a fair amount of flying activity currently this evening in the area. I was intrigued watching the planes as they circle that sporadically they do illuminate very bright "landing" lights on and off, is this usual in night flying as I hadn't noticed it before? I don't think it explains the above as there was no noise but was interested, as it looks quite spectacular and may well account for some "lights" people are reporting?

Yours,

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Nethybridge.

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Our Ref:
05-05-2009-162136-004

14 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 5 May 2009 asking for copies of past and present UFO files.

The MoD has over 170 UFO files and the costs of preparing them for release would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

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Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

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Yours sincerely

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170 files = 14x25x170
£59,500

Based on it taking 2-3 days to prepare a file for The National Archives

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Sent: 05 May 2009 13:11
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Subject: FOI written request PF 05-05-2009-162136-004 Section 40

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txtlastname:
txtoccupation: retail
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
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txtstatecountry: england
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtinforequest: i would like ufo files from the past to present day if possible thanks very much

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Our Ref:
11-05-2009-115148-001

14 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Operation Blackbird. Specifically you asked me to look into claims that a "D-Notice" was placed against this incident.

As far as Operation Blackbird is concerned, I am afraid that I can add little to my previous correspondence. I can find no documentation relating to this incident (other than letters from members of the public asking about it) nor can I find anyone in the MoD that can recall it ever took place.

The MoD does not have responsibility for answering questions regarding D-Notices, which falls to the Independent Defence and Broadcasting Advisory Committee, which is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Dear Section 40

I previously wrote to you regarding a crop circle project that involved the MoD. The project was an attempt to film a crop circle being formed and involved some support from the MoD and was entitled Operation Blackbird. This took place in the summer of 1990 and a D-Notice was allegedly issued to GWR in Swindon who were attempting to report live from the scene of the project. The studio presenter at the time was a reporter called Section 40 who has confirmed this verbally and also in this email:

*Hi* Section 40

*I now live abroad so its not so easy to contact me by phone but please feel free to email if you need anything else. As I recall it [the crop formation] was somewhere near Alton barns, a crop circle had been discovered with some mysterious item found in the centre of it. We sent the radio car but were prevented from viewing it and a D notice stopped us reporting on it, it was when I was on GWR in Swindon.*

*All the best*
Section 40

Would it be possible for you to look into the validity of these claims under the FOIA? Many thanks.

Yours sincerely Section 40
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11-05-2009-
115148-001

Section 40

**From:** Vallance, Andrew Avm
**Sent:** 11 May 2009 13:35
**To:** Section 40
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: CROP CIRCLES AND D NOTICES

Dear Section 40

I too have received a letter from Section 40 stating that a reporter called Section 40 has claimed that during a media investigation into a crop-circle incident 'a D Notice stopped us reporting on it'; it asks me to look into 'the validity of these claims'. I had already gone through the files of this period in response to his former request and found no absolutely no evidence to suggest that any DA Notice advice was ever offered or even contemplated. The phrase 'slap a D-Notice on it' is used with such carelessness by the media that claims such as that made by Section 40 carry absolutely no weight unless they are supported by some form of documentary evidence. So far they haven't been, and until they are no further effort on this and similar cases can be justified.

Your draft letter is fully correct.

Andrew Vallance
AVM
Sec/DPBAC
Section 40

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**From:** Section 40
**Sent:** 11 May 2009 13:09
**To:** Vallance, Andrew Avm
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: CROP CIRCLES AND D NOTICES

Dear Avm Valance,

I attach a letter from a member of the public asking about an alleged D Notice placed against Operation Blackbird in 1990.

Operation Blackbird was an alleged operation by the Army, alongside the BBC and Japanese television to film people/natural phenomena/aliens creating crop circles. As you can probably guess, I am unable to find any documentation to substantiate any such event, but questions about it turn up every year and the internet provides enough variations on the same theme to keep those interested members of the public happy. (In the interests of accuracy, I should state that I have no evidence to prove the filming didn't take place!).

I intend to respond as per below (in blue), but would be grateful if you would confirm that the paragraph relating to D-Notices remains accurate.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Operation Blackbird. Specifically you asked me to look into claims that a "D-Notice" was placed against this incident.

As far as Operation Blackbird is concerned, I am afraid that I can add little to my e-mail of 7 October 2008. I can find no documentation relating to this incident (other than letters from members of the public asking about it) nor can I find anyone in the MoD that can recall it ever took place. The MoD does not have responsibility for answering questions regarding D-Notices, which falls to the Independent Defence and Broadcasting Advisory Committee, which is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
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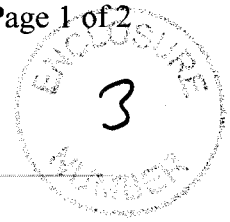


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**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 14 May 2009 14:03

**To:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090514-FOI Response Section 40 secret UFO information 05-05-2009-111348-001-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 May 2009 asking for any Top Secret or "conspiracy" information into UFO research carried out by the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

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

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

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.
Turning to the specifics of your request, in light of the above, you will appreciate that the MoD does not have any information into UFO research classified as Top Secret.
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txtstatecountry: worcestershire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40 [redacted]
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtinforequest: I would like to request any top secret or conspiracy information on your UFO research under the freedom of information act

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Our Ref:
21-04-2009-150912-006

13 May 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 13 April 2009 asking for information relating to UFO sightings for the period 1950-2008, together with a number of UFO related questions.

To provide you with copies of all UFO reports from 1950-2005 alone would be very expensive. The MoD has over 170 UFO files dating back to the early 1990's and the costs of preparing them for release would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

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Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website www.mod.uk by searching under "*UFO Reports*". UFO sightings for 2009 will also be placed on the website in January 2010.

I am afraid that it would not be appropriate for the MoD to provide you with contact details for former members of staff.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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**[redacted]Note Costing for 21-04-2009-150912-006**

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2 days = 14 hours
1 hour = £25
170 files = 14x25x170
£59,000

Based on it taking 2-3 days to prepare files for transfer to The National Archives

As a minimum, assuming all the information UFO report information requested is in the UFO Report files held by Air Command (which it won't be) and excluding the DIS files, the costing would be:

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1 hour = £25
30 files = 14x25x30
£10,500

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13TH APRIL 2009

AIR STAFF
15 APR 2009
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Dear SIR/MADAM
I am writing to you to ask if you could answer the following questions

1, Could you tell me how many UFO reports the M.O.D has recieved from 1950-2008 ?

2, How many reports have been recieved from the following from 1950 - 2008?

A, Airline pilots?
B, Police officers ?
C, Military Personnell?
D, General public ?

3, Do M.O.D officials investigate every UFO report recieved ?

4, Does the M.O.D investigate Alien ABDuctions ?

5, Does the M.O.D investigate CROp circles?

6, Does the M.O.D investigate Animal Mutilations?

P.T.O →

7, Has the M·O·D ever told Ufo Witnesses to keep Quiet about Sightings?

8, Could you Send Me ~~Some~~ All Ufo reports from 1950 - 2005, under the freedom of information act? (I do not have access to a computer or the internet.)

Sorry if this causes any inconvenience

9, Could you give me a postal address so I can write to former Ufo desk employee Nick Pope?

Yours Sincerely

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**From:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Sent:** 08 May 2009 09:37
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090508-FOI Response Section 40 [redacted] 01-05-2009-173111-007

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 April 2009 asking for files on The Roswell landing, Project Serpo and The Tether Project.

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

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has no files on the above three named incidents/projects. As far as I can tell from the internet, they all appear to be matters for the US authorities and you might like to consider contacting them.

Additionally, you asked for any documentation relating to activity in Lancashire. I am assuming that you are referring to UFO activity, but if this is incorrect, please let me know.

The MoD has over 170 UFO files and the costs of identifying documentation specific to Lancashire and preparing it for release would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

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Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.ico.gov.uk.

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