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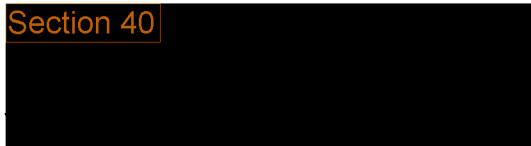
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ENCLOSURE
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Section 40

Your reference

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

Date
13 July 1998

Dear **Section 40**

Your letter of 17 March addressed to Alun Michael at the Home Office has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for reply as the Government focal point for correspondence of this nature. Your letter did not reach this office until the end of June and I am sorry for the delay in responding to it.

You are aware from previous correspondence of the limit of the MOD's interest in reports of 'unidentified flying objects'. As explained in the Under Secretary of State's letter to Ieuan Wyn Jones MP of 2 April, the MOD has no plans for the foreseeable future to expand its interest in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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17 March 1998

Mr Alun Michael JP, MP
Secretary of State for The Home Department's Offices
50 Queen Anne's Gate
London
SW1H 9AT

TO
FROM
19 MAR 1998

Dear Mr Michael,

I would like to bring to your attention a matter which a growing number of people up and down the country view with serious concern. A concern that is not necessarily reciprocated in the corridors of Whitehall.

There is clear and undisputable evidence in documentation released by the Public Record Office (eg Files AIR 20/9321 and 20/9994) that our Military and Intelligence authorities have been withholding evidence confirming craft with design and performance characteristics way in excess of our cutting edge technology have been penetrating our air defence region. This failure to disclose information has further sinister undercurrents when taken into the context of the abductions and occasional homicides associated with these unidentified aerial phenomena (eg the Godfrey Case and the Todmorden Homicide). *One allegedly even buzzed the former Home Secretary's home.*

Please be assured these are genuine concerns; so great in fact that a scientist on Anglesey has written to The Royal Society of Chemistry and The Royal Astronomical Society with a view to putting pressure on The Ministry of Defence to acknowledge the existence of these craft.

It is also clear from PRO documentation that people like myself have been writing to the government for the last forty-five years asking for some form of official acknowledgement of these incursions. A failure to act now would be a cynical betrayal of "truthseekers" both past and present. The people need to know-please don't let us down.

In March last year, a petition was presented to Parliament asking for an enquiry into unidentified aerial phenomena. I would like to add my voice to this and suggest that the Home Office set up a full public enquiry to investigate the role of our Intelligence Services within this field. I am quite happy to arrange for a representative from the Welsh Federation of Independent Ufologists to hold a meeting with yourself or one of your associates in order to present the historical evidence. I look forward to a positive and constructive response at your convenience.

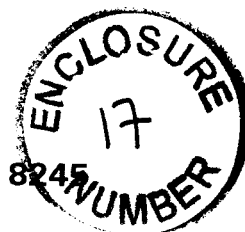
Kind Regards

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Your reference

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27 May 1998

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

1. Your letter of 27 April to the Under Secretary of State for Defence in which you raise several issues in connection with the subject of 'unidentified flying objects' has been passed to this office for reply. Sec(AS)2a1 is the MOD focal point for correspondence of this nature.
2. Mr Spellar's letter to Ieuan Wyn Jones MP of 2 April set out the limit of the Ministry of Defence's interest in 'UFO' matters. It remains the case that unless there is evidence to suggest an unauthorized incursion of the UK Air Defence Region by foreign military activity, the Department is not under remit, nor is there any requirement from a defence perspective, to investigate every seemingly inexplicable sighting reported to the MOD. As Mr Spellar said, it would be an inappropriate use of resources voted for defence purposes if the MOD were to do so.
3. You comment on documents held in the Public Record Office at Kew. In accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, all surviving contemporary paperwork relating to 'unidentified flying object' reports for the 1950s have been transferred to the Public Records Office. It is the case that all available information is a matter of Public Record and there is nothing further I can add to it.
4. I hope this explains the position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]



MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 3000/1998

Date 28/4/98

The ~~Secretary of State~~, US of S has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

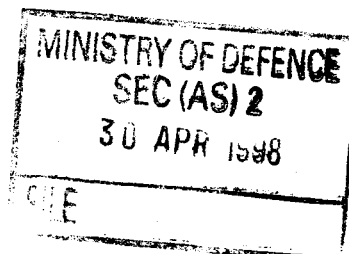
Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent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

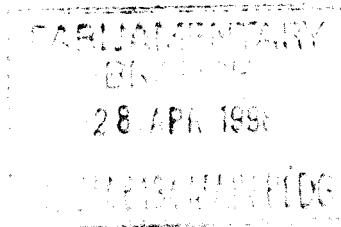
A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force on in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 54/98; further information is available from DOMD on extension **Section 40**

Under the Citizens' Charter, Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of **requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice** including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be used on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

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

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27 April 1998

Mr John Spellar
Under Secretary of State for Defence
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Dear Mr Spellar,

Having read a copy of the letter you sent to Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones (dated 2 April 1998), I have found several points I wish to raise with you. You make several statements in your letter which clearly show you are either unaware of the facts, or you are in complete denial of them.

Firstly, you make the statement, "We believe that down to earth explanations can be found for these reports". I take issue with this, and would very much like to see your explanation regarding the West Freugh incident, the Topcliffe and Church Lawford incidents of the 1950s, all of which are detailed in documents obtained from the public records office, copies of which I have enclosed. These are clearly incidents involving craft with design and performance parameters far in excess of cutting edge technology.

I also must disagree with your policy of branding UFO incidents as being of no defence significance, as it is documented that many incidents involving UFOs have taken place near military installations and energy establishments. Clearly, incidents such as these are of considerable defence significance, especially when the military installation in question is housing nuclear weapons, as was the case with the Rendlesham Forest incident of December 1980, a document relating to which is also enclosed.

In addition, there are some anomalies in some documents I have obtained which I would appreciate explanations on, for example, I have included a document numbered Air 20/9321, relating to West Freugh incident. Paragraph 9 of this document contains the sentence, "There were not known to be any aircraft in the vicinity nor were there meteorological balloons.", yet in an article published in a news paper called the Evening Standard (dated 6 April 1957) it clearly states that, "An official said then that they had checked with the radar station, and that the object was a weather balloon". This is a rather dubious comment, since officially, there were no weather balloons in the area.

I would also like to question a section of document Air 20/9320, requesting that the Secretary of State does not refer to the sightings at West Freugh and Church Lawford specifically as radar sightings.

Please find enclosed documents, some of which have been obtained from the public records office, and are subject to the issues I have raised, and others are from the CIAs Freedom of Information database.

I would very much appreciate your consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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The mystery of the object in the sky

6. 4. 57
Evening Standard Air Reporter

The mystery of an unidentified object picked up by a Royal Air Force radar screen at West Freugh, Scotland, on Thursday, deepened today.

Was it a weather balloon or was it something else?

An Air Ministry spokesman said today: "We are still investigating the reports. There is no further evidence yet."

Yesterday the Air Ministry had no doubt about it. An official said then that they had checked with the radar station, and that the object was a weather balloon, which had been sent up from Aldergrove airfield, Northern Ireland.

Telephone report

Northern Ireland is only 25 miles across the North Channel from West Freugh.

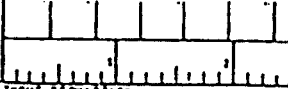
RAF intelligence officers who deal with reports of unidentified objects have received a telephoned report from Wing Commander W. Whitworth, commanding officer of the West Freugh station.

He is sending a full written report to the Air Ministry.

'Very high'

Radar stations (Britain's watch against any surprise attack) are constantly manned. Other radar sets are used in air traffic control and are not on all the time. Objects which cannot be identified are reported to the Air Ministry.

It is understood that the West Freugh object was plotted at a great height.

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Unidentified Objects at West Freugh

1. On the morning of April 4th radar operators at West Freugh detected unidentified objects on the screens of their radars. A summary of this incident is given below.
 2. The object was first observed as a stationary return on the screen of a radar at Palacalloch. Although its range remained appreciably constant for about 10 minutes its height appeared to alter from about 30,000 to 70,000 ft. A second radar was switched on and detected the "object" at the same range and height.
 3. The radar sets used were capable of following objects automatically besides being manually operated. The information is obtained in the form of polar coordinates but it can be converted to give plan position indication together with heights. This information can be fed into plotting board which displays the position of the object by means of an electronically operated pen, while the height is shown on a meter.
 4. The unidentified object was tracked on the plotting table, each radar being switched on to the table in turn to check for discrepancies. After remaining at one spot for about ten minutes the pen moved slowly in a N.E. direction, and gradually increased speed. A speed check was taken which showed a ground speed of 70 m.p.h., the height was then 54,000 ft.
 5. At this time another radar station 20 miles away, equipped with the same type of radars, was asked to search for the "object". A echo was picked up at the range and bearing given and the radar was "locked-on".
 6. After the "object" has travelled about 20 miles it made a very sharp turn and proceeded to move S.E. at the same time increasing speed. Here the reports of the two radar stations differ in details. The one at Palacalloch tracked an "object" at about 50,000 ft at a speed of about 240 m.p.h. while the other followed an "object" or "objects" at 44,000 ft. As the "objects" travelled towards the second radar site the operator detected four "objects" moving in line across about 4,000 yards from each other. This observation was confirmed later by the other radars, for when the object they were plotting passed out of range they were able to detect four other smaller objects before they too passed out of range.
 7. It was noted by the radar operators that the sizes of the echoes were considerably larger than would be expected from normal aircraft. In fact they considered that the size was nearer that of a ship's echo.
 8. It is deduced from these reports that altogether five objects were detected by the three radars. At least one of these rose to an altitude of 70,000 ft while remaining appreciably stationary in azimuth and range. All of these objects appeared to be capable of speeds of about 240 m.p.h. Nothing can be said of physical construction of the objects except that they were very effective reflectors of radar signals, and that they must have been either of considerable size or else constructed to be especially good reflectors.
 9. There were not known to be any aircraft in the vicinity nor were there any meteorological balloons. Even if balloons had been in the area these would not account for the sudden change of direction and the movement at high speed against the prevailing wind.
 10. Another point which has been considered is that the type of radar used is capable of locking onto heavily charged clouds. Clouds of this nature could extend up to the heights in question and cause abnormally large echoes on the radar screens. It is not thought however that this incident was due to such phenomena.
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11. It is concluded that the incident was due to the presence of five reflecting objects of unidentified type and origin. It is considered unlikely that they were conventional aircraft, meteorological balloons or charged clouds.

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S.6 (Mr. West)

With reference to your loose minute 511/S.6 dated 11th April, 1957, it is regretted that due to an oversight the West Freugh, Wigtownshire incident was listed twice; once as a newspaper report and once as a radar sighting under investigation. The error in listing the incidents means that there were fifteen reports this year. The newspaper reports were, in fact, only two and not three as given.

2. The four reports, amplifications of which you require, are as follows.

Radar sightings under investigation

- (a) A report was received from Royal Air Force Church Lawford on 26th March, 1957 of a sighting of an unusual nature. The object move at a speed timed as exceeding 1400 m.p.h. This in itself was unusual as the object had accelerated to this speed from a stationary position. No explanation has yet been found for this sighting but supplementary report, including a copy of the radar plot, was requested and has been received from Church Lawford this afternoon.
- (b) Signals from Royal Air Force Stations Rampton and Lakenheath on 19th March reported unusual responses which did not resemble those from conventional aircraft. Aircraft sent to find the object made no contact with anything in the area of the response.

The meteorological office are at present trying to find whether any unusual phenomena were observed by their stations in that area.

It is possible that the response was due to a seasonal phenomena known as "Angels" and "Anaprop" which is a result of Inversion and Reflection from the Ionosphere.

- (c) Ministry of Supply, Bomb Trials Unit, West Freugh, Wigtownshire picked up an unusual response from an almost stationary object on 4th April 1957; the object was tracked for thirty-six minutes continually increasing in speed while losing height. Enquiries, so far, reveal that no service nor commercial aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. We are at present trying to find out whether a private aircraft might have been in the area at the time.

The possibility of a balloon has been eliminated because the object was proceeding against the wind.

Newspaper Report

- (d) A review by the 'Daily Worker' of a book recently published on German wartime weapons contained references to a German flying saucer which was flown at a speed of 1250 m.p.h. to a height of 40,000 ft.

3. The Wigtownshire report referred to in para 5 of our minute 3 of folder P.Q. 123/57 is the same incident as reported in the news cuttings forwarded with your minute and returned herewith.

4. It is unfortunate that the Wigtownshire radar incident fell into the hands of the press. The two other radar incidents have not been made public and reached us by means of official secret channels. We suggest that S. of S. does not specifically refer to these incidents as radar sightings. We suggest that in answering the original question S. of S. might reply:-

"Of the fifteen incidents reported this year ten have been identified as conventional objects, two contain insufficient information for identification and three are under investigation."

5. If supplementary questions are asked the B. of S. might wish to refer to the answer given to Major Wall on 4th May 1955. Reports received since that date do not suggest that there need be any change in the answer given at that time.

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Appendix 3

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 88TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)
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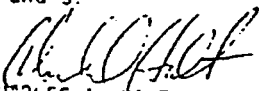
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13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.
3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.


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

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SUBJ: UFO SIGHTED OVER URUMQI EVENING OF 6 SEP

SOURCE: BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 0619 GMT 13 SEP 89

TEXT:

((TEXT)) URUMQI, SEPTEMBER 13 (XINHUA) -- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) WAS SIGHTED OVER URUMQI, CAPITAL OF THE XINJIANG UYCUR AUTONOMOUS REGION, AT 11:13 PM ON SEPTEMBER 6.

THAT NIGHT TONG YUWEI, A WORKER IN THE CITY SAW A DARK CLOUD SUDDENLY LIGHT UP. FOLLOWING A GOLDEN FLASH, A SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH A BLACK CAP ON ITS EDGE APPEARED. AFTER HOVERING IN THE SKY FOR A MINUTE, THE UFO, BATHED IN RED AND YELLOW LIGHT, ROTATING AT HIGH SPEED, DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT TOWARD THE SOUTHWEST.

DURING THE TIME OF THE OBJECT'S APPEARANCE, OBSERVERS REPORTED HEARING SOUNDS LOUDER THAN A CAR ENGINE.

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SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS IN SWEDEN -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 18 May 54

Lulea -- A snowstorm on 17 May made it impossible for the Gaellivare police to investigate the celestial objects which were recently seen in various places in northern Norrbotten Province. The police do not think that the objects were meteorological balloons but do not have any theories to account for the sightings. The latest eyewitness account was given by Valdemar Ylinentalo from Kuusijaervi, who declared that he saw a silvery football-shaped object coming from the Finnish side of the boundary; it had a fiery tail 70-80 meters long and appeared to descend to earth about half a kilometer from where he was. Jenny Karlsson, another eyewitness, stated that she saw a sphere-shaped object attached to a meter-long rod pass her at a distance of 4-5 meters (sic) and come to earth in the forest, a short distance from her. No traces of this object have been found.

CELESTIAL OBJECT TO BE DUG UP IN DENMARK -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 24 May 54

In the near future, an investigation will be made to determine whether a flying object which landed in a field near Spjellerup about 6 months ago is a meteor, a shell, or some part of a "flying saucer." The object made a hole in the field about 3.5 meters deep and 25 centimeters in diameter and passed through a thick stratum of flint. The owner of the land pushed a long iron rod into the hole and determined that the object at the bottom is metallic. It is said that at the time the object descended to earth, there were quite a number of unidentified flying objects over the area. Excavation of the object will be performed with assistance from the military.

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SIGHT UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT OVER TAURUS MOUNTAINS OF TURKEY -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah,
7 May 54

Mersin, 6 May 1954 -- Today, an unidentified aircraft was sighted by residents of the town of Mersin at approximately 1130 hours. The craft, which appeared over the Taurus Mountains, seemed to be about 10 meters in length and was traveling in a straight line. It was visible only for a few minutes and then disappeared.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SEEN OVER WEST GERMANY -- Douala, L'Eveil du Cameroun,
17 Jun 54

Two unidentified flying objects were reported to have been seen recently for about 10 seconds by a PTT (Postes, Telegraphes, et Telephones, Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Service) engineer and by another person between Frankfurt and Darmstadt, near the Rhein-Main Air Base. The objects were described as glowing disks, which descended almost vertically to a certain [unspecified] distance above the earth at high speed and then rose rapidly, describing a parabola. US radar did not pick up the objects.

New York, N. Y. Staats-Zeitung und Herald, 20 Jun 54

Employees of various air lines at the Duesseldorf airport recently observed a shiny, round object which approached from the south at high speed, then turned toward the west, and disappeared above the 6,000-meter overcast. An employee of the Condor aerial-advertising firm, who happened to be watching a skywriter of his firm at the time, called the object a "flying saucer" and stated that it could not possibly have been an airplane, balloon, or aerial measuring device. Several other airport employees confirmed his observation.

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FLYING SAUCERS OVER BELGIAN CONGO URANIUM MINES

Fritz Sitte

Recently, two fiery disks were sighted over the uranium mines located in the southern part of the Belgian Congo in the Elisabethville district, east of the Luapula River which connects the Meru and Bangweolo lakes. The disks glided in elegant curves and changed their position many times, so that from below they sometimes appeared as plates, ovals, and simply lines. Suddenly, both disks hovered in one spot and then took off in a unique zigzag flight to the northeast. A penetrating hissing and buzzing sound was audible to the onlookers below. The whole performance lasted from 10 to 12 minutes.

Commander Pierre of the small Elisabethville airfield immediately set out in pursuit with a fighter plane. On his first approach he came within about 120 meters of one of the disks. According to his estimates, the "saucer" had a diameter of from 12 to 15 meters and was discus-shaped. The inner core remained absolutely still, and a knob coming out from the center and several small openings could plainly be seen. The outer rim was completely veiled in fire and must have had an enormous speed of rotation. The color of the metal was similar to that of aluminum.

The disks traveled in a precise and light manner, both vertically and horizontally. Changes in elevation from 800 to 1,000 meters could be accomplished in a few seconds; the disks often shot down to within 20 meters of the tree tops. Pierre did not regard it possible that the disk could be landed, since the irregular speed as well as the heat would make it impossible for a person to stay inside the stable core. Pierre had to give up pursuit after 15 minutes since both disks, with a loud whistling sound which he heard despite the noise of his own plane, disappeared in a straight line toward Lake Tanganyika. He estimated their speed at about 1,500 kilometers per hour.

Pierre is regarded as a dependable officer and a zealous flyer. He gave a detailed report to his superiors which, strangely enough, in many respects agreed with various results of research.

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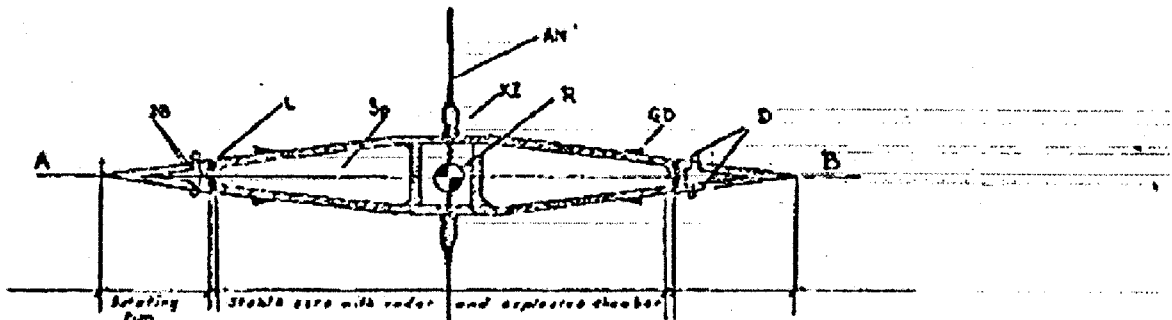
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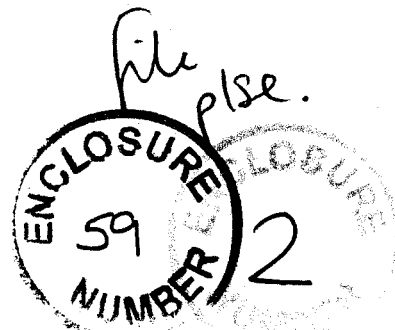
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The sketch below shows the construction principle of the "flying saucers." The captions are, in part, purely conjecture, based on reports by pilots who pursued the disks; in part, they were learned from secret research institutions. The central core contains the explosive (SP) and the installations for radar steering (R). It has catapult knobs (KZ) and antennae (AN) as well as counter-pressure housing (GD). Around this core, a rim rotates which has jets (D) on its upper and lower side, plus fuel chambers (DB). The roller bearing is shown by the letter-L. The launching occurs at a sharp angle in the manner of a discus throw; the revolutions per minute of the rim probably amount to 22,000. The jets on the bottom of the rim serve to propel the disk vertically upwards; lateral steering results from switching on and off various jet groups.

[Appended sketch follows:]





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1 May 1998

Letter to DTI Minister regarding UFOs.

As we discussed the other day, Mr Battle has received a letter from a member of the public regarding the Government's policy on investigating UFO sightings. We agreed that I would write back to the individual stating the Government's policy and informing him that the MoD has lead responsibility on this issue.

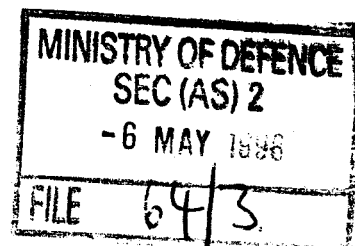
For completeness, I am enclosing a copy of the original letter from Section 40 and my response to him.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Government Policy on UFOs

Thank you for your letter of 3 April to Mr Battle regarding the government's policy on UFO sightings. I have been asked to reply.

Government policy on UFO reports is to investigate any sighting in order to establish whether the UK Air Defence Region has been penetrated by hostile or unauthorised foreign military forces. Unless the sighting reveals evidence of a potential threat from an external military source - and to date no UFO sighting has revealed such evidence - no attempt is made to determine the precise nature of the sighting. The Government does not feel that investigating each report would generate sufficient benefit to justify the large public resources required.

Lead responsibility for Government policy on this issue lies with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and not with Mr Battle - the Minister for Science, Energy and Industry. If you wish to discuss the implications of government policy on UFOs, you should contact the MoD direct at the following address:

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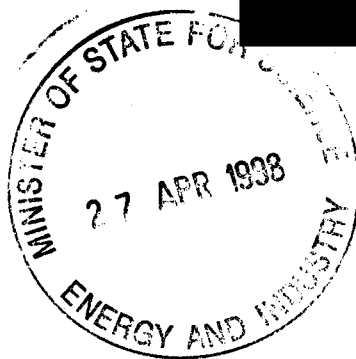
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03 April 1998

Mr John Battle, MP
The Minister of State for Science and Technology
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Battle,

I am a student, and member of the WFIU (Wales Federation of Independent UFOlogists). I am writing to voice my concern over the issue of UFO secrecy in this country, and our government's refusal to acknowledge that highly advanced craft displaying capabilities far beyond the reaches of cutting edge technology, are routinely penetrating the United Kingdom's air space.

The opinion held by myself, and many others, is that these UFOs deserve to be researched thoroughly, and objectively by scientific means, so as to establish the truth behind these extraordinary craft. The government's ignorance of this phenomena is frightening in itself, as UFOs clearly demonstrate the ease with which our airspace can be penetrated by potential threats, yet we are fed with clear displays of this ignorance when the government labels sightings of UFOs over our military and energy establishments as being of "No Defence Significance".

Surely, in light of the recent increase in the volume of cases reported, the government should be a little more concerned, ordering scientific investigation into these sightings, and making the details available to the public.

Many qualified scientists are already researching the phenomena on a freelance basis, but official scientific investigations need to be made, not only to establish whether or not UFOs are a threat to the security of the country, but also perhaps to find an answer to the mystery behind these craft.

I have enclosed some documents pertaining to UFO sightings, which I obtained through America's CIA *Freedom Of Information Act* database. Surely the phenomena highlighted in these documents deserves to be investigated scientifically.

I am very grateful for your kind consideration on these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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SIGHT UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT OVER TAURUS MOUNTAINS OF TURKEY -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 7 May 54

Mersin, 6 May 1954 -- Today, an unidentified aircraft was sighted by residents of the town of Mersin at approximately 1130 hours. The craft, which appeared over the Taurus Mountains, seemed to be about 10 meters in length and was traveling in a straight line. It was visible only for a few minutes and then disappeared.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SEEN OVER WEST GERMANY -- Douala, L'Eveil du Cameroun, 17 Jun 54

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((TEXT)) URUMQI, SEPTEMBER 13 (XINHUA) -- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) WAS SIGHTED OVER URUMQI, CAPITAL OF THE XINJIANG UYGUR AUTONOMOUS REGION, AT 11:13 PM ON SEPTEMBER 6.

THAT NIGHT TONG YUWEI, A WORKER IN THE CITY SAW A DARK CLOUD SUDDENLY LIGHT UP. FOLLOWING A GOLDEN FLASH, A SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH A BLACK GAP ON ITS EDGE APPEARED. AFTER HOVERING IN THE SKY FOR A MINUTE, THE UFO, BATHED IN RED AND YELLOW LIGHT, ROTATING AT HIGH SPEED, DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT TOWARD THE SOUTHWEST.

DURING THE TIME OF THE OBJECT'S APPEARANCE, OBSERVERS REPORTED HEARING SOUNDS LOUDER THAN A CAR ENGINE.

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SUBJ: POLICE OFFICERS SPOT UFO; RAPID REACTION FORCE ALERTED

SOURCE: MOSCOW ITAR-TASS WORLD SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0920 GMT
26 JUN 86

TEXT:

BY VLADAS BURBULIS

THIS TRANSLATED TEXT VILNIUS, 26 JUN -- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO), SPOTTED NEAR THE LITHUANIAN BORDER ON 25 JUNE BY TWO DUTY MOTOR POLICE PATROL OFFICERS JAUNIS POZERA AND LATMIS KRANJALIS PLACED THE WHOLE VILNIUS POLICE ON THE ALERT. VEHICLE LOADS OF SOLDIERS FROM THE ARAS RAPID REACTION FORCE, SNIFFER DOGS AND POLICE REINFORCEMENTS IMMEDIATELY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY.

ACCORDING TO THE EYEWITNESS'S ACCOUNTS, AT ABOUT 0030 IN THE EARLY MORNING, ON THE VILNIUS-MEDININKAI ROAD, NEAR THE VILLAGE OF NEMEZIS, 10 KM FROM THE CAPITAL, AT AN ALTITUDE OF 20-30 METERS ABOVE THE GROUND, THEY NOTICED A SPHERICAL OBJECT HANGING AND "PULSING," ALTERNATELY SHRINKING AND EXPANDING. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HEARD WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS "A STRANGE SOUND LIKE AN ELECTRIC OR ELECTRONIC CRACKLE," WANTING TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE UFO, THE POLICEMEN MOVED TOWARD IT. WHEN THEY HAD ADVANCED ABOUT 50 METERS THROUGH THE LONG GRASS, THE POLICE SAID, THE SPHERE MOVED AWAY, ROSE HIGHER AND RAPIDLY DEPARTED IN THE DIRECTION OF VILNIUS.

THE POLICEMEN WATCHED THE UFO FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR. ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE OF THE "EMERGENCY", MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, SERVICEMEN FROM THE SPECIAL FORCES AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAPITAL'S POLICE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE AREA, MEASURED THE BACKGROUND RADIATION AND TAPE-RECORDED THE STRANGE SOUND, WHICH WAS STILL HEARD IN THE AREA AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE UFO. THE SNIFFER DOGS DID NOT DISCOVER ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS AND BEHAVED QUIETLY. BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THE TALL GRASS AROUND THE PLACE OVER WHICH THE SPHERE HAD "HUNG" WAS FLATTENED TO A RADIUS OF 10 METERS.

LITHUANIAN SCIENTISTS HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED AN OPINION ON THE APPEARANCE OF THIS UFO NEAR VILNIUS. POLICE COMMISSIONER VALENTINAS LUCHNEVICIUS SAID IN A RADIO INTERVIEW TODAY THAT BOTH OFFICERS WHO WATCHED THE SHINING OBJECT "ARE PSYCHOLOGICALLY HEALTHY, NORMAL PEOPLE, NOT NOTED FOR CRANKINESS."

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
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2 April 1998

Dear Ieuan,

Thank you for your letter of 13 March (reference: IWJ/2/96/137) to George Robertson enclosing one from your constituent, **Section 40**, about my Department's policy on reports of 'unidentified flying objects'. I am replying as this matter falls within my area of responsibility. **Section 40** has written in similar terms to my officials and they will not be replying separately.

As you know, my Department examines any reports of 'UFO sightings' sent to us solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance, namely, whether there was any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been breached by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

My Department has no plans for the foreseeable future to expand its interest in these matters. I can however assure **Section 40** **Section 40** that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is

Ieuan Wyn Jones Esq MP

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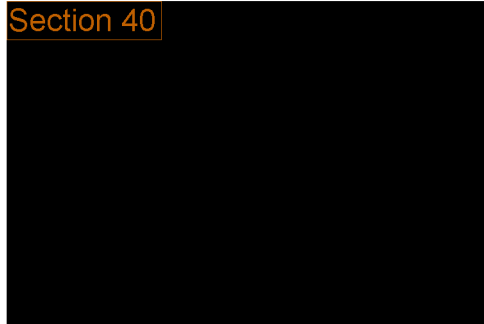
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maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force which remains vigilant for any potential external military threat. We are confident that our current air defence capabilities fully meet any perceived threat.

I hope this explains the position.

Section 40



JOHN SPELLAR MP





HOUSE OF COMMONS
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13 March 1998

The Rt Hon George Robertson MP
Secretary of State
The Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
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Dear Secretary of State

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to the Ministry of Defence by my constituent, **Section 40**
Section 40 **Section 40** regarding unidentified
aerial phenomena.

It would be helpful if you could let me have a copy of the response you send to **Section 40**
Section 40 respect of his letter.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

IEUAN WYN JONES
MP for Ynys Môn

Section 40

21 February 1998

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
MOD
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LONDON
SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

I would like to add my voice to the groundswell of public opinion concerning an open policy on unidentified aerial phenomena.

I am aware of your Department's official policy that "To date, the MOD remains unaware of any evidence which proves that "UFO/flying saucers" or extraterrestrial lifeforms exist". However, if you read my attached article on the Operation Mainbrace Incident, I am sure you will agree, this policy is now obsolescent. Nor is this the only incident on record to have come out of the Public Record Office.

I would be grateful if the Ministry of Defence would reword its official policy to the more updated.-

"It is a matter of Public Record that intelligently controlled unidentified craft with design and performance parameters that far exceed current state of the art aircraft design have on occasion being witnessed by military/civilian aircrew/personnel. These unidentified craft are also on occasion penetrating the UK air defence region."

Under the Code of Practice on access to Government Information, I sense it would also be constructive if, in future, when military units witness unidentified aerial phenomena that full details of the sighting be made public in the form of a televised press conference. This type of openness would also be an excellent demonstration of the Government's commitment to a Freedom of Information Bill.

I am grateful for your kind consideration of my requests for open Government. I believe by working in partnership with the people in this way, our Government would be recognised by people at home and abroad as pioneers in the progressive development of modern democracy.

Kind Regards,

Section 40

A Very Secret History

1952 was a landmark year in the history of the Twentieth Century. Britain had a change of monarch, UN forces were fighting in Korea, General Batista seized power in Cuba, Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia won three medals at the Helsinki Olympics and President Truman dedicated *The Nautilus*, the worlds first nuclear submarine. September also had its share of the years events. In Washington, The McCarthy Witchhunts were in full swing and even Charlie Chaplin was denied a US Visa pending a disloyalty enquiry. Meanwhile, Alfred Hershey and Martha Chase confirmed the hereditary nature of DNA in a report published on the 20th.

Communism and The Soviet Union were perceived as a grave threat and on the 18th September, the Danes and the US disclosed the building of a huge airbase at Thule in Greenland; meanwhile, the NATO allies were also conducting a huge exercise in the North Sea and North Atlantic. Dubbed "Mainbrace", the exercise used the military resources of Britain, USA, Canada, Norway, Denmark, France, Netherlands and Belgium. Whilst details of all these events are available in any standard college history textbook; disturbingly, details of an incident that occurred during Operation Mainbrace have only recently been made available through the auspices of The Public Record Office at Kew.

As part of the Royal Air Force's involvement in Mainbrace, No 269 Squadron were posted to RAF Topcliffe on Yorkshire. It was whilst at Topcliffe that several members of this squadron witnessed a silver disc type unidentified flying object on the 19th September. Flt Lt Kilburn, the senior officer among the men filed a full report which was posted to HQ No 18 Group and dated 20th September 1952, the contents of which are summarised below.

The witnesses observed a Gloster Meteor descending at 500 feet at RAF Topcliffe in Thirsk, Yorkshire during Operation Mainbrace. The time was 7.10pm and the date was 19 September 1952. a UFO was seen approximately 5 miles astern at approx. 15000 feet and described as circular and silver in colour, it was moving at a slow speed on a similar course to the Meteor and then began a descent swinging in a pendular motion not too dissimilar to that of a falling sycamore leaf. The descending Meteor had turned towards Dishforth and the UFO, whilst still descending, appeared to follow suit. The pendulous motion then ceased and the object initiated a rotary motion about an axis perpendicular to its horizontal plane before disappearing in a westerly direction and turning on a south easterly bearing. The witnesses stated that its movements were not identifiable with anything that they had seen in the air and acceleration was in excess of that of a shooting star. The duration of the incident was 15 to 20 seconds. The sighting was also backed up by a number of civilian witnesses outside of the base.

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