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DAS  
WHITEHALL

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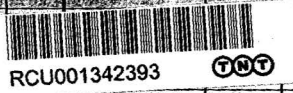
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Information Management  
Defence Information Management  
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000  
- Requests for Information.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Block Capitals)

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

\*(FOR DR USE ONLY)



Dear **Section 40**

Further to my message yesterday regarding your requests for information about UFO sighting reports, I have now been informed by our Departmental Records Officer that the MOD files for 1978 were transferred to The National Archives in March 2005. Any surviving information concerning the following requests should therefore also now be open for viewing as described in my previous message.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1978	03:00	Halifax, West Yorkshire
1978	03:00	Chiltern, Nr Crendon, Bucks
11 January 1978	16:45	Rainhill, Nr St Helens
January 1978	02:30	Cononley, Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire

If you wish to view these records they can be found under the following National Archives references;

- DEFE 24/1207 - UFO Reports & Correspondence
- DEFE 24/1208 - UFO Reports (Unedited reports)
- DEFE 24/1209 - UFO Reports
- DEFE 24/1210 - UFO Reports
- DEFE 24/1211 - UFO Reports
- DEFE 24/1212 - UFO Reports
- DEFE 24/1290 - UFO Reports (Edited)
- DEFE 24/1291 - UFO Reports

The records covering the period of your remaining four requests (1979-1980) are still with the MOD and these should arrive with me shortly. As soon as I have examined them for any relevant information, I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**

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Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
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Whitehall  
LONDON  
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Status: Internal Transfer

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- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]  
 First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40  
 Organisation: [Redacted]  
 Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40  
 Address Line2: [Redacted]  
 Address Line3: Section 40 WAKEFIELD  
 Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE  
 Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom  
 Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk  
 Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0300 HOURS. 1978. LOCATION - HALIFAX, WEST YORKSHIRE. FOUR UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVE A UFO ABOVE THE SAVILE PARK AREA OF HALIFAX FROM ELEVATED LOCATION ABOVE TOWN. SEEN FOR 20-30 MINUTES. REPORTED TO DIV HO AT HALIFAX. OFFICERS RECEIVED VISIT FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF MOD.

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**Status:** Internal Transfer

**Workflow Options**

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**View**

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

**Actions**

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

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**Date request received:** 19 September 2005

**Applicant Details**

**Title:** Section 40 **Other:**

**First Name:**  **\*Surname:** Section 40

**Organisation:**

**Applicant Type:** Not Specified **Other:**

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

**Address Line1:** Section 40

**Address Line2:**

**Address Line3:** Section 40 WAKEFIELD

**Town/City:** WEST YORKSHIRE

**Postcode:** Section 40 **Country:** United Kingdom

**Email:** @hotmail.com

**Telephone:** Section 40 **Fax:**

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Status: Internal Transfer

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**Days Left:** 20

**Workflow Options**

Internal Transfer

**View**

Audit Trail

Comments Log

Saved Search Result

Contact Details

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**Actions**

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

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**Request Details**

**Response Format Requested:**

**Language Requested**  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0300 HOURS. 1978. LOCATION - CHILTERN, NEAR LONG CRENDON, BUCKS. THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVE A HUGE UFO AT LOW ALTITUDE PASSING NEAR TO THEIR LOCATION FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. SMALLER OBJECTS SEEN TO FLY AROUND THE LARGER OBJECT. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS PC ERIC RAYMENT. REPORTED VIA

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I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0300 HOURS. 1978. LOCATION - CHILTERN, NEAR LONG CRENDON, BUCKS. THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVE A HUGE UFO AT LOW ALTITUDE PASSING NEAR TO THEIR LOCATION FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. SMALLER OBJECTS SEEN TO FLY AROUND THE LARGER OBJECT. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS PC ERIC RAYMENT. REPORTED VIA KIDDLINGTON POLICE HQ VIA RADIO.

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All sources

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Workflow Options

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- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: Section 40 WAKEFIELD

Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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**Request Details**

**Response Format Requested:**

**Language Requested**  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

1645 HOURS. 11/01/78. LOCATION - RAINHILL NEAR ST HELENS. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS, PC LOWE AND PC ROBERTS SAW A UFO OVER ABOVE LOCATION. SEEN TO STOP AND HOVER ABOVE BOLD POWER STATION AND THEN THE FIDDLERS FERRY POWER STATION.

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Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

Date request received: 19 September 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title:

Section 40

Other:

First Name:

\*Surname:

Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type:

Not Specified

Other:

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

Address Line1:

Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Section 40 WAKEFIELD

Town/City:

WEST YORKSHIRE

Postcode:

Section 40

Country:

United Kingdom

Email:

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Telephone:

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Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:  
  
0230 HOURS. JANUARY 1978. LOCATION - CONONLEY, SKIPTON IN NORTH YORKSHIRE. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS, PS TONY DODD AND PC ALAN DALE SAW A UFO AT VERY LOW ALTITUDE PASS OVER THEIR POLICE VEHICLE WHILST ON PATROL.

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Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning the 27 Freedom of Information requests you have made for information about various UFO sightings between 1957 and 1980. Your messages have been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First I should explain that it was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. In 1967 there was an increase in public interest in this subject and since then UFO report files have generally been preserved and transferred to The National Archives when they are approximately 25 years old. Some files did survive from the 1950s and early 1960s, and these together with records up to 1977 are now open for viewing. If the incidents detailed in the table below were reported to the MOD and any relevant information has survived it will be available at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU (telephone: 020 8876 3444). The National Archives website <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk> gives details of the records they hold (including their on line catalogue) and how to access them.


DATE	TIME	LOCATION
September 1957	23:45	Bristol Channel
July 1963		Chorlton, Near Shaftesbury, Wiltshire
27 August 1967		Between Spelsbury and Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
27 August 1967		Glossop, Derbyshire
24 October 1967	04:00	A3072 Between Okehampton and Holsworthy, Devon
October 1967		Gosport
Late October 1967	05:30	Bacup, Lancashire
October / November 1967		Sharneyford, Near Todmorden, West Yorkshire
5 August 1969		Carmarthen, Wales
16 June 1970	04:00	Hampstead, London
Late February 1971	06:15	Nuneaton
August 1971		Albridge, Staffordshire
27 October 1971	21:40	Banbury, Oxfordshire
14 September 1972		Crumlin, Monmouthshire, Wales
15 August 1975	03:25	Bury, Greater Manchester
October 1975	06:15	Salisbury, Wiltshire
1 August 1976		Hemel Hempstead
3 May 1977	04:12	Hainault Forest, London
28 August 1977	00:10-00:30	Windermere, Cumbria

With regard to your remaining 8 requests covering the period 1978 to 1980, the MOD still holds records for this period. I will examine these to see if they contain any relevant information and I will write to you again shortly.

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**

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LONDON



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Actions

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- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: POLICE

Applicant Type: Other Other: POLICE

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: Section 40

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Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40@hotmail.com

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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**Response Format Requested:**

**Language Requested**  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

SEPTEMBER 1957 2345 HOURS BRISTOL CHANNEL - THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVED A RED DISC SHAPED UFO RISE FROM THE BRISTOL CHANNEL. THE SIGHTING WAS REPORTED TO GLAMORGAN POLICE HQ. SOURCE DAILY TELEGRAPH 04/09/57.

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title: Section 40 Other:

First Name:  \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other:

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

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: @hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax:

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**Request Details**

**Response Format Requested:**  **Language Requested**  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:  
JULY CHORLTON NEAR SHAFTESBURY, WILTSHIRE. PC ANTHONY PENNY REPORTED SEEING AN ORANGE UFO FLASH ACROSS THE SKY AT ABOVE LOCATION - DAYS LATER A CRATER WAS FOUND IN A POTATO FIELD WITH STRANGE INDENTATIONS. AN ARMY BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT INVESTIGATED THE CRATER. QUESTIONS WERE RAISED IN

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I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

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JULY CHORLTON NEAR SHAFTESBURY, WILTSHIRE. PC ANTHONY PENNY REPORTED SEEING AN ORANGE UFO FLASH ACROSS THE SKY AT ABOVE LOCATION - DAYS LATER A CRATER WAS FOUND IN A POTATO FIELD WITH STRANGE INDENTATIONS. AN ARMY BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT INVESTIGATED THE CRATER. QUESTIONS WERE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT BY MAJOR PATRICK WALL.



**Section 40**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2005 17:15  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST 19-09-2005-165559-014 [redacted]  
**Categories:** FOI Information Request

**Section 40**

**Section 40** Please note this is an amendment to the above case sent to you on AIT yesterday. He is stating the year of event.

**Section 40** Please change this from AIT "FOI Request" to "AMENDMENT" in the www. Inbox.

Thanks

**Section 40**

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

**From:** feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2005 11:32  
**To:** Info-Access-Office  
**Subject:** FOI INFORMATION REQUEST 19-09-2005-165559-014 [redacted]

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 11:32:13

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**LastName:** [redacted]  
**occupation:** POLICE  
**Company:** THE PRUFOS POLICE DATABASE  
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**Address2:** [redacted]  
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**State:** WEST YORKSHIRE ENGLAND  
**Zip:** [redacted]  
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**infosubject:** I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

AMENDMENT TO FOI APPLICATION FORM SENT AT 1126 HOURS 19/09/2005. YEAR OF INCIDENT 1963 - LOCATION CHORLTON, NEAR SHAFTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

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- Take Ownership

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]  
 First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40  
 Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA  
 Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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 Address Line2: [Redacted]  
 Address Line3: [Redacted]  
 Town/City: WAKEFIELD  
 Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom  
 Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.d  
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27/08/67 LOCATION - BETWEEN SPELSBURY AND CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE. TWO ON DUTY UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVED TWO DARK OVAL SHAPED UFOs ON THE ROAD BETWEEN THE ABOVE LOCATIONS. THEY ESTIMATED THE SIZE OF THE OBJECTS AS FIFTY FEET IN DIAMETER EACH. SOURCE - A COVERT AGENDA BY NICK

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LOCATIONS. THEY ESTIMATED THE SIZE OF THE OBJECTS AS FIFTY  
FEET IN DIAMETER EACH. SOURCE - A COVERT AGENDA BY NICK  
REDFERN, POCKET BOOKS.

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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27/08/67 LOCATION - GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. SIX ON DUTY OFFICERS OBSERVED A UFO OVER THE TOWN.  
SOURCE - A COVERT AGENDA BY NICK REDFERN, POCKET BOOKS.

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**Applicant Details**

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**First Name:**  **\*Surname:** Section 40

**Organisation:** THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

**Applicant Type:** Not Specified **Other:**

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**Address Line1:** Section 40

**Address Line2:**

**Address Line3:**

**Town/City:** WAKEFIELD

**Postcode:** Section 40 **Country:** United Kingdom

**Email:** @hotmail.c

**Telephone:** Section 40  **Fax:**

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infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0400 HOURS 24/10/67 - LOCATION A3072 BETWEEN OKEHAMPTON AND HOLSWORTHY, DEVEN. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS PC CLIFFORD WAYCOTT AND PC ROGER WILLEY SAW AND CHASED A UFO DESCRIBED AS A FIERY CROSS WHILST ON MOBILE PATROL. THE CHASE LASTED 14 MILES. THE INCIDENT WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN THE

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Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

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Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

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Language Requested  Welsh

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infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

OCTOBER 1967 LOCATION - GOSPORT - TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS PC EDNA WIELK AND PC TONY CONNELLO SAW UFO WHILST ON MOBILE PATROL OF THE TOWN. THE UFO WAS SEEN ABOVE HMS DOLPHIN SUBMARINE BASE.

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Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0530 HOURS LATE OCTOBER 1967 LOCATION - BACAP, LANCASHIRE. PC BRIAN EARNSHAW REPORTED SEEING A UFO ABOVE THE POLICE STATION AT LOW ALTITUDE WHEN RADIO EQUIPMENT HE WAS USING BEGAN TO SUFFER INTERFERENCE. LATER TWO OTHER OFFICERS - PC COLIN DONAHOE AND MALCOLM READER ALSO OBSERVED THE

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name: [Redacted]

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Postcode: Section 40

Country: United Kingdom

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**BEFORE MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1967 LOCATION - SHARNEYFORD NEAR TODMORDEN, WEST YORKSHIRE. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVED UFO AT ABOVE LOCATION. REPORTED TO THE WAR OFFICE WHO ASKED OFFICERS FOR OFFICIAL REPORT WHICH THEY SUBMITTED.**

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Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

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I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

05/08/69. LOCATION - CAMARTHEN, WALES. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS AND SEVERAL CIVILIANS REPORTED SEEING UFO OVER CAMARTHEN.

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First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

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Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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0400 HOURS 16/06/70. LOCATION - HAMPSTEAD, LONDON. TWO METPOL OFFICERS OBSERVED SEVERAL UFOs OVER ABOVE LOCATION AT LOW ALTITUDE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES WHILST ON MOBILE PATROL. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS PC H M BISHOP.

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 0615 HOURS, LATE FEBRUARY 1971. LOCATION - NUNEATON. FOUR UNIFORMED OFFICERS SAW UFO OVER ABOVE LOCATION. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS PC BRIAN HEWITT.

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Applicant Details

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First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

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Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

AUGUST 1971 LOCATION - ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE. FOUR UNIFORMED OFFICERS INCLUDING PC LESLIE LEEK REPORTED SEEING UFO ABOVE ALDRIDGE. PC LEEK PHOTOGRAPHED THE OBJECT. WIDELY REPORTED IN THE MEDIA.

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Request: Section 40-09-2005-092937-003  
Days Left: 20

Received: 19 Sep 05  
Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Workflow Options

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- Audit Trail
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- Contact Details
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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Actions

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

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: Section 40 \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Home My Cases Log New Requests Policy Guidance Help

**Request:** **Section 40** 20-09-2005-092937-003

**Days Left:** 20

Received: 19 Sep 05  
 Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
 Status: Internal Transfer

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**Workflow Options**

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**View**

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

**Actions**

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

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**Request Details**

**Response Format Requested:**

**Language Requested**  Welsh

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

infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:  
 2140 HOURS 27/10/71. LOCATION - BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE. AN ON DUTY UNIFORMED OFFICER, PC PERRY JACKSON AND A CADET SAW A UFO OVER ABOVE LOCATION. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALSO REPORTED THE UFO. A REPORT WAS SENT TO THE MOD.

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Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-101747-013

Received: 19 Sep 05

Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05

Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Days Left: 20

Workflow Options

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Actions

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Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name:

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40

Country: United Kingdom

Email: @hotmail.e

Telephone: Section 40

Fax:

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Status: Internal Transfer

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

LATE EVENING. 14/09/72 LOCATION - CRUMLIN, MONMOUTHSHIRE, WALES. THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS INCLUDING PS CLIVE WILLIAMS SAW A UFO AT THE ABOVE LOCATION. DURATION OF SIGHTING - 60 MINUTES.

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Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidelines Help

Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-094409-009

Received: 19 Sep 05

Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05

Status: Internal Transfer

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Days Left: 20

Workflow Options

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- Audit Trail
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Actions

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: WAKEFIELD

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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**Request:** Section 40 20-09-2005-094409-009

Received: 19 Sep 05

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**Actions**

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

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

**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

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

infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0325 HOURS. 15/08/75. LOCATION - BURY, GREATER MANCHESTER. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS IN DIFFERENT MARKED VEHICLES OBSERVED A UFO OVER HEYWOOD. ALSO SEEN BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-094905-010

Received: 19 Sep 05  
Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

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Days Left: 20

Workflow Options

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Actions

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]  
 First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40  
 Organisation: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA  
 Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40  
 Address Line2: [Redacted]  
 Address Line3: [Redacted]  
 Town/City: WAKEFIELD  
 Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom  
 Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk  
 Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-094905-010

Received: 19 Sep 05

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Status: Internal Transfer

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Change Alert Settings

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Close Case

Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0615 HOURS OCTOBER 1975. LOCATION - SALISBURY, WILSHIRE. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVED UFO WHILST ON MOBILE PATROL. UFO SEEN AT LOW ALTITUDE. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS PC VIVIANNE WHITE.

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Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-095722-008

Received: 20 Sep 05  
Expiry Date: 18 Oct 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

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- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

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

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

Date request received: 20 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: Section 40 WAKEFIELD

Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.com

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-095722-008

Received: 20 Sep 05

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Status: Internal Transfer

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Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

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Close Case

Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

EARLY HOURS. SUNDAY 01/08/76. LOCATION - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS SAW A UFO OVER THE BUNCEFIELD OIL TERMINAL. OBSERVED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.

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Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

**Request:** Section 40 20-09-2005-095116-011  
**Days Left:** 20

Received: 19 Sep 05  
Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

**Workflow Options**

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- Contact Details
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**Actions**

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title: Section 40 Other:

First Name:  \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other:

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

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3: Section 40 WAKEFIELD

Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax:

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**Request:** **Section 40** 20-09-2005-095116-011

Received: 19 Sep 05

Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05

Status: Internal Transfer

**Days Left:** 20

**Workflow Options**

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**Actions**

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.

The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

**Request Details**

**Response Format Requested:**

**Language Requested**  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

0412 HOURS. 03/05/77. LOCATION - HAINAULT FOREST, LONDON. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS OBSERVE UFO ABOVE A SMALL LAKE AT ABOVE LOCATION. OBJECT SEEN AT LOW ALTITUDE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.

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Home My Cases Log New Requests Policy Guidance Help

Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-094601-007

Received: 19 Sep 05  
Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

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Days Left: 20

Workflow Options

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- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

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

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

Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: Section 40 WAKEFIELD

Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Request: Section 40 20-09-2005-094601-007

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 Expiry Date: 17 Oct 05  
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**Workflow Options**

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- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

**Actions**

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

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 The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

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

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:  
 BETWEEN 0010-0030 HOURS SUNDAY 28/08/77. LOCATION - WINDERMERE, CUMBRIA. UPTO 17 POLICE OFFICERS FROM NUMEROUS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OBSERVED A UFO OVER THE ABOVE LOCATION. SOME OF THE NAMES OFFICERS ARE PC IAN MACKENZIE, PS JOHN MCMULLEN, PS JAMES TROHEAR, PC JOHN FISWICK. PC

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I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

BETWEEN 0010-0030 HOURS SUNDAY 28/08/77. LOCATION - WINDERMERE, CUMBRIA. UPTO 17 POLICE OFFICERS FROM NUMEROUS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OBSERVED A UFO OVER THE ABOVE LOCATION. SOME OF THE NAMES OFFICERS ARE PC IAN MACKENZIE, PS JOHN MCMULLEN, PS JAMES TROHEAR, PC JOHN FISWICK, PC ALEXANDER INGLIS, PC JOSEPH MAW, PC DAVID WILD, PS GEOFFREY MERCKEL AND PC RONALD JONES.



From: **Section 40**  
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A



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 (Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
 (Fax) **Section 40**  
 e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

**Section 40**

Shrewsbury  
 Shropshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference

Our Reference  
 D/DAS/10/2/8/13  
 Date  
 31 August 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about UFO sightings in and around Shrewsbury, Shropshire since 1995, including those by personnel based at RAF Shawbury. I apologise for the delay in replying.

First, I should explain that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. It is possible that amongst these documents there are reports from Shropshire, but in order to gather the information you are seeking, a manual search of a 10 year period of records would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may however, wish to be aware that we are in the process of compiling a database of basic information from these sighting reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at [www.foi.mod.uk](http://www.foi.mod.uk) in the future. We have now completed the database for the period 2002 to date, and a search of these records has provided the following information that you might find helpful.

DATE	TIME	TOWN /VILLAGE	COUNTY	BRIEF DETAILS OF SIGHTING
21-Feb-05		Chivnal	Shropshire	Silver object/ball with a tail on it. Was going very fast.
28-Jan-04	18.15	Billingsley	Shropshire	Lights in the night sky flying in formation.
25-Nov-03	14:25	Wem	Shropshire	A strange bright orange/red light in the sky.
28-Jan-02	03:00	Telford	Shropshire	Three triangle shaped object. Looked like the Mitsubishi car sign. Middle triangle was brighter than the other two.
14-Feb-02	21:11	Rock	Shropshire	White lights were seen.



You also requested reports specifically by personnel based at RAF Shawbury. None of the reports listed above came from military personnel, but I have enclosed, for your information, copies of the documents which the MOD hold's on a well known event involving personnel from RAF Shawbury and RAF Cosford on 30/31<sup>st</sup> March 1993. Although this is outside of the 10 year period you requested, you may find this useful.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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*Copy of the Cosford/Shawbury papers  
also provided.*

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**Request:** 26-05-2005-151401-009  
**Days Left:** 18

Received: 26 May 05  
Expiry Date: 24 Jun 05  
Status: Open

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**Workflow Options**

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- Contact Details
- Documents

**Actions**

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

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

Date request received: 26 May 2005

**Applicant Details**

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: Shropshire Newspapers

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists Other: [Redacted]

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

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: Shrewsbury

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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Request: Section 40 46-05-2005-151401-009  
Days Left: 18

Received: 26 May 05  
Expiry Date: 24 Jun 05  
Status: Open

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Workflow Options

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Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
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Request Details

Response Format Requested:  Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: I am writing to you under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act to request that you forward me any documentation originated by the Ministry of Defence or the Royal Air Force relating to UFO sightings in and around Shrewsbury, Shropshire since 1995 to present day, in particular by personnel based at RAF Shawbury.

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Dear **Section 40**

Reference:11-01-2005-090907-003

I am writing concerning your request for information regarding reports of UFO sightings over or close to UK or US military installations based on the UK mainland. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This Department currently holds UFO sighting reports and correspondence files which contain reports made to the MOD over the past 25 years. These reports are filed in the order in which they were received and are not segregated by either source or location. It is possible that amongst this vast amount of information there may be reports relevant to your request, but without examining every one of the hundreds (possibly thousands) of reports contained in these files, it is impossible for us to identify those of particular interest to you. However, we are committed to providing requested information wherever possible, so if you would care to specify a period of time (ie 1-2 years) we could examine our files for that period and consider the release of copies of any relevant documents found.

I hope this is helpful. Please inform me if you wish to proceed with your request on this basis.

**Section 40**  
Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H **Section 40**  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

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18<sup>th</sup> January 2005

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12 January 05



Request: Section 40 11-01-2005-090907-003

Received: 10 Jan 05  
Expiry Date: 07 Feb 05  
Status: Open

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Actions

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

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The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 10 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: Bath

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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12 January 05



**Request:** Section 40 2011-01-2005-090907-003

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**Actions**

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- Change Alert Settings
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- Take Ownership

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The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

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

I would be grateful if you can please send me hard copies of all documentation held on the sighting of unidentified flying objects(UFOs)flying over or close to U.K. and U.S. military installations based on the UK mainland.

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

To be held by the help desk until allocation.





Dear **Section 40**

Reference: 04-01-2005-110832-012

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for a list of the number and location of UFO sightings to date in Flintshire. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. It is possible that amongst these documents there are reports from Flintshire, but in order to gather the information you are seeking, a manual search of the whole 25 year period of records would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

You may wish to be aware, however, that in order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme can be found on the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. You may wish to wait until this is published as this might answer your enquiry in full. In the meantime, we could assist you with the information you are seeking if you reduce or refine your request to allow a limited search of records and to bring the cost of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act under the permitted limit. I suggest this would equate to records spanning a one or two year period. Please contact me if you require further advice and assistance on refining your request. If I do not hear from you by 28 February 2005 I will assume that you do not wish to pursue this request further.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Section 40**

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Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information  
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London  
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[das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

27<sup>th</sup> January 2005

## Section 40

**From:** Mail Delivery Subsystem [MAILER-DAEMON@CN4RMVS050.dii.r.mil.uk]  
**Sent:** 27 January 2005 16:18  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Return receipt



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Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 12 January 2005 13:05  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Internet-authorized: Freedom of Information Act

Dear Section 40

I can confirm that your request for information about UFO sightings in Flintshire has been received and is receiving attention. I will contact you again as soon as possible.

Section 40

Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information

**From:** Section 40 (mailto:Section 40)  
**Sent:** 12 January 2005 11:15  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act

Dear Section 40

I sent you an email making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The request was concerning the number and location of UFO sightings to date in Flintshire, and if any action was taken by the Ministry of Defence as a result.

I am writing again to check if the request is being dealt with. I would be grateful if you could let me know.

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Reporter  
Flintshire Evening Leader

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Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 23 December 2004 11:24  
To: Section 40  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: freedom of information act

Section 40

It is for the policy lead to actually answer FOI requests (Section 40 at DAS I presume). Clearly they would need to keep us in the loop and let us know when and what they are planning to release and if necessary we'll make sure there are defensive press lines in place before the release.

If the press office does receive requests like this. We will take responsibility for adding the request to the AIT and then forward it to the right policy desk.

Thanks for letting us know this is coming though.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----  
From: Section 40  
Sent: 23 December 2004 10:57  
To: Section 40  
Cc:  
Subject: FW: freedom of information act

Hi Section 40 cc Section 40 (DAS)

I have received the email below from a member of the press so assume it is best to forward to the Press Office for reply? I have copied in Section 40 who is my main contact for UFO material for the publication scheme.

Section 40

6th Floor, Zone F  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
SW1A 2HB

email (external) Section 40 @mod.uk

-----Original Message-----  
From: Section 40 [mailto:Section 40]  
Sent: 23 December 2004 09:30  
To: Info-AccessPM4  
Subject: freedom of information act

Publication scheme manager

I am a writing from a north wales newspaper, the Flintshire Evening Leader.

I am trying to find out how we would register for information relating to UFO sightings in Flintshire, under the freedom of information act that comes into force on January 1.

I would be grateful if you could help

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**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 30 December 2004 15:12  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your help. The Flintshire Evening Leader would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act that comes into force on January 1.

We would like to know the number and location of UFO sightings to date in Flintshire, and if any action was taken by the Ministry of Defence as a result.

Your help will be greatly appreciated

Section 40  
Reporter  
Flintshire Evening Leader

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Post:  
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Mold Business Park  
Wrexham Road  
Mold  
CH7 1XY

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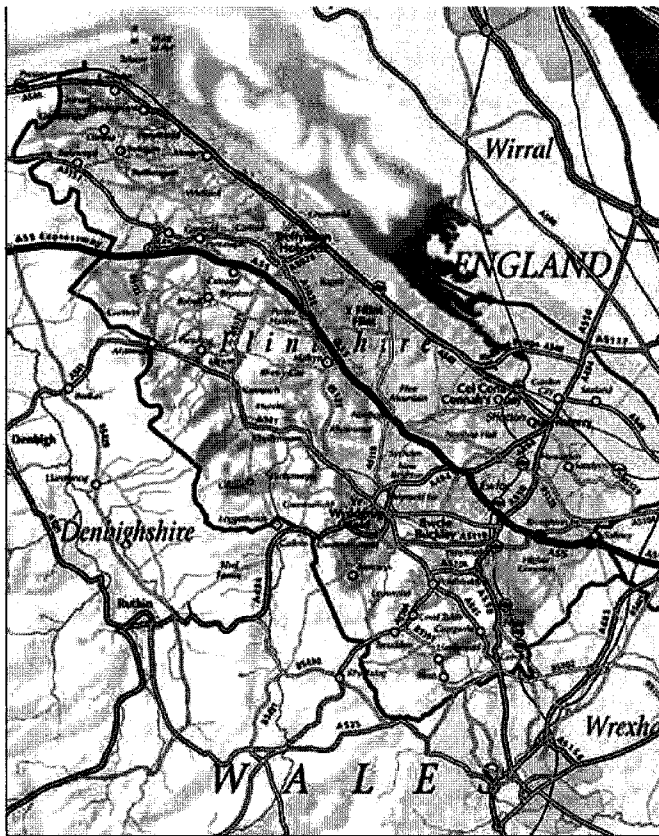
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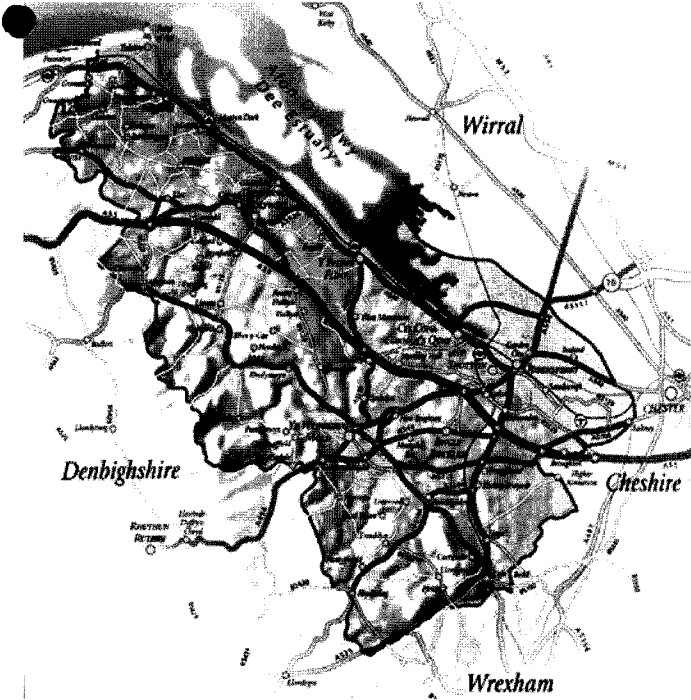


Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6NB

01352 752121

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 January 2005 08:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Head: Freedom of Information request for information



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**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 16 February 2005 15:34  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Internet-Authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Section 40

You originally requested information from the Ministry of Defence about UFOs on 16 January. My colleague, Section 40, sought clarification of your request on 24 January, which appears to have crossed with your further request for information about UFOs which you sent on 21 January. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I am afraid that in its current form it is still not possible for us to answer your request. As my colleague advised you, the Ministry of Defence holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are held on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. For example, I do not understand what you are seeking in relation to "any form of experimentation within the UK". Also, it is simply not possible to extract files containing "words such as Aliens..." etc. It would be helpful if you could be more specific.

You may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 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 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 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 <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.

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16/02/2005



Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

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26 January 05

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**Request:** Section 40 01-2005-092018-003,  
**Days Left:** 18

**Received:** 21 Jan 05  
**Expiry Date:** 27 Feb 05  
**Status:** Internal Transfer

**Workflow Options**

- Internal Transfer
- View**
- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
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- Contact Details
- Documents

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

**Date request received:** 21 January 2005

**Actions**

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

**Applicant Details**

**Title:** Section 40 **Other:**

**First Name:**  **\*Surname:** Section 40

**Organisation:** Student

**Applicant Type:** Academics  **Other:**

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

**Address Line1:** Section 40

**Address Line2:**

**Address Line3:**

**Town/City:** Briantree Essex

**Postcode:** Section 40 **Country:** United Kingdom

**Email:**

**Telephone:**  **Fax:**

Section 40

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26 January 05

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Request: Section 40-2401-2005-092018-003

Received: 21 Jan 05

Expiry Date: 18 Feb 05

Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Days Left: 18

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

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Actions

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

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

Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I require all reports/documents containing information on any form of experimentation within the u.k. I also require all files containing any significant words such as Aliens, extra-terrestrial and unidentified Objects. Also i require reports or documents of events containg RAF Rudloe Manor and the surrounding areas.

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

To be held by the help desk until allocation.

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19 January 05

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Request: 1701-2005-103009-012

Days Left: 18

Received: 16 Jan 05  
Entry Date: 11 Feb 05  
Status: Open

All sources

Workflow Options

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Contact Details

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Actions

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

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Close Case

Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.  
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Date request received: 16 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]  
First Name: Section 40 \*Surname: Section 40  
Organisation: [Redacted]  
Applicant Type: Academics Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40  
Address Line2: [Redacted]  
Address Line3: Braintree  
Town/City: Essex  
Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom  
Email: [Redacted]  
Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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19 January 05

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Request: Section 40 2701-2005-103009-012  
Days Left: 18

Received: 16 Jan 05  
Expiry Date: 11 Feb 05  
Status: Open

All sources

Workflow Options

- AIT Main
- View
- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents
- Actions
- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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

Request Details

Response Format Requested:  Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I request as much information (reports... etc) on unidentified flying objects.

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

Email held by Info Access Helpdesk

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**Section 40****From:** Section 40**Sent:** 24 January 2005 09:48**To:** Section 40**Subject:** Internet-authorized: Request for Information

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your message of 16 January in which you requested information from the Ministry of Defence about UFOs. Your message has been passed to this office, as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

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

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

With regard to the files the MOD holds on UFOs, these span a 25 year period and the vast majority contain reports and correspondence sent to the MOD, filed in the order in which they were received. These records are not held electronically. Any information released from these files has to be redacted in order to remove personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and it is not therefore possible to supply all the information you are seeking. If however, you would like to specify exactly what information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. In the meantime, the MOD has released some information on UFOs into our Freedom of Information Publication Scheme which can be found at [www.foi.mod.uk](http://www.foi.mod.uk). A search under UFO will take you to all the classes currently in the Scheme.

I hope this is helpful.

**Section 40**

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24<sup>th</sup> January 2005



From: **Section 40**  
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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
e-mail (Fax) das-ufo-office@mod.uk **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Llanelli  
Carmarthen

**Section 40**

Your Reference

Our Reference  
D/DAS/10/2/8/13 B  
Date  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> February about access to information the Ministry of Defence holds with regard to reports of 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

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

With regard to your request for copies of UFO reports received by the MOD, I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you.

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 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 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone,



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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Lionelli  
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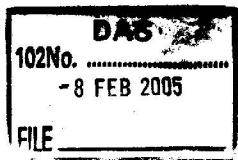
Section 40

Dear Sir

4-2-2005

I would very much like to Request information Regarding the X files under the the Freedom of Information Act. I Do A lot of work in u. F. o Sightings. And I have had an Encounter with u. F. o, s one Especially in 1979. and the other one in 1988. It was A very frightening Experience. I Do Have A vast interest in u. F. o Sightings. If You could Send me Some Copies and if there is A Charge let me know.

I Have Always Had An open mind Regarding u. F. o. s, we Are not Alone in the universe. I Have Always Stated this now things Are coming true the truth is out there. Look forward to hear Soon



yours faithfully

Section 40

To

DAS  
FLOOR 5  
ZONE H, I, J.  
MAIN BUILDING

whom it may concern  
Freedom of Information Act  
Ministry of Defence  
old war office  
whitehall  
London  
SWIA 2EU.





Dear **Section 40**

It is not clear what "incidents" you are referring to. If you could be more specific we may be able to assist with your enquiry.

In the meantime, please be aware that the only photographs the Ministry of Defence holds of sightings of unexplained aerial phenomena are those that are sent to us by members of the public. In general these photographs are returned to the individual if requested, or if they do not require them to be returned, they will be placed on our files with the individual's correspondence. We hold no separate record or file containing photographs.

Yours sincerely,

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25<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

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**From:** **Section 40** [mailto:**Section 40**@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2005 14:49  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:**

Regarding to the incidents occurring from the 01/12/1980, could any photographs potentially have been taken and discarded for obvious reason by formal officers; and are there any at present available to see?

Best regards,

**Section 40**

Section 40

From: Section 40@hotmail.com]

Sent: 24 January 2005 14:49

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Regarding to the incidents occurring from the 01/12/1980, could any photographs potentially have been taking and discarded for obvious reason by formal officers; and are there any at present available to see?

Best regards,

Section 40

**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 23 February 2005 16:41  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Internet-authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 10 February 2005 in which you requested "to receive the document of UFO, written by SF4."

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. Further, these records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

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I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

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26 January 05

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Request: Section 40 24-01-2005-092124-004

Days Left: 19

Received: 24 Jan 05  
Expiry Date: ~~24 Jan 05~~  
Status: Open

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Date request received: 24 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: Kyong an High School

Applicant Type: Academics Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: [Redacted]

Postcode: [Redacted] Country: Korea, Republic of (South)

Email: Section 40

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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26 January 05

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Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

i want to receive the document of UFO, written by SF4

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Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for details of an alleged UFO crash at Minley Manor in July 1977. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

The MOD no longer holds any files on UFOs covering July 1977 as all the surviving UFO report and correspondence files for this period are now open for public viewing at The National Archives. Details of opening times and how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). We know of no specific file concerning an incident at Minley Manor, but you may wish to view the following files which are relevant to the period.

The National Archives Reference	Title	Period Covered
DEFE 24/1206	UFO Reports and Correspondence	April – October 1977
DEFE 24/1207	UFO Reports and Correspondence	October 1977 – March 1978
DEFE 71/34	UFO Reports	1977
DEFE 71/35	UFO Reports	1977

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Yours sincerely,

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30<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Section 40

GxAITESTPTCD:

08 July 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: 06-07-2005-090650-002

Received: 05 Jul 05  
Expiry Date: 02 Aug 05  
Status: Open

All sources

Days Left: 16

Workflow Options

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Close Case

Take Ownership

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

Date request received: 15 July 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name:

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: HM Forces

Applicant Type: Other

Other: HM Forces

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40

Telephone:

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08 July 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: 05-07-2005-090650-002

Days Left: 18

Received: 05 Jul 05  
Expiry Date: 02 Aug 05  
Status: Open

All sources

Workflow Options

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Close Case

Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Details of alleged UFO crash in Minley Manor (Jul 1977) Case number 04-01-2005-110832-012 and 04-01-2005-110832-017

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

To be held by the help desk until allocation.

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Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about UFO sightings received by the Ministry of Defence in 2004 and 2005. Your message has been passed to me as this department is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence about UFOs.

The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms. We remain totally open-minded, but to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. We do not carry out investigations into the sightings reported to us, but examine any reports we receive solely to establish whether they provide anything of defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to your questions about the types of information that the MOD could be exempt from disclosing about UFOs, I should inform you that each request for information is looked at on its merits and the requested information is examined in light of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any of the exemptions in the Act could be applied if it is necessary. Since the introduction of the FOIA in January this Department has answered more than 90 requests about UFOs and the only information withheld has been personal data to protect the privacy of individuals who corresponded with the MOD.

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

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26 August 2005

Section 40

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22 August 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: 19108-2005-090836-002  
Days Left: 19

Received: 18 Aug 05  
Expiry Date: 16 Sep 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Workflow Options

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

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

Date request received: 18 August 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: Section 40 \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: [Redacted]

Postcode: [Redacted] Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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22 August 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: 1948-2005-090836-002

Days Left: 19

Received: 18 Aug 05  
Expiry Date: 16 Sep 05  
Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Workflow Options

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Actions

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Dear Sir/Madam

After looking through some of the MOD replies for requests for information I was intrigued to see the amount of UFO sightings that have been reported to the MOD over 2004/2005. I am therefore requesting information regarding the response by the MOD to these sightings (ie whether they were investigated) and the findings of such investigations. I would also like to know what types of information the MOD could be exempt from disclosing.

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Thank you for your time

**Section 40**





From **Section 40**  
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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
e-mail (Fax) **Section 40**  
das-ifo-office@mod.gov.uk

**Section 40**

Leigh-on-Sea  
Essex

**Section 40**

Your Reference

Our Reference  
D/DAS/10/2/8/13  
Date  
26 August 2005

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'unidentified flying objects' and your comments on the 'Disclosure Project'. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'UFOs' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the 'Disclosure Project', we are aware that many people have claimed to have experienced various phenomena. However, 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 lifeforms. We remain totally open-minded, but to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

The only records the MOD holds on these events are the UFO sightings reported to us and public correspondence about UFOs spanning a 25 year period. These are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, we can not process copies of all MOD records, but if there is specific information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. You may also wish to be aware that there is already some official MOD information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after 5 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 1977 are now available. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, 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 <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. The Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, Reading Room also contains the answers to some of the many Freedom of Information requests we have received on this subject since the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in January.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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24 May 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Substance Help

Request: 19-05-2005-090909-002

Received: 18 May 05

Apply Date: 16 Jun 05

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Days Left: 17

Status: Internal Transfer

Workflow Options

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- Contact Details
- Documents

Date request received: 18 May 2005

Actions

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

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: Leigh on Sea

Postcode: Section 40 Country: United Kingdom

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Telephone: Section 40 Fax: [Redacted]

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24 May 05

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Request: Section 40 19-09-2005-090909-002

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Status: Internal Transfer

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Workflow Options

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: Please enter the full details of your Information Request (please be as specific as possible)

Having read Dr Steven Greer's astonishing book 'Disclosure' and seeing the campaign in the States a number of witnesses mention numerous UFO, ARV, EBE incidents including a recovered disc in Britain in the past.

How would I find out and corroborate this information?

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## Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 26 August 2005 08:42  
 To: Section 40 @callypost.co.uk  
 Subject: internet-authorized:Freedom of Information request

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your request for information about an alleged 'UFO incident' in the Berwyn Mountains in Wales in 1974. Your request has been passed to this Department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

These events are alleged to have taken place in the Berwyn Mountains on 24 January 1974 and the Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are no longer held by the MOD, but are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU. Details of how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). A quick look at the archives catalogue (PROCAT) has revealed two files for this period that might hold relevant information. These are AIR 2/18873 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1973-74) and AIR 2/18874 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1974-75).

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

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Yours sincerely,

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2005

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26 May 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: 23-05-2005-160235-002

Received: 23 May 05

All sources

Days Left: 18

Priority Date: 21 Jun 05

Status: Open

Workflow Options

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Assign Within My Group

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Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

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Date request received: 23 May 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name:

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: Daily Post

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Daily Post

Address Line2: PO Box 202, Vale Road,

Address Line3:

Town/City: Llandudno

Postcode: LL31 9ZD

Country: United Kingdom

Email: Section 40@dailypost.co.uk

Telephone: Section 40

Fax:

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26 May 05



Request: Section 40 23-05-2005-160235-002  
Days Left: 18

Received: 23 May 05  
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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested  Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: At about 8.30pm on January 23, 1974, witnesses claimed to have seen an object fall out of the skies over Clwyd,Wales, and impact into the Berwyn Mountains.  
Dozens of people across Lancashire and Cheshire were said to have phoned police claiming to have seen objects in the sky.  
The impact was said to have registered 4-4.5 on the richter scale and was said to have been felt in Wrexham Chester, Liverpool, Southport, and even in some areas of Greater Manchester.

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infosubject: At about 8.30pm on January 23, 1974, witnesses claimed to have seen an object fall out of the skies over Clwyd, Wales, and impact into the Berwyn Mountains. Dozens of people across Lancashire and Cheshire were said to have phoned police claiming to have seen objects in the sky.

The impact was said to have registered 4-4.5 on the richter scale and was said to have been felt in Wrexham, Chester, Liverpool, Southport, and even in some areas of Greater Manchester.

Police and army personnel converged on the area.

Some claimed a spaceship had crashed into the mountain. Alien bodies were claimed to have been taken to Porton Down. Others said it was a meteorite. Others said there had been an earthquake.

It was covered extensively in the newspapers at the time.

Ministry of Defence officials were said to have been involved in the investigation. There were claims people ordered not to say anything about what had happened.

What happened that night still remains a mystery and I was interested in MOD documents under the Freedom of Information Act which could shed light on what happened.

What are the official reports of what happened that night. What were the conclusions of any MOD investigation. Were the objects spotted on radar.

I would be grateful if you could send any documents.

## **Section 40**





Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information regarding your research into a crop circle that appeared near Stonehenge on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1996. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am afraid I am unable to provide you with the information you are seeking because military pilot's carry their flying log books with them throughout their career to record details of the hours they have flown. It is not possible for us to ask every pilot in the RAF, Army and Royal Navy to check their individual books and even if this was possible, details of the routes of individual sorties are not recorded in these logs, only the time of departure and landing and the duration of the flight.

With regard to your request for a statement about whether any military aircraft flights took place over this location at this precise time, I am unable to assist you, as each military sortie is planned individually and no central records are kept.

You say that the aircraft may have flown from Boscombe Down, but I should inform you that military aircraft often fly hundreds of nautical miles during one training sortie and it should not be assumed that an aircraft has come from the nearest military establishment. Again it is impossible to confirm which Station this military aircraft might have come from for the same reasons mentioned above.

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

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25<sup>th</sup> August 2005

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26 May 05



**Request:** 22-05-2005-145834-002  
**Days Left:** 11

Received: 12 May 05  
Expiry Date: 10 Jun 05  
Status: Open

**Workflow Options**

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**Actions**

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- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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

Date request received: 12 May 2005

**Applicant Details**

**Title:** Section 40      **Other:**

**First Name:**       **\*Surname:** Section 40

**Organisation:**

**Applicant Type:** Not Specified      **Other:**

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

**Address Line1:** Section 40

**Address Line2:**

**Address Line3:**

**Town/City:** Huddersfield

**Postcode:** Section 40      **Country:** United Kingdom

**Email:** @hotmail.com

**Telephone:**       **Fax:**



**Section 40**  
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26 May 05

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**Request:** Section 40 12-05-2005-145834-002  
**Days Left:** 11

Received: 12 May 05  
Expiry Date: 10 Jun 05  
Status: Open

All sources

**Workflow Options**

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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:  Language Requested  Welsh

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

infosubject: I have recently been researching a crop circle which appeared (supposedly in broad daylight) across the road from Stonehenge and the A303 sometime between 5.00pm and 6.30pm on 7th July 1996.

In the various reports and myths which have been built around this event is a report of an RAF training flight over the field in question. One crop circle researcher has written of seeing the pilot's log (I am trying to verify this pilot's log exists and contains relevant information to the crop circle).

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In the various reports and myths which have been built around this event is a report of an RAF training flight over the field in question. One crop circle researcher has written of seeing the pilot's log (I am trying to verify this pilot's log exists and contains relevant information to the crop circle).

So the information I would like to see is:

Any pilot's logs in which the pilot flew over Stonehenge between the times of 4.00pm and 6.30pm on the 7th July 1996. Or a written statement relating to the fact that no flight took place in that location at that time on that date.

I believe the training flight may well have flown from Boscombe Down but this is not clear from the information I have.

I hope you can help as this is now quite an old event and has reached mythical status in the crop circle world.

It would be great to add some real fact to much of the nonsense written about it.

Thanks

Section 40

Classification: Covering: Caveat: 

## FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date: 18 May 2005	
From: Section 40	To: Ft Lt Section 40
Tel: Section 40	Fax: Section 40
Fax: [Redacted]	
Signature: Section 40	Total number of pages including this one: 2

## Subject:

Please see attached a copy of the text of the Request For Information received by MOD on 12 May.

As discussed could you please let me know whether you hold any information which would assist in replying to this question.

My contact details are Section 40  
FOI 2  
Command Secretariat  
HQSTC  
Tel Section 40

Many thanks for your assistance.

Regards

Section 40

Classification: Covering: Caveat:

Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 13 May 2005 10:29  
To: Section 40  
Subject: RE: FOI - FROM MOD BOSCOMBE DOWN POC



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Flt Lt Section 40

Please see attached the text of the question which was sent to MOD.  
Many thanks for your help on this question.

Section 40

FOI 2

Command Secretariat, HQSTC

STC Section 40

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

From: Section 40  
Sent: 13 May 2005 10:07  
To: STC-CMDSEC SEC FOI 2  
Cc: Section 40  
Subject: FOI - FROM MOD BOSCOMBE DOWN POC

Hi Section 40

FOI - FROM MOD BOSCOMBE DOWN POC

Thank you for notifying me of a Request for Information which you received on 12 May 05.

Please respond to this e-mail with the full details of the FOI request.

My deputy is Flt Lt Section 40 at MOD Boscombe Down Section 40

The Expert investigating will be Cdr Section 40 Ext Section 40

Head of the JTEG is Gp Capt Section 40 Ext Section 40

Many thanks,

Section 40

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SO3 Gp Capt T&E

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date: 24 May 2005	
From: Section 40	To: Section 40
Tel: Section 40	Fax: [Redacted]
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Subject:

Linda as discussed please see paperwork relating to the crop circles question. Before we spoke I had e mailed Section 40s attached.

Regards

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 24 May 2005 11:00  
To: LAND-CS PolSec - C2 FOI  
Subject: 20050524-U-RFI\_Request\_FOI\_2

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We have received a question relating to crop circles, the text of which I have attached. It has been suggested by the Air Historical Branch that the flight in question could have been an Army Air Corps helicopter from Middle Wallop, since AAC use Salisbury Plain for training flights.

Can you provide any assistance with this question.

Many thanks

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**From:** AHB2(RAF)1 on behalf of AHB(RAF)&PCB(AIR)-2(RAF)1  
**Sent:** 20 May 2005 07:55  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: 20050518-U-RFI\_BoscombeDown-FOI\_2

## Section 40

Apologies for not getting this back to you sooner but I fell foul of the dentist! I have looked for the Boscombe Down Operational Record Book (F540) which would cover the day in question but we do not have a one! There is a gap between Feb 94 and Apr 97 when Boscombe Down appears to have failed to submit a F540. Also it is highly unlikely that any Authorisation Sheet is still in existence as the date in question exceeds the time period stipulated for the retention of these Sheets.

With regards to the pilots' log books, as I said during our telephone conversation, they are issued to pilots and and remain in their possession when they leave the Services as a record of the flying hours they have flown. As they form part of the personal records of the pilot they are covered by the DPA. If the researcher has seen the pilot's log then it must have been shown to him by the pilot in question as it would not be in the public domain.

If the aircraft came from Boscombe Down I can think of no way of tracing the pilot. Further, as Section 40 believes it was a training flight it is also possible that an Army Air Corps helicopter from Middle Wallop near Andover was the aircraft involved as the AAC use this area for training flights (Salisbury Plain).

It is not possible to give a statement that categorically says that no flight took place in the location at that time or at that date as this is impossible to prove.

Hope this helps!

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AHB2RAF1

Original Message-----

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 May 2005 11:03  
**To:** AHB(RAF)&PCB(AIR)-2(RAF)1  
**Subject:** 20050518-U-RFI\_BoscombeDown-FOI\_2

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Many thanks for your help re Boscombe Down Training Flight and crop circles.

Regards

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**From:** BSD RAFSU-PSF OC on behalf of BSD-RAFSU-PSF OC  
**Sent:** 20 May 2005 15:24  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: 20050518-U-Test-FOI\_2

## Section 40

Following intensive investigation by our SME (OC Ops, Sqn Ldr [redacted] here at RAFSU Boscombe Down regarding the FOI request about Crop Circles, the records that would potentially answer this request do not go back as far as Jul 96. The Air Traffic Control Logs only date back to Sep 96 with previous logs being destroyed. A possible other avenue would have been to investigate UAS/AEF records however, these are destroyed after 2 years. We have also canvassed staff that were at this unit in Jul 96 to no avail. The only other potential avenue for investigation is via the F540 and flying authorisation sheets. These will be lodged with the Air Historical Branch so you might want to direct this FOI request to them. Sorry we could not be of more assistance and please contact me if you need to pursue this further.

Regards

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

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 May 2005 09:04  
**To:** BSD-RAFSU-PSF OC  
**Subject:** 20050518-U-Test-FOI\_2

As discussed ref crop circles - a test message.

Regards

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30<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Your Ref: D/DAS/10/2/8/13

Dear Section 40



Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> August, and enclosure.

The unclassified signal was sent by your good self to Section 40 about 4-5 years ago, you will recall, and later you sent him a less redacted version. I had been hoping that further information might be available, but it seems not. I appreciate all the explanatory information you have provided.

You may be interested to know that I first heard about this case a few weeks after the event, indirectly via a high-ranking source in RAF Germany. According to him, there were two large UFOs. One of the Tornados, when approached on a head-on course by one of the unknown craft, was reportedly forced to take violent evasive action. In 1991, that source agreed to put something in writing for a friend, who subsequently sent me a copy. I enclose a copy of part of his letter. As you can see, there is no mention of a near-miss, or two large UFOs, though that is what he originally said.

Some confusion remains in my mind regarding the sequence of events and the two types of aircraft, but you will be pleased to know that I shall not be making any further FOI requests in this connection!

*Sincerely*

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Our version of events begins at 1900 hrs on the evening of 5 November 1990 with reports at Rheindahlen of a 'sonic boom'. We confirmed that, at that time two of our Phantom aircraft were carrying out practice intercepts at a very high level over Germany, under positive radar control and did not fly supersonic. Simultaneously, the crew of one of the Phantom aircraft reported a UFO sighting, described as a large formation of aircraft all in reheat in finger formation (similar to that seen in the Battle of Britain films) disappearing to the north. The crews gave chase, but did not establish further visual or radar contact. Separately, one of our Tornado aircraft returning at high level from the United Kingdom saw an array of red lights in the sky and, similarly, investigated to no avail. Subsequently, the NATO Air Defence Organization reported that there were several unidentified high speed contacts during the course of that evening in the same area (Western border of Germany/Southern Belgium) as the sightings.

We shall probably never know exactly what our crews saw or, our people on the ground heard. Some days later you will be interested to learn that a Chinese satellite re-entered the atmosphere over North west Europe at about the same time on 5 November 1990. I must, however, also point out that the meteorological conditions prevailing at the time were perfect for the propagation of the phenomenon known as anaprop which during severe atmospheric temperature inversion trap particles in the atmosphere which speckle on radar and produce spurious radar symbols known as angels.



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**Section 40**

Beckenham  
Kent

Your Reference

Our Reference  
D/DAS/10/2/8/13  
Date  
25 August 2005

**Section 40**

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about a UFO sighting reported by RAF pilots on 5 November 1990. I can also confirm that we have received your second request for UFO sighting reports from Kent in March 1997 and this is currently receiving attention. I apologise for the delay in replying. I am sure you will appreciate the subject of UFOs is very popular with the general public and since the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in January, we have received a large number of requests which we are working our way through.

Please find enclosed a copy of the report made by the RAF pilots as requested. We do not hold a specific file for this case and as far as we are aware, this is the only document concerning the sighting we hold. Two lines have been obscured as they contain the name of the pilot who made the report, and the actual post of an individual working within the MOD. I can, however, inform you that their Department was the Directorate of Air Operations.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

- A. 5 NOV 1800Z
- B. ONE LARGE AEROPLANE (SHAPE). 5 TO 6 WHITE STEADY LIGHTS. 1 BLUE STEADY LIGHT. CONTRAILS FROM BLUE AREA
- C. IN THE AIR M.C.6 AREA. FL270 YPENBURG
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. HEADING 100 DEGREES. SAME ALT FL270
- F. INTO OUR 12 OCLOCK
- G. ONE QUARTER MILE AHEAD
- H. STEADY
- J. N/K
- K. N/K
- L. WORKING DUTCH MILL RADAR
- M. [REDACTED]

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N. NIL  
 D. 2 OTHERS FROM LAARBRUCH  
 P. OTHER INFO. AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER DUTCH MIL CONTROL UFO APPERRED IN OUR RH SIDE SAME LEVEL, WE WERE TRAVELLING AT MACH POINT 8. IT WENT INTO OUR 12 OCLOCK AND ACCLLERATED AWAY. ANOTHER 2 TORNADDS SEEN IT AND POSSIBLE IDENTED IT AS A STEALTH AIRCRAFT  
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I have yet to receive even an acknowledgement of my letter dated 01/06/05, despite having sent a copy last month. I enclose another copy.

Sincerely

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I thank you for your trouble and look forward to hearing from you.

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**Section 40**

Your Reference  
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Our Reference  
11-05-2005-101024-004

Date  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May concerning your request for information about UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I will answer your requests / questions in the same order as your letter.

First I can confirm that we did not receive any UFO sighting reports for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> August 2004 in or around Cannock Chase, Wolverhampton, Penkridge or Lichfield. With regard to reports from South Staffordshire in the last three years, you may recall that my colleague, **Section 40**, wrote to you on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2003, in response to your previous request for information and gave you details of the one report we had received at that time. In order to answer your request, **Section 40** had searched our records for the previous 18 months and that was the only report we held. Since then we have received only one report from Staffordshire and that was from Stoke-on-Trent. The only details we received was that a witness saw "a flying saucer" at 23.15 on 15 January 2005.

You also asked whether we hold statistics on triangular objects. We do not keep such records. We receive reports describing many shapes, patterns, lights etc. All the reports we receive are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received and are not segregated or put into categories.

With regard to your comments about military activity close to nuclear power stations and civil airports, I can assure you that military aircraft do not conduct training in close proximity to these locations. Flight safety issues are taken extremely seriously by the RAF and aircrew adhere to the highest levels of airmanship. Restricted Areas of 2 nautical miles radius are in place around all major nuclear installations and RAF crew are aware of these and act accordingly. Infringements of the restricted area can occur, but are extremely rare. Civil airfields have air traffic zones of various radius depending on the activities of the particular airfield. These restricted zones are controlled by Air Traffic Controllers and military aircraft only enter them with the permission of the ATC. As you have mentioned the Manchester Airport airmiss, I have enclosed for your information a copy of the Civil Aviation Authority Airmiss report into the incident. You will see that although a definitive cause was not found for these events, the investigator found no evidence that military activity was involved.

Finally, you asked for information on UFO reports on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1993. The MOD received a large number of UFO reports and a few more enquiries were made than is normal. The

Department's air defence experts were, however, satisfied that there was no evidence of a threat to the UK. Please find enclosed copies of the documents the Ministry of Defence holds on this event. Personal data including individual's names, addresses etc, has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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JAS Note (2): Despite exhaustive investigations the reported object remains untraced. A replay of the Clee radar shows a number of secondary contacts, including the subject B737, being radar sequenced in the Manchester TMA and zone. The B737 tracks over two almost stationary primary contacts just N of Leek on a NW heading while descending through FL 70-60. On entering the Manchester TMA, passing FL 50, it is vectored right onto about 040°, and continues to descend on a NE track along the E boundary of the Manchester TMA to within 0.75NM of the Daventry CTA, where the base of CAS is FL 45. At this point, passing 3600 Mode C, the ac is turned onto a L base for RW 24 as part of a busy sequence of inbound ac. At no time during this downwind leg is any other radar contact seen in the vicinity. An extract from the RT recording on 119.4, which shows that the B737 was given descent clearance to 4000 ft at 1845:30, follows:

From:

B737 (1848) - 'c/s we just had something go down the RHS just above us very fast.'

Manchester - 'Well, there's nothing seen on radar. Was it er an ac?'

B737 - 'Well, it had lights, it went down the starboard side very quick.'

Manchester - 'And above you?'

B737 - 'er, just slightly above us, yeah.'

Manchester - 'Keep an eye out for something, er, I can't see anything at all at the moment so, er, must have, er, been very fast or gone down very quickly after it passed you I think.'

B737 - 'OK. Well, there you go!'

The possibility that the object might have been a hang glider, paraglider or microlight was investigated, but all the operating authorities, without exception, agreed that this was an extremely unlikely explanation, for various reasons, but mainly because none of these activities takes place at night. In addition, there are the obvious hazards of flying in the dark, from high ground (the peaks in this area along the Pennine ridge range from 1600 to over 2000 ft), strong winds, and because these aircraft are unlit. JAS also explored the possibility of military activity, but could find no evidence in support of this from any official source. In any case, it seems most unlikely that such a flight would have been conducted in CAS and so close to a busy international airport. Because of the B737's proximity to uncontrolled airspace to the E of Manchester during the downwind leg, which covers the airmiss period, the possibility of unknown military or civil activity in the adjacent FIR cannot be completely discounted. However, the likelihood of such activity escaping detection is remote, as the area is well served by several radars and any movements at the levels in question would almost certainly have generated a radar response.

## **PART B: SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS**

Information available to the Working Group included reports from the pilot of the B737, transcripts of the relevant RT frequencies, a video recording, and reports from the air traffic controllers involved.

The Group were anxious to emphasise that this report, submitted by two responsible airline pilots, was considered seriously and they wished to commend the pilots for their courage in submitting it, and their company, whose enlightened attitude made it possible. Reports such as these are often the object of derision, but the Group hopes that this example will encourage pilots who experience unusual sightings to report them without fear of ridicule. It was quickly realised by all members that, because of its unusual nature, they could only theorise on the possibilities once normal avenues of investigation had been explored. There is no doubt that the pilots both saw an object and that it was of sufficient significance to prompt an airmiss report. Unfortunately, the nature and identity of this object remains unknown. To speculate about extra-terrestrial activity, fascinating though it may be, is not within the Group's remit and must be left to those whose interest lies in that field. It is probably true to say, however, that almost all unusual sightings can be attributed to a wide range of well known

natural phenomena. There are, of course, a few which defy explanation and thus fuel the imagination of those who are convinced that there is 'something going on' out there. Usually activity of this kind is accompanied by a rash of ground sightings in the same geographic area; in this case, as far as is known, there were no other reports and therefore the incident has to be reviewed in isolation, with no other witnesses. The resources normally available when investigating airmissses are pilots' reports, corroborated by radar and RT recordings. Often these will provide all the clues necessary, but in this case there is no 'reported pilot', and radar recordings do not show any unknown contacts. The lack of a radar contact is not necessarily unusual if weather suppressors are in use on the radar, particularly if the object generates a poor radar response. In these conditions the radar can interpret a non-transponding (primary) contact as weather, and therefore disregards it. Enquiries into military activity did not reveal any ac in the area at the time, and it was considered inconceivable that such activity would take place so close to a busy airport without some sort of prior notification. Members put forward other suggestions, such as a large model aircraft or a commercially operated remotely controlled craft, such as those which are used for survey or photographic work. Considering the prevailing conditions - darkness, high ground, strong NW wind, and the proximity of a major international airport - the Group felt that this kind of activity, together with the hang glider/microlight theory, could not be regarded as a realistic possibility. As was pointed out by one member, however, the extreme actions of a foolhardy individual cannot be entirely ruled out and there remains, therefore, the possibility that someone, perhaps in a microlight ac (which most accurately fits the shape described), had defied the conditions and got airborne. Further talks with the microlight experts on this idea highlighted its extreme improbability; the strong wind, terrain and darkness would have rendered such a flight almost suicidal.

Having debated the various hypotheses at length the Group concluded that, in the absence of any firm evidence which could identify or explain this object, it was not possible to assess either the cause or the risk by any of the normal criteria applicable to airmisss reports. The incident therefore remains unresolved.

#### **PART C: ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND CAUSE**

*Degree of Risk:* Unassessable

*Cause:* Unassessable

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Details given to  
the applicant in  
the letter of response.

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+ Copy of Cosford papers

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	15 January 2005 23.15L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Just said it was a flying saucer.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	Not given.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Sargeant <b>Section 40</b> at Staffordshire Police, who then rang the Das answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 January 2005 10.30L

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Nr Rugeley  
STAFFORDSHIRE

Section 40

Date: Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005  
Ref: MOD/DASOP1A/1/05

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: INFORMATION REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**

I have corresponded with this department on a number of occasions with regard to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), and it is as part of my continuing research that I again write to you today with the hope that you can provide me with relevant information.

Firstly, I am fortunate enough to live in a very active area of South Staffordshire, close to an area known as Cannock Chase, which over the years and continuing to this day has become a hotspot for people reporting sightings of unconventional flying craft and strange lights in the sky which could be termed a 'UFO'. I have asked for information in the past with regards to data which you may hold on these sightings in the Cannock Chase area in an attempt to find out if there are rational explanations behind these reports and you have kindly assisted me with these enquiries and necessary information where available.

As it has been almost two years since my last correspondence with the department, and in that time there have continued to be many new sightings being reported locally, I write to see if you have any new information which could be of assistance.

① Last summer (August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) there were many reports of unidentified phenomena being seen and recorded in and around Cannock Chase including 'six silver discs' seen near Wolverhampton, orange balls of light, triangular shaped craft seen near Penkridge. Also around that time there were reports of a glowing triangular shaped craft/lights seen hovering over the city of Lichfield not far away from these locations. Going further back to the start of 2003 there were also many reports then of a triangular shaped craft flying over Cannock Chase and the Rugeley and Lichfield areas.

None to us

① I was wondering if you have received any reports to the department of the phenomena which I have detailed above or any other reports of strange lights or craft in the skies over the South Staffordshire area in general but particularly the Cannock, Rugeley and Lichfield areas for the last three years and if so, would it be possible to send me a copy of any of the information which you hold where this is possible.

② As I mentioned above, locally, the most commonly reported craft seen in the skies which people cannot readily identify are these triangular shaped craft/vehicles, which have also made their presence felt nationally and internationally. This phenomenon is an area of study which I have become very much involved in over the past year or so.

It is my belief from the research that I have undertaken that a large majority of these sightings of triangular platforms in our skies are nothing more than misidentified 'terrestrial' phenomena such as newly developed military technologies, stealth aircraft and misidentified commercial aircraft. Indeed, I have just begun the initial stages of research to show that from my own observations, the landing light configuration of commercial jet aircraft when seen at night on an aircraft in a steep banking turn are identical to many of the pieces of footage I have seen of purported 'extraterrestrial' flying triangle craft. Having said that however, there still remain some reports of these craft which seem to defy what I would call an 'earthly' explanation simply through the way the behave and the characteristics they display which do not fit in with the technology and physics that we understand. That is, though, to say that they can't be explained.

③ To assist me with my research into this fascinating area of Ufology, I was wondering if you have any information which may be of use. What information or statistics, if any do you hold on sightings of this type of phenomenon. What is the Ministry's (or the departments) view on these sightings being new technologies and/or stealth aircraft (can you comment on this?) although if they are new or existing military aircraft surely the pilots would be invited not to fly over restricted and sensitive locations such as nuclear power stations as some of these craft have been observed doing or not to fly in direct conflict with civil airliners in some of the busiest airspace in the UK, close to one of our busiest airports (the infamous incident at Manchester Airport where a

None

pilot approaching the airport had a very close shave with one of these triangular shaped craft)

(3) In particular does the department have any files or information that they can share on the events of 31<sup>st</sup> March 1993, when one of these triangular craft(s) were witnessed by many hundreds of people flying low over the country for several hours late that evening and early the next morning (Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Wales, the south, and the Midlands) including observers from both RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of articles from my files, from local sources concerning some of the sightings that I have detailed above in my request for information.

I hope that you are able to help me at least in part, even if you are unable to fulfil all of my requests as I realise that I have asked for a lot of information and I understand the time constraints and pressures of assisting me especially with all the other work you may be involved in. Any information you can provide however small it may be, is still very much appreciated and will be most helpful in taking my research further and hopefully trying to find an answer to some of these unexplained sightings and the questions they raise.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply

**YOURS FAITHFULLY**

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**Investigator of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena**

**Enclosures:**

Copies of Newspaper articles

# Express & Star

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Wednesday, November 3, 2004

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## Video footage shot in Midlands said to reveal strange lights Group releases film which 'shows UFOs'

By Andy Richardson

Video footage and photographs which supposedly show UFOs over Cannock Chase and surrounding areas during the summer have been released.

The footage, from Staffordshire UFO Group, shows a number of incidents caught on camera over the Cannock Chase area during August 7 and 8 this year. One shows six silver discs hovering over a field in Perton, Wolverhampton, and others show some strange hovering orange balls of light which were captured in Heath Hayes, Milford and Shenstone.

Graham Allen, chairman of Staffordshire UFO Group, said there had been a flurry of UFO activity in August and September over the Cannock Chase area which experts term a "flap". The footage has just been shown to UFO experts at a special world conference held in Japan.

Mr Allen said there hadn't been such activity since a spate of sightings in Mexico City four years ago.

There had been numerous sightings of UFOs throughout August and September over Cannock Chase, Mr Allen said.

As well as the orange balls of light seen over the Chase a triangular shaped UFO was seen hovering over cottages at Fottal Pool, near Penkridge, he said.

### Captured

Mr Allen said: "Cannock Chase is now one of the world's most prominent UFO hotspots and has now been brought to the attention of world experts."

"The footage was captured by members of the public on August 7 and 8 this year when there was a flurry of activity all over the area."

"The footage was taken in Heath Hayes, Milford, Shenstone and Perton."

"It has been studied by experts who have been left baffled by what appears on the film."

The footage was released at a special UFO talk which was held at Weston Hall, near Stafford yesterday.

# Rugeley

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Tel: 01543 258523

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## Camera captures mystery lights over city cathedral

A leading UFO expert has told The Post he has concrete evidence of unexplained phenomenon in the Lichfield skies after capturing video footage of mysterious lights hovering above the cathedral.

Graham Allen, of Staffordshire UFO Group, said a city resident had recorded a strange triangular object floating above the Lichfield landscape earlier this month, following a glut of reported sightings from witnesses all over the district.

Mr Allen, who has been one of the foremost experts on UFO activity for over a decade, said the footage is among the most exciting he has ever seen.

The group are currently in the process of getting the videotape analysed by experts.

"This recording really is unprecedented," he told The Post. "We had a whole host of reported sightings at the start of last month from people from Lichfield, Shenstone and Cannock. All of them reported the same thing, a large orange object, which they said was about the size of a bus."

"At first we thought it could be ball lighting, which is rare natural phenomenon. But as the calls kept coming in we realised it was something different."

"When we got this videotape we got really excited. Something like this is does not happen very often, really."

Mr Allen said the footage shows a object high above the city. He said the strange light moves in a number of directions and seems to hover over the city. At one point the recording zooms in and reveals the object has a glowing triangular shape at its centre.

"The witnesses all say they thought there was something alive in the centre of the ball," he added.

"We have dozens of similar reports from all over the area and all of them say the thing - and that backs up what we have on this recording. It is a genuine recording and we are very excited about it."

Mr Allen said the group would release the footage of the incident after it had been analysed.



More sky 'triangles' reported

# Stealth bombers over the Chase?

by Mike Lockley

**The X-Files mystery of what's flying over our skies deepened this week with news there have been a flood of sightings of triangular-shaped craft.**

Staffordshire UFO Group has received info from Shenstone, Burntwood and Rugeley.

Chairman Graham Allen told *The Post*: "Each give a similar description of two triangular-shaped craft flying low, silent and straight at around 6.30pm on January 16."

Only last week a *Post* reader told of her close encounter with the triangular craft at Pottal Pool - an area that has become a hotbed of UFO activity.

However, evidence the answer to the riddle may not be in the stars has gathered strength.

With war clouds gathering, new special shelters have been constructed at one Home Counties RAF base to house US Stealth bombers has appeared in the daily

press.

And yesterday a Ministry of Defence spokesman refused to be drawn on whether the sci-fi looking aircraft are carrying out manoeuvres over

crossing, the key lines, the former RAF Hednesford camp nearby.

There are two alternative theories for the triangular craft being put forward by



■ The profile of a US Stealth bomber

our area. She said: "I cannot comment on what the US are doing regarding exercises and movements."

Acclaimed UFO researcher Irene Bott still thinks the triangular objects could be from another world.

She said: "On past research there is evidence to say it is not something of ours."

And Irene is not surprised there's been a glut of unexplained activity in the Pottal Pool area. Two years ago, a petrified woman motorist claimed two large green balls of light seemed to be playing 'catch-up' with her vehicle.

Irene added: "Pottal Pool fits all the criteria for paranormal activity. There's the

**UFO spotters:**

■ It is the latest technology to be developed at the aero research centre in Whiston, Blackpool.

■ It is the result of 'back engineering': a claim that governments are constructing their own crafts from UFO debris.

■ The UFO group is currently interviewing the latest rash of UFO spotters. If you've seen something strange in the skies contact *The Post* on 01543 258523.

**ARTICLE FROM:**

*The Rugeley Post*

Thursday 6th February 2003

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# 'UFOs are bombers preparing for war'

Multi-million pound Stealth bombers are using the airspace over Lichfield and Rugeley for hi-tech war manoeuvres, witnesses have claimed.

Eagle-eyed aviation buffs told The Post they believed a flood of sightings of triangular-shaped craft over Rugeley and Shenstone were proof US war planes were using the area in preparation for an attack on Iraq.

The increase in unexplained sightings has led to many theories, including UFO groups claiming the area was a hotbed for alien activity.

"I witnessed two triangular-shaped craft fly over me while driving through the Chase, but I don't believe they were UFOs," said military aviation enthusiast Mike Ellis. "I think what I saw were F1-17s. It was a moonless night and they made no sound at all. The shape of the craft resembled a F1-17 and after

by Kevin Edge

they had gone over I heard a loud roar." The 25-year-old Software Engineer believes Stealth bombers are using bases in Britain in the run up to war in the Gulf.

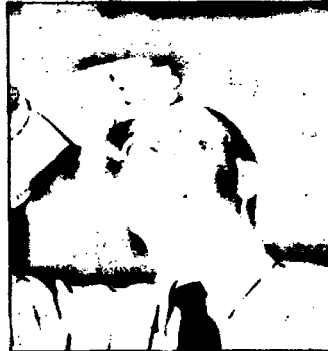
"Before the first Gulf War the bombers used bases in Saudi Arabia," he said. "But this time they have been refused. So they could be using bases here."

Mr Ellis' theory goes against claims from Staffordshire UFO Group, who have long-held the belief that the Chase is a hotspot for alien visitors.

"To the initiated eye they do look a lot like a UFO, so I can see some people confusing them," Mr Ellis said.

The Ministry of Defence refused to be drawn last week on the subject of hi-tech aircraft over our area.

"I cannot comment on what the US are doing regarding exercises and movements," a spokesperson said.



Mike Ellis

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**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 22 February 2005 08:38  
**To:** Section 40 @ag.com'  
**Subject:** Internet-Authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your e-mails of 25 & 27 January 2005 in which you requested "copies of declassified information about unidentified object appearances/incidents in the United Kingdom". Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

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I hope this is helpful.

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**INTERNAL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

To DAS (LA) P&P  
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TO Ref No 1070 /2005

Date 31-1-05

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The Prime Minister/SofS/Min(AF)/Min(DP)/USofS/MOD\* has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department\*.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the above date**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

Most correspondence involves some form of request for information – even if it is only a request for clarification of Government policy – and is therefore covered by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) from January 2005. In general, if you meet the deadline for responding to correspondence, and comply with any requests for information, there is no need to do anything differently as this will meet the requirements of the Act. However, if the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and which might need to be withheld, then you should treat it as a FOIA request, track it using the Access to Information toolkit, and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info (see <http://aitportal/default.aspx> for details). However, the deadline for responding to correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOIA request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info.

It is vital that branches ensure they have simple systems to record and track correspondence received from members of the public. This information should be regularly monitored and reviewed against the targets for answering correspondence published in the Spending Review 2000 Service Delivery Agreement for the Ministry of Defence.

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

**Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

Floor 5, Zone A, Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB

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Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at [http://main.defence.mod.uk/min\\_pari/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm](http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_pari/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm)  
If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

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\* Delete as appropriate.



Section 40

**From:** Section 40@40.com  
**Sent:** 25 January 2005 22:22  
**To:** public@ministers.mod.uk  
**Subject:** AOL British X-Files

Dear MOD

Is it true that the MOD possess declassified information about unidentified object appearances/incidents in the United Kingdom?

Also with regards to the new Freedom of Information Act, which took effect this month, if the above is true, can I be sent a PDF file of the declassified information from the MOD?

Thanks

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**From:** Section 40@aol.com  
**Sent:** 27 January 2005 13:43  
**To:** public@ministers.mod.uk  
**Subject:** Re: Grp:RE: AOL British X-Files

Dear MOD

**This email has been amended due to an error which occurred during the typing of the postal address (below).**

I reply to your email which I received (details shown below).

I can provide my postal address as follows:

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Farnworth  
Bolton

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Thanks very much.

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**Section 40**

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 22 February 2005 08:34  
**To:** Section 40@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Internet-Authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 26 January 2005 in which you requested "copies of intelligence and investigation reports on allegations and sightings of UFOs with the UK and the UK airspace, particularly, but not restricted to, Scotland, the outcomes of these investigations/reports and any future plans in relation to these allegations/investigations/reports." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. We do not routinely investigate such reports. Further, these records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

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I hope this is helpful.

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Date request received: 26 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other:

First Name:  \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: Student

Applicant Type: Academics Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested  Welsh

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Could you please send me copies of intelligence and investigation reports on allegations and sightings of "UFO's" (Unidentified flying objects) within the UK and the UK airspace, particularly, but not restricted to, Scotland, the outcomes of these investigations / reports and any future plans in relations to these allegations / investigations / reports. Thank you.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 22 February 2005 08:28  
**To:** Section 40@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Internet-Authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 25 January 2005 in which you requested "information on UFOs." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

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Applicant Details

Title: Section 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: retired

Applicant Type: Private Individuals Other: [Redacted]

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 22 February 2005 08:24  
**To:** Section 40@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Internet-Authorised: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 24 January 2005 in which you requested "all and everything on UFOs, sightings etc." Your request has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

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Applicant Details

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First Name: [Redacted] \*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Private Individuals Other: [Redacted]

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