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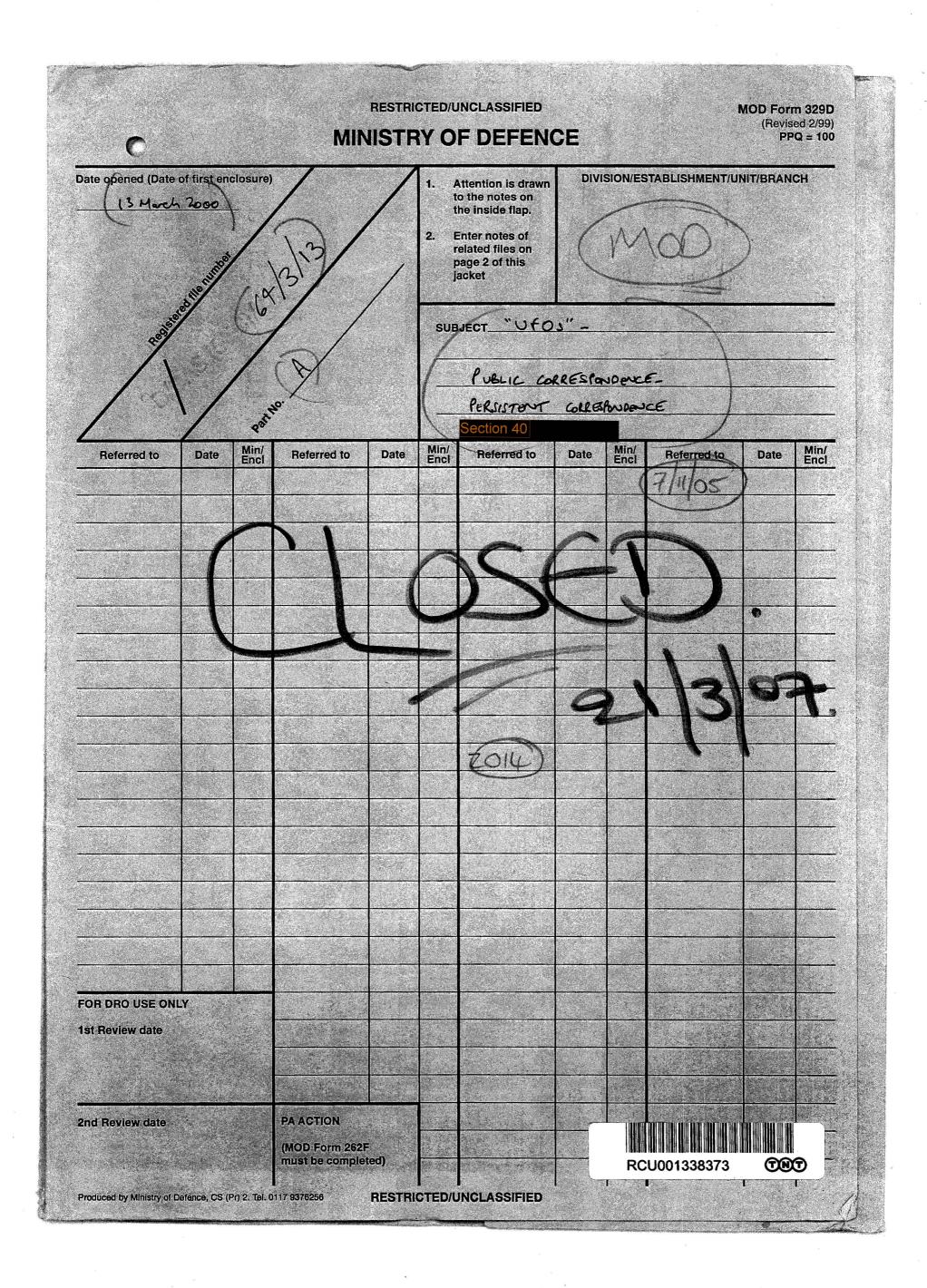
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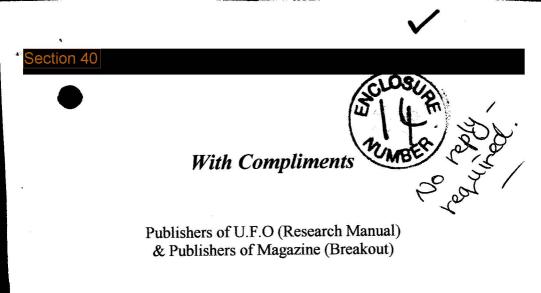


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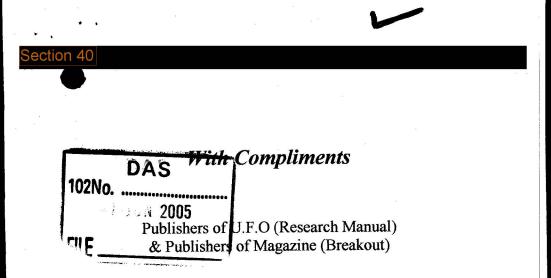
Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2005.

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Also, your comments have been noted and your letter will be placed on our files.

Yours sincerely





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#### Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2004.

Also thank you for your draft letter and the photograph.

You will be aware from our previous correspondence, of our policy on 'UFO's.

Your letter, draft book and copy of your photograph have all been placed on our files.

Yours sincerely



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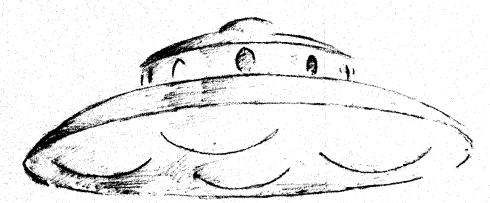


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# Age of Enigma

West Country Unidentified Flying Object Research Association



March 2002

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## Preface

My name is Section 40 and this is a story of my life since I became interested in the study of ufology since my first ever U.F.O. sighting at Chingford, North London in 1970, and my role in B.U.F.O.R.A.( the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association) in May 1972; at which time I worked with Section 40 also a member of B.U.F.O.R.A. This is how the story goes.....

I managed to rise from Area Investigator to Regional Investigations Co-Ordinator to Assistant National Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A. in approximately 2 years. Then in October 1974 I moved to <u>Section 40</u> where I became Regional Investigations Co-ordinator, again for B.U.F.O.R.A., this time for the Southwest of England. After about 17 months on 17 March 1976, I with a steering committee of 12 formed the West Country U.F.O. Research Association known as <u>Section 40</u>

Further in this book I will outline and mention the matters above. I hope you will find my book both interesting and enjoyable to read regarding the subject of ufology.

> Section 40 March 2002

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After Section 40 and myself left The Green Mann pub in The Ridgeway at Chingford in North London, about 10.40 pm, a Tuesday before Christmas in December 1970, we parted company at the top of Mansfield Hill at about 10.50 pm, approx 10 minutes after leaving the pub. At this point he walked home towards Larkshall Road and I walked down Mansfield Hill and along Waltham Way and into Section 40 where I lived at that time. When I reached Section 40 bv my home I decided to walk along the parade of shops, still in Section 40 in a northernly direction towards Kingshead Hill traffic lights crossroads with Lea Valley Road that runs in a westernly direction. I noticed that the time had gone 11 pm and there were some people in Section 40 the greek fishshop. The weather was mild for the time of the year. I thought I would continue, so I walked down Lea Valley Road in a westernly direction, which runs inbetween two reservoirs (the girling and the King George the fifth. As I continued to walk along Lea Valley Road, a well lit main road, I crossed the over flow which is nearly 200 yards from the traffic lights, where I came to where the fence starts with a line of trees. I stopped and looked towards the top of the bank of the King George the fifth reservoir when to my amazement I saw at 200 yards distance two white horizontal round sharply defined objects attached to a flexable cable ascending by the water domes on the edge of the reservoir. No noise whatsoever emitted from the object. Then with darting movements the object descended towards the grass of the retaining bank, then veered upwards at a speed with darting movements with the cable still attached. Size was hard to confirm at this point.

I stood on the bridge on the over flow for a minute or two before running back to the cross roads at the bottom of Kingshead Hill. There I stood, 200 yards from the over flow in Lea Valley Road, where these objects were hovering, darting about on the flexable cable high above the King George the fifth reservoir. After a period of two to three minutes watching this from the cross roads I ran to the fishshop where the greek **Section 4** and five other people were, some eating fish and chips, I said at the door "quick, quick, you all must see this. A U.F.O. has landed in the reservoir"

diagram of objects

With this, five or six people (including Section the fishshop owner) ran to the cross roads, then to the bottom of Kingshead Hill where the objects were still darting about 60 feet above the King George the fifth reservoir, for approximately 45 minutes at this point. We all agreed these objects were unidentified flying objects, but we didn't know what to do. We dicided not to contact Chingford police, because of the possibility we would be rideculed. After 45 minutes the two silent objects with darting about movements descended inside the retaining bank of the reservoir, still conected to the cable.

After this we all went our own ways, home etc, all very quite. Two days before this happened the whole Lea Valley was a pea souper, due to the large amount of fog in the area at that time. Being a Sunday it was very quite, looking back, now, I think that was when the U.F.O. came down into and under the Kings George the fifth reservoir, and what I and the others saw was a form of scanner, so to speak, looking at logic, breaking down logic and working on what you are left with. I think to some people this would and does make logical sense, and no doubt, to some people it make no sense whatsoever. For some time afterwards I was wondering about what had happened, and it wasn't until 18 months later, when I saw in the Waltham Forest Guardian Independent, in May 1972 that a member of B.U.F.O.R.A., who lived at Enfield; a Section 40 stated in this paper that anyone who had seen a U.F.O should contact him, and any sighting report given to him would not fall on deaf ears and would not be subject to any form of ridecule whatsoever. So I contacted Section 40 and as a result he came and interviewed me and Section the fishshop owner in Section 40 shop parade. I had taken some photos of the King George the fifth reservoir sometime after the December 1970 encounter, these I gave to Section das I have stated, was an active U.F.O. investigator for B.U.F.O.R.A. After interviewing me Section 40 showed me The Aims Of B.U.F.O.R.A. They are as follows:

1) To encourage and promote unbiased scientific investigation and research into U.F.O. phenomena.

2) To collect and disseminate evidence and data relating to U.F.O.s.

3) To co-ordinate U.F.O. research on a national and international scale with persons and organisations engaged upon similiar research.

AfterSectishowed me the above aims I decided to join B.U.F.O.R.A. as an Area investigator, for Section 40 Northeast London. This position I had taken up in Section 40 Afterwards I got to know Section 40 very well, as well as B.U.F.O.R.A. research procedures. I then went on investigations with Sectionedf the investigations which was discussed was the strange disappearence of two Enfield children, in mid March 1970. A boy and a girl aged between 11 and 12; the girls name the boys name unknown. The two children lived a quarter of was Section 40 a mile North northwest of the King George the fith reservoir, which is two miles long and half a mile wide. The two children had disappeared in mid-March and later turned up in June of the same year, dead in a clump of trees, a quarter of a mile North northeast of the reservoir, less than 350 yards from a well lit main road. Police with tracker dogs went over the entire area where the two children had lived, disappeared and reappeared. It seems strange that they should disappear for three months, then reappear next to a clump of trees; which had somehow been scorched from above. You may think that this has nothing to do with U.F.O.s, but I shall now relate the uncanny events that surrounded their deaths, and perhaps I shall be able to show you how I think the two incidents relate. Even though there is a six month period between my U.F.O. sighting and the death of these two children, you will see how the evidence matches up.Meaning that when murder as we know it is ruled out, why then did the local press; The Waltham Forest Guardian Independent print the following :

1) They died from burn marks (possibly radiation or microwaves?)

2) They died from over exposure.

3) It went on to say that nobody knew how this could have happened.

4) Their bodies were not found close together, and one of the girls shoes was missing.

Isn't it strange that the other shoe the girl was wearing was clean? U.F.O.s have been known to attack and kill animals and leave burn marks (possibly radiation) on them. There is little possibility that the sun could have left such burns. And it is equally unlikely that they should just lay down and die from over exposure. U.F.O.s hover above tops of trees and the ground and scorch the natural vegetation and nothing ever grows there again! This is the case of the trees where the children were found. Also, why were the police in the area for several weeks after the children were found, and why did they take away samples of the ground for analysis. In fact they removed part of the bushes from where the children were found.

If you drop two stones from the air they will not land in the same place or spot. As mentioned (their bodies were not found together). I strongly believe that they came into contact with alien beings, the common denominator being the King George the fifth reservoir. I feel that they died under strange duress and they were found at the time of a strong U.F.O. flap (a sighting every two or three weeks) in the immediate area. Section 40 and myself interviewed some people in June/July 1972 at Sewardstone Berry, near where Section 40 and her boyfriend were found dead off of Sewardstone, which runs between Chingford and Waltham Abbey, Essex. But to no avail they seemed to be very scared when asked questions etc.

In mid-June 1970 when the childrens bodies were first found Section 40 and myself were playing a game of chess at Section 40 at around 10pm, suddenly there were at least two to three police cars that came hurling along

the road. At the time my parents were out and we wondered what was happening. The date I can't remember, but I do remember we piled into my Ford Popular and folloed the police cars to Sewardstoneberry; three miles down the road towards Waltham Abbey, Essex. When we arrived there were crowds of people by the fence in Sewardstone Road; a well lit main road. The police were everywhere, the time being 10.45 pm. The headlights from the police cars could be seen 350 yards away at the clump of trees, where they found Section 40 and her boyfriend dead. As mentioned both police and Wickstead and Nipperead Ministry of Defence were there for sometime afterwards, and the parents of Section 40 and her boyfriend didn't get there bodies back for three months after they were found dead?

The Public Records Act states that the Ministry Of Defence Official Secrets Act states that any U.F.O. reports (whether Close Encounters or just LITS) from members of the public should be treated by the department as strictly confidential. As U.F.O. records are closed to public scrutiny; until they become available in accordance with The Public Records Act (section 1 and section 2 of The Official Secrets Act). At the end of a thirty year period of time (covering The Official Secrets Act) we will have to in certain cases look at all the points of view very carefully indeed.

After I became Area Investigator for B.U.F.O.R.A. I was told by <u>Section 40</u> that two men were drinking at The Owl pub at Libbits Hill, Essex, a couple of miles off of Sewardstone Road, where they observed two silver large silent spheres (size unknown) hovering in the sky. For sometime this was seen from the beer garden at The Owl pub at Lippits Hill, Essex by two or three people; names unknown, objects were sharply defined, and there was no sound, a LITS sighting, mid June 1970. About the same time as the two Enfield children were found dead in Sewardstone Road, 350 yards from the main road. This is part of the Waltham Forest central file at B.U.F.O.R.A. Between 1970 - 1974 we had quite a few sightings of U.F.O.s, basically over and around the Girling reservoir and the King George the fith reservoir, consisting of mainly lights hovering (LITS).

The Waltham Forest central file is made up of various sighting reports; including some U.F.O.s hovering over the gravel pits at Nazeing, Essex. Prior to 1970, before I realised that U.F.O.s existed, I did report to Chingford police in 1969 that I had observed a hazy light that appeared to be hovering on or just above the trees in Epping Forest, summer time. They took me up to the Royal Forest Hotel about midnight; after I had told them about it. The police officers there at that time said the light was quite high hovering over the tree tops. When the sergeant arrived they told me to go home and forget what I had seen. This was near Chingford Plain, the Southwest Essex golf course. Until December 1970 I didn't really realise what was happening, but I do now. I will mention that I had an idea that we were not alone in the universe. And what happened in December 1970, now in retrospect I know that U.F.O.s do really exist.

In 1972, around October I was walking home from Section 40 house, Section 40 house,

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police station where I was questioned by a police seargent. When I showed him my ufology files he gave me some tea and biscuits, calling me sir. After the seargent finished reading my files I was taken home by police car, my own car was unroadworthy at that time.

After going to Kensington Library for monthly lectures; by Section 40 and Section 40 Section as Section 40 (at that time Chairman for B.U.F.O.R.A.). I quite enjoyed going to these lectures; considering what they entailed. When I met Section 40 and Section 40 and Section 40 (Editor of The B.U.F.O.R.A. Journal) I knew I was doing the right thing stiudying ufology. After just over a year as an Area Investigator for Chingford, Essex, I was offered and took up the position as follows, the letter I recieved from the then National Investigations Co-ordinator; Section 40 dated 23rd July 1973 stated the following: "Dear Section 40 Thank you for your recent telephone

call. It was very interesting talking to you again. From time to time we have discussed the future of regions Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire (Known collectively as LM) regarding U.F.O. research, and I recall that you were agreeable to the idea of yourself acting as Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for these regions.

" I would very much like you to do so as you are someone who is conveniently placed geographically. You also have the requisite experience for the position.

"The post of Regional Investigations Co-ordinator is one for which you can claim no expenses from B.U.F.O.R.A.<sup>2</sup>Sectioner#Con to say he would send me a list of Investigators in my area.

so I confirmed my position in writing to the National Investigations Co-ordinator of B.U.F.O.R.A. (the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association).

After a while Section 40 resigned as National Investigations Co-ordinator, and Section the job for B.U.F.O.R.A. After which time he asked me to run some Skywatches at Section 40 We held two in the summer of 1972. We did see some lights in the sky (known as LITS), though they were most probably aircraft. Skywatches were, and still are done on a national scale approximately around 24th June (weather permitting) every year. Of which Ufologists call National and International Skywatching Day throughout Great Britain and the rest of the world, owing to Kenneth Arnolds famous sighting of nine discs over Mount Rainer on 24th June 1947 in Washington D.C. America. On every Skywatch Day we put Area Investigators on at four points of the compass facing North, East, South, and Section 40 West. In my position at that time as Regional Investigations Co-ordinator (area covered Essex, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire, Known by B.U.F.O.R.A. as LM) on Section 40 orders, it was my job to organise the Skywatching at Section 4 there on the hill were Section 40 Chairman of the Southeast Essex U.F.O. Study Group, and some of his members, and Section 40 one of my personal Southeast Essex Area Investigators for B.U.F.O.R.A. Between the summer of 1972 and the summer of 1974, we had quite a few U.F.O. sighting reports (known as flap periods) from Section 40 LITS mostly. In May 1974 I was promoted from Regional Investigations Co-ordinator to Assistant National Investigations Co-ordinator under Section 40 supervision, who was at that time the National Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A.

It was my job to check all the reports (sightings) that came in from all Regional Investigations Co-ordinators and Area Investigators, on behalf of Section 40 This was basic procedure. When the reports came in we checked them very carefully, as we did with the case summarys. After being checked they were sent to Section 40 and Section 40 at Newchapel Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Section 40 was then Research Director of B.U.F.O.R.A. and Section 40 was Section 40 Assistant. They both looked carefully at the reports they recieved, and would come to their own logical conclusions.

On the evening of 7 March 1974; (just before I was promoted as <u>Section 40</u> Deputy, area covered Essex,Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, classified LM) I did my first lecture on U.F.O.s for The 18 Plus Group, in The Lordbrooke public house in Walthamstow, Waltham Forest, London E17, Forest Road. I must say I was very nervous, this being my first ever lecture. I talked to a packed group of people,some of whom were obviously sceptical regarding my illustrated talk. Topics discussed were about the strange objects over the town hall in Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17, and my U.F.O. sighting at Chingford in 1970.

One of my observations as a general U.F.O. Investigator is that in the years since I became actively involved in the U.F.O. enigma; I have found that many witnesses always seem to be concise and to the point when completing report forms. Training states that when interviewing witnesses you must never lead them and you must listen to their story, trying to be logical, breaking down logic and then work on what you have left.

Most groups throughout the U.K. work on similiar research procedures as B.U.F.O.R.A.

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One view I have regarding intelligent alien life forms, is that they may have colonised Earth in the years B.C., owing to a lot of evidence that Eric Von Daniken put in his books; especially Chariot of The Gods, where he shows cave drawings of fiery chariots that appear to decend from the sky and then disappear. Also an interesting point is the four pyramids in the Egyptian Desert, which at each point North, South, East and West respectively, from the tops to the bases measure exactly inch per mile, the same distance as from Earth to the Sun, with every degree of the compass 100% in alignment with Earth to Sun. There are places on this planet which have been made to measure exactly in conjunction with trigonometry regarding lay lines across planet Earth. These lay lines have been around for thousands of years and have been written about by many different people, on the evidence which has been put forward by many people throughout the ages. Those responsible for the above matters most definitely involved humans, but equally most definitely involved non-humans, i.e. beings of a culture and technology which far exceeds our own; both then and now, that is beings from another world, even another universe!

To return to the Waltham Forest central file; at B.U.F.O.R.A., headlines in The Waltham Forest Guardian Independent in 1973 were as follows:

A BLONDE DROPS IN FROM SPACE, OR DID SHE? At Sewardstoneberry, Epping Forest.Section 40 and myself of B.U.F.O.R.A. (both Area Investigators in June 1973) saw a figure through binoculars who had long blonde or white hair, who was wearing a long black dress. The two of us were scanning an area of the forest off of Sewardstone Road, near The Royal Oak pub, when Section 40 who was from Section 40 and myself, noticed this figure standing near the trees, 200 yards from the main road. This was evening time in mid-June, a Saturday about 9pm. Later a similiar humanoid appeared and then disappeared. The next thing we saw was a red light rising behind some trees, then hovering for five minutes 400 yards from the main road, Sewardstone Road. It certainly was not a plane, though size was unknown it was sharply defined, and we could hear a kind of droning engine like sound before the object vanished out of sight.

I have maintained for a long time that U.F.O.s have been sighted in the Chingford area of Epping Forest, and I have also said that I believe for some reason they are attracted to the large reservoirs in the Lea Valley.

Section 40 and myself were in the area for two to three hours, and at one point we did take photographs, but unfortunately when we sent the films to B.U.F.O.R.A. they were unable to develop the negatives. At B.U.F.O.R.A. we check every report we have seen, or which has been reported to us with civil and military aviation authorities, so as to eliminate any possibility of aircraft (planes, helicopters, dirigibles, etc) being responsible. Myself and Sectication thave a geiger counter, and with the very real threat of radiation being found, at sightings of U.F.O. landings (P1 Landing Reports) we thought it best not to approach any closer than 200 yards to where the being had been sighted. It must be mentioned that this was the same area where Section 40 and her boyfriend were found dead, in June 1970.

In my own opinion, if these sightings of U.F.O.s are indeed alien life forms, visiting our planet, which I am sure most cases are, I doubt very much if they will try contacting us. One look at all the wars, violence, prejudice, bigotry etc around the world is enough proof that generally speaking we are as yet too uncivilised, too intolerant of that which does no fit the 'norm', and alien beings most certainly do not fit the 'norm'.

Cases where sightings of objects defy explanation are still very common, such as the two young boys, who were walking near The Owl pub, High Beech, Essex, in 1973, who saw red and white objects in the sky making very unusual movements (LITS). Also in 1974 there was a woman who had seen a cigar shaped object, hovering over some trees one evening, over Epping Forest, Essex. Since the 70s there have been over 40 U.F.O. sightings over and around Waltham Forest, mostly disc shaped objects, in varying sizes.

When after I was promoted to Regional Investigations Co-ordinator, in Section 4for area LM (East Anglia) for B.U.F.O.R.A. Section 40 became National Investigations Co-ordinator, taking over from Section 40 who at that time had retired, Section 40 Section 40 have a that time had retired, Section 40 Section 40 have a that time had retired, Section 40 Section 40 have a that time had retired, Section 40 Section 40 have a section 40 have a section 40 have a section 40 Section 40 have a section 40 Section 40 have a s and reports to the various Area Investigators. This was how the system worked; including Northern Ireland. In all there are 21 Regional Investigations Co-ordinators in Great Britain.

At the beginning of 1974, the system was working very well indeed, regarding research procedures at B.U.F.O.R.A. I used to help Section 40 write letters to other R.I.C.s and Area Investigators (as Assistant National Investigations Co-ordinator). These letters would be circulated throughout Great Britain, from Scotland to Devon.We also organised Skywatch dates.

About May 1974; just after I became Assistant National Investigations Coordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A. I met a Section 40 who became my deputy acting R.I.C., along with Section 40 and Section 40 Area Investigators) these three people were under my supervision. When the National Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A. came back from his honeymoon, he wrote to all members the following: "After almost a month revising for my exams, I am pleased to announce that I am back at the helm of investigations, and apologise for any delay you may have experienced during my absence from the investigations scene. However, my assistant, Section 40 has coped with most of the work, over these past few weeks, and I am grateful to him for his services. Actually the reports have been rather sparse of late, the only report worthy of mentioning concerns two of our investigators, who observed a U.F.O. plus humanoids whilst returning from an abortive investigation in Luton, Bedfordshire.

But there does appear to be a flap, building up around the Dartmoor area of Devon.

In fact there was a report of a U.F.O. incident over Exeter, witnessed by over 500 people. Another caes involved an auto-stop on the moor itself.

Please keep in touch with my department, particularly if you are in need of materials etc.

Yours Faithfully National Investigations Co-ordinator B.U.F.O.R.A.

Around July-August 1974 Section 40 and myself were called to the Bansbury reservoir at Walthamstow, Waltham Forest, Lea Valley, which is only two and a half miles in line from the Girling and the King George the Fifth reservoirs. These reservoirs have had U.F.O.s in or above them; hovering, travelling over and in their water supplies. As mentioned earlier, nothing is known about these mysterious objects, thought at one time to be a bomb, sighted by two divers on the bottom of the Banbury reservoir. Around this time I recieved a phone call from a reporter of the local paper (Waltham Forest Guardian Independent) who said he had heard of a crash landing (object unknown) in the Banbury reservoir. Section and myself went to see if it was a U.F.O. which had landed and exploded. When we got there, over half of the 500 million gallons of water had already been pumped out, in a massive round the clock operation. The water level had gone down by 1 foot per day, and we were told it would take two more weeks to empty the whole reservoir completely. A waterboard spokesman stressed that none of the millions of tons of water, that had been pumped out would be wasted. By the means of a little known system of underground tunnels, between the reservoirs, all the water from the Banbury reservoirs had been transferred

elsewhere. Meanwhile we were told that the long-term work of replacing the old steam driven pumps; which fill the reservoir, with new electrical motors was planned to go ahead around that time. They went on to say that this had nothing to do with the present emergency.

Section 40 and myself were told by workmen that the object (possibly U.F.O.) that was sighted, was not a bomb; as was first reported. I said at that time it might be a a U.F.O. that had buried itself in the mud, or it possibly it may have been a scanner of some type. This comes back to my U.F.O. sighting of December 1970; at the King George the fifth reservoir, which is 2-3 miles from the Banbury reservoir. In my opinion these points do lend to the idea that water is a strong factor where U.F.O.s are concerned.

In the summer of 1970 there was a strange looking light that hovered over gravel pits in Nazeing, Essex. Witnesses, made up of people fishing that night and/or camping in that region (in all a handful roughly) did report these sightings to B.U.F.O.R.A. Even though there were not many witneses, this was part of a strong U.F.O. flap in Waltham Forest, London and in Essex, where as mentioned water could be a key in most case histories. At that time; the early 1970s, here and overseas there are certain areas were there seems to be a link between water and sightings, for instance The Bermuda Triangle and a supposed hole in the North Pole, where many U.F.O. sightings have taken place.

A startling theory about the cause of a fire that lasted over 100 hours, in May 1974, that was reported by the Edmonton and Enfield Herald, has been suggested by a National Officer of B.U.F.O.R.A. He claims to have found clues that the blaze; which swept across five acres of deserted land beside the river Lea, was started by extraterrestrial activity, and he at that time warned that the public should regard the area as sealed off, until a full investigation was mounted. At that time I was Deputy National Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A. I did carry out an examination of the area, and noted that the ground had been charred somehow. My equipment indicated a very strange peculiarity in the magnetic field, no doubt caused by a most powerful force. The appearance of the land and my magnetic readings cannot be explained in a logical way. I personally believe that there is evidence to show, either that something from outside the planet had landed in this area; taken off again, or that their was something buried below the surface of the land. Smoke was still swirling from parts of the fibrous vegetation which grows in the land - a former sewage works. I decide to call in a team of experts from B.U.F.O.R.A., so as to make exaustive radioactivity check, and to remove specimens of soil for laboratory analysis. At that time there had been about 40 sightings of mysterious looking objects in the Lea Valley area, over a period of about 12 months, I made a statement that I was very suspicious that this fire was totally natural, and in the circumstances I advised that members of the public should stay away from the area.

The Waltham Forest Guardian Independant reported that devoted Ufologists came to Epping Forest on the Saturday nearest to 24 June, for an all night skywatch, of which to Ufologists; throughout the world, class as National and International Skywatch Day. Organisers reported four sightings, witnessed by over 30 spotters early on Sunday morning. A progress report was broadcast on the hour, through the night on London Broadcasting The Commercial News Station, this involved various sightings throughout the country. Over 50 people turned up at Pole Hill, equipped with binoculars, cameras and telescopes for the long night ahead. Dense cloud made conditions far from perfect. It was around 1am that the exitement started. A light was seen hovering over the Enfield area. One Regional Investigations Co-ordinator from B.U.F.O.R.A. dismissed the idea that it could be a plane. We saw the light over Enfield, appearing for a short while then disappearing. We don't know what it was, it was however unidentified.

Pole Hill was chosen because B.U.F.O.R.A. had recieved many reports of sightings around the Epping Forest area. U.F.O. experts believe the objects are attracted to water from the surrounding reservoirs, etc, just as I did! Local broadcaster Section 40 said that the tally of sightings throughout the night amounted to four.

The local skywatch was organised as part of an annual skywatching week, right across the world, and I felt it was a successful turnout. We did try to hold another skywatch at Epping Uplands but without success.

In 1974, just after I became Section 40 Deputy in May, I was asked if I would come to Section messex for lunch, and aftrwards hold a lecture for Section 40 to which I said I would. So when I got there I was offered free drinks and a free three course meal. After this there was a short toast, the minutes and agenda were read out and then the Secretary stood up and gave the chair to me. I introduced myself, giving my name and position in B.U.F.O.R.A. (Assistant National Investigations Co-ordinator). I continued to mention the Waltham Forest central file, and the amount of sightings there had been to my knowledge, since my famous U.F.O. sighting with five other witnesses at The King George the fifth reservoir, in December 1970, I also spoke about the disappearance and deaths of <u>Section 40</u> and her boyfriend. I went on to say that there was strong evidence at the time, and afterwards that U.F.O.s were involved. I didn't have a blackboard so I was unable to draw diagrams of the above matters. At this point the audience gave me loaded questions, but I was used to that. Some people were very sceptical, whilst others seemed more interested in what I had to say. After approximately 30 minutes the lecture was over. A little later one of Epping C.I.D. police stood up and said he didn't believe my theory regarding <u>Section 40</u> and her boyfriends death involving U.F.O.s. Was this nothing but a strong sceptical view, or was it an attempt to keep such a theory away from augmenting between the general public?

I arrived from Section 40at Section 40 in mid-Section 40 Around this time I took up the position as Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A., for the West Country, coded XZ. My position within B.U.F.O.R.A. had gone down from Assistant National Investigations Co-ordinator to Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for XZ. It was my responsibility, on Section 40 orders; the National Investigations Co-ordinator for B.U.F.O.R.A., to put the West Country on its feet so to speak. I managed to get a lecture at Section 40 Youth Club in November 1974, at Section 40 Five people showed up at the start (8pm) and by 8.45pm there were three left. As I had a piece of chalk and a blackboard, I tried to explain about Ufology and my role in B.U.F.O.R.A., as a whole for the West Country. Most of the questions were very sceptical, but one person; a Section 40

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seemed interested in my talk very much. In fact by Christmas Section Abecame my personal secretary. My deputy around this time was a Section 40 for the West Country affiliated group of B.U.F.O.R.A. Section 40 became very active as a member, as did Section 40 who helped form our first steering committee, others were Section 40 and ection 40 who I was very close with, also from Section 40 There was a couple of other people though unfortunately they didn't last long in the group, though we still managed to get the West Country Affiliated Group of B.U.F.O.R.A. off the ground. In February 1975, I informed Section 40 N.I.C. for B.U.F.O.R.A. that I had begun to put a strong steering committee together, with half-a-dozen or more people. Sectiowas very pleased with what I had begun to do and he sent me some membership forms ans report forms for my files. Section 40 became treasurer as we started to become more organised. By the middle of March 1975 the group was doing quite well in deed. So we decided to hold fortnightly meetings a Section 40 Then after house a while we decided to hold meetings once a month, on the first Monday in the month. ection 40 managed to arrange some lectures for me in her position as Group Secretary, after we had some good write ups in The Bristol Evening Post and The Weston Mercury about the group in general. A date was fixed for a lecture on 30th January 1975, at Section 40 which went down very well. A date fixed for another lecture at Section 40 for Monday 3rd February at 8.15pm, also went down very well with some loaded questions

about U.F.O.s and aircraft being misinterpreted. So I explained that we check with local airtraffic controllers, and by working on logic, breaking down what you have and working on that through a process of elimination we end up with a theory. There were about fifty people present and I tried to explain the difference between a Ufologist and anybody else, and what a Ufologist does, concerning all sorts of U.F.O. sightings and the occassional Close Encounters; both third and fourth kinds, known as Contactee Cases. The steady stream of lectures continued to flow. I did a very good lecture on Tuesday 18th February for Section 40 who contacted us through the Section 40 Mercury. They had heard about my lecture and wanted me to do a lecture for them. The venue was The ection 40 where The Section 40 meet. The audience was in ection 40 excess of eighty people. My personal Secretary Section 40 also came along to so as to give support. I was provided with a blackboard and some chalk, so I managed to draw shapes of reported U.F.O.s, as well as some diagrams of Waltham Forest area and the King George the fifth reservoir complex, also a general map of the Lea Valley area where Section 40 and her boyfriend went missing and how U.F.O.s sighted were no doubt involved. Section 4and myself showed some paper cuttings, reports and The Waltham Forest Central File to the audience. The majority of people found it very interesting, there was a minority who were sceptical. The lecture lasted just over 1 hour. We tried to recruit more members for B.U.F.O.R.A. without success unfortunately, so we left for home satified with how the lecture had gone.

At the beginning of March, Section 40 said I could go up to R.A.F. Locking at Weston-super-Mare, so as to talk to the Royal Observer Corps. So Section 4 Prote to the Royal Observer Corp leader and mentioned that Section 40 was an active member in the R.O.C. as well as an active member in our steering committee, and as a result the R.O.C. leader was agreeable to myself chairing a lecture at the R.A.F. camp, where there headquarters were. When Section 4 and myself arrived with my deputy; Section 40 we checked in at the main gate for a security check. After being admitted we drove to the main car-park, after which we set of for the R.O.C. HQ. I was very happy with the way the lecture had gone. Some of the personnel spoke to us about the purposes of the R.O.C. and they explained about 8/8 cloud, where there is no stars visible, also they explained about the terms for a nuclear attack, as well as other bits of relevant information. In all we were there for over two hours. I already knew about 8/8 cloud also known as cloud bank, and most sightings being misinterpreted for U.F.O.s when infact it was nothing more than port and starboard lights on a plane and/or landing gear. We left R.A.F. Locking after having a very informative visit. Our next steering committee meeting would include points concerning this visit.

On the 22nd February 1975 we held a skywatch at Uphill. We arrived around 8pm, on top of Uphill by the church, facing a southwesterly direction, looking towards Bridgewater Bay, near Brean Down. There was Section 40 and myself, as well as about 20 other people who had read The Weston Mercury, who had given us a good write up concerning the planned skywatch. we all stood around, with cameras, binoculars, clip-boards, torches, report forms, etc.

Around 12.30am the weather closed in, it was becoming very cloudy; 8/8 in fact. So I gave the order to wind up the skywatch with no U.F.O. or aircraft sighted.

Shortly after this our group recieved a letter from the Ministry Of Defence, in reply to a letter sent by myself, it read as follows:

"I should first like to say that the sole interest of the Ministry Of Defence, with regard to U.F.O. reports, is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of this country.

"There is no organisation in the Ministry Of Defence appointed solely for the purpose of studying U.F.O.s, and no staff are engaged on the subject on a full time basis. Reports are referred to the appropriate staff within the department, directly responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine the reports as part of their normal duties. Such staff have access to all information available at the Ministry Of Defence, and can call on the full scientific and professional resources of the department.

"The department does not undertake to pursue its reaserch, other than for defence implications to a point, where positive correlation with a known object is established, nor to advise observers of the probable identity of the object seen. Since the Ministry Of Defence's interest in U.F.O.s is limited to the defence aspect, a study of the scientific significance of the phenomena has not been carried out. Indeed the department could not justify the expenditure of public funds on investigations, which go beyond our purely defence interest.

"We recognise that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, but there are

perfectly natural explanations for them, such as fireballs, ball lightning, mirages and such things as re-entry of satellite debris, aircraft lights and aircraft at unusual angles, meteorological baloons and many other things. There is no reason to advance the hypothesis of alien space craft to explain the phenomena.

"We are precluded from providing you with detailed information about them, since U.F.O. reports from members of the public are treated by the department as confidential, and U.F.O. records are closed to public scrutiny until they become available in accordance with The Public Records Act, at the end of 30 years. In other words sections 1 and 2 of The Official Secrets Act."

We managed to keep the group going with regular meetings at Section 40 house, there was eight of us in all. When our Annual General Meeting (AGM) came along in October 1975 all members were elected for another year. We talked about the skywatch at Uphill in February and the one at Worlebury Hill, as well as my lectures throughout the year. We also spoke about one skywatch where we saw two lights in the sky; that could have been aircraft over the Bristol. At that skywatch we had a good turn-out, around 60 people, including Section 4 and Section 40 who was at that time Treasurer. Some of us stood at four points of the compass covering 360 degrees of the sky. At the AGM Section 4 and out the years report, also present was Section 40 who was at that time Area Investigator.

Christmas came and went as did the new year, January came and went without any lectures or U.F.O. sightings. When February arrived I chaired the usual committee meeting, we discussed the formation of our own group. This group would be for the

sole benefit of the West Country, area XZ. So on the 17th March 1976, at Section 40 house, where we decided that I would become President and Founder, we formed our own U.F.O. group known as the West Country U.F.O. Research Association,

(Section 40). This decision was seconded by Section 40 and Group Secretary Section 40

In 1976, in late December Section 40 resigned as my Deputy. In his place Section 40 resigned as my Deputy. In his place Section 40 resident 40 residen

So we all began to work within the group, still holding our monthly meetings, on the first Monday of every month. After a while we decided to produce a bi-monthly magazine called Breakout. This would include skywatch case U.F.O. summary reports, lecture dates, committee meeting dates and committee changes etc. We held a vote to see who would be elected as Editor for our magazine. It was decided it would be **Section** 40

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Over the years since 1974, up until present day, there has been a spate of U.F.O. sighting reports, around and above the Mendip Hills, Somerset, and on the ground in the county of Somerset as a whole. This area is made up of large parts of forest and barren ground; as well as farmland. Mainly, these U.F.O. sightings seem to be around the Langford area of the Mendips, i.e. Langford Crest, Dulberry Warren and Burrington Comb areas, where relevant or not there is a large cave complex. Why this is so is not fully understood. Why this area and not other areas? Who can say? In time I hope these and other questions relating to the subject of Ufology will be answered. For now all we can do is wait and hope.

And here I end my story. I have tried to include all relevant aspects regarding my experiences in the study of Ufology. I hope that by reading about my experiences you too will be encouraged to become interested in the subject, whether alone or by joining one of the many U.F.O. Research Associations that are spread throughout the United Kingdom. Also there are several U.F.O. magazines on sale in most newsagents, which are an excellent starting point into the subject.

There is no-doubt much we do not know about sightings around the country, even the world, but it is my hope that through the subject of Ufology we will in time begin to make more sense of this intriguing subject.



#### Appendix

## Steering Committee Constitution

t) The Steering Committee of the Section 40

consists

of between 12 to 16 members. Within our constitution members are elected democratically every 12 months approximately. To ensure fair play the President asks the Group Secretary to take the vote from the committee, so as to re-elect each member. If the President is re-elected and the First Vice-President is re-elected, then the rest of the committee members; in order, are also re-elected for another year.

If the committee is devided on any points in the agenda, then the president has the deciding vote.

2) All committee members send there own points of view regarding the group, to the Group Secretary before each meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is conducted every 12 months in October, where all members have the posibility of being re-elected democratically; as already mentioned in point 1 above.

3) The President who is also Research Director asks the First Vice-President for a report on any U.F.O. sightings in section WNS (areas Avon, Wiltshire and Somerset, which are covered by two other Vice-Presidents; respectively Second and Third).

# **U.F.O.s In Great Britain**

1) WE KNOW WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE.

- 2) I WITH MANY OTHERS STRONGLY BELIEVE WE ARE BEING OBSERVED BY EXTRATERRESTRIALS, WHO INHABIT A PLACE OR PLACES UNKNOWN TO HUMANITY, BUT SOMEWHERE IN THE VASTNESS OF SPACE.
- 3) AND AS SUCH IT IS THE JOB OF UFOLOGISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, TO CO-ORDINATE THE INFORMATION ON ALIEN LIFE FORMS THAT ARE VISITING PLANET EARTH FROM TIME TO TIME.
- 4) IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE AND MANKIND AS A WHOLE, WE MUST STAND TOGETHER TO STUDY THIS ENIGMA.
- 5) IT MUST BE REASONED THAT BY THE TERM ALIEN, SUCH BEINGS CAN BE EITHER BENIGN OR MALIGN IN NATURE.

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#### DearSection 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26 August concerning "aliens under the Mendip Hills".

As you will be aware from our previous correspondence, 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. There is therefore, nothing I can usefully add to our previous statements concerning these matters.

Yours sincerely,



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I am writing with reference to your letter of 17 August, enclosing newspaper cuttings, in which you say you would like to visit us in order to discuss 'unidentified flying objects'.

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, the Ministry of Defence has a very limited interest in reports of 'UFO' sightings and we are satisfied that the procedures we have in place are sufficient for our defence needs. I am afraid, therefore, that we feel that nothing could be gained by you visiting this office.

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By Sam Green s.green@bepp.co.uk

NASA scientists have captured a dramatic image of a devastating explosion which happened aeons ago in a galaxy far, far away.

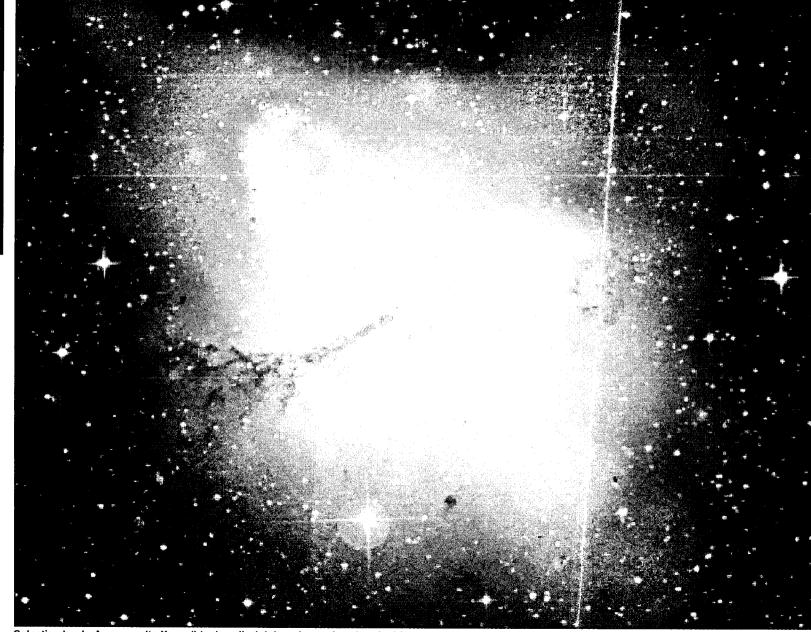
The eruption occurred 11million years ago and destroyed an entire galaxy, sending out shock waves travelling at 1million mph. Two colossal arcs of colourful gas are evidence of the armageddon event that happened 64.523billion billion miles from the Earth.

The breathtaking image was caught on camera by Nasa boffins at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

It is being analysed to find out what happens when a black hole in a galaxy erupts.

A Nasa spokesman said: "It is a composite image made with radio, optical and X-ray data and it presents a stunning tableau."

Meanwhile, British star-gazers will be able to witness a half-a-mile wide asteroid whiz past Earth tonight. The 800-metre-wide space rock, named 2002 NY40, will pass at a distance of 329,000 miles.



Galactic shock: A composite X-ray (blue), radio (pink and green) and optical (orange and yellow) images of galaxy Centaurus A exploding 11 million years ago

# **Book of the Weekend**

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**By Richard Edwards** r.edwards@bepp.co.uk

T IS the longest-running and most wide-ranging investigation in history, which has fascinated the public for centuries.

But leaving aside the theories and suppositions, the criticism and ridicule, opinion remains divided on the central question: Are we alone in the universe? A new book is going

back to the basics of life to discover whether aliens could exist. XTL details how scientists have reached new levels of understand-

ing of the conditions which gave rise to life on Earth. It tells of a quest whose success could transform our understanding

of Earth's place in the universe and predicts evidence of extra-terrestrial life – XTL – will become apparent within our lifetimes.

Author Simon Goodwin writes: "Astronomers at the beginning of

ence, indeed, during the entire history of human civilisation." The idea the universe is full of planets bearing intelligent life can be traced to the ancient Greeks. As Lucret us wrote, it is "in the highest degree unlikely that this Earth and sky is the only one to

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18th century such theories became popular again. But it was not until the 20th century that a scientific approach was used to investigate the proposition.

XTL focuses on all the space missions scheduled to search for signs of life on other planets and in the solar system. Goodwin and co-author John Gribbin recount recent discoveries by astronomers of planets orbiting stars.

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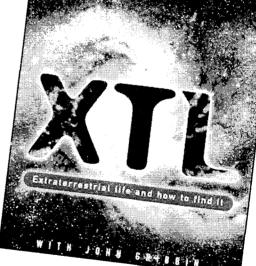
They assess the likelihood of life arising in our own solar system, especially on Mars, Europa – a moon orbiting Jupiter and Titan

They also document the rapid advances in technology which allow scientists to locate planets beyond the solar system for the first time.

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time but models built to his designs. have shown if he had access to modern technology, he could have made them work

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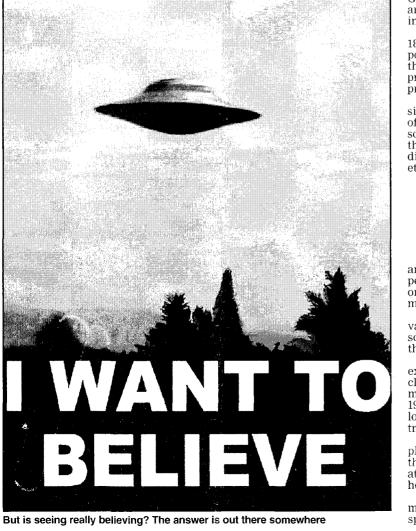
Instead, it draws on scientific evidence of life itself – under what conditions it may develop and survive, how it might evolve to be intelligent, where it may exist and how we could come to find it

It includes many beautiful photos taken by the Hubble Space Tele-scope and Nasa space probes.

There are also examples of extraterrestrial vistas as imagined by space artists. In many ways it is a manual for the future.

Messrs Goodwin and Gribbin conclude: "Our hope is to provide readers with the background information to enable them to participate fully in the exciting search for extraterrestrial life over the next few years.'

XTL: Extraterrestrial Life And How To Find It, priced £12.99, is published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson and is available from bookshops.



receive a reply, if one comes at all. Plans for more advanced and in-credibly ambitious star probes are

#### Arecibo telescope sent a signal to a cluster of stars, known as M13. Unfortunately, due to its vast distance from Earth, scientists estimate it will be 50,000 years before they

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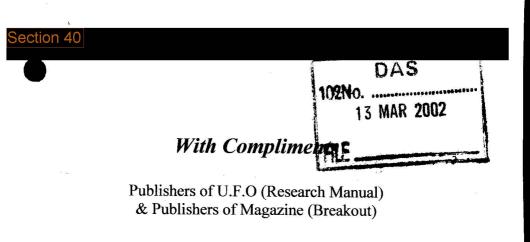
I am writing with reference to your letter of 20 February in which you say you would like to visit us in April to discuss 'unidentified flying objects'.

As you will be aware from our previous correspondence, the Ministry of Defence has a very limited interest in reports of 'UFO' sightings and this is only a small part of the work of this Directorate. We have no expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. Although I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

We are satisfied that the procedures we have in place are sufficient for our defence needs and therefore we feel nothing could be gained by you visiting this office.

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WESTERN DAILY PRESS, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2002-17

# Aliens are out there .... and they're keeping an eve on us

ALIEN astronomers on planets in other star systems almost certainly have the Earth listed as a world teeming with life, a leading scientist claimed yesterday.

Dr Roger Angel, from the University of Arizona in Texas, claims that there are almost certainly creatures out there which are monitoring our planet. He said Earth

By John von Radowitz

in light which can be identi-fied when light is divided into its constituent colours.

Astronomers know that iny planet whose reflected light contains a strong oxygen signal is virtually guaranteed to support life.

Other signatures that suggest life are water, carbon dioxide ozone methane.

launched in about 15 years. The European Space Agency's Darwin telescope Nasa's Terrestrial and Planet Finder will for the first time allow astronomers to look for the tell-tale signs of life among the stars. Using a method of "can-

In 20 years we Il know planets where life exists 's The Earth seen from space above. Too

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celling out" the overspill of starlight they will be able to separate and capture reflected light from Earth-like planets. Dr Wesley Traub, from th from the

observers are probably no more than 20 years away from identifying distant planets on which life exists.

And it is likely that other civilisations among the stars, assuming they exist, have already come to the same conclusion about the Earth.

At America's biggest sci ence meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, he said the Earth had been sending a strong signal into space announcing the existence of life for at least a billion years. "I'm convinced that if

there were aliens with technology a bit more advanced than ours they would know that there's life on this planet," Dr Angel told the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Different chemicals create

nitrous oxide and chlorophyll. At present the only way to detect planets outside our solar system is indirectly, by measuring the gravitational

# Searching for signs of life

effect they have on their par-ent stars. About 100 giant Jupiter-like planets have been found so far using this method. To find small rocky planets, such as the Earth and examine their atmospheres, requires technology capable of separating their light from the dazzling rays of the stars they orbit.

specific signatures imprinted European - are due to be phere with oxygen."

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, said: "You'd see the planet as a blob, but from that blob you can learn a lot. If it looks too bright it would probably be like Jupiter, but if you see a dim spot of light then you have some hope that you are looking at a terrestrial-like planet.' Dividing the light into dif-

ferent colours of the spec-trum would reveal the planet's deeper secrets including whether or not it is likely to harbour life.

An oxygen signature would be especially telling, said Dr Traub. "Large amounts of oxygen are a sure indicator of life."

The Earth has been send-Two new space telescopes ing out just such a signature with this ability – one since abundant plant life American and the other started filling the atmos-

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As discussed earlier, this Directorate deals with correspondence from the public about 'unidentified flying objects' and one of our regular correspondents has indicated that he will be visiting us in April. This gentleman is a rather disturbed individual and I would be grateful if you could alert the guard and reception staff of his possible visit to the building. The following may be helpful, should he turn up.

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I have written to Section 400 day to try to persuade him not to come, but as he rarely takes notice of our letters, I cannot guarantee he will not turn up. If he should visit we would not wish him to enter the building, nor would we want to talk to him without at least a guard present so he could be escourted from the building if necessary.

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 14 and 17 February 2002.

You will be aware from our previous correspondence that the Ministry of Defence has only a limited interest in reports of 'unidentified flying objects' and we are satisfied that the procedures we have in place are sufficient for our defence needs. We therefore have no requirement for the assistance you are keen to provide.

With regard to the views you express about Section 40 and the Halton Park Caravan Site, these are not matters for the Ministry of Defence, but your letters have been placed on our files.

Yours sincerely,





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Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter of 13 January concerning 'unidentified flying objects' and your offer to conduct research on our behalf.

You enclosed with your letter a cutting from The Mirror newspaper of 3 January, which talks of the recent release of a document to the Public Record Office. It may be helpful if I provide further details of this document.

During the summer of 1950 there was an increase in reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in the UK and in August a Working Party was set up (at the suggestion of Sir Henry Tizard) who thought "flying saucers should be investigated". At the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Technical Intelligence Committee the Chairman of the Flying Saucer Working Party presented his Report. The Committee decided that the document should be regarded as the final report and in view of the conclusions the Working Party should be dissolved.

Papers relating to the Flying Saucer Working Party are already open for inspection at the Public Record Office, but a copy of the final report could not be found. However, during a routine review of files held by MOD, for more than 50 years, a copy of the report was discovered on an unrelated file. It has now been removed from the file, downgraded and released into the Public Record Office. This is the document mentioned in the newspaper article and I enclose with this letter a copy which you may find of interest. You will wish to note that two short passages have been deleted. These have been retained under Section 3(4) of the Public Record Act 1958 and are the subject of discussions between the MOD and the relevant party.

With regard to your offer to conduct research into this alleged phenomena on our behalf, you will be aware from previous correspondence that the MOD has only a limited interest in these matters, and we are satisfied that the procedures that we have in place are sufficient for our defence role. We therefore have no plans to conduct the type of research you are offering.

Yours sincerely,



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#### UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Report by the "Flying Saucer" Working Party

#### Introduction: Historical

1. Unidentified flying objects were first reported after the war from Sweden in the summer of 1946, and for some months there was a considerable number of alleged sightings, mostly in Sweden, but a few also in Norway, Finland and Germany. The descriptions given were usually of some sort of wingless missile travelling at very high speed, cigar-shaped or circular, sometimes emitting bright lights, and occasionally sound. The reports attracted considerable attention in the press, where the objects became known as "ghost rockets" or "spook bombs." The reports died away after the summer of 1946, and very few have appeared since the end of that year.

2. The first report of a "flying saucer" came from the United States in June 1947; the name arose because the observer (Mr. K. Arnold, of Boise, Idaho) described what he had seen as a "saucer-like disc." The report received much publicity, and was quickly followed by a great many more. Since then reports of sightings have been made at intervals in large numbers, mostly from the United States, but some from other parts of the world, including Great Britain, where there was a notable outbreak during the summer and autumn of 1950. The objects reported have become popularly known by the generic title "flying saucers," but the descriptions given have included not only flying disc-like objects of the original "saucer" type, but also wingless torpedo or cigar-shaped bodies, spherical or balloon-shaped objects, and luminous phenomena of various types.

3. The reported observations have been almost exclusively visual; reports of any associated sound have been rare. In no, case has any tangible, material, or objective evidence, been submitted. It is therefore extremely difficult, if not impossible, to arrive at anything like scientific proof of the nature of the phenomena.

#### Review of previous evidence

,4. A systematic and extensive investigation of all the reported incidents in the United States was carried out between 1948 and 1950 by the U.S.A.F., in conjunction with the Rand Corporation, Dr. Hynek, a well-known astronomer from Ohio State University, and other specialist consultants.

we have been enabled to study two reports (Project "Sign" and Project "Grudge") covering the investigation of incidents up to the beginning of 1949.

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5. On the Scandinavian sightings in 1946, Project "Grudge" reports as follows:

"The Swedish Defence Staff conducted a comprehensive study of the early incidents. Several thousand reports were thoroughly investigated and plotted, with resultant conclusions that all evidence obtained of sightings was explicable in terms of astronomical phenomena."

6. Dealing with reports from the United States, Project "Grudge" quotes the opinion of the Rand Corporation after an examination of 172 incidents: "to date, we have found nothing which would seriously controvert simple rational explanations of the various phenomena in terms of balloons, conventional aircraft, planets, meteors, bits of paper, optical illusions, practical jokers, psychopathological reports, and the like."

Dr. Hynek investigated 228 incidents and concluded that approximately 33 per cent. were astronomical with varying degrees of probability; 37 per cent. were not astronomical but suggestive of other explanations, such as birds, rockets, balloons, ordinary aircraft, &c.; the remaining 30 per cent. either lacked sufficient evidence or the evidence offered suggested no explanation, though some of these might conceivably be astronomical.

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Summing up their own conclusions and those of their consultants, the authors of the "Grudge" report finally concluded that, of the 228 incidents considered, thirty must be disregarded for lack of workable evidence, while 164 can be satisfactorily explained. For the balance of thirty-four, containing some evidence, there is no apparent ready explanation, if the evidence is accepted as accurate and reliable. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, the opinion is expressed that all these incidents can also be rationally explained.

7. All the more spectacular incidents, of which much has been made recently in the British press and publications, have been fully explained. Two examples may be quoted.

The incident at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in January 1948, which caused the death of Lieutenant Mantell, U.S.A.F., is fully analysed, and all the evidence collated in the "Grudge" report. The conclusion is reached that without any doubt whatever Lieutenant Mantell met his death while pursuing the planet Venus, which was of unusual brightness on the night in question.

We have been informed, in conversation with a member of the United States investigating team, that the even more sensational report of the discovery of a crashed "flying saucer," full of the remains of very small beings, was ultimately admitted by its author to have been a complete fabrication.

8. The "Grudge" report includes a "frequency distribution" curve of the reports of incidents received between May 1947 and December 1948. This shows a marked tendency towards peaks in the few weeks immediately following an incident which received wide publicity, and is of interest in indicating the extent to which sightings may be psychological in origin.

9. The final conclusion reached by the Americans is that all reports of unidentified flying objects may be categorical as either—

(1) misinterpretation of various conventional objects (e.g., aircraft, balloons, meteors or meteorites, stars, fireballs);

(2) a form of mass hysteria; or

(3) deliberate hoaxes.

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#### Investigation of incidents in the United Kingdom

10. During the summer and autumn of 1950 the British press gave considerable publicity to reports of alleged sightings of luminous bodies travelling at high speed, usually after dark, but occasionally in daylight. The Air Ministry also received a number of letters from members of the public with similar reports. One of these, from a locomotive fireman at Derby, who was clearly a careful and accurate observer, gave an excellent description of what was undoubtedly a meteorite. We have not attempted any systematic investigation of all the evidence presented, but can find no reason for supposing that any of the phenomena reported cannot be similarly explained; in certain cases, when observations were reported at approximately the same time from widely separated localities, this was undoubtedly the explanation.

11. Three incidents were reported officially by experienced officers from R.A.F. Stations. These have been investigated in as much detail as is possible with reports of visual observations.

12. On 1st June, 1950, the pilot of a Meteor reported on landing at Tangmere that at 1430, while flying at 20,000 feet on an easterly course over the Portsmouth area, he had sighted an object travelling at very high speed on a reciprocal course, 1,000-2,000 feet above him and roughly 1,200 yards to starboard. He described the object as circular, and of bright metallic appearance. He could not give any real estimate of its speed, but thought it might be about 800 knots. He had observed it for about 15 seconds, during which period he had looked away to port and back, having no difficulty in picking up the object again.

Tangmere made enquiries of the radar station at Wartling, and were informed that; at about the same time as the pilot's report, the Duty Controller and three radar operators had observed an unusual response on the P.P.I., which appeared to be due to a target moving at 1,300–1,650 knots, first approaching and then receding from the station. The Controller stated that the response "looked to be very thick, leaving more afterglow than a usual response behind." The operator, observing on a separate display, said that it was "slim, short and weaker than

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aircraft," and that a series of "shadows" appeared in the space between successive points.

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As the receding course of the radar target could have tallied with the course of the object reported by the Meteor pilot, all the people concerned were interviewed by a member of Research Branch, Fighter Command, from whose report the above data have been taken. It was established that there was in fact a discrepancy of ten minutes between the times of the two reports, which were estimated as individually accurate to  $\pm 1$  minute. It must therefore be concluded that there was no connection between the unusual P.P.I. response and the pilot's visual observation. We believe that the radar response can be very simply explained as due to interference from another transmitter, a phenomenon which has been frequently observed, and which is described in detail in Appendix A. It is impossible to be entirely definite about the pilot's report. Assuming that he was not merely the victim of an optical illusion, the most probable explanation, which is borne out by his description of the object as "circular," implying a spherical body, is that he saw a meteorological balloon and greatly over-estimated its speed. We can find no reason whatever for adopting any iess simple hypothesis.

13. The remaining two incidents were reported from the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and the officers concerned were interviewed by members of this Working Party.

F/Lt. Hubbard, an experienced pilot, said that at 1127 on 14th August, 1950, he and two other officers on the airfield heard a subdued humming noise, like a model Diesel motor, which caused them to search the sky overhead. The weather was fine and visibility good. The other two officers saw nothing, but F/Lt. Hubbard, who alone was wearing sun-glasses, states that he saw, almost directly overhead at first sighting, an object which he describes as a flat disc, light pearl grey in colour, about 50 feet in diameter at an estimated height of 5,000 feet. He stated that he kept it under observation for 30 seconds, during which period it travelled, at a speed estimated at 800–1,000 m.p.h., on a heading of 100°, executing a series of S-turns, oscillating so that light reflection came from different segments as it moved.

We have no reason to doubt that F/Lt. Hubbard honestly described his own impression of what he saw, but we find it impossible to believe that a most unconventional aircraft, of exceptional speed, could have travelled at no great altitude, in the middle of a fine summer morning, over a populous and air-minded district like Farnborough, without attracting the attention of more than one observer. We conclude, either that F/Lt. Hubbard was the victim of an optical illusion, or that he observed some quite normal type of aircraft and deceived himself about its shape and speed.

14. F/Lt. Hubbard was also concerned in the other incident, when, at 1609 on 5th September, 1950, he was standing on the watch-tower with five other officers, looking south in anticipation of the display by the Hawker 1081. The sky was about 3/8 obscured, with a strat *g*-cumuløus cloud base at 4,000 feet. At about the same moment they all saw, at an estimated range of 10–15 miles, an object which they described as being a flat disc, light pearl grey in colour, and "about the size of a shirt button." They all observed it to follow a rectangular flight path, consisting in succession of a "falling leaf," horizontal flight "very fast," an upward "falling leaf," another horizontal stretch, and so on; finally it dived to the horizon at great speed. The pattern was estimated to be executed somewhere over the Guildford-Farnham area.

F/Lt. Hubbard was satisfied that the objects he saw on the two occasions were identical; the other observers agreed that the second object fitted the description they had been given of the first.

We have no doubt that all these officers did in fact see a flying object of some sort. We cannot, however regard the evidence of identification of this object, which was only seen at very long range, with the earlier one as of any value whatever. Further, we again find it impossible to believe that an unconventional aircraft, manœuvring for some time over a populous area, could have failed to attract the attention of other observers. We conclude that the officers in fact saw some quite normal aircraft, manœuvring at extreme visual range, and were led by the previous report to believe it to be something abnormal—an interesting example of one report inducing another. We are reinforced in this belief by an experience of one of our number (Wing Commander Formby, R.A.F.) which is recounted in Appendix B and illustrates the ease with which mistaken identifications may be made, even by experienced observers.

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When the only material available is a mass of purely subjective evidence, 15 it is impossible to give anything like scientific proof that the phenomena observed are, or are not, caused by something entirely novel, such as an aircraft of extra-terrestrial origin, developed by beings unknown to us on lines more advanced than anything we have thought of. We are, however; satisfied that the bulk of the observations reported do not need such an explanation, and can be accounted for much more simply. There is a very old scientific principle, usually attributed to William of Occam, which states that the most probable hypothesis is the simplest necessary to explain the observations.

We believe that this principle should be applied to the present case, and accordingly conclude that all the observations reported were due to one or other of the following causes: -----

- (1) Astronomical or meteorological phenomena of known types.
- (2) Mistaken identification of conventional aircraft, balloons, birds, or other normal or natural objects.
- (3) Optical illusions and psychological delusions.
- (4) Deliberate hoaxes.

We consider that no progress will be made by attempting further investigation of unco-ordinated and subjective evidence; and that positive results could only be obtained by organising throughout the country, or the world, continuous observation of the skies by a co-ordinated network of visual observers, equipped with photographic apparatus, and supplemented by a network of radar stations and sound locators. We should regard this, on the evidence so far available, as a singularly profitless enterprise. We accordingly recommend very strongly that no further investigation of reported mysterious aerial phenomena be undertaken, ENDIX A unless and until some material evidence becomes available.

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## APPENDIX A

A NOTE ON AN UNUSUAL RADAR RESPONSE BY MR. G. E. G. GRAHAM, D.S.I. 1

With reference to the unusual response observed at Wartling on 1st June, 1950, it is suggested that the signal observed was received directly from another radar transmitter, possibly ship-borne, in the Portsmouth-Isle of Wight area. This will be termed the "Western" transmitter.

Assuming the modulation pulses of the "Western" transmitter to be isochronous with those of the Wartling set, and that the pulse of the former was occurring anything up to, say,  $1 \cdot 2$  milliseconds minus the transmission time later than that of the latter, the received signal would be visible on the P.P.I. display. Moreover, unless the "Western" transmitter were very far away it is probable that the received signal would be of large amplitude and would therefore, as stated in the report, "appear very thick leaving more afterglow than a usual response behind."

It is reasonable to suppose that the repetition rates mentioned above would not remain identical for more than a few seconds. A relatively small drift in the repetition rates will produce a considerable change in the time interval between the transmitter pulse and the firing instant of the receiver time base. This would the transmitter pulse and the firing instant of the receiver time base. This would result in a large displacement of the received signal along the scan, which would be interpreted as a high speed movement of the "target" in the radial direction. It will be appreciated that if at the instant of first sighting the repetition rate of the "Western" transmitter were above but slowly approaching that of the Wartling set, the "target" would appear to close range rapidly; as the repetition rates became equal the "target" would appear stationary, and as the "Western" repetition rate fell below that of the Wartling set, the "target" would appear to open range rapidly. It may further be noted that one would expect reflections from objects (hills, &c.) relatively close to the "Western" transmitter to be of sufficient amplitude to be displayed also on the P.P.I., which would give the impression of "shadows" between successive points as described in the report.

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### APPENDIX B

# AN OBSERVATION OF A "FLYING SAUCER" BY WING COMMANDER FORMBY, R.A.F.

While on the rifle range at Tipner, Portsmouth, an object having the appearance of a "Flying Saucer" was observed in the distance. Visibility was good, there being a cloudless sky and bright sunshine. The object was located and held by telescope ( $\times$  20 magnification), and gave appearance of being a circular shining disc moving on a regular flight path. It was only after observation had been kept for several minutes, and the altitude of the object changed so that it did not reflect the sunlight to the observer's eye, that it was identified as being a perfectly normal aircraft.

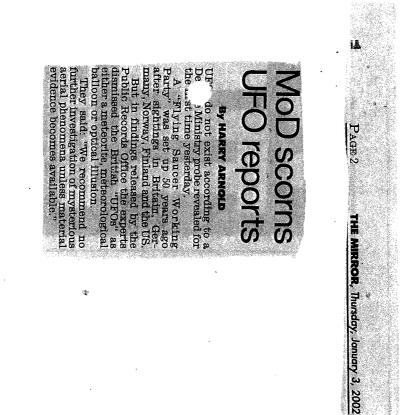
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#### Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letters of 26 November and 6 December in which you expressed your concerns about the alleged activities of someone named Section 40 ou also mention 'Aliens' in your letter of 26 November.

You will be aware from our previous correspondence that the Ministry of Defence has only a limited interest in 'UFO's sightings, namely whether there is any evidence that UK airspace might have been compromised by unauthorised or hostile air activity. We do 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 we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

With regard to your concerns about the possible activities of Section 40 these are not matters for the Ministry of Defence and I am unable therefore to comment.

| Yours sincerely, |  |
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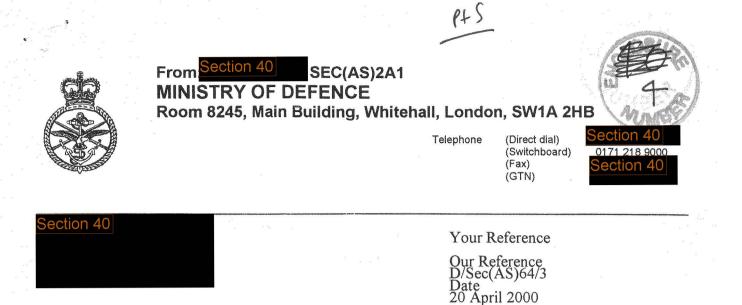
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#### Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 8 April.

We have explained in our previous correspondence the limit interest the Ministry of Defence has in these matters and there is nothing further I can add. Equally there is no need for you to visit this Department as we have no use for the information you are keen to provide. We have noted your comments and your letter has been placed on our files.

Yours sincerely,

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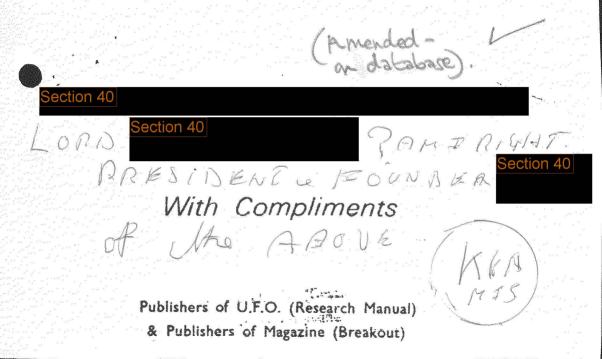
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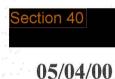




Please see attached my file note on Section 40 (the man threatening to shoot Section 40) and set fire to the caravan park).

He has not mentioned UFOs this time (even if he had he knows our policy) and I do not think we should start getting into correspondence of this nature with him. I therefore propose that we do not reply to this letter, but simply file it along with my note on what has happened with the Police.

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When A/SgtSection 4 had not telephoned by 1400 24/03/2000 I telephoned him. He said they had not yet visited Section 40 as they had been very busy, but would be doing so today. He added that Section 40 was well known to some of the officers at the station and he had been making threats to kill Section 40 for about 10 years. Section 40 currently lives in Section 40 but when he briefly lived in the Section 40 years ago, he had taken a court injunction out against Section 40 SgtSection 4 and he knew that the Moonies had been in conflict with the Church of Scientology and this may have something to do with Section 40 problem with Section 40 He also added that Section 40 sometimes called himself General Section 40 Major Section 40 on occasion Lord Mountbatten.

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One of the Officers from Section 40 Police finally telephoned us on 3 April and spoke to Section 40 They have been to see Section 40 Section 40 ho is currently residing in a mental institution where he has been for the past five years. He was also in a similar institution prior to moving to this one.

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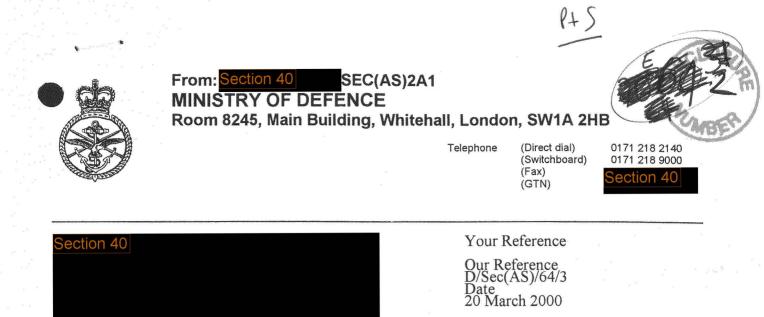
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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your research in to `unidentified flying objects`.

As you will be aware from the letter my colleague, Section 40 sent to you on 13 March, the Ministry of Defence examines reports of `unidentified flying objects` solely to establish whether what was seen has some defence significance; namely whether there is any evidence that UK airspace may have been breached by hostile foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of such a potential threat, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of sightings reporting to us.

The MOD has no expertise or role in respect of UFO matters and we therefore have no use for the information you wish to supply. I am sorry if this is a disappointing reply.

Yours faithfully, Section 40

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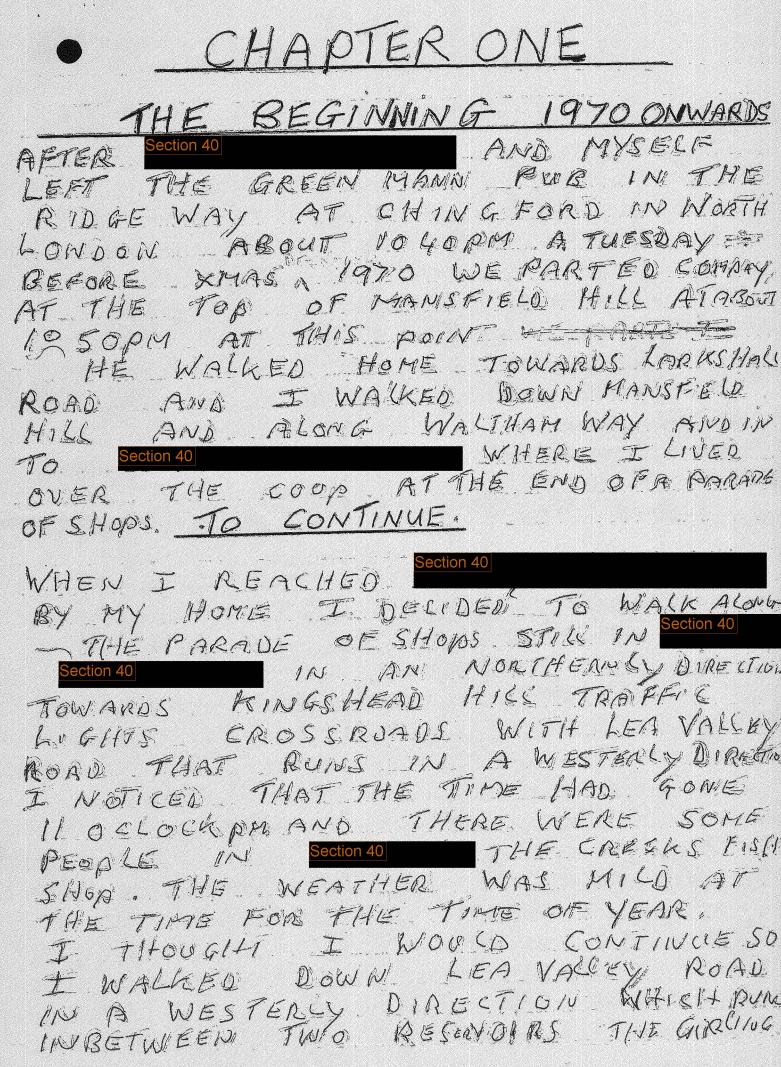
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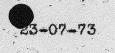
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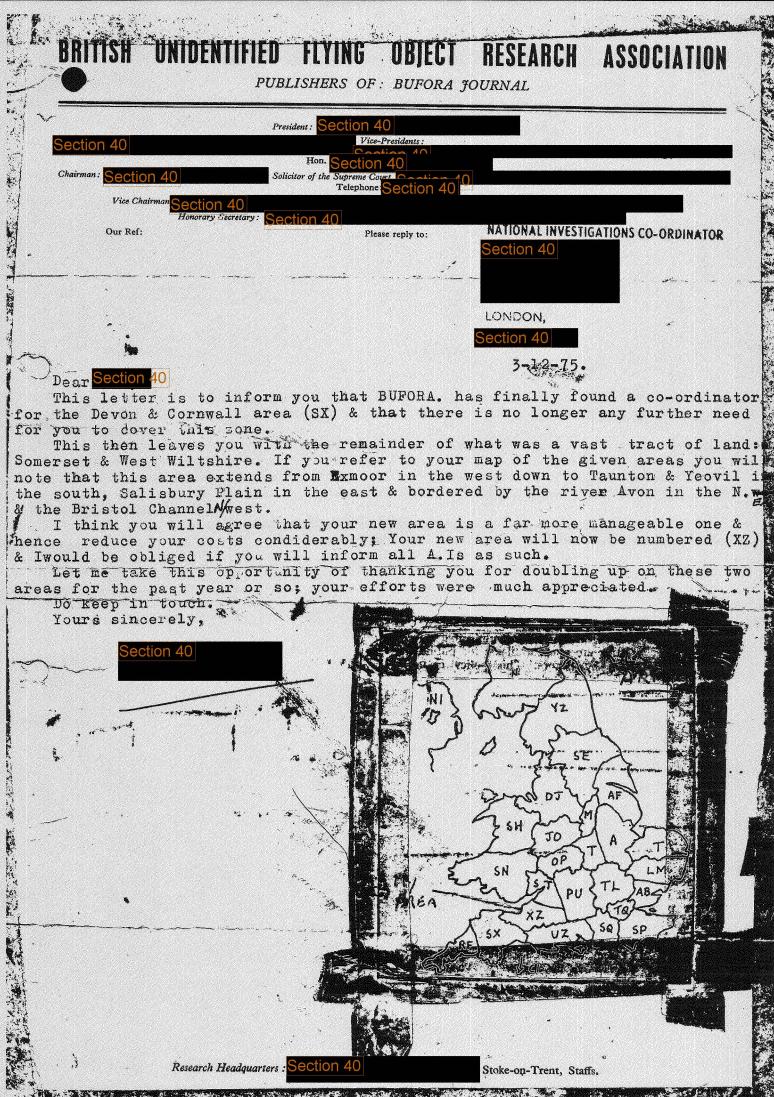
Thank you for your recent telephone call, veryinter-esting talking to you again. From tipe to time we have discussed the future of region LM (Essex and Suffolk) and I recall that ---you were agreeable to the idea of yourself acting as co-prdinator for this region. I would very much like you to do so as you are the only person - conveniently placed geographically - who has the experience for this job -The post of regional co-ordinator is one for which give can claim NO expenses from BUTORA. I will send you the list of impedigators for your

region along with other relevent information, as soon as issue, Please confirm your acceptance by mail.

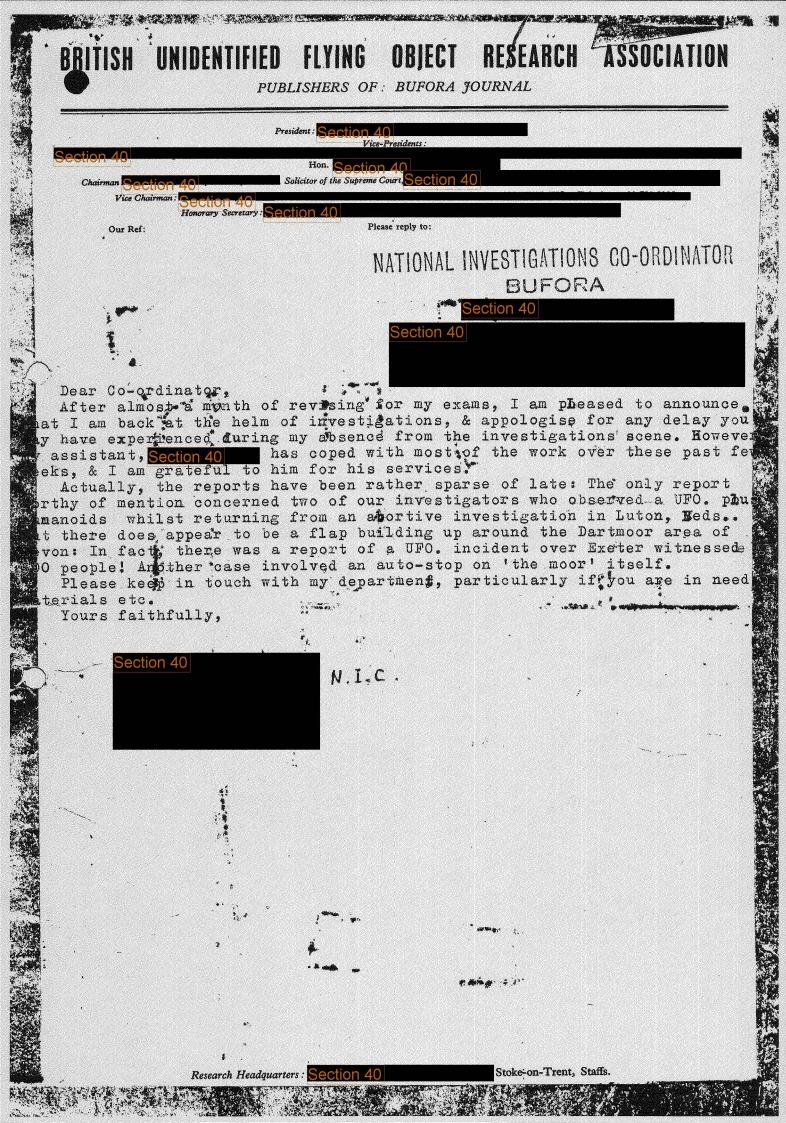
Yours faithfully

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## STEERING COMMITTEE

1/ The Steering committee of the Section 40

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consists of

among 12 to 16 members elected every 12 month, to assure fair play the President and founder member will ask the group secretary to take the vote from the committee to reelect each member around the table as previous years. After the President has been and the 1st/Vice/President D/C[W], the rest of the committee members in (order) are also re-elected for another year then the committee business will continue as before with the committee President having the deciding vote if the group is split on any agenda point. elected

2/ All committee members have the opportunity to discuss their opinions to the group secretary before each meeting that is held every four weeks. The A.G.M. is held annually and all members can change the President through the democratic process of a free vote.

3/ The President who is also Research Director asks the 1st/Vice/President D/C[W] on all reported sightings in section [W] and all other sections throughout the Country.

4/The Group Secretary will take the (minutes) of the meeting and put together the (agenda) as always.

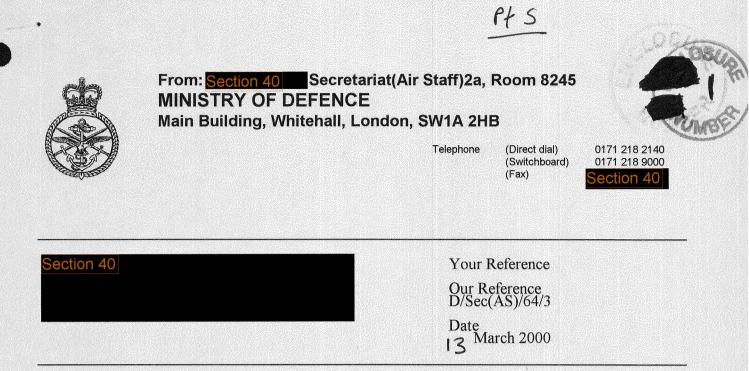
5/Information summaries will go to the Editor of <u>Breakout</u> in time for the monthly magazine.

6/Membership forms and all donations will be paid to the treasurer this will be reported in the Group magazine <u>Breakout</u> every three months.

7/Equipment officer has to prepare a report on all the Groups Equipment.

8/Liaison officer has the job to stay in contact with other Groups and to make a report to Section 40 concerning all skywatches and landing reports this will also involve

This document was written in Section 40 by Founder President Section 40



Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2000 regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed this office as we are the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

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

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

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or 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. Consequently, the MOD has no use for the sort of assistance you are keen to provide. I am sorry if this is disappointing and not the reply you were hoping for.

Yours sincerely

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## MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Soc (As

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SEC (AS) 2 -3 MAR 2000

Ref No <u>01613</u> /2000

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Secretary of State, / \_\_\_\_\_ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

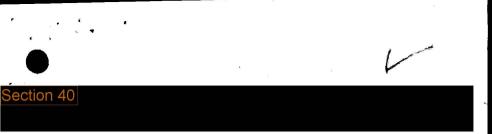
Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of receipt in this branch. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within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

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 223/99, further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

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

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

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