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[FULL ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER]

SUBJECT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

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PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION
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No recommendation

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Considered by DR for permanent preservation

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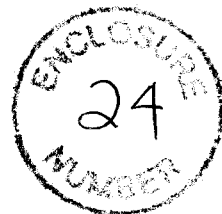
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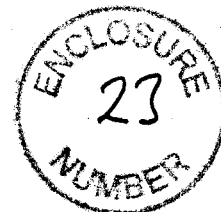
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11			12-04-2007-064720-002	UFO
12			12-03-2007-075056-006	Visiting Forces
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14			23-04-2007-145609-007	UFO
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Section 40

Our Reference
14-05-2007-080615-019

Date
14 May 2007

Newcastle upon Tyne

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 May 2007 asking for any and all files relating to UFO/UAP reports in the North East of England for the period 1980-2007.

Any attempt to provide you with the information you request would require a manual search of files covering over a quarter of a century. The costs involved in this exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you were able to reduce the scope of your request to a more manageable time period, (perhaps one year), I may be able to help you.

In the meantime, files containing UFO reports up to 1984 are already available for public scrutiny in The National Archives. You can contact The National Archives at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, by telephone on +44 20 8876 34444 or via their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. Additionally, the MoD has already released a considerable amount of information relating to UFOs, including details of reports for the period 2001-2006 on its website at www.foi.mod.uk.

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

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I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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From: Section 40
Sent: 14 May 2007 09:05
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOI written request PS 14-05-2007-080615-019 Section 40

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RFI assigned as requested.

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

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

From: Section 40
Sent: 14 May 2007 09:02
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOI written request PS 14-05-2007-080615-019 Section 40

Yup. Book to me

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

From: Section 40
Sent: 14 May 2007 08:22
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 14-05-2007-080615-019 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 12 May 2007 16:53
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 14-05-2007-080615-019 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 16:53:18

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txtlastname: Section 40

txtoccupation: Mortgage Consultant

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txtaddress2: Section 40

txttowncity: Newcastle Upon Tyne

txtstatecountry: Tyne and Wear

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

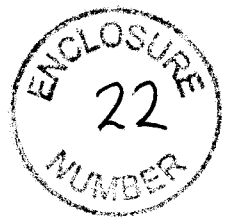
the request: I want to know if you could release ANY and ALL files regarding UFO/UAP reports made in the North East Region of England from 1980-2007, this request is solely for research purposes, I would be grateful for your reply to this request.

Regards

Section 40



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Section 40

Our Reference
 14-05-2007-092955-002

Date
 14 May 2007

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 March 2007 asking whether the MoD holds information relating to an alleged UFO incident at Cannock Chase in 1964. Although dated 10 March 2007, the letter was only received on 11 May 2007.

As is the case with other government files, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. It was generally the case that before 1967, all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public at the National Archive. Files from 1967 onwards are routinely released to the Public Record Office at the 30 year point.

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I am sorry I was unable to be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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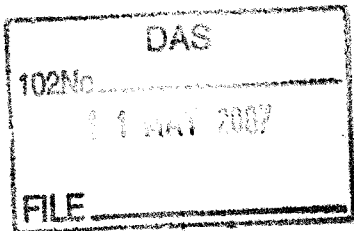
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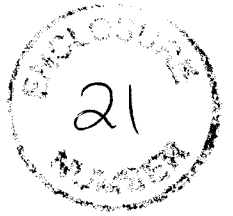
Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently read in Nick Redfern's book "A Covert Agenda" that the author claims that a UFO crashed near Cannock Chase, Staffs, and was retrieved under the supervision of the Ministry of Defence and the local Police. Under the Freedom of Information Act I am enquiring whether the Ministry of Defence holds any information on this alleged incident and the nature of that information. The date of the alleged incident is early 1964.

Yours faithfully

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**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 May 2007 14:14

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDDOM OF INFORMATION rEQUEST 08-05-2007-074026-006

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 6 May 2007, asking if we had any record of fighter jets chasing an unidentified light source over Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, in November 1986 and whether an official explanation existed for this sighting. It is being answered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have checked our files for that period but have been unable to find any report that fits the above scenario. It is possible that a report was made at a later date, but in order to check this we would have to manually search files covering a period of 20 years, which would be a major undertaking. The costs would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Unless there is corroborating evidence to suggest that the UK's airspace may have been compromised by a hostile or unauthorized foreign military aircraft, the MOD does not investigate or seek to provide a precise explanation for each of the 200-300 "UFO" reports we receive each year. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of the sightings if resources were devoted to so doing.

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

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I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

09/05/2007

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EXP - 6 JUNE 07

From: Section 40
Sent: 08 May 2007 08:36
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 08-05-2007-074026-006 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2007 23:55
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 08-05-2007-074026-006 Section 40

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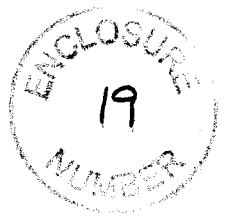
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: In november 1986 an unidentified light source was sighted being pursued by two separate sets of fighter jets over Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. The light appeared to ascend at extraordinary speed until it disappeared. Has this sighting been reported before and does an official explanation exist?



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Our Reference
09-05-2007-093544-003

Date
9 May 2007

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 May 2007 asking how many photographs or films of UFOs the MoD has for the period 1980-81.

Files for the period 1980-81 are no longer held by the MoD and are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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Yours sincerely,

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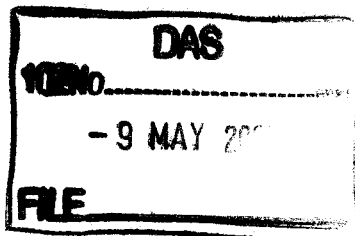
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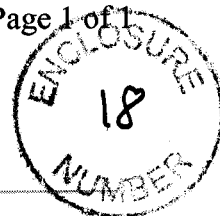
Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am writing to enquire how many photographs or film of UFOs the MoD has for the years 1980 and 1981. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

Section 40





Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 08 May 2007 09:30

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 08-05-2007-090639-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 May 2007 asking if the UK would ever scramble aircraft to intercept a UFO and whether it had ever tried to bring one down.

The integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time and might, if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft. We have no record of the UK ever trying to bring down a UFO.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40
 Sent: 04 May 2007 16:56
 To: Section 40
 Subject: Re: ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING 23 APRIL 2007 - TO02766/2007 AND FOI 27-04-2007-080512-007

Thank you for the reply Section 40. Some things that I still don't understand though...

1) If someone calls in a report of a UFO in which the UFO is still visible at the time of the report, do you ever scramble fighter jets to investigate the UFO in the sky? Have you ever tried to bring down one of these UFOs? I would think that by now you, the U.S., Russia, etc would have brought one of these down and reverse engineered it.

2) I have read many UFO reports. Some of which come from not regular civilian personal, but highly trained high ranking military officers describing an obvious metallic looking large object. Sometimes they describe these objects as 100% silent, can hover in one spot, then take off at speeds of sometimes greater than 25,000 mph without making a sonic boom.

That doesn't sound like anything you or the U.S. military would ever be capable of making let alone keeping a human being alive at those extreme G-forces. And if you think about it, some of these UFOs have either got to be FROM EARTH, or NOT FROM EARTH. And if they're NOT FROM EARTH, then the most likely explanation is an advanced Extraterrestrial civilization observing Earth for what ever reason(s).

I know that most UFO sightings are hoaxes, natural phenomena, top secret and ordinary aircraft, etc. But about 20% of sightings can not be explained and like I said are reported by highly trained military personal and pilots. I know a commercial pilot who works for a major airlines here in the U.S. and he swears a UFO larger than that of his 747 hovered right next to his plane while in flight. He's a pilot of 20+ years. He doesn't lie and wouldn't lie about this.

I appreciate the fact that the MOD is at least willing to talk about this subject with the public. I have tried several times to communicate with the U.S. Air Force about this subject and they won't even talk to me. All they do is send an email saying they stopped investigating UFOs in 1969.....THAT IS A LIE

I look forward to hearing back from you. UFO secrecy has got to end soon.

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@mod.uk> wrote:

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 April 2007 to the Secretary of Defence regarding an alleged UFO sighting on 23 April 2007 near the Channel Islands. It has been passed to me to answer as I am the responsible officer. I also note that you have placed a Freedom of Information request on the same topic, asking for any documentation held on the matter so I will address

08/05/2007



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 04 May 2007 14:26

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMRION REQUEST 04-05-2007-130650-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 May 2007 requesting information regarding UFO investigations in the UK.

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

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of '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 unauthorized 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 has already released a considerable amount of information it holds on the subject of UFOs together with details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD, which are available on the MoD website by using the following link:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme> or by searching under the word "UFO".

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

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 04 May 2007 13:08
To: Section 40
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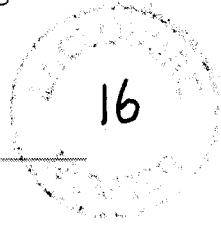
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txttowncity: St Julians
txtstatecountry: Malta
txtzipcodepostcode: STJ100
txtcountry: Malta
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Dear Sir / Madam,
I am emailing to enquire after some information on the investigations into UFO existence in Britain. Would you be able to send me something on the topic and information on what is being done exactly? If it is possible, it would be a topic I would like to discuss in the magazine I take care of in Malta which is for young and open people.
I look forward to any response.
Best regards,



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 May 2007 13:49
To: Section 40
Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 10-04-20074-073236-003
Attachments: List of Questions.doc

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Finally, I should like to thank you for your patience in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MoD Main Building
Whitehall
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SW1A 2HB

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From: Section 40
Sent: 04 May 2007 13:46
To: Section 40
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LIST OF QUESTIONS

26-02-2007-093149-001

Would you please send all papers on the following incidents, including correspondence mentioned herein:

1. UFO report made by **Section 40** to Scottish Police on 30 July 1994 relating to a 'flying toblerone-shaped' object hovering over a field near Arnadale Academy, West Lothian. This report was passed to **Section 40** at Sec(AS), MoD, who responded to **Section 40** on 25 Aug 94.

2. UFO report made by a member of the public to police/MoD on or about 14 November 1994 of a bowl shaped object with hieroglyphic symbols on its side hovering over the River Nene at Stanwick Rounds, West Lothian. This witness was interviewed by phone by **Section 40** of Sec(AS) in February 1995 who responded to his report in an official letter dated 17 Feb 1995. [Is there a sketch of the alleged hieroglyphics?]

3. UFO report made from the Blackridge area of Scotland on 11 October 1994 by two female witnesses. Plus any papers related to this sighting and that on 30 July 94 related to an inquiry made by **Section 40** to Lord Henley, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence, in October/November 1994.

26-02-2007-164035-007

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2006 enclosing copies of documents from the D155 policy file 1971-1996. You will be aware that I have requested an internal review into the redaction made from these documents and a result is expected towards the end of March.

In the meantime I wish to make a fresh request under the Freedom of Information Act, as I am entitled following a period of 60 working days from the last request.

The request is in two parts:

Firstly I wish to request information from, and relating to, two DIS UFO report files which were stored in the old war office building and were subject to asbestos contamination. The two files are: DI1DI55/108/15/1 Part. 9 - UFO incidents period not known and DI/DI55/108I15/1 Part 32 - UFO reports February 1978 - Jan 1983

I understand from **Section 40** in Defence Records that all the DIS UFO report files that were subject to contamination have now been electronically scanned and the scans have been returned to the originator department (DIS). As a result these scanned records can be reviewed

for release and are subject to the FOI A..

Please could you summarise the contents of this file: does it contain reports, correspondence or both and what dates are covered by the enclosures; how many enclosures.

(b) D IDISS170811517 Part 32 - UFO reports February 1978 -Jan 1983

I wish to request a search of enclosures in this file from December 1980 onwards for any enclosures relating to the UFO report/'Unexplained Lights' reported by USAF personnel from RAF Woodbridge (the famous 'Rendlesham Forest incident'). Please could you supply copies of any enclosures which are relevant to this incident including any internal MoD/DIS correspondence relating to the investigation of the report made by the Deputy Base Commander, Lt Col Charles Halt.

Secondly, I wish to ask for some general information relating to 'UFO Policy' files held by the DIS:

Could you confirm that DIS holds a copy of a UFO Policy file covering period 1968-71 that does not appear on the catalogue at the National Archives. The TNA catalogue lists two 'UFO Policy' files, DEN E 31/118 (MoD reference DI/55./40/911 Pt 1) covering the years 1953-1963 and DEFE 31/119 (MoD reference DI/55/4019/1/ Pt 2) covering 1967. You will notice that the Policy file that was the subject of my previous FOI request, DI/55/108/15/Pt 4 contained enclosures dating from 1971 onwards. This suggests that Part 3 in the sequence - covering dates 1968-1971 - is 'missing'. Does DIS hold this file?

b) With regards to the UFO Policy file covering the period 1996-2000 (your reference D1/DI55/108/15 Pt 5) could you specify how many pages and how many enclosures are held within this file.

I trust this limited request can be met within the cost limit specified by the FOI and I look forward to hearing from you in due course,

01-03-2007-143620-001

Would it be possible for your department to forward me the relevant information, in regards to RAF Rudloe Manor and the investigations into the UFO phenomenon conducted from that establishment?

05-03-2007-154149-014

1) I want to make a Freedom of Information request for any information held by the Ministry of Defence relating to an incident on or about 12 January

2007 when an 'unidentified flying object' or 'unknown target' was detected by the UK Air Defence system. I'm in possession of information which suggests that a flight of USAF F-15 aircraft from RAF Lakenheath were asked to investigate the unknown target and that they were able to make both radar and visual contact with the object.

Can you confirm that this incident occurred as described and provide copies of any documents relating to the investigation and conclusions reached.

2) In addition, I'd like to follow up on the information you sent me earlier this year relating to the Rendlesham forest documents and the low-flying incident near Sheffield in 1997.

It's clear from reading through the Rendlesham papers that one key set of letters are missing - i.e. those relating to correspondence between Baroness Symonds (who was Under Secretary of State) and Lord Hill-Norton, during the summer of 2001. The set of papers you sent me contains a fax from Georgina Bruni to DAS4a dated 9 July 2001 which says: "I understand that Baroness Symons recently sent copies of this material [the Rendlesham UFO papers] to Lord Hill-Norton...." This is confirmed by DAS4a's response to Ms Bruni on 18 July, however there is no paperwork relating to this earlier communication with Lord Hill-Norton in the papers you have sent to me. Is it possible that the letters between Baroness Symonds and Lord Hill-Norton are in a separate file on Parliamentary Correspondence? If so I wish to request copies of any relevant papers please.

3) Lastly and with reference to the 24 March 1997 low-flying incident near Sheffield. I would like to make a FOI request for copies of the relevant sections of the Operations Record Books (covering 20-30 March 1997) for the following RAF squadrons:

- *2 Squadron & 13 Squadron (Tornado GR4A, RAF Marham)
- *9 Squadron & 31 Squadron (Tornado GR4, RAF Marham)
- *5 Squadron & 56(R) Squadron (Tornado, RAF Coningsby)

Could you also confirm that MoD holds copies of the "low flying booking sheets" which record the details of the low-flying activity on 24 March 1997.

According to the advice given to John Spellar MP following the Parliamentary Questions in 1998, these were the only centrally-held records relating to the exercise. If these exist I would like to request copies of them please.

07-03-2007-092630-005

I am contacting you with regard to an incident that occurred on Friday January 12th, 2007.

It has been reported that two (2) F-15 fighters were asked by London Military Air Traffic Control from RAF Lakenheath were asked to investigate a object that had been picked up on radar. We do not know the location of this incident, unfortunately. The pilots made two passes at roughly 17,000 feet and described the object as being black in colour, like a rock and definitely not a bird.

I am hoping you can shed more light on this incident by releasing any relevant documents into the public domain.

Thank you for your time.

12-03-2007-143843-010

I am requesting information on the number of reports of sightings of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) over North Wales since the start of 2000. North Wales consists of the six counties of Wrexham, Flintshire, Denbighshire, Conwy, Gwynedd, and Isle of Anglesey (Ynys Mon). I am requesting details on descriptions of what was sighted, when, where, if the MOD investigated, and if any of the UFOs were identified.

14-03-2007-142940-004

I appreciate your quick reply into this matter. Your answer suggests that you have only looked into the request from London Military ATC. We have an audio record of the F-15 intercepting the unknown object, so whether or not the request came from the LMATC, the object was there. Could you look into any records about what these pilots encountered, if at all possible? If you like, I can send you the audio recording. It is a 600KB wav file. If that is not possible, it can be downloaded from <http://www.uforeview.co.uk/F15sANDUFO.wav>

15-03-2007-094509-001

have you received any reports of fireballs crossing Daventry at 19:05 on (march 07. I have received 2 reports which came through on 11mar 07 from two ladies who live in Daventry

19-03-2007-070026-004

In relation to a question raised by Lord Admiral sir Hill-Norton in the house of Lords on 8th May 2001 (Hansard 8 May 2001 : Column WA171):

"UFOs and MoD House Journal

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whose decision it was to drop various features concerning unidentified flying objects from the December edition of the Ministry of Defence's house journal Focus; why this decision was taken; and whether any defence Ministers were briefed on this.[HL1812]"

Please provide any records held by the MoD or the Focus magazine editorial department relating to the articles, including copies of the articles themselves, discussion about the articles, and discussion about the question raised by Hill-Norton.

Please also provide any records held by the MoD or the Focus magazine editorial department relevant to articles published in the March 2006 issue of 'Focus' entitled "The official who wants to believe" and an article thought to have been published close to the same time in 'Focus' entitled "The truth is out there... under FOI" including copies of the articles themselves, and any discussion about the articles.

19-03-2007-154548-004

Whether Room 801 in Metropole Building was a central hub in collating UFO reports from military bases around the country, including the collation of radar sightings of UFOs.

19-03-2007-154753-005

How many UFOs were tracked by military radar during 2006

19-03-2007-154929-006

How many photos and videos were received by the MoD in 2006 and how were they referenced

19-03-2007-155118-007

What documentation the MoD has on the UFO sightings in Bonnybridge, Scotland. If possible a copy of the aforementioned documentation

22-03-2007-150149-009

I am trying to make sense of the so-called 'UFO' reports from the Warminster area in the period 1965-67 and feel that most of this was down to MOD experiments or work by some other department. Are you able to assist in any way or should I try further attempts to find out information via the FOI Act?

14-03-2007-142940-004

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If you would like more information, here is the text from a press release about the incident sent out from the offices of UFOData Magazine in Leeds, West Yorkshire:

On the afternoon of Friday January 12th, 2007, two United States Air Force (USAF) F-15 fighter jets from RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk, UK, were contacted by London Military Air Traffic Control at RAF West Drayton.

An unidentified object had been picked up on radar at an altitude of between 3,000 and 4,000 feet and the pilots were requested to investigate. The F-15s (call-sign 'Gator') made two passes of the object. By this time, the object was between 17,000 and 17,700 feet above the ground. Ground radar tracked it at 80 knots, while the jets' on-board systems had it travelling at 30-65 knots. Occasionally, it appeared to come to a full stop.

Radio traffic between the jets and West Drayton was picked up and recorded by radio enthusiasts. It became clear that the object was black in colour and not a bird. One of the pilots suggested it was like a 'rock'. It has been suggested that he jokingly meant the Roc, the giant, mythical bird of the Arabian Nights stories.

One explanation for the object is that it was a vulture. One of the large predatory birds is believed to have escaped captivity and several sightings were made in North and East Yorkshire at the end of February, 2007. Another (perhaps the same bird) escaped from a zoological gardens in Staffordshire in September, 2006. Vultures are known to fly at high altitudes to allow them to see greater distances in their search for food. The pilot clearly stated more than once that what he saw was not a bird and a large vulture soaring at altitude with its huge wings outspread would be unmistakable.

Another explanation is that the object may have been a helium balloon floating randomly in the sky. It must be noted, however, that the world altitude record for a helium-filled toy balloon is only 3050 metres (about 10,000 feet).

Section 40 of UFO Monitors East Kent (UFOMEK) was given access to the recording of the radio exchange and forwarded it to *UFOData Magazine*. On the same day, there was a report of an aircraft over Norfolk executing some unusual manoeuvres at high altitude and a report from Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, of 'flaming debris' falling from the sky. A helicopter from RNAS Gannet was despatched to investigate, but nothing was found.

UFOMEK and *UFO Data Magazine* are investigating this sighting and may use both the US and UK Freedom of Information Acts to gain access to the relevant records. Enquiries to RAF Lakenheath have also been made. Enquiries are also being made into the radio frequencies used to ascertain the precise location of the incident.

Whatever the object was, it was important enough for two fighter jets to be sent to investigate. That the pilots were unable to make a positive identification after several passes is also worthy of note.

What we appear to have is an object large enough to be detected on military radar, climbing in altitude from 3,000 feet to about 18,000 feet, travelling at various speeds from 30 to 80 knots and occasionally appearing to stop, large enough to be visible from 8 miles distance, appearing black and rock-like, not a bird and unidentifiable to the pilots of some of the world's deadliest aircraft. What was it?

Again, I thank you for your efforts.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 13 April 2007 12:22
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your prompt response.

Documents can be sent to me at the postal address below. However, I would have a considerable preference for the receipt of documents via email (as PDF documents or similar means) if this would not be too much trouble.

Alternatively, it occurs to me that given the apparent level of interest in such matters, it may be appropriate to make the relevant sample of "UFO" FOI requests received by the MOD during the relevant 1 month period (with the relevant responses) available as PDF documents via the MOD Publication Scheme. If you therefore consider it appropriate to make the relevant documents available via the MOD website and plan on doing this in the not too distant future, I am perfectly content to waive any right to receive any further response to my FOI request (either via the post or email).

I note that shortly after the introduction of the FOIA I made a similar request for a sample of requests and responses, and that the relevant documents were in due course made available on the MOD website under the MOD Publication Scheme.

As I mentioned in my original request, I am also content for the MOD to treat my request as a low priority matter and do not require or expect a response within the usual time periods relevant to FOI requests.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Ealing,
 London,

Section 40

United Kingdom

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

From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2007 11:48 AM
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Section 40

Your Freedom of Information request of 5 April 2007 asked for copies of response to various FOI requests relating to UFOs. Can you provide me with a postal address for me to send the documents to?

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From: Section 40
Sent: 12 April 2007 13:04
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 10-04-2007-073236-003 Section 40

Section 40

Further to our previous email, are you in a position to accept this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

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

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 April 2007 08:59
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 10-04-2007-073236-003 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 05 April 2007 16:01
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 10-04-2007-073236-003 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 16:00:53

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [Redacted]

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Please treat the requests below as a low priority. I am content to waive the usual requirement for an answer within 20 business days.

If any further information, or reasonable limitation on the requests below, would significantly reduce the burdens involved in answering please let me know.

Request 1:

I would be grateful if you could supply copies of the following sample of FOIA requests relating to the topic of UFOs (received by the MOD during a one month period), together with the responses to this sample of requests.

Case Number	Due Date	Subject
W 26-02-2007-093149-001	X 26/03/2007	UFOs
W 26-02-2007-164035-007	X 26/03/2007	UFOs
W 01-03-2007-143620-001	X 29/03/2007	UFOs
W 05-03-2007-154149-014	X 02/04/2007	UFOs
W 07-03-2007-092630-005	X 04/04/2007	UFOs
W 12-03-2007-143843-010	X 11/04/2007	UFOs

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W19-03-2007-094509-001	X 13/04/2007	UFOs
19-03-2007-070026-004	18/04/2007	UFOs
W19-03-2007-154548-004	X 18/04/2007	UFOs
W19-03-2007-154753-005	X 18/04/2007	UFOs
W19-03-2007-154929-006	X 18/04/2007	UFOs
W19-03-2007-155118-007	X 18/04/2007	UFOs
X22-03-2007-150149-009	20/04/2007	UFOs

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Request 2:

On or about 24 March 2007, the MOD responded to a request by another individual in relation to a "UFO" report with the following: "The Ministry of Defence have no record of UK military air traffic control tasking USAF aircraft to undertake any such investigation [allegedly involving F-15 aircraft investigating a reported 'UFO'] on or around 12 January 2007. However, I do understand that on that date, two USAF aircraft spotted an object on their onboard radar whilst on a routine training flight and, on their own initiative, made a number of passes over it. They believed the object, no bigger than a football, was floating with the wind and had probably come from a weather balloon."

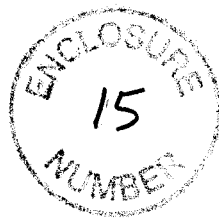
I would be grateful for copies of any documentation relating to the answer to that request, in particular any documentation providing the basis of the statements in the above reply which were prefaced with the words "I do understand that ...".

Yours Sincerely,

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* NOT ANSWERED.

TO DISCLOSE LOG



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant **Section 40**

Case Number: 27-04-2007-080512-007

Expiry: 25 May 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Documentation relating to UFO sighting in Channel Islands 23 April 2007.

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold the information.

Personal details have been redacted under exemption s.40 (Personal information)

Details identifying the aircraft or commercial companies involved have been removed as they are not relevant to the overall request.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.... **Section 40**

Date: 2/5/07

Section 40

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 04 May 2007 09:08
To: **Section 40**
Subject: Internet-Authorised: ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING 23 APRIL 2007 - TO02766/2007 AND FOI 27-04-2007-080512-007
Attachments: UFO Report - 23 Apr 07.tif

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 April 2007 to the Secretary of Defence regarding an alleged UFO sighting on 23 April 2007 near the Channel Islands. It has been passed to me to answer as I am the responsible officer. I also note that you have placed a Freedom of Information request on the same topic, asking for any documentation held on the matter so I will address both pieces of correspondence at the same time.

Firstly, I think it may be helpful if I outline the role of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in UFO matters. 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 unauthorized 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.

However, in this case it was decided to conduct an investigation into the sighting and details were passed to the relevant air defence experts. They stated that the sighting took place in French airspace for defence and therefore this is a matter for the French authorities to deal with. They concluded there was no threat to the UK and, accordingly, the MoD investigation will not be taken any further.

Personal information, telephone numbers etc have been removed under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Additionally, the names of the companies involved and information identifying particular aircraft have been removed as they are not relevant to your request.

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04/05/2007

Yours sincerely,

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MoD Main Building

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London

SW1A 2HB

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 April 2007 17:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: BOU-AFC-DACCS SO2; [REDACTED]
Subject: UFO report 23 Apr 07 -
Importance: High



[REDACTED]
Once again apologies for the delay in responding.

The position reported is outside of the UK radar coverage and in fact inside French airspace for air defence. We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or detected on radar. We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact (if the object was capable of producing one). The contact was reported as stationary again making radar detection unlikely and no further reports indicated that the object had a heading towards the UK. Therefore, we conclude that there was no threat to the UK from this observation and will not be taking the investigation further.

Hope that is sufficient for lines for the possible press interest.

[REDACTED]
*If ATC
was at Jersey
we - the UK
do not have
primary coverage in
the area.*

[REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT]



REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

A. DATE: 23/04/07
 TIME: 1409Z — 1418Z DURATION 9 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S)

ONE OBJECT SIGHTED AT 1409Z DESCRIBED AS BRIGHT ORANGE/YELLOW OF 'PLATFORM' SECTION.

LATER UPDATED (WHEN CLOSER) AS VERY BRIGHT ~~ORANGE~~ YELLOW OBJECT WITH GAP IN LIGHT OR 'DARKER AREA' 2/3 OF THE WAY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (VIEWED FROM NORTH)

SECOND OBJECT SIGHTED AT 1416Z. DESCRIBED AS IDENTICAL.

FIRST OBJECT DESCRIBED AS '737 SIZED' AT ESTIMATED RANGE OF 7-8 MINS.

C. POSITION OF OBSERVER

APPROX 5-10 AM NORTH OF ORTAC ON R41 FL40.

OBSERVER WAS PILOTING A TRISLANDER SOUTHBOUND EN ROUTE TO ALDERNEY FROM SOUTHAMPTON.

LATER SEEN BY PILOT OF A JETSTREAM 41 ([REDACTED]) FROM A POSITION NE OF SARK BY APPROX 5 AM TRACKING SE TOWARDS JERSEY. AIRCRAFT WAS AT THIS TIME AT A SIMILAR LEVEL.

D. HOW OBSERVED

BY NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS (PILOT OF [REDACTED])
 NOTHING SEEN ON RADAR, WITH EXCEPTION OF AN OBJECT POSSIBLY RELATED TO ONE OBJECT. (STATIONARY OBJECTS ARE FILTERED FROM DISPLAY)

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT FIRST SEEN

FIRST OBJECT SEEN 'IN 12 O'CLOCK' POSITION AT A POINT NNW OF ALDERNEY. (AS SEEN FROM POSITION NTH OF ORTAC - AS IN PART C)
 LATER UPDATED AS IN THE VICINITY OF BURHOLM NORTH OF ALDERNEY.

THE SECOND OBJECT (SEEN AT 1416Z) WAS SEEN AS WEST OF ALDERNEY APPROX IN VICINITY OF CASQUETS 8-10 AM WEST OF ALDERNEY.

AS VIEWED BY SECOND PILOT ([REDACTED]) OBJECT WAS IN DIRECTION OF ALDERNEY AT RANGE ESTIMATED AT 10 AM.

(SECOND OBJECT NOT SEEN OR MENTIONED - OBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN FURTHER BEHIND ACFT)

F. ANGULAR ELEVATION OF OBJECT

OBJECT FIRST DESCRIBED AT SIMILAR LEVEL i.e. FL40.

LATER DESCRIBED AS 2000 - 2500'.

AS ACFT DESCENDED TO 2000' TOWARDS ALDERNEY THE OBJECTS
'DISAPPEARED INTO THE HAZE' ESTIMATED 1500 - 2000'

OBJECT NEARER ALDERNEY ESTIMATED BY SECOND PILOT ()
AT SIMILAR LEVELS.

G. DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER

IN THE RANGE OF APPROX 25 nm (AS FIRST SIGHTED) DOWN TO
ESTIMATED 7-8 nm.

ESTIMATED 10 nm FROM SECOND PILOT ()

H. MOVEMENTS OF OBJECT

OBJECTS APPEARED STATIONARY.

J. MET CONDITIONS

EGJA 1350Z MET OB.

SURFACE WIND 200 / 06 V 150 - 240

CAVOK

TEMPS 14 / 11

QNH 1021 mb

K. NEARBY OBJECTS

NONE

L. TO WHOM REPORTED

D AND D CELL, LATCC (MIL)

TELEPHONE NUMBER GIVEN AT M.O.D. (WHITEHALL) 0207 2182140

MESSAGE LEFT ON ANSWERPHONE.

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[REDACTED] PILOT - CAPTAIN [REDACTED]
MOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PILOT - ~~FIRST OFFICER~~ CAPTAIN [REDACTED]
MOB: [REDACTED]

CONTROLLER, JERSEY ZONE -
(SELF) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

J. ANY BACKGROUND INFO.

NONE

I. OTHER WITNESSES

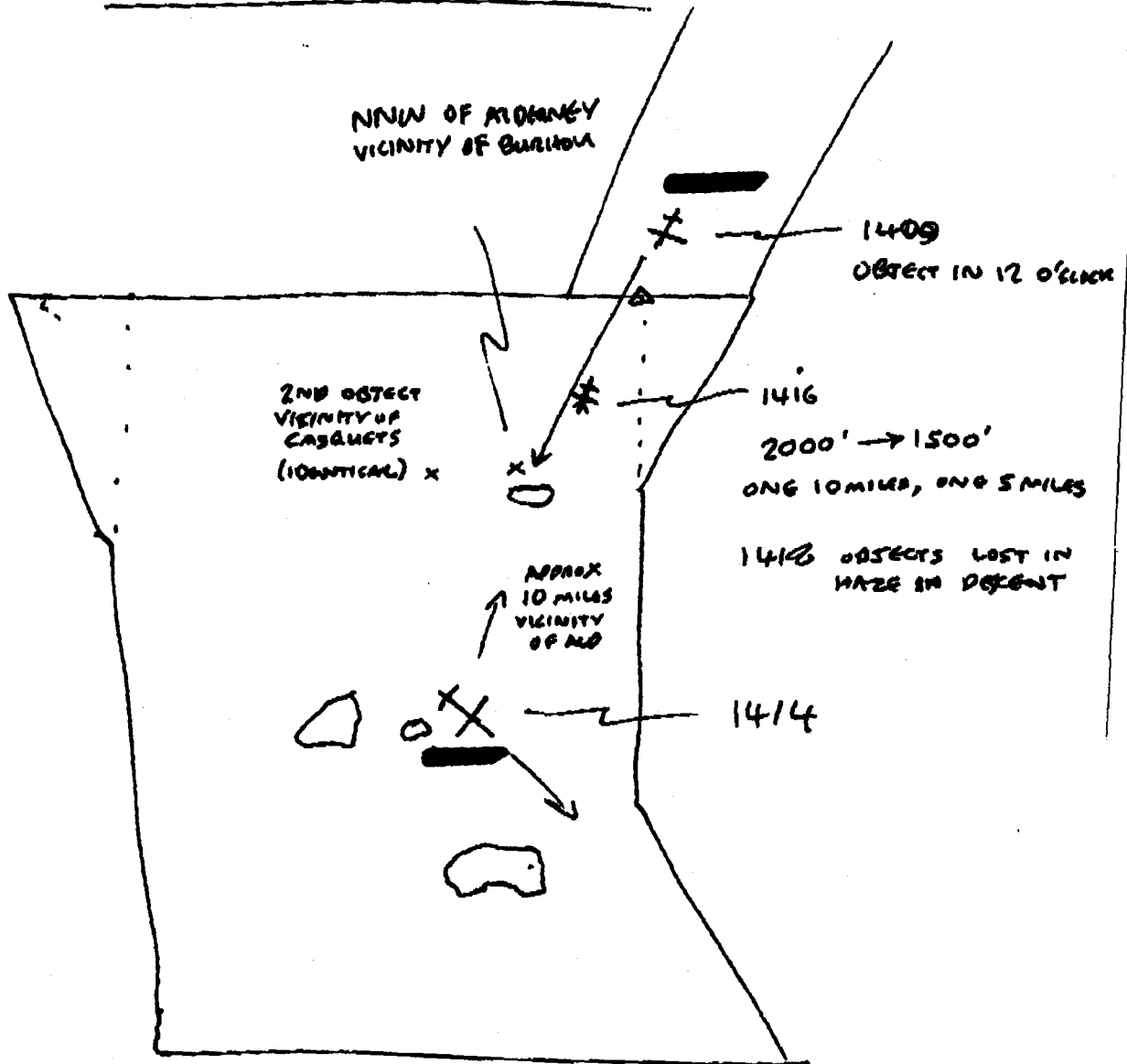
[REDACTED] PILOT ([REDACTED]), SEE ABOVE.

H. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

TIMES AS STATED ABOVE.

COPY OF PILOTS FLIGHT LOG WITH DESCRIPTION AND DRAWING OF OBJECT
RECEIVED BY FAX FROM [REDACTED] OPS IN ALDERNEY AT APPROX
1600Z.

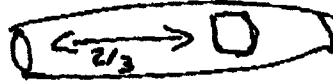
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EGJA MET
1350Z

200/06
150 V 240
SAVOK
14/11
1021

VIEWS FROM NORTH
()



VERY BRIGHT
YELLOW OBJECT
GAP IN LIGHT
2/3 OF THE WAY
FROM LEFT → RIGHT

POSSIBLY UP TO 737 SIZE

BOTH OBJECTS IDENTICAL

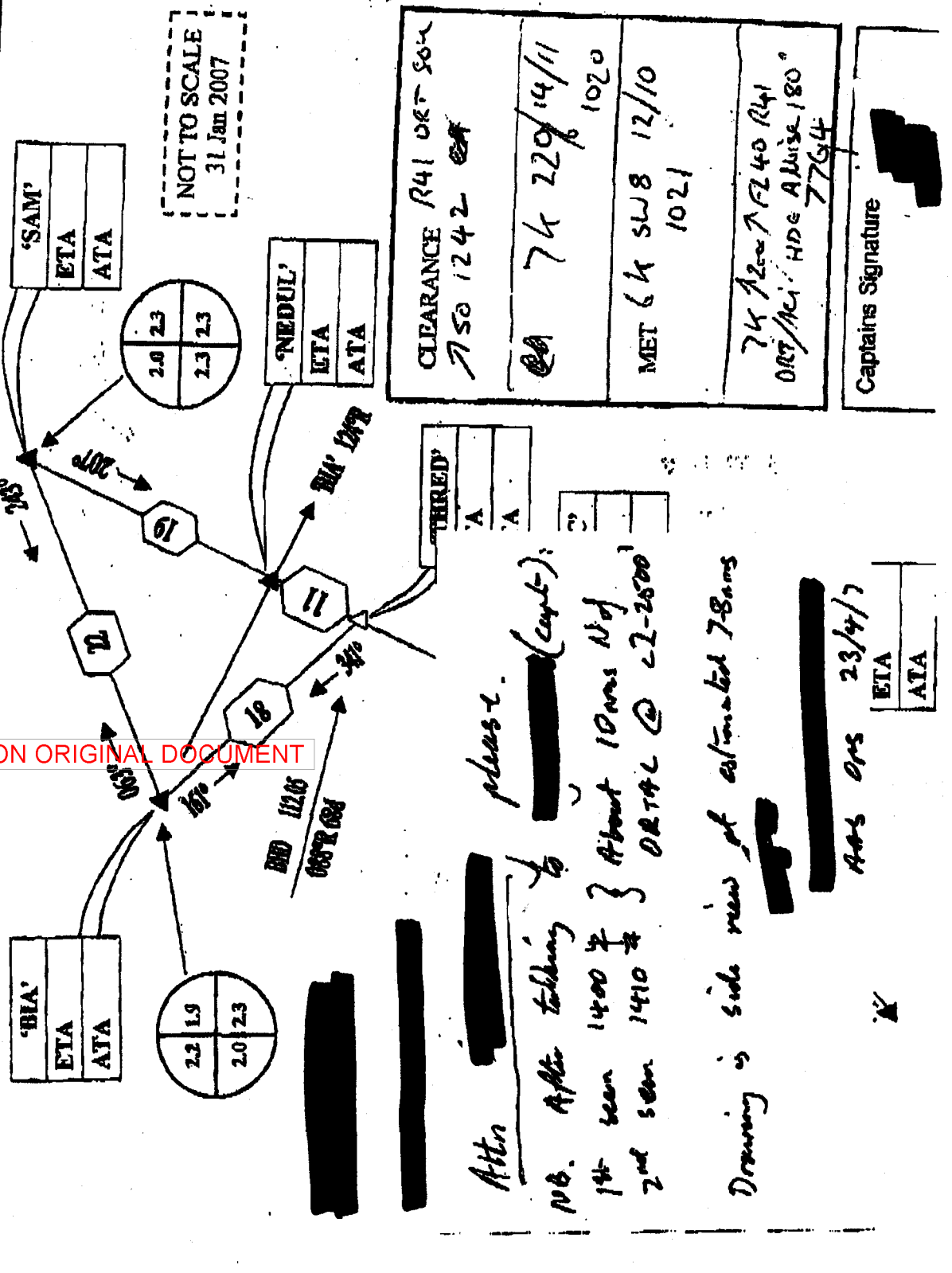
ALWAYS APPEARED STATIONARY

* THESE DETAILS AND DRAWING WERE BY
MYSELF FROM DETAILS GIVEN BY PILOT
AND INFO TO RECONSTRUCTED BY FAX

Date	23.4.07
Captain	[REDACTED]
Reg	[REDACTED]
Flight No	[REDACTED]
Off Blocks	1226 1335
Take Off	1230 1339
Land	1318 1420
Or Blocks	1320 1423
Total Block	0.54 0.48
Total Flying	0.48 0.41

Departure Fuel Calculation	
Forecast Wind	SW 8
Fuel Required	69 72
Fuel on Board	76 106
Extra	7 34
Enroute Fuel Check	
Waypoint	(ORTAC / THERED)
Fuel required	30 31
Total Fuel	66 94
Extra	36 63

Notes: Unidentifiable object seen. Bright yellow thin, stationary. Size of 757. 2nd object same shape seen behind first at some distance. 1st object bright yellow. 4-1 10 min or less. 2-2.5hr. 1440 5:45-6:00. dark area.



3 Apr 07 19:15

Fit Ops

p.2

AIR SAFETY REPORT

ASR No. 720

1. Types of event
Tick all applicable

ASR AIRPROX IMRD/STRIKE W/WORKER GPWS ICASRA

CAA OCCURRENCE NO.

2. PILOT

CMR
IF
INF

PILOT

CMR
IF
INF

JUMP SEAT OCCUPANT & STATUS

3. DATE OF OCCURRENCE
23/4/07

4. TIME (LOCAL/UTC)
DAY/NIGHT

5. FLIGHT NO.
GR 544

6. FROM/TO OR AT
Sall/Aci

7. SQ/AVR
7764

8. A/C TYPE
B737-400

9. REGISTRATION

10. CREW/PASSENGERS

11. TEMPERATURE
MOAT/SAT/CAI

12. TRAINING/FLIGHT
VIS (NO)

13. ALTITUDE
FL 40

14. SPEED
130

15. AC MASS
4200 KG

16. SECTION RECORD PAGE No.

17. FLIGHT PHASE

TOWING - PARKED -

18. AIRPORT/STAND

PUSH-BACK -

TAXI-OUT -

TAKE-OFF -

INITIAL CLIMB -

CLIMB -

CRUISE

19. GEOG POSITION
10 NM NNE Aci

DESCENT

HOLDING -

APPROACH -
BELOW 1500FT

LANDING -

TAXI IN

20. CONDITIONS
DAY/NIGHT
TRIC (VMO) 104 km/h

21. SURFACE WX
WIND VIS CLOUD TEMP QNH
1 km 1021

22. SIGNIFICANT WX * MOD/SEVERE
RAIN/SNOW/ICING/FOG/TURBULENCE
HAIL/STANDING WATER/WINDSHEAR

23. RUNWAY
RVR - m

24. RUNWAY STATE *
(DRY/DAMP/WET/CONTAMINATED) (ICE/SNOW/SLUSH)
BRAKING ACTION:

25. CONFIGURATION *
AUTOPILOT ENGAGED (F/NO
GEAR UP/DOWN) / FLAPS (POSN)

26. EVENT, CAUSE, ACTIONS AND RESULTS

During the cruise at FL 40, I noticed a bright light ahead which I thought was the reflection from the sun off of glass in Guernsey. However, the light continued so I looked at it through binoculars (7x10). I saw a shape as per the diagram showing brilliant yellow with a dark area towards the right side as I looked at it. It appeared stationary. I asked A.T.C for any contact. Initially they could not then later said they had a primary contact in the area.

27. OTHER INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PREVENTATIVE ACTION

As the flight continued I noticed a second shape exactly as the first but further away. A number of passengers aboard noticed the lights. The flight continued uneventfully to Alderney.

- DELETE AS APPLICABLE

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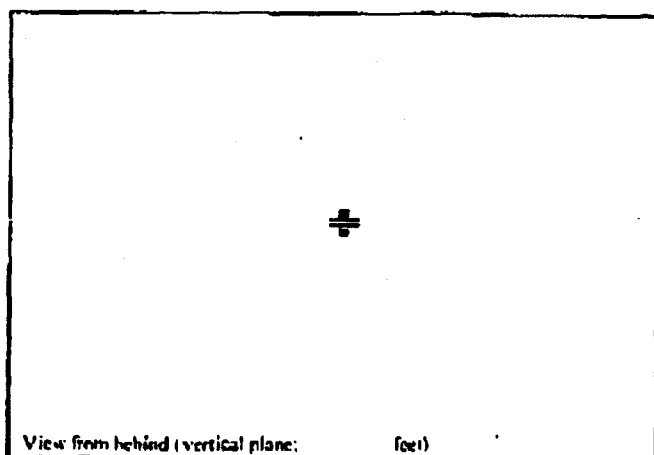
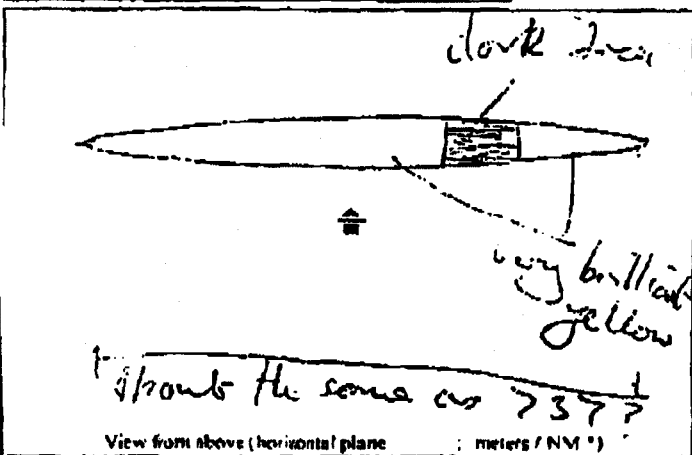
AIR SAFETY REPORT

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AIRPROX / ATC INCIDENT / TCAS RA / WAKE VORTEX / GPWS / BIRD STRIKE *

28 AIRPROX / ATC INCIDENT * and / or TCAS RA

Mark passage of other aircraft relative to you, in plan on the left and elevation on the right, assuming YOU are in the centre of each diagram. Indicate approx. scale.



SEVERITY OF RISK _____ LOW / MEDIUM / HIGH

AVOIDING ACTION TAKEN _____ YES / NO

REPORTED TO ATC _____ UNIT

ATC INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED _____

YOUR CALLSIGN _____

FREQUENCY IN USE _____

HEADING _____ DEG

CLEARED ALTITUDE _____ FT

MINIMUM VERTICAL SEPARATION _____ FT

MINIMUM HORIZONTAL SEPARATION _____ M / NM *

TCAS ALERT _____ RA / TA / NONE

TYPE OF RA _____

RA FOLLOWED? YES / NO _____ (vertical deviation.....ft)

WAS TCAS ALERT? _____ Necessary / Useful / Nuisance

(DESCRIBE ON PAGE 1 OTHER AIRCRAFT TYPE / MARKINGS / COLOUR / LIGHTING / CALLSIGN)

29 WAKE VORTEX

HEADING _____ DEG TURNING LEFT / RIGHT / NO

POSITION ON GLIDE SLOPE: _____ HIGH / LOW / ON

POSITION ON EXTENDED CL: _____ LEFT / RIGHT / ON

CHANGE IN ATTITUDE (DEG) _____ PITCH _____ ROLL _____ YAW _____

CHANGE IN ALTITUDE (FEET) _____

WAS THERE BUFFET? _____ YES / NO STICK SHAK? YES / NO

WHAT MADE YOU SUSPECT WAKE TURBULENCE?

DESCRIBE ANY VERTICAL ACCELERATION

GIVE DETAILS OF PRECEDING AIRCRAFT TYPE / TYPE / C/SIGN)

WERE YOU AWARE OF THE OTHER AIRCRAFT BEFORE INCIDENT?

30 BIRD STRIKE

TYPES OF BIRDS

NO. SEEN 1 2-10 11-100 MORE

NO. STRUCK 1 2-10 11-100 MORE

TIME DAWN DAY DUSK NIGHT

31 GPWS

RATE OF DESCENT _____ FT/MIN

WAS WARNING CONSIDERED FALSE / NUISANCE / GENUINE TO BE: _____

NUMBER OF WARNING CYCLES _____

WARNING MODE _____ ASSESSED / DISPLAYED

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Give, under 26, additional information which is considered relevant e.g. possible effect of tailwind if Mode 1 or 2, deviation from GS if Mode 5

32 MOR

If you consider this event to be a Mandatory Occurrence under CAP382 please tick here and it will be forwarded to the Safety Investigations & Data Department of the CAA

Signature _____

Print name _____

NOW FAX THIS ASR TO AURIGNY OPERATIONS ON [REDACTED]

COPIED TO SATCO.
24/04/07

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Jersey Airport
ATC

24.04.2007

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object NNW of Alderney
23.04.2007

[REDACTED] Jetstream 32, was inbound to Jersey from the Isle of Man approx. 1415Z. in the descent through ~3,500' Altitude, position five NM north-west of Sark when the pilot of an [REDACTED] Trislander called his position north of Alderney and asked ATC whether there was known traffic in his vicinity as he could see something in his 12 o'clock position. ATC replied that there was a primary return but that this was unknown traffic.

The pilot described the object as cigar shaped and having a yellow colour. Passengers on his flight were apparently also able to see the object. The pilot asked if any other aircraft in the vicinity could see the object.

I was in the left seat looking backwards towards Alderney and was able to see something fitting the description viz. yellow/beige in colour, in my eight o'clock position, slightly to the north-west of Alderney at what I estimated to be 2,000' below. Visibility was fairly poor due to haze. I estimate being able to see the object for about one minute. There were several interruptions due to flight-deck duties and when I looked again I had lost visual contact.

Hope this helps.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 27 April 2007 08:29
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 27-04-2007-080512-007 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 27 April 2007 00:13
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 27-04-2007-080512-007 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 00:13:14

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [Redacted]

txtaddress1: [Redacted]

txtaddress2: *see address 1

txttowncity: Peachtree City

txtstatecountry: Georgia

txtzipcodepostcode: 30269

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: My FOIA request is for all documents and records having to do with this recent UFO sighting in the UK. Click on this link which is from BBC News for details:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/guernsey/6591365.stm>

Can you also please tell me why the MOD has decided NOT to investigate this major UFO sighting? I can not grasp my mind around the fact that you do not find a UFO sighting as good as this one worth investigating when a pilot of more than 20 years along with some of his passengers sees a UFO almost a mile wide.

Thank you.

Section 40

From: **Section 40**
Sent: 30 April 2007 14:45
To: **Section 40**
Subject: FW: Internet-Authorised:Treat Official Correspondence: TO02766/2007
Attachments: TO02766 2007 - 20070430144409 - **Section 40**

From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 30 April 2007 14:44
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Internet-Authorised:Treat Official Correspondence: TO02766/2007

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO02766/2007
Due Date: 21 May 2007

The Rt Hon Des Browne MP has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

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

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

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit will now record the basic details. Once a response has been sent, therefore, can you please notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of your reply so that the record can be closed on the Toolkit.

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

30/04/2007

mail: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

Section 40

e: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

T002766 2007 - 20070430144409 - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk
Sent: 27 April 2007 00:10
To: Ministers
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 00:09:52

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtsubject: Large UFO reported by UK pilot on Monday 4/23/07

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: *see address 1*

txttowncity: Peachtree City

txtstatecountry: Georgia

txtzipcodepostcode: 30269

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: I would appreciate an email response from you on this matter ASAP. Can you please tell me why the MOD has decided NOT to investigate this major UFO sighting? I can not grasp my mind around the fact that you do not find a UFO sighting as good as this one worth investigating when a pilot of more than 20 years along with some of his passengers sees a UFO almost a mile wide.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/guernsey/6591365.stm>



From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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Our Reference
23-04-2007-145609-007

Date
24 April 2007

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18th April 2007 asking for copies of photographs received by the MoD during 2006 as referred to in my letter of 21 March 2007.

As I explained in my letter of 21 March 2007, the MoD received photographs, videos etc on nine separate occasions during the course of 2006. However the MoD does not automatically retain such items and in some cases, correspondents express a wish for them to be returned, which we comply with.

I therefore attach copies of five sets of photographs still held by the Ministry of Defence for the period in question. You should note that the MoD does not hold the copyright on these photographs which may actually lie with the individuals that sent them to the MoD and if that is the case, you should ensure that you take all reasonable steps to protect that copyright, particularly if you intend to publish or disseminate them further. If you are uncertain of your obligations in this matter, I suggest you seek independent legal advice. You will also note that two of the photographs feature individuals and their faces have been obscured in order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

FOR YOUR INTEREST?

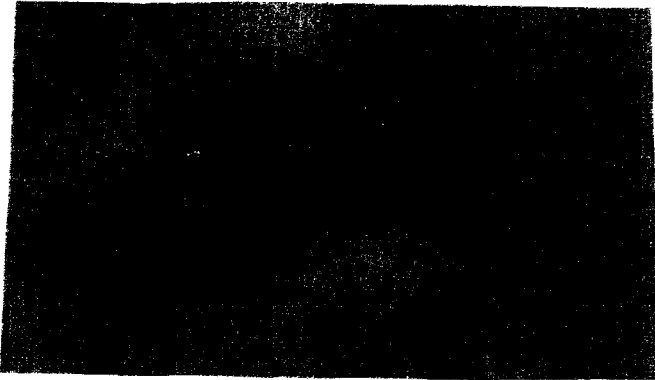
Tower's

UFO mystery

OBJECT FILMED
OVER PORTSMOUTH
HARBOUR 26/AUG/05



ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED
OBJECT - SAME LOCATION -
FILMED 9TH SEPT. 05
ENLARGED BELOW.



ERNIE SEARS (FISHBURTON)
WILL BE SPEAKING, BRIEFLY,
ON THESE AND OTHERS ON
TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER,
ON BBC ONE TV, "SOUTH
TODAY" - DURING SIX O'CLOCK
NEWS. IF YOU BLINK, YOU'LL
MISS IT!



ORIGINAL
PHOTO

By Advertiser
reporter

COULD this intriguing
image above prove that
Portsmouth's newest
landmark is creating
intergalactic interest?

Sightings of what appears to
be a UFO hovering over
Portsmouth Harbour were
captured on film by UFO spot-
ter Ernie Sears, pictured right.

Ernie, of Southampton UFO
Group (SUFOG), believes that
the photographs show an
alien craft drawn to the tower
out of curiosity.

"We have not seen anything
quite like it before," said
Ernie, 81. "I believe it is a new
kind of alien craft with very
advanced technology. It seems
to be a solid cigar-shaped raft,
which is glowing slightly and
separated into two sections by
mysterious black globes,
which is very unusual.

"We can only speculate but I
think the Spinnaker may be
attracting curiosity from alien
life. They want to know why it
has been erected and what it
can do for them."



SUFOG has recorded five
UFO sightings over
Portsmouth Harbour in the
past two months. It marks a
significant rise in the number
of south coast sightings
reported to the society, which
investigates paranormal phe-
nomena including crop circles
and ghostly goings-on.

Ernie who spotted his first
UFO over Portsmouth
Harbour in 1959, added: "We
are getting more reports of
UFOs recently."

The object remained in the
sky for a few minutes before
vanishing completely.

4:06
late afternoon
overlooking
Gasport

118002



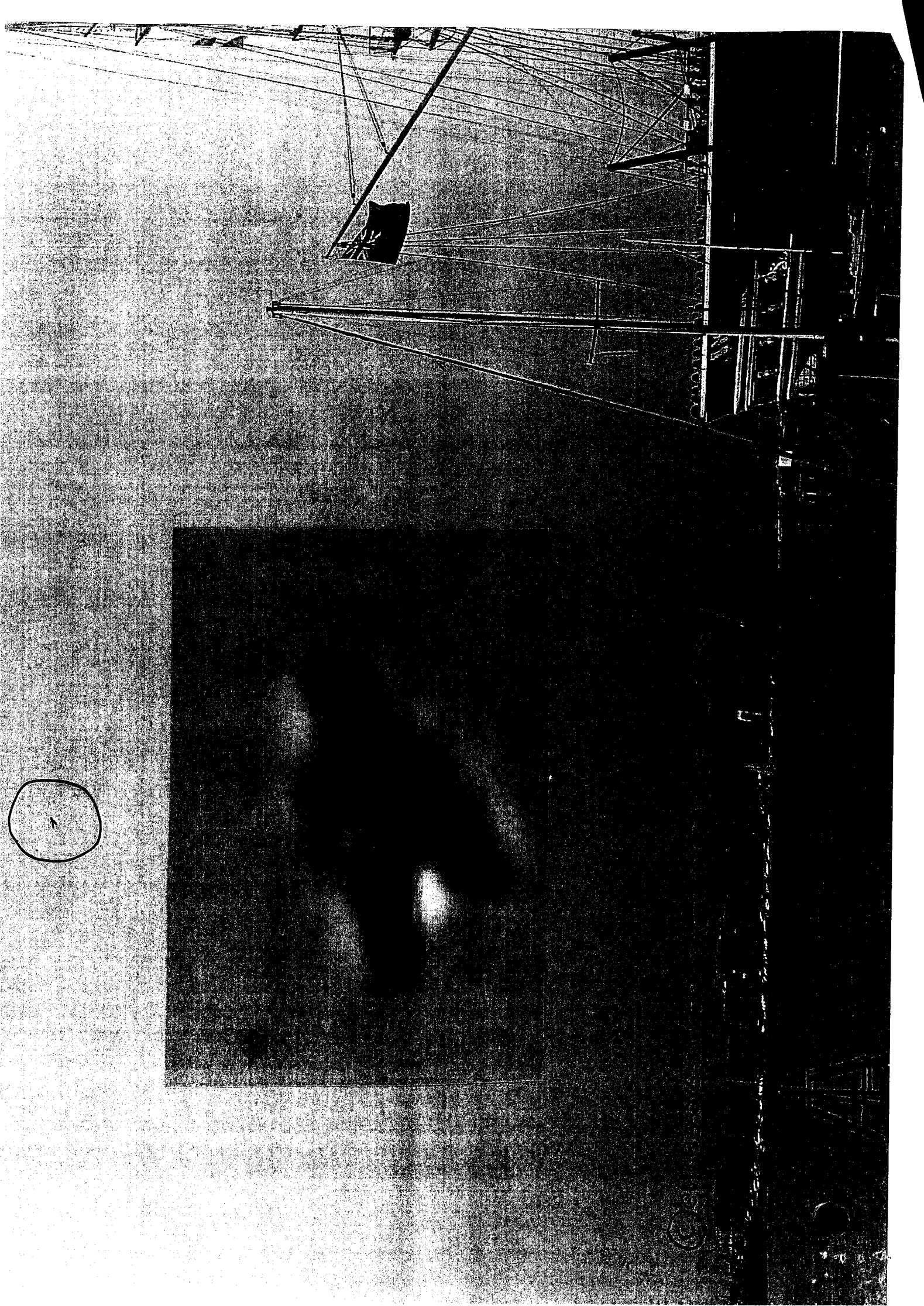
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2-5-06 Dornie. 66ars SUFO9
13:57 Refers to "humanoid" photos. same date. time.

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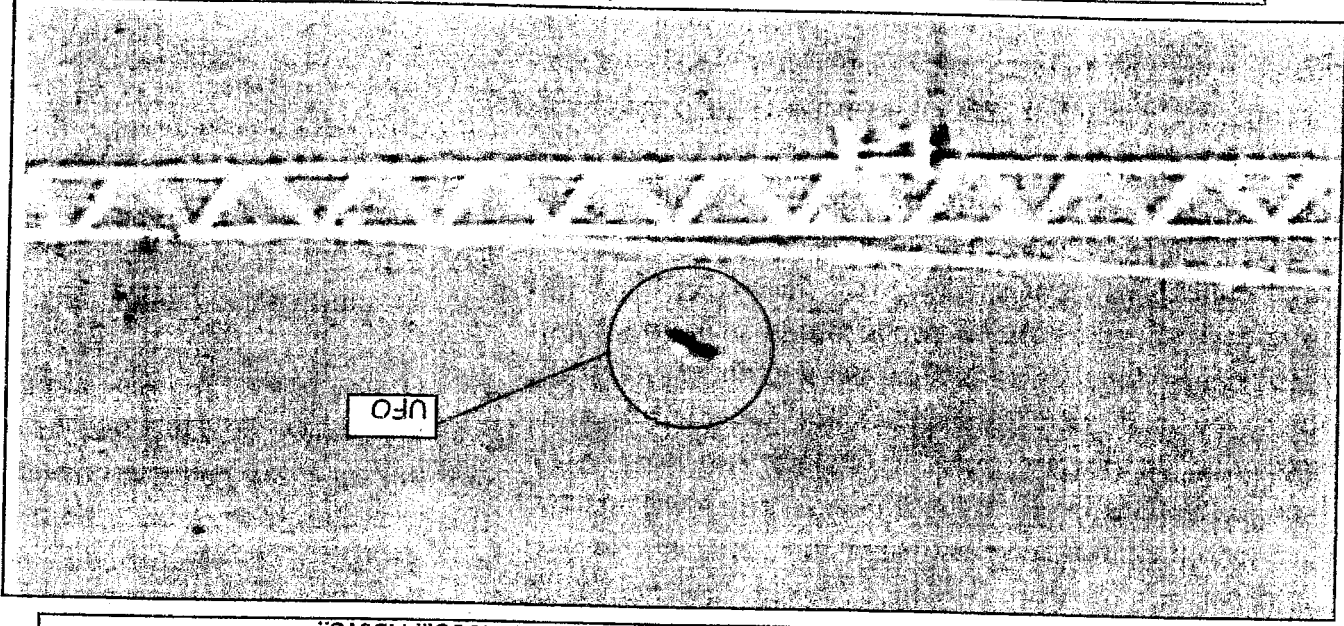
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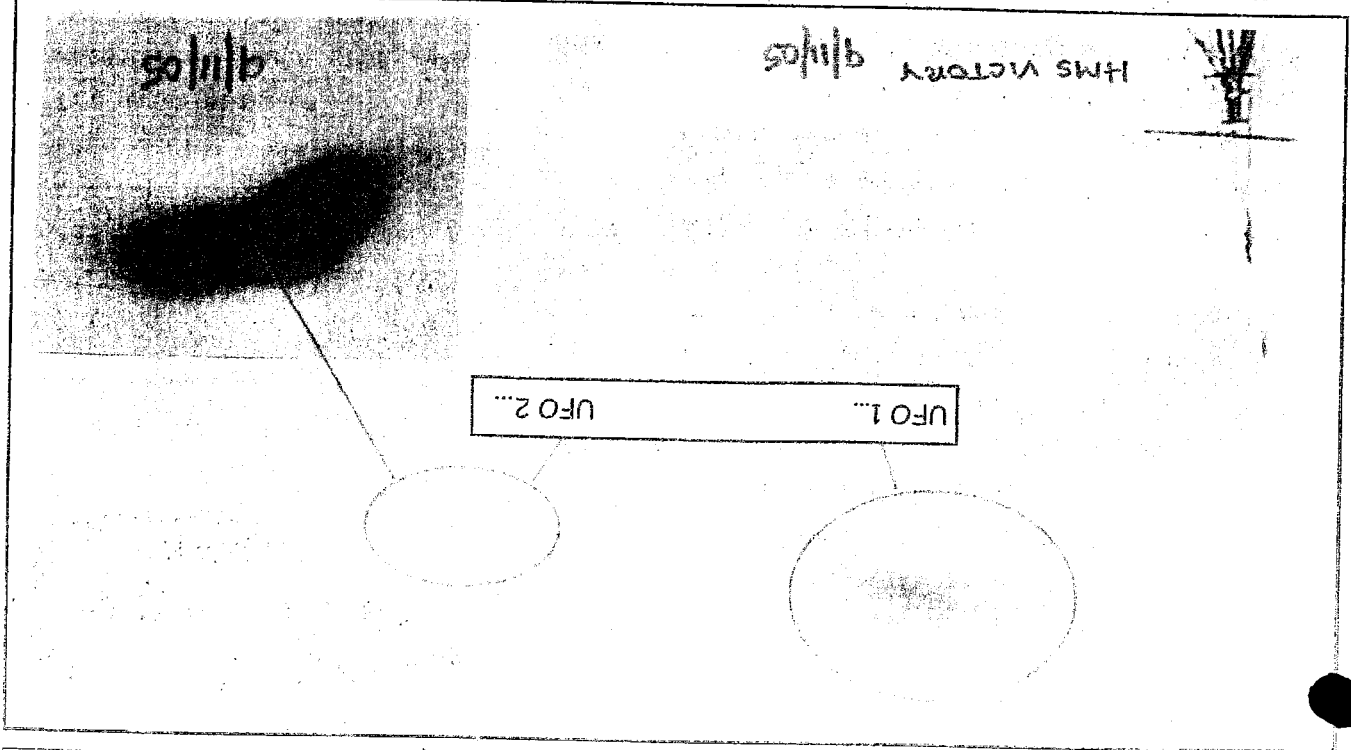
More UFO's snapped over Portsmouth...
 Yes readers... It appears that George has been photographing more images over Portsmouth Harbour and the naval base. (See last issue of the newsletter and the Southampton Advertiser for the 10th November 05). The remarkable thing is, due to George's poor eye-sight (he can only see 2 or 3 foot in front of himself), he never actually sees the objects in the sky when he is taking the pictures. It is not until he prints them himself from his digital camera that the objects can be seen. Hopefully PRO Ernie Sears will give us a full update on the images and hopefully George will capture more unusual objects over Portsmouth.

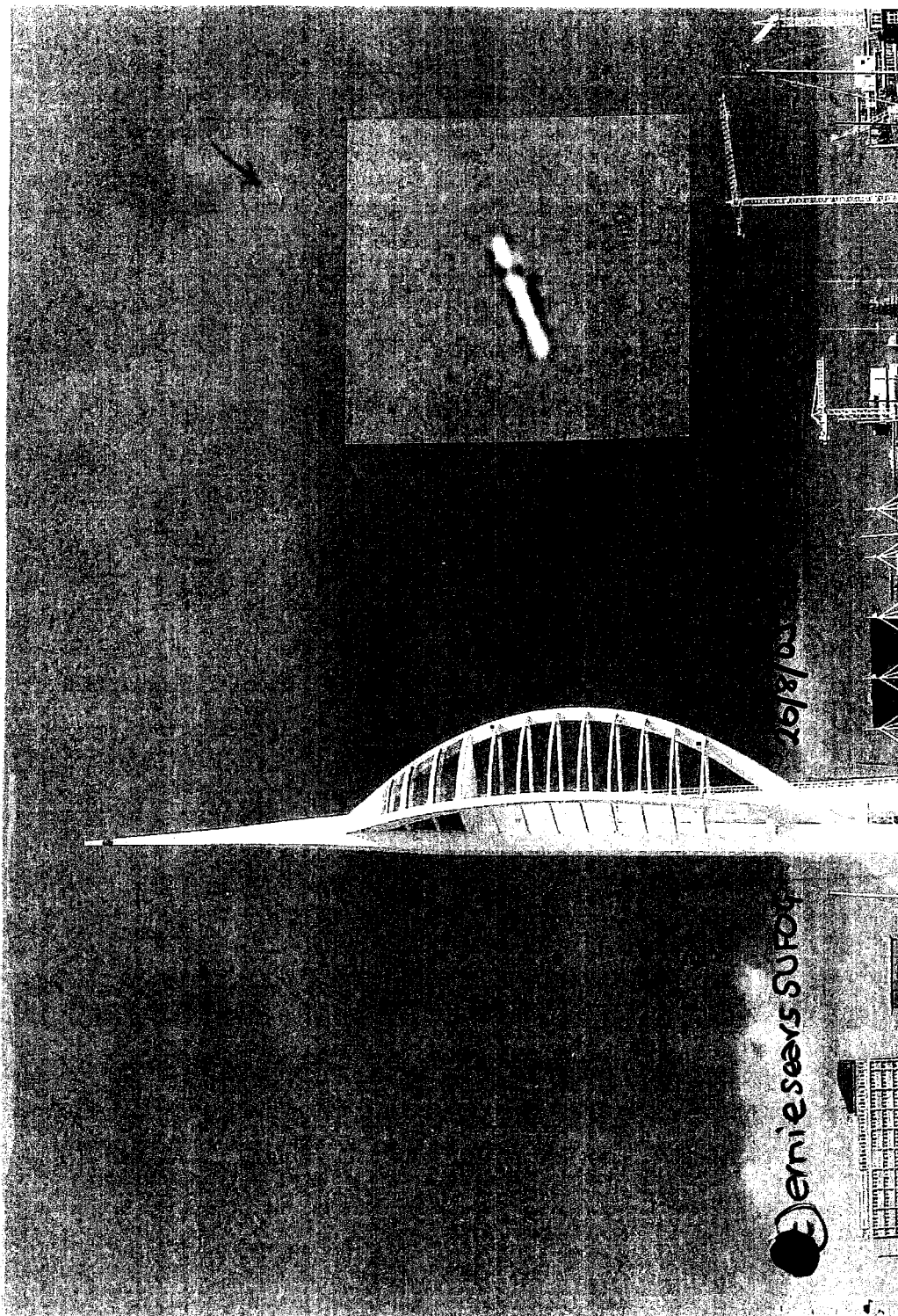
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Portsmouth Harbour ... 23rd November 2005... Above



Portsmouth Harbour ... 9th November 2005... Above..





 Emie sears SUFO

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26-8-05



Poor connections between events

The Weekly News, January 21, 2006. 19

LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS?

You'd better believe it!



Ernie Sears.

© Southern Daily Echo

by Jeremiah Ware

THE truth may be out there, but Ernie Sears still hasn't discovered what that is yet, despite his numerous extra-terrestrial experiences.

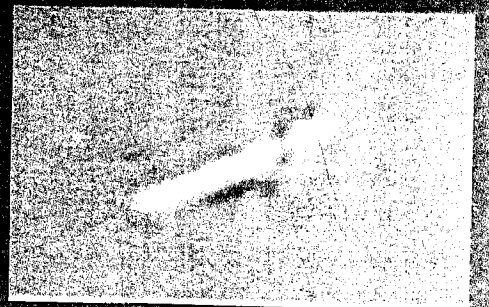
He claims to have witnessed a dozen unexplained sightings, an alleged military cover-up, and even openly declares that he's been abducted himself.

The sprightly 81-year-old is also the main spokesman for the Southampton UFO Group, a band of spotters who like to investigate UFO sightings.

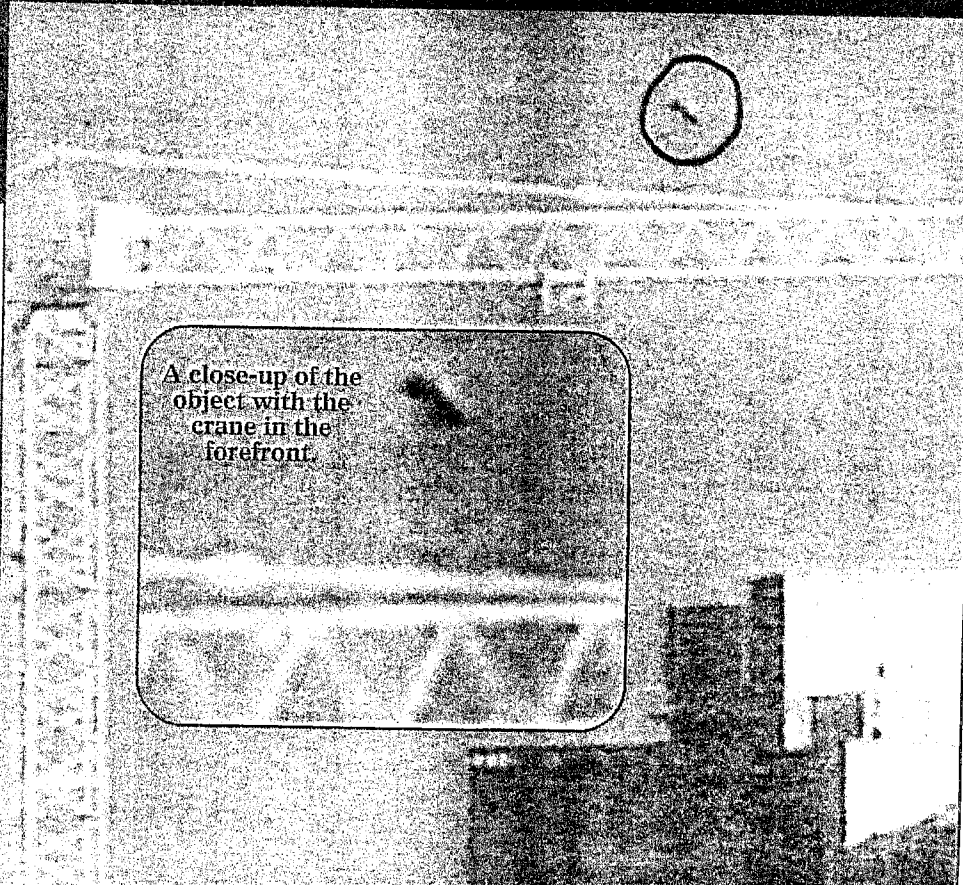
Disappeared

When Ernie saw his first UFO, back in 1960, he didn't realise it was going to change his life.

He revealed to *The Weekly News*, "I was an insurance agent and was just doing my



These mysterious UFO-like objects at Portsmouth Harbour were captured on film by a member of the Southampton UFO Group. But Ernie claims to have been taken aboard a similar alien aircraft.



A close-up of the object with the crane in the forefront.

disappeared over the top of the row of houses.

"It returned the following night but, although I was ready with a camera, none of the pictures came out well.

"But this second time, one of the lights flashed down and hit me. In the next instant, I felt like I was in the solar system, looking past Mars and the other planets.

"I can only remember going to the UFO and back, but not what actually happened onboard.

"I remember seeing lots of little, blue aliens that were quite tubby creatures, and certainly not frightening.

"They took me into the ship which didn't have doors, but was entered through this jelly-like substance. They were being watched over by a grey alien with big eyes and sloping face.

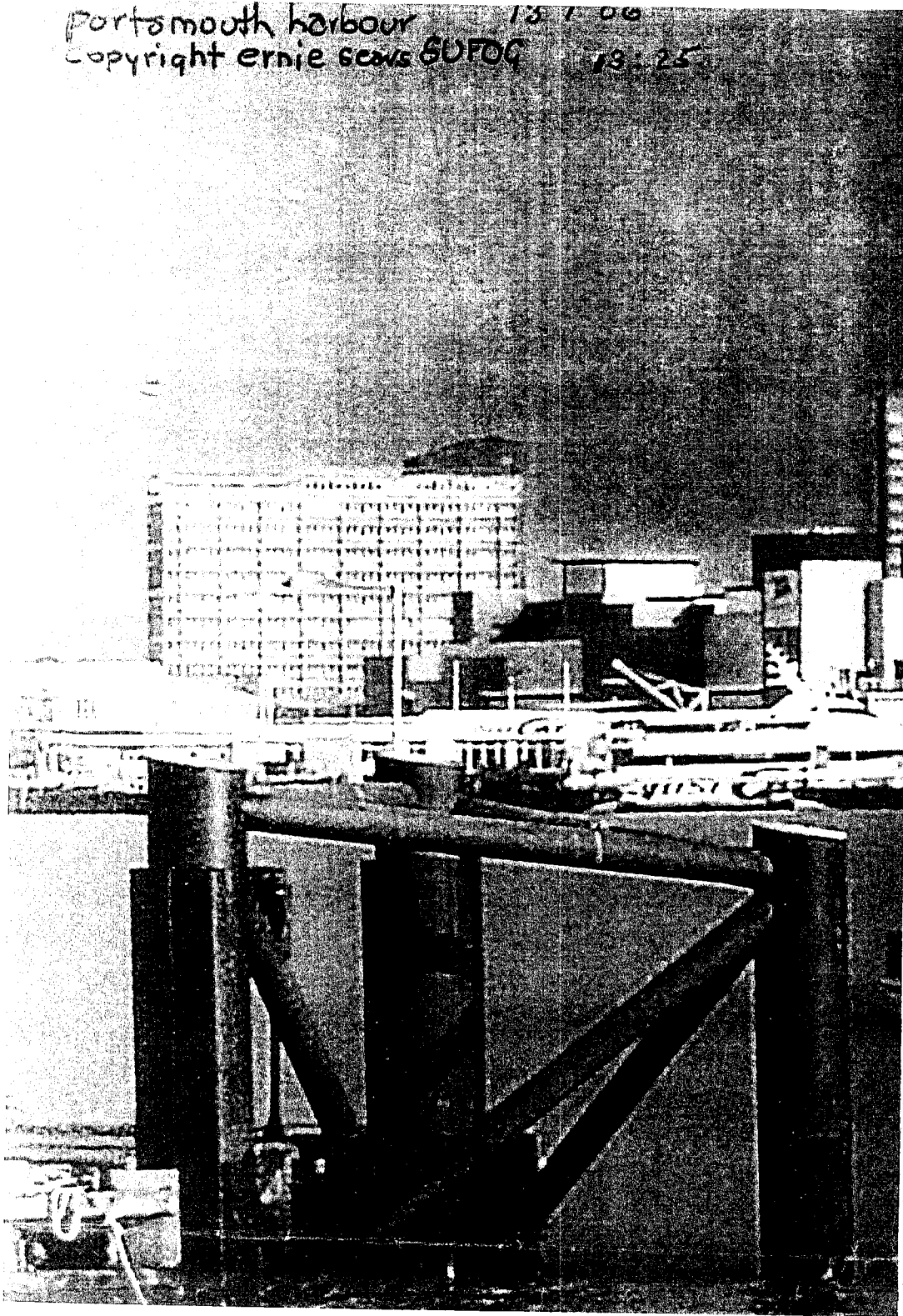
"It felt very real.

Encounter

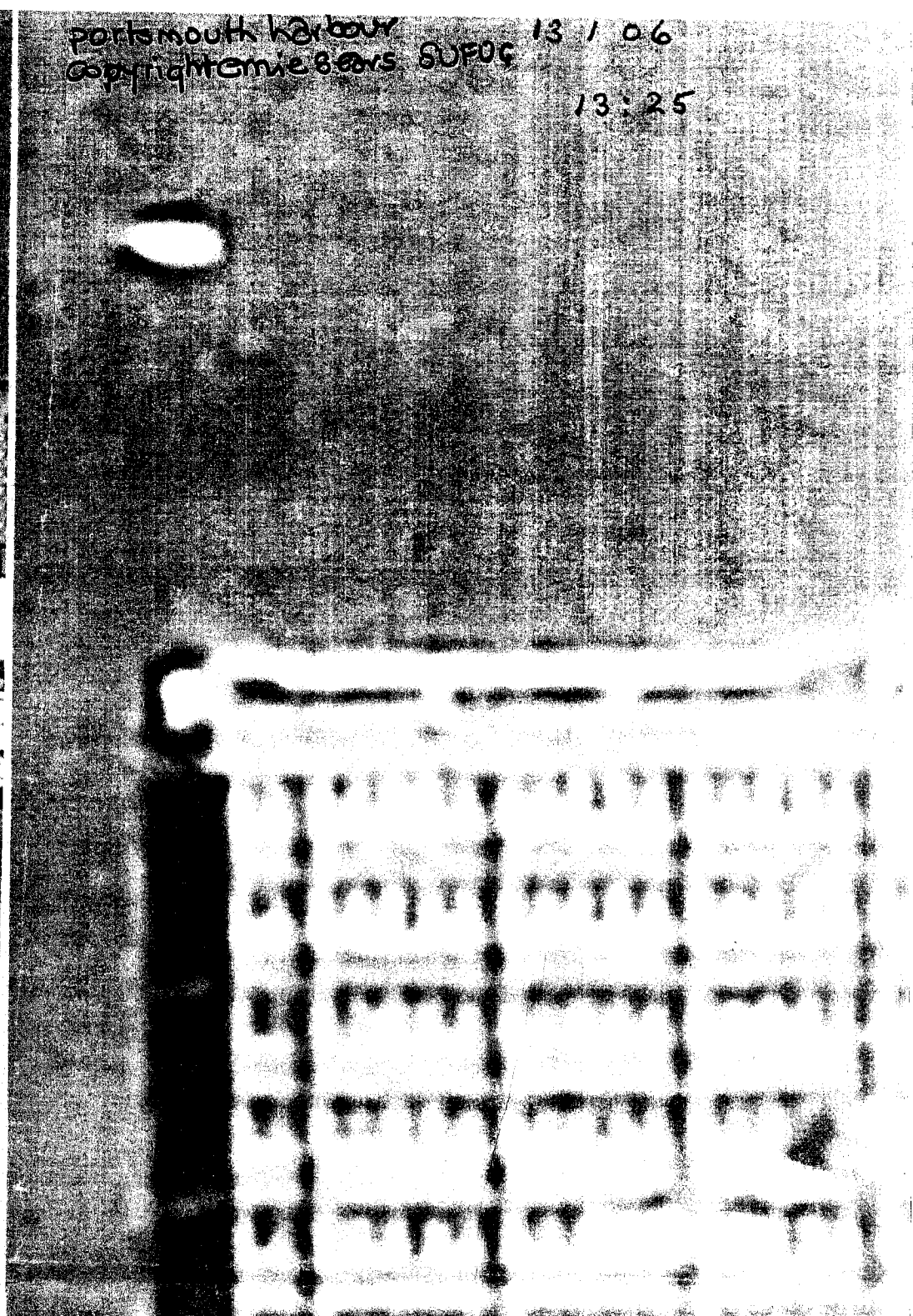
"I have to accept the fact that I believe I've been abducted. I have a scar on my wrist that I can't remember ever occurring.

"I also remember having a vision of

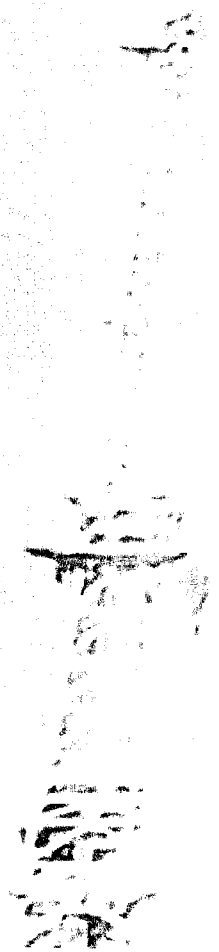
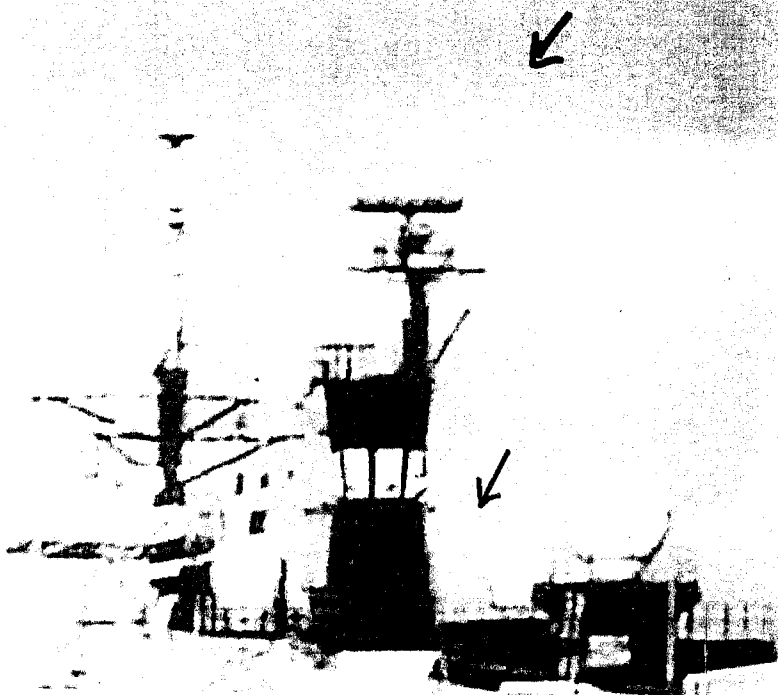
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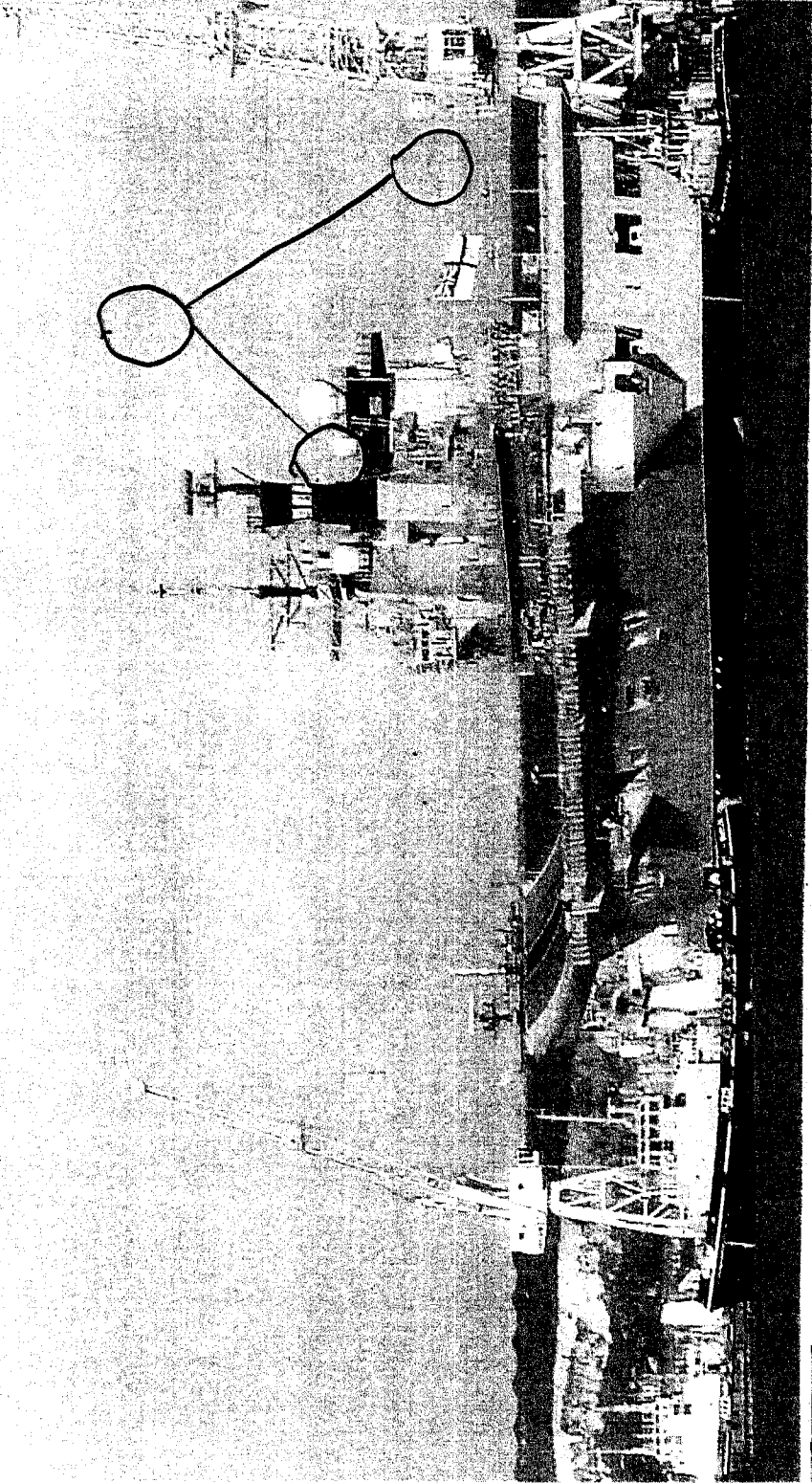
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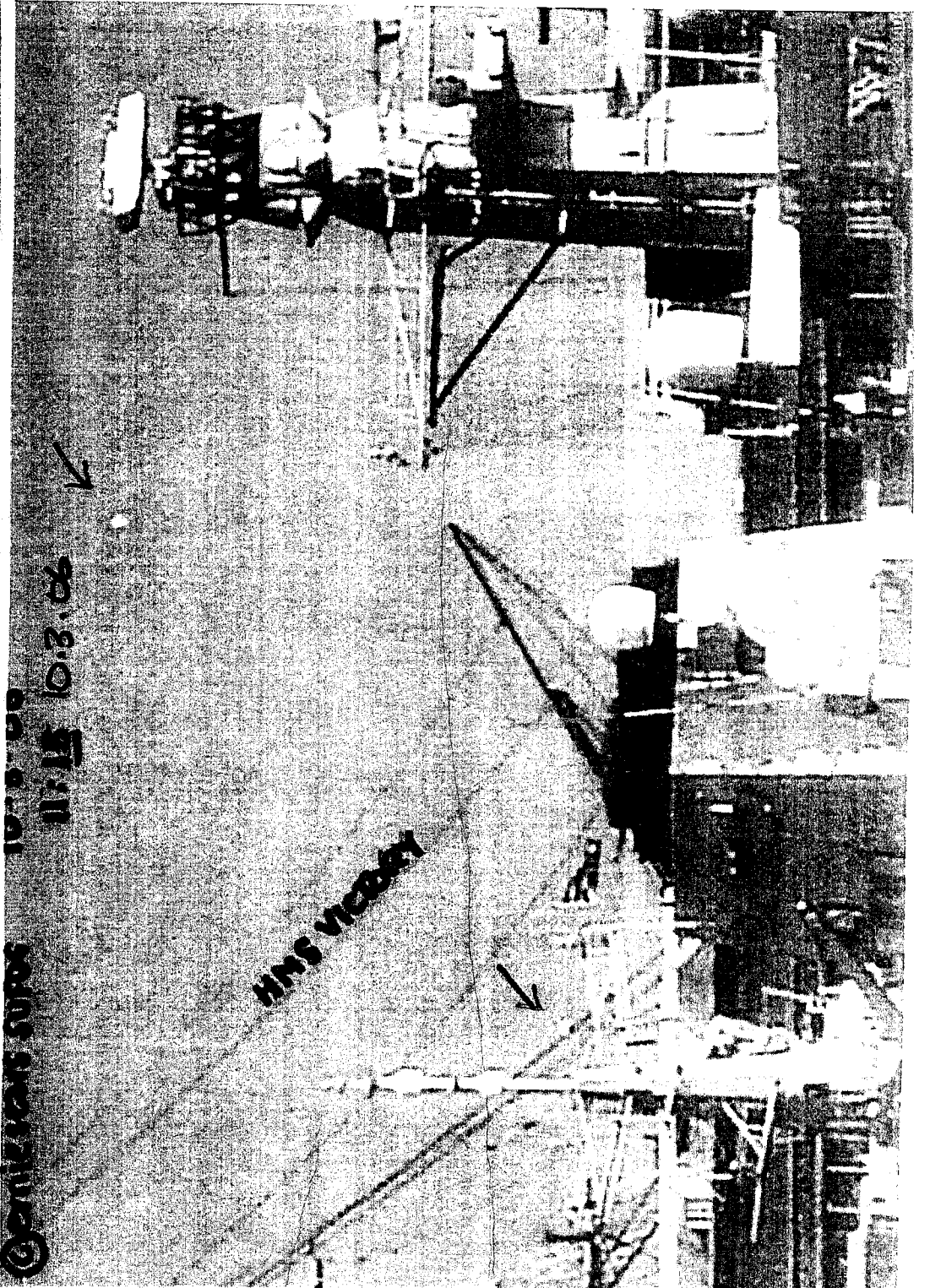


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Plymouth
harbour



over HMS VICTORY - see 'marines' photo
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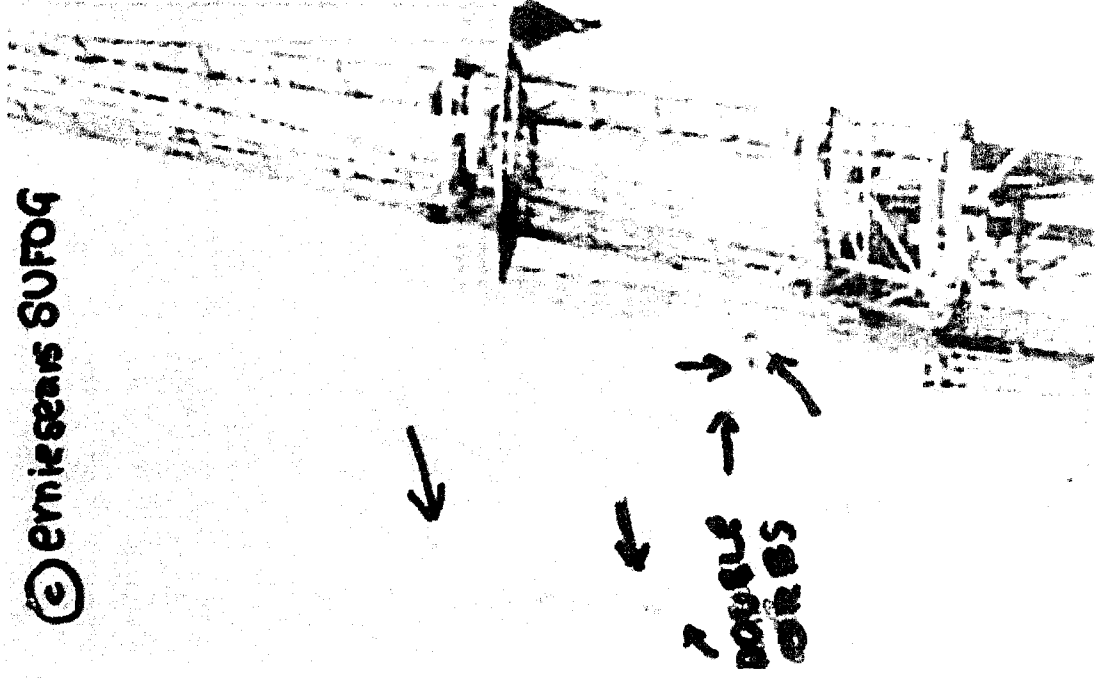


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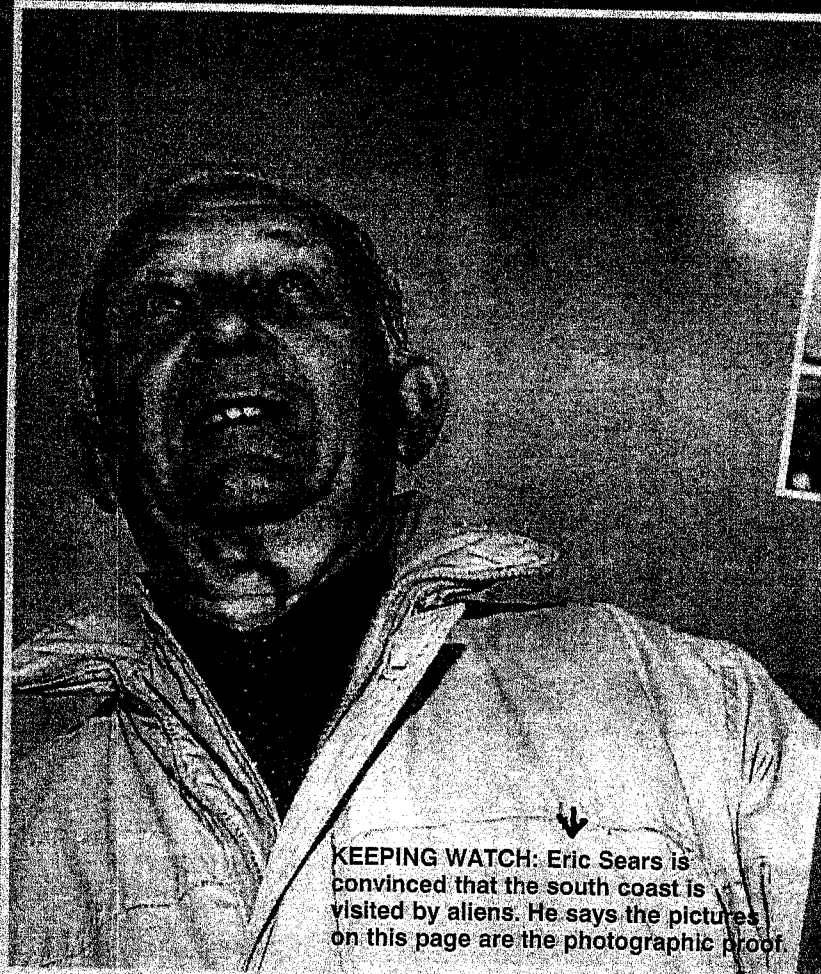
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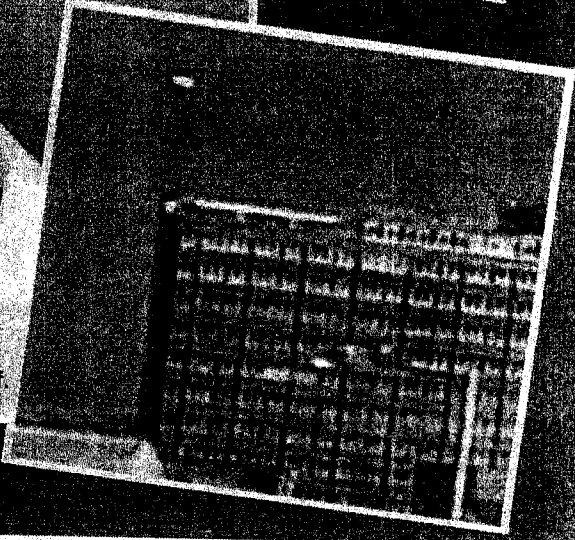
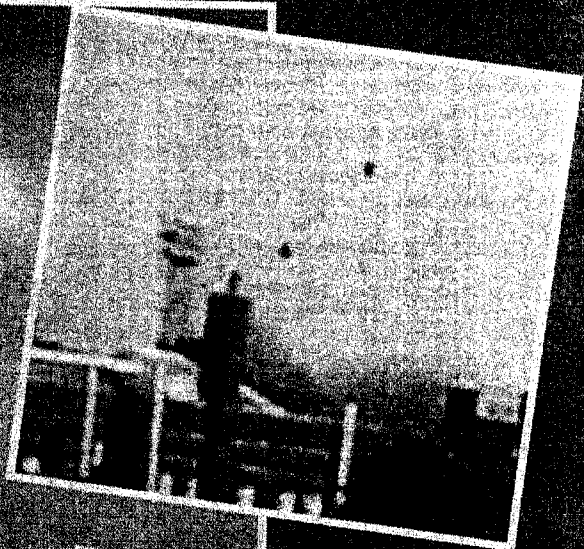
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Just what is out there?

And is it attracted to the Spinnaker Tower?



KEEPING WATCH: Eric Sears is convinced that the south coast is visited by aliens. He says the pictures on this page are the photographic proof.



Alien Autopsy, the movie released yesterday featuring Ant and Dec, has rekindled interest in beings from outer space.

Vicki Green-Steel speaks to a man who has never stopped believing.

THE skies over Hampshire are busy – and not just with planes from the airport. According to Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG), aliens are investigating our county.

Of particular interest for them, strangely enough, is Portsmouth.

The pictures taken by SUFOG member Ernie Sears and his photographer George show the busy skies over the city – where UFOs regularly visit.

Or it may just simply be a flock of starlings.

In 2004, BUFORA, the main UK forum for skywatchers, ruefully admitted that UFO sightings have been in steady decline since the late 1990s.

Most striking of all, the British Flying Saucer Bureau has suspended its activities, because the number of sightings has crashed from a peak of around 30 a week to almost zero.

But for SUFOG, since August last year, UFO activity in the area has

increased considerably.

Mr Sears believes that the aliens have been drawn to the Spinnaker Tower out of curiosity.

"We have not seen anything quite like it before," said Mr Sears, 81, from Netley Abbey. "I believe that photograph shows a new kind of alien craft with very advanced technology."

"It seems to be a solid cigar-shaped raft, which is glowing slightly and separated into two sections by mysterious black globes, which is very unusual."

"We can only speculate but I think the Spinnaker may be attracting curiosity from alien life. They want to know why it has been erected and what it can do for them."

Mr Sears is no stranger to unidentified flying objects. His experiences go back to 1960 when he was in Gosport and saw an object in daylight above Portsdown Hill.

"This object was hovering and shining in the March sun. I just thought it was an airplane but half an hour later I heard the roar of jet engines when two Meteor jets

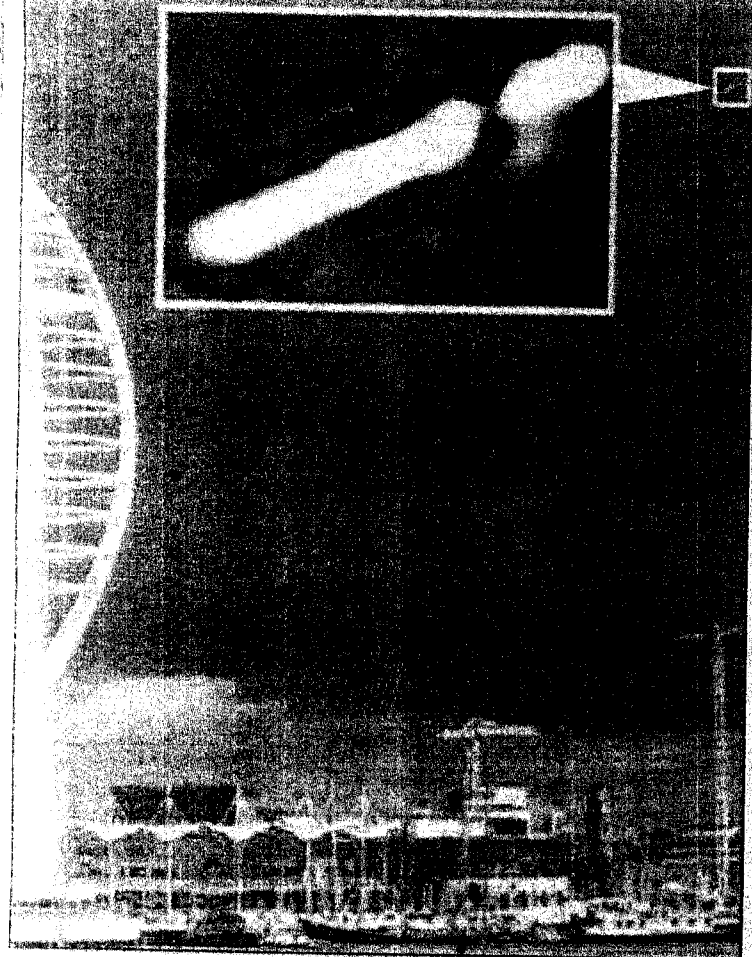
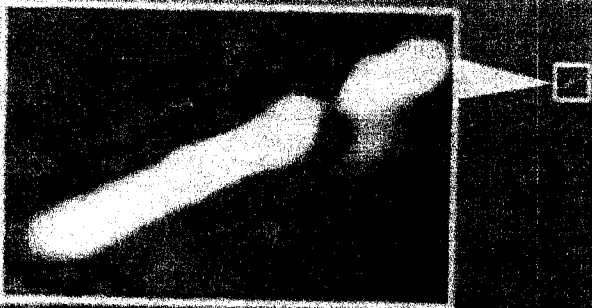
were scrambled towards this object," he recalled.

"The jets got near it and it lazily turned on end and disappeared, and the jets went round in circles."

"I went to a call box and found the number for Thorney Island, where the jets had come from, and asked what the object was."

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ATTRACTING ATTENTION: A strange item in the skies over the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. Inset: The object magnified.

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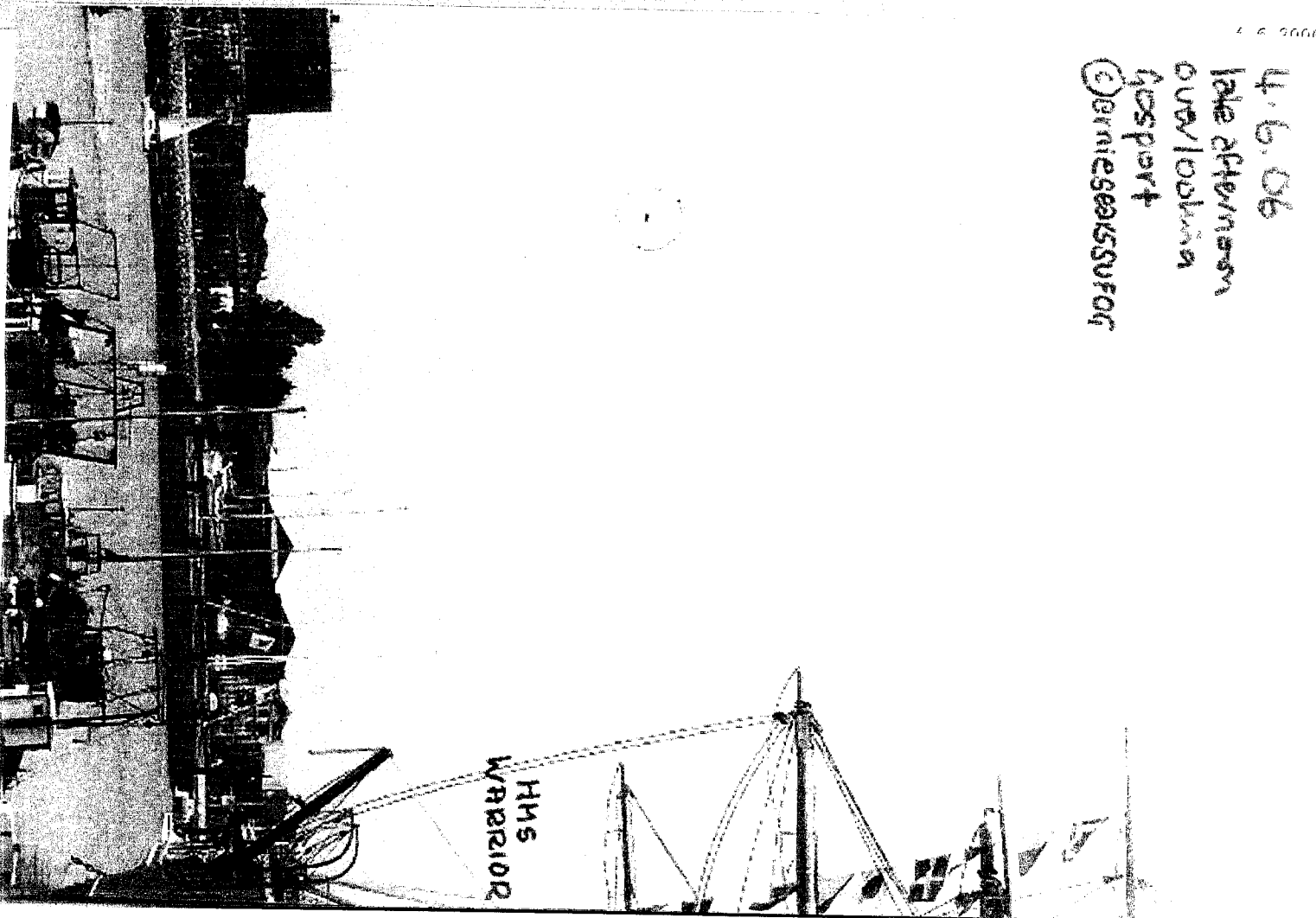
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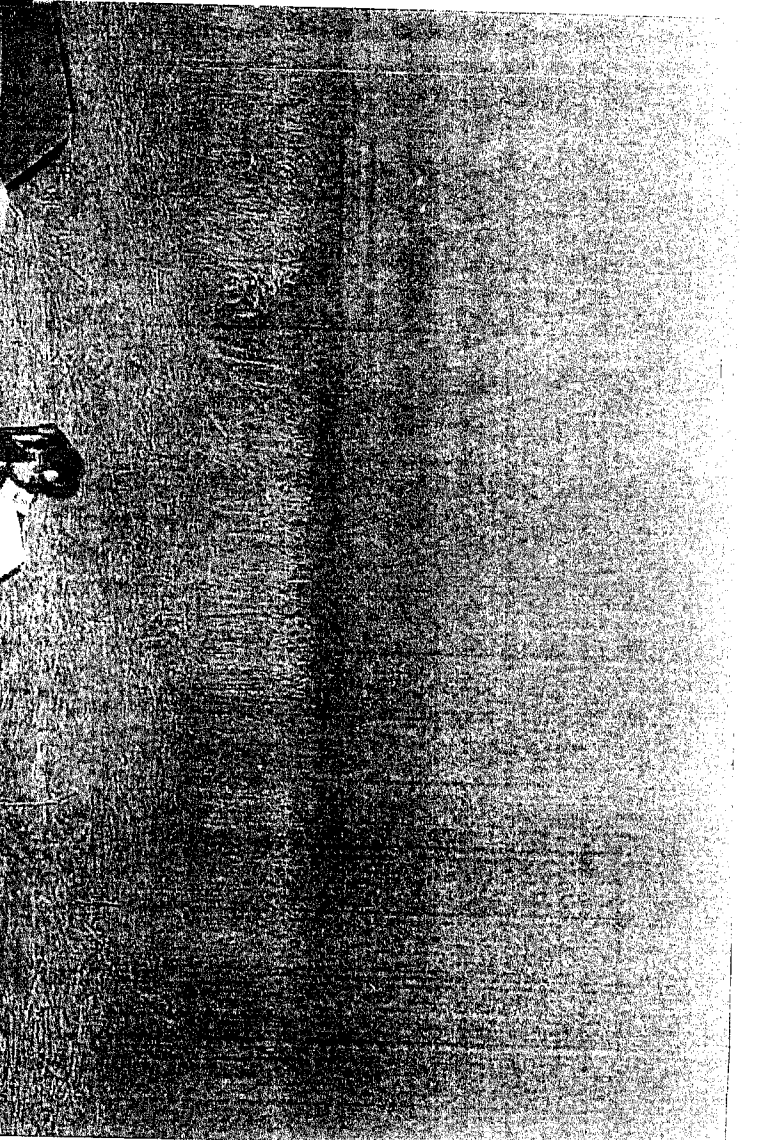
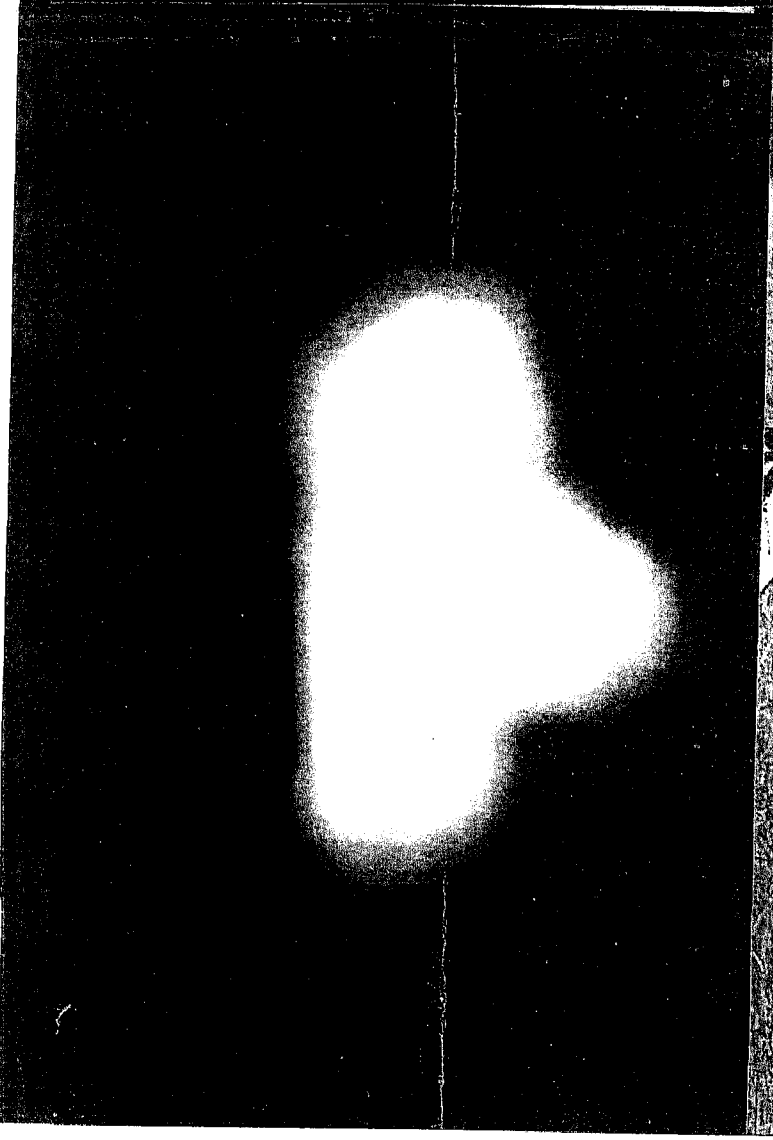
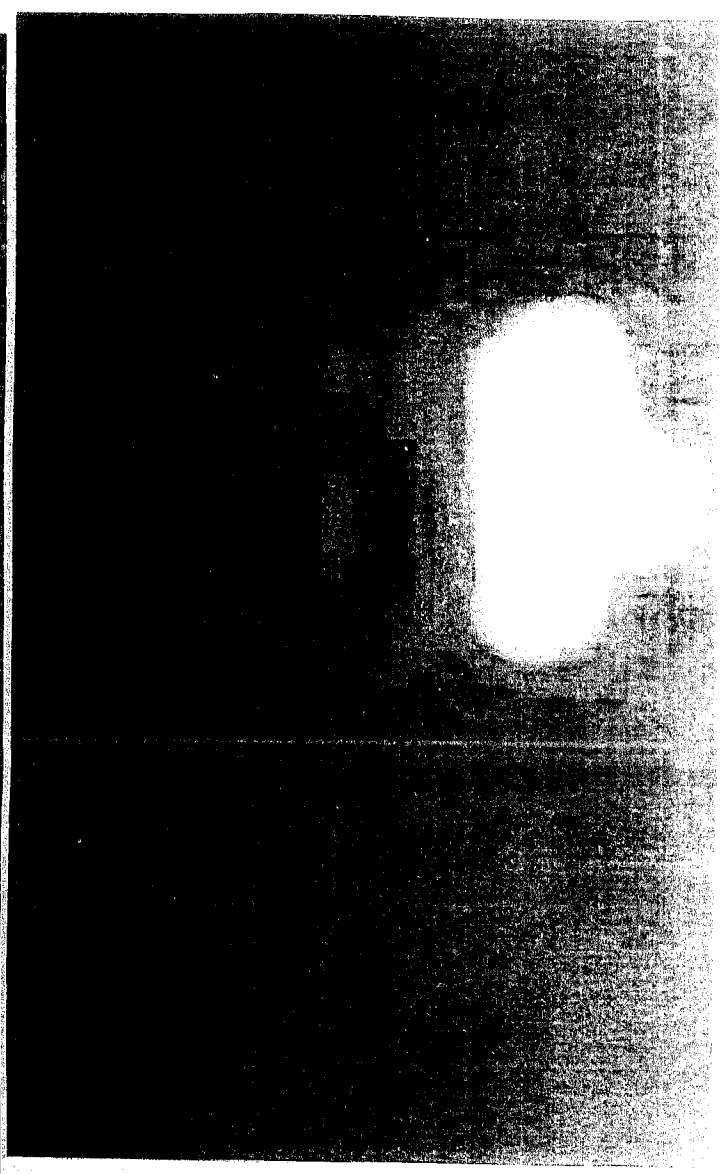
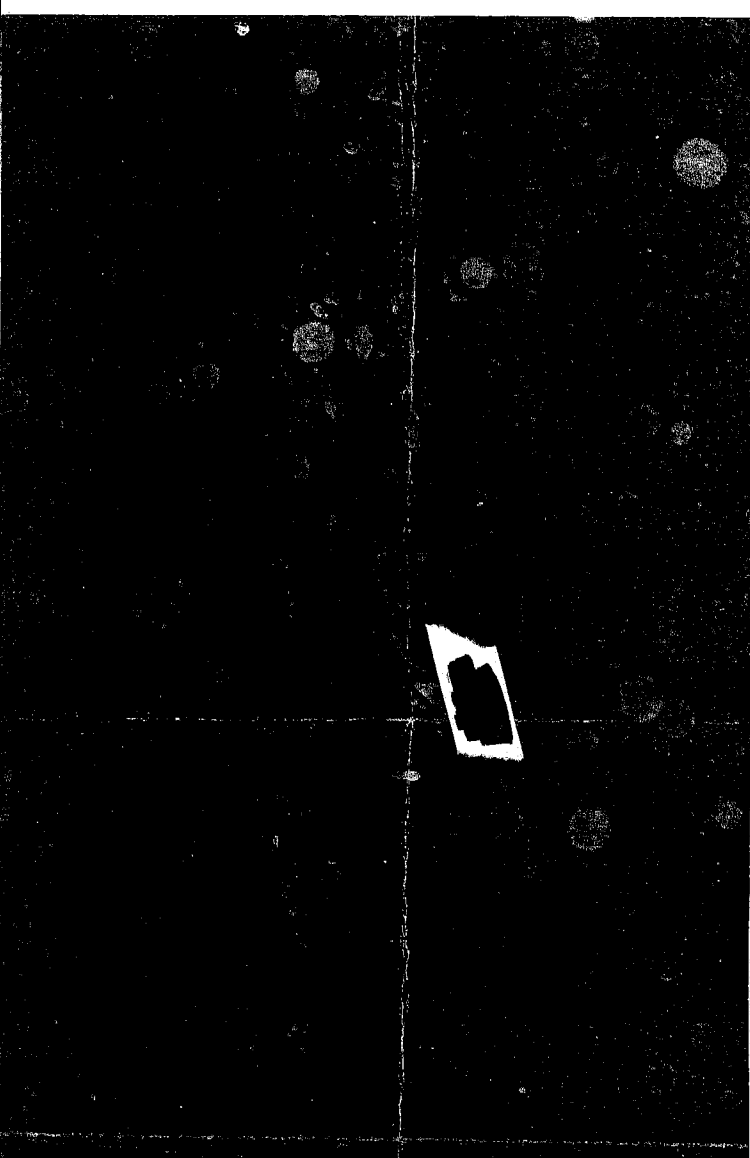
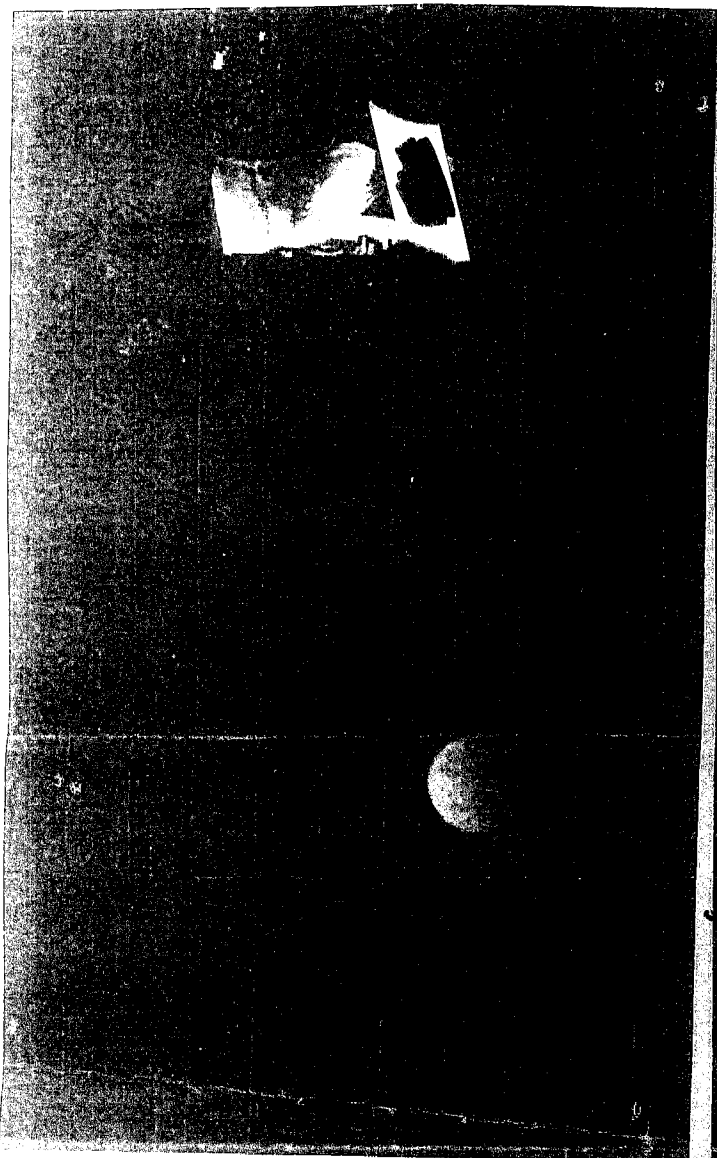
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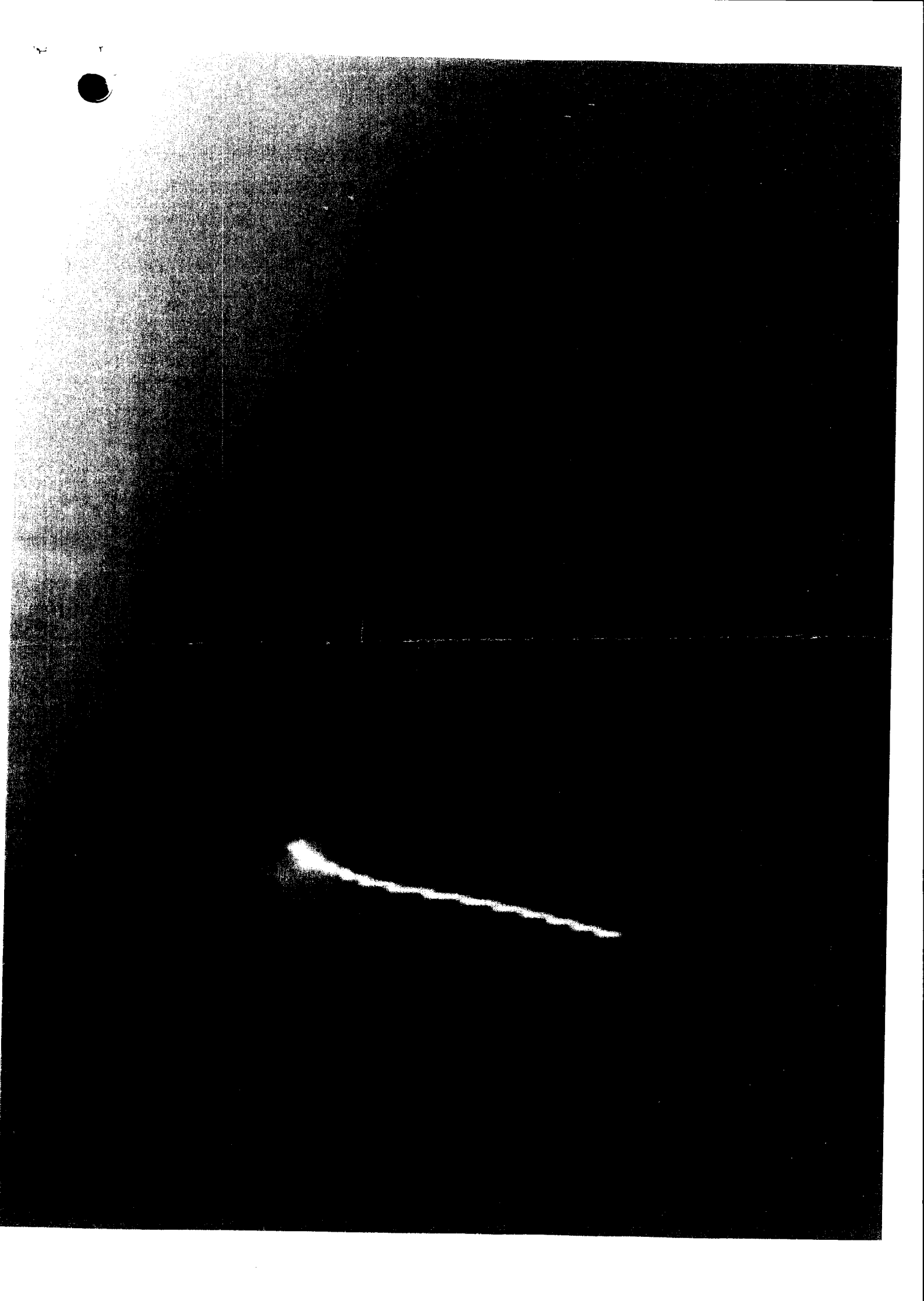
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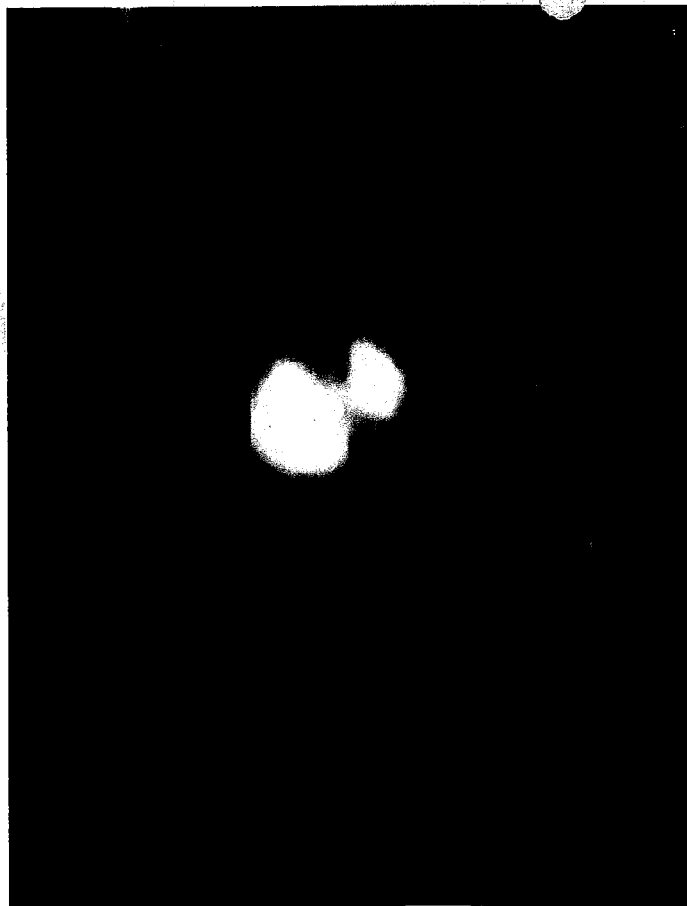
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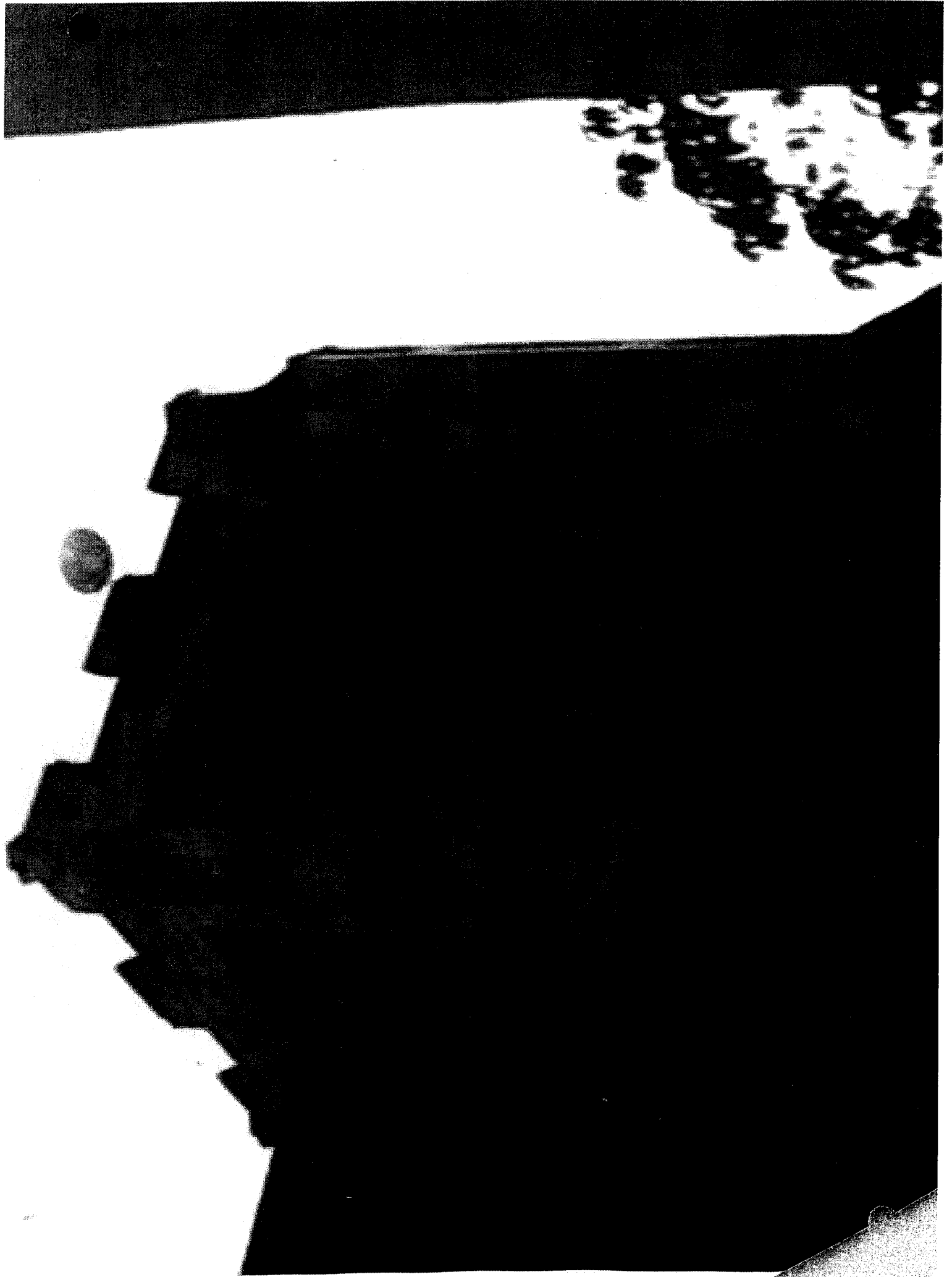


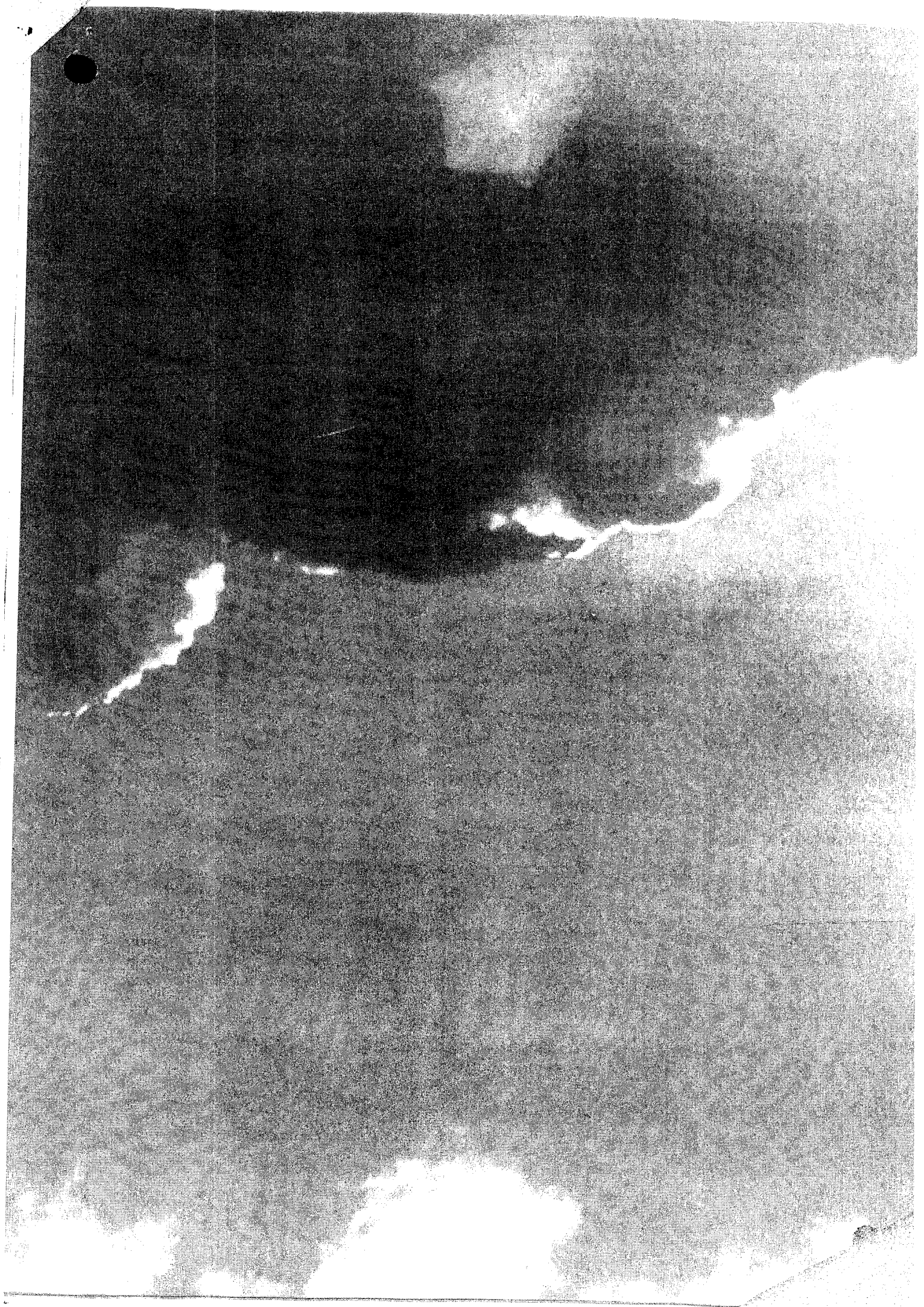


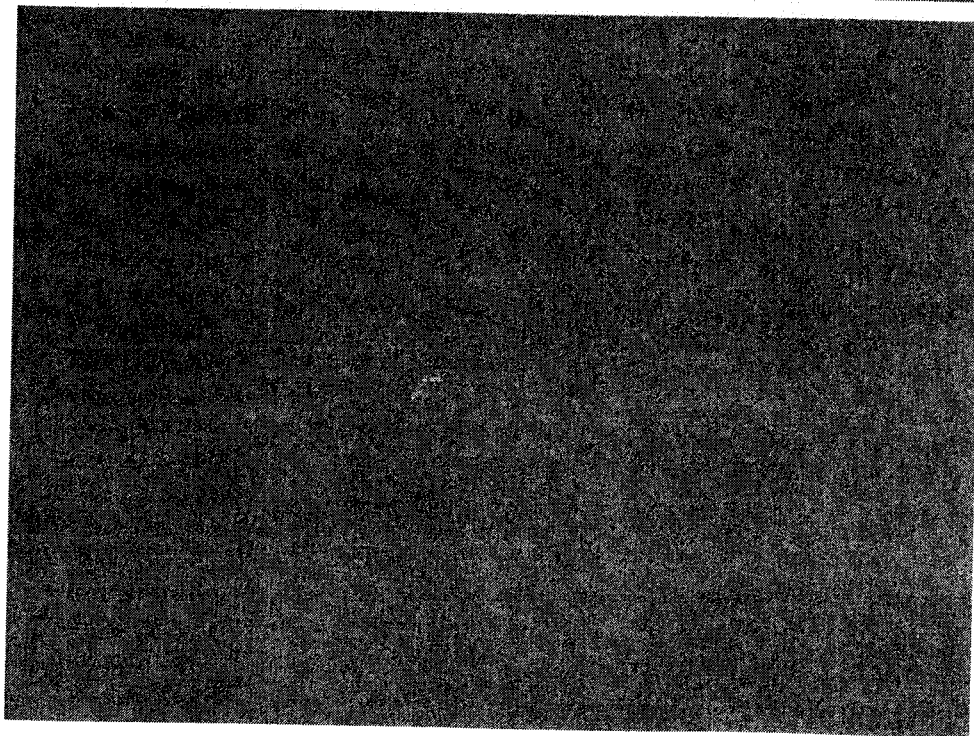
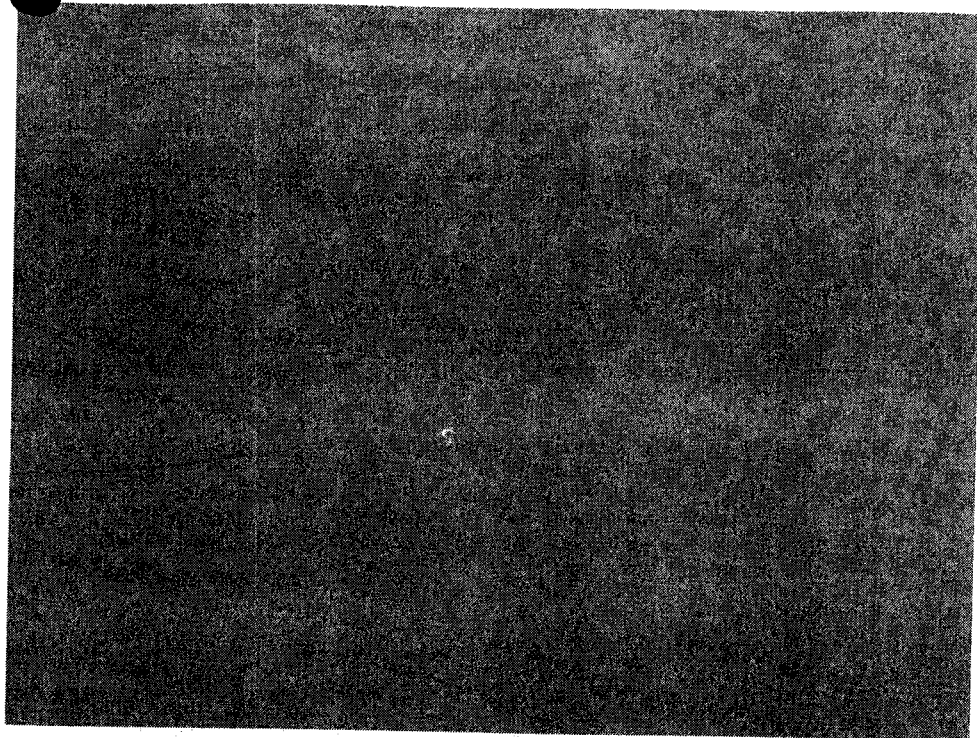
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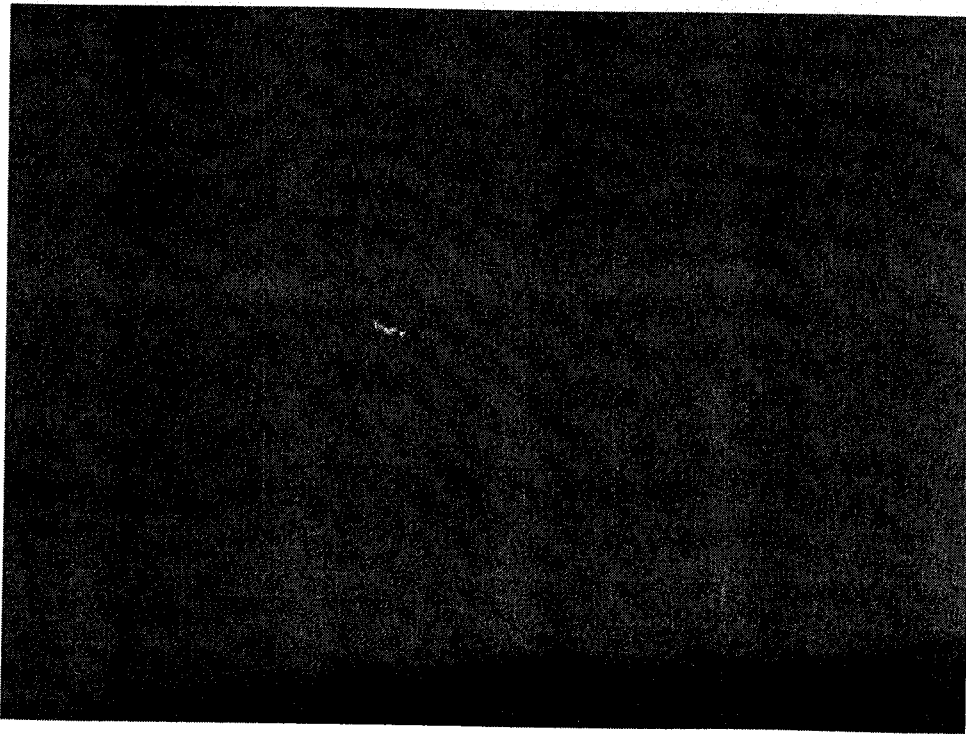
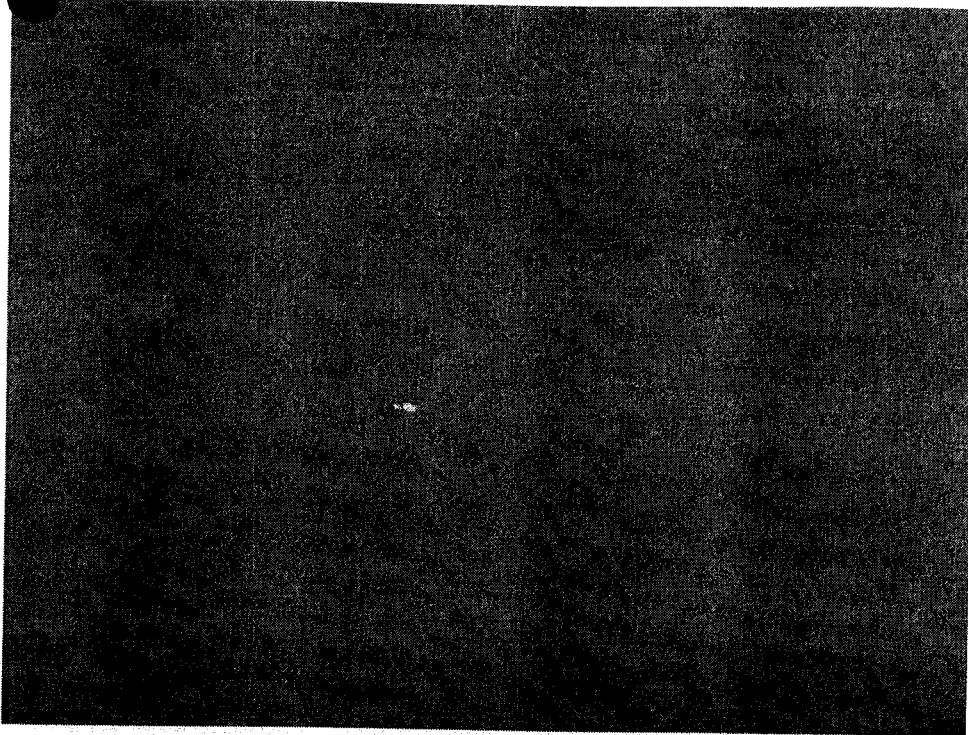


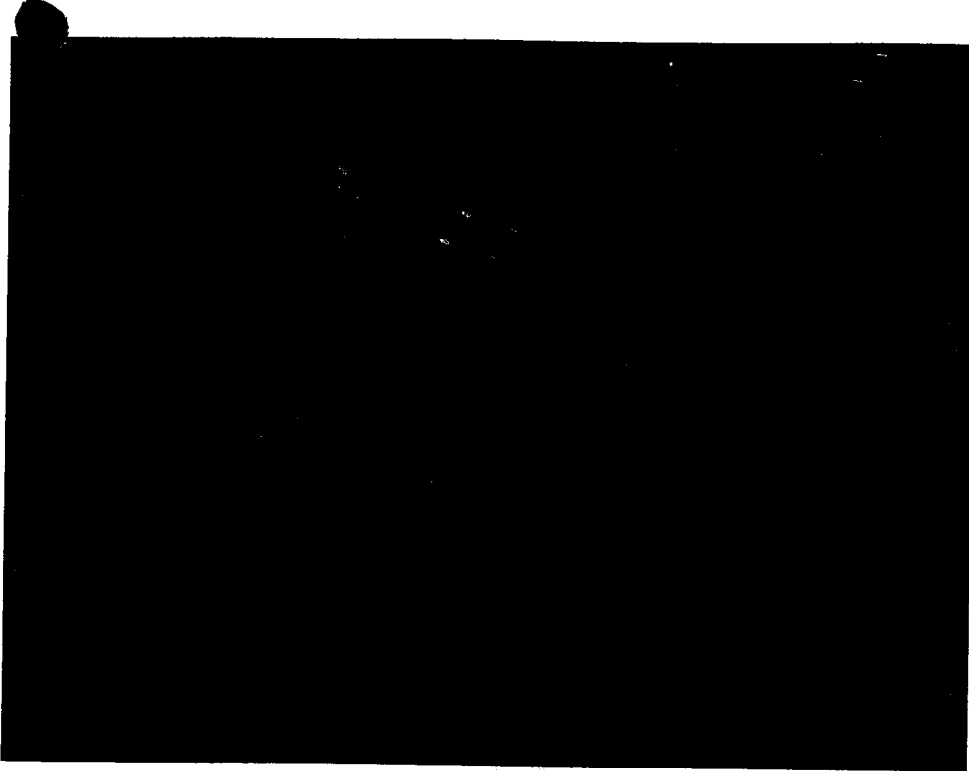












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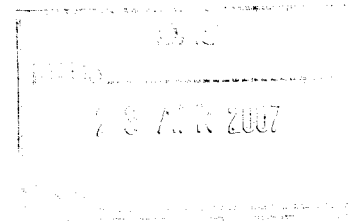
18th April 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting copies of the nine photographs of UFOs you claimed may be on file for the year 2006. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

Section 40





From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) **Section 40**
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Our Reference
23-04-2007-145609-007

Southampton

Section 40

Date
24 April 2007

Dear **Section 40**

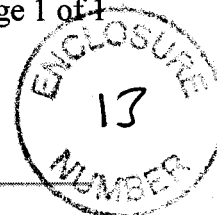
I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has received a Freedom of Information request from a member of the public seeking copies of any photographs the MoD may have received during the course of 2006 relating to UFOs.

In answering this request, the MoD was obliged under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to release the photographs you forwarded to us in June 2006. We have informed the individual concerned that the MoD does not hold the copyright which may rest with you, as stated on the photographs themselves.

You should be assured that we have not released your address, or any other personal information, other than that contained in a number of newspaper clippings you also provided us.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 18 April 2007 09:44

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 18-04-2007-071159-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 April 2007 asking for details of UFO sightings in Northern Ireland over the last three years.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD are available on the MoD website by using the following link:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme> or by searching under the word "UFO".

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAS-FOI

Section 40

MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 18 April 2007 07:13
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 18-04-2007-071159-002 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 17 April 2007 23:07
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 18-04-2007-071159-002 Section 40

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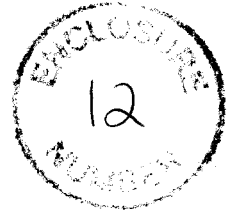
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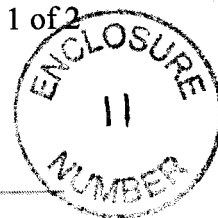
Details of information (please also supply any breakdown of figures held) held by the MOD relating to the number of UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) investigated or recorded by the MOD over Northern Ireland airspace for the past three years. Please also supply the locations in Northern Ireland over which said unidentified flying objects were recorded along with the numbers recorded for each location.

Many thanks

Section 40



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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 13 April 2007 10:19

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 12-04-2007-064720-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 12 April 2007 asking for information regarding the interception of an unknown object by two USAF F-15 pilots on 12 January 2007.

Two USAF F-15 aircraft from RAF Lakenheath spotted an object on their onboard radar whilst on a routine training flight and, on their own initiative, made a number of passes over it. They believed the object, no bigger than a football, was floating with the wind and may have come from a weather balloon. There is no record of the object being picked up on radar by London Military Air Traffic Control.

I should also like to take the opportunity to explain that unless there is corroborating evidence to suggest that the UK's airspace may have been compromised by a hostile or unauthorized foreign military aircraft, the MOD does not investigate or seek to provide a precise explanation for each of the 200-300 "UFO" reports we receive every year. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of the sightings if resources were devoted to so doing, 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.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAS-FOI

Section 40

MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

13/04/2007

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 12 April 2007 06:50
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 12-04-2007-064720-002 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 12 April 2007 02:08
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 12-04-2007-064720-002 Section 40

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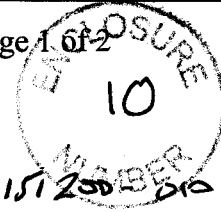
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txtinforequest: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am interested in obtaining any information regarding the intercept of an unknown target by United States Air Force F-15^{â€™}s (Call sign Gator) out of RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk on Friday, January 12th, 2007. The target was picked up on radar at 3,000 to 4,000ft altitude by London Military Air Traffic Control.

If you could provide me with any information regarding this enquiry, I would be most grateful.

Thanks.



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 12 April 2007 16:07

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FOI Request.

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request regarding information on UFO sightings from the Grampian region since the start of 2004 to the present date. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' 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.

With regard to UFO sightings over the Grampian region, I have examined our records, but have found no reports for the year 2004 to present date.

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information on the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some released information on UFOs, including details of sightings across the UK for the period 2002-2006.

This can be accessed via the internet at:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme>.

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

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

Sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1
5th Floor, Zone H
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Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

12/04/2007

E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 April 2007 09:59
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 04-04-2007-151200-010 Section 40

Section 40

Can you answer this one. Note that he also wants copies of correspondence etc so we can't just tell him to look at the website.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 04 April 2007 15:13
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 04-04-2007-151200-010 Section 40

Section 40

Can you take?

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Section 40

Main Building

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 04 April 2007 14:59
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 04-04-2007-151200-010 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 14:59:17

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txtaddress2: Mastrick
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txtzipcodepostcode: AB15 6DF

txtcountry: UK

txtinforequest:

1. Details of any UFO sightings (when, where, description) from the Grampian region since the start of 2004 to date.
2. Details of any report on the sighting and copies of correspondence with the person reporting it.

NB This region might be defined as the combined Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Council areas, or bounded by Elgin, Braemar and Montrose.

Please can you send the information as Word attachments or PDF files to the following email address: **Section 40** Copies of documentation should be posted to Evening Express, Lang Stracht, Mastrick, Aberdeen AB15 6DF.

My telephone number is **Section 40** Please call me if you need any further details to comply with this request.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 29-03-2007-111736-002 Expiry: 30 Apr 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of the report into the investigation into an incident involving F-15 aircraft on 12 Jan 2007.

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold the information.

Personal details have been redacted under exemption s.40 (Personal information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: **Section 40**

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40**

Date: 13/4/07



From: **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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

Section 40

Our Reference
29-03-2007-111736-002

Dewsbury
West Yorks

Date
13 April 2007

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 29th March 2007 asking for a copy of the findings into the incident on 12th January 2007 involving two USAF aircraft. Additionally, in a follow up e-mail, you asked for the location of the incident.

Firstly, please find attached a copy of the report into this incident. You will notice that information at the head and foot of both pages has been blacked out. This was the security classification that had to be removed before the document could be released to you. Also, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals has been removed under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We do not know where the incident took place.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

No 1 (Specialist) Police Wing

Defence Flying Complaints Investigation Team
Special Investigations Branch
Headquarters Provost Marshal
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Royal Air Force Henlow
Bedfordshire
SG16 6DN
Tel: [REDACTED]
DFTS: [REDACTED]
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Service Police Final Report 

Reference: SPW/1300/L049/2007/SIS

DAS(LA)CEU

Date: 22 Mar 07

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - [REDACTED]

Reference:

A. D/DAS/073/27 dated 7 Mar 07.

1. Reference A refers to a tasking from DAS(LA)CEU, which requested that a DFCIT investigation be carried out following a Freedom of Information Request submitted by [REDACTED]. He alleged that on 12 Jan 07, 2 F-15s were requested by LATCC(Mil) to investigate an unidentified object that had appeared on radar.
2. Mr [REDACTED] was consulted by telephone on 7 Mar 07 and confirmed the nature of his request. He also provided a c/s for the F-15's, namely GATOR, and stated that there was an audio recording of the pilots discussing the object, which can be found on the ufodata.co.uk website.
3. Inquiries with the staff at LATCC(Mil) were conducted on 7 Mar 07; however, there were no records relating to any request made by them to investigate the object. It was established that unidentified objects are picked up on radar frequently and LATCC(Mil) personnel usually just advise ac to avoid them.
4. The ac cdr, c/s GATOR 2, 493rd FS, 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath was consulted on 20 Mar 07. He confirmed that he had identified an object on radar and decided to investigate. He was not tasked to do so by any ATC agency. The object was at an approximate height of between 17,000 - 18,000ft and was drifting with the wind. It was between the size of a grapefruit and a soccer ball. The ac cdr opined that it may have fallen off a weather balloon. The ac made 3 passes and then continued with their sortie.

[REDACTED]

5 Active enquiries into this case have now been completed and the case is closed. However, should further information be forthcoming which materially affects the outcome of this investigation, consideration will be given to re-opening enquiries. Further enquiries concerning the content of this report should be referred to the undersigned on Ext [REDACTED]

(Original signed)

[REDACTED]

Flt Lt
OC DFCIT

[REDACTED]

29-03-2007 -
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Section 40

EXPIRY = 30 APR 07

From: Section 40

Sent: 29 March 2007 11:01

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: FOI REQUEST 14-03-2007-142940-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for posting me a hard copy of the email. However, that was not exactly what I meant when I requested it. I admit that the error is mine in the way I worded th request. What I meant was would it be possible for you to send us a hard copy of your findings i.e. your report, if extant, after investigating the incident? I appreciate that this may distract you from other, more important, work and I apologise in advance.

I contacted Section 40 at the DFCIT, in the hope that she could help, as we had talked on the telephone at the outset of our research, but she has passed on my request to you.

If you are unable to help, I fully understand.

Thank you for your time,

Section 40

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

From: Section 40

To: Section 40

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 12:03 PM

Subject: FOI REQUEST 14-03-2007-142940-004

Dear Section 40

I will put a hardcopy in the post.

Section 40

DAS-FOI

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 March 2007 10:42

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: FOI REQUEST 14-03-2007-142940-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your efforts in this matter. We appreciate that the MoD is extremely overworked and (probably) understaffed and that it must be fatiguing to look into every matter that crosses your desks. We at UFOData Magazine, though, felt that this may have been an important case, given that two USAF jet fighters were involved. I am going to annoy you a bit more now, though, by asking if you could send me a hard copy of your findings (as per your last email). Again, I apologise if this seems like a waste of resources to the MoD, but, as I said, this is important to us in the research of anomalous aerial phenomena (even if they turn out to be mundane, which is generally the case).

My address is:

Section 40

Dewsbury,

West Yorkshire.

Section 40

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Section 40

p.s.

If you would like a free copy of UFOData Magazine sending to your office, please do not hesitate to ask.

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

From: Section 40

To: Section 40

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 11:34 AM

Subject: FOI REQUEST 14-03-2007-142940-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 March 2007 asking me to look into any records of an alleged sighting of an unknown object by two USAF F-15 pilots on 12 January 2007. I am dealing with it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence have no record of UK military air traffic control tasking USAF aircraft to undertake any such investigation on or around 12th January 2007. However, I understand that two USAF aircraft spotted an object on their onboard radar whilst on a routine training flight and, on their own initiative, made a number of passes over it. They believed the object, no bigger than a football, was floating with the wind and had probably come from a weather balloon.

I should also like to take the opportunity to explain that unless there is corroborating evidence to suggest that the UK's airspace may have been compromised by a hostile or unauthorized foreign military aircraft, the MOD does not investigate or seek to provide a precise explanation for each of the 200-300 "UFO" reports we receive every year. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of the sightings if resources were devoted to so doing, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DAS-FOI

Section 40

MoD Main Building

Whitehall

London

SW1A 2HB

Section 40

From: SPW RAFSIB-DFCITOENQ2 [SPWRAFSIB-DFCITOENQ2@henlowfus.afpaa.mod.uk]
Sent: 29 March 2007 10:35
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: FW: Freedom of Information Request.

Dear Section 40

Please see email as discussed this morning – I have sent him a reply telling him that I have forwarded this onto you (sorry!).

Regards

Section 40
DFCIT



From: Section 40
Sent: 27 March 2007 15:01
To: SPW RAFSIB-DFCITOENQ2
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request.

Dear Section 40

Would it be possible for you to tell me if you have made any progress in regard to the matter we discussed on the telephone? I appreciate that you said that the MoD would contact me about the outcome of your investigation (and they have, albeit briefly), but I was wondering if you could expound on the investigation, particularly with regard to the thoughts of the pilots in question? below is a copy of the email we received from Section 40 and I wondered if you could add anything to it. Would it be possible for hard copies of your findings to be sent to us (I will furnish an address if this is possible)? I apologise if I have strayed from protocol by contacting you in this way.

Thank you for your time,

Section 40

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MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

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

From: SPW RAFSIB-DFCITOENQ2
To: Section 40
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2007 1:11 PM
Subject: Ref: Freedom of Information Request.

Dear Section 40

I am contacting you from the Defence Flying Complaints Investigation Team regarding your Freedom of Information request from Friday 12 January 2007.

I have been tasked with investigating this and would like to speak to you regarding any information that you may have that will assist me.

My telephone number is Section 40 and I am here from 0900-1400, Mon - Thurs.

Thank you

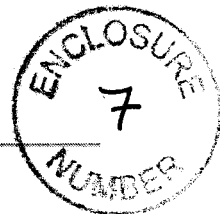
Yours sincerely

Section 40

Defence Flying Complaints Investigation Team



**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO
FILE D/DAS/10/2/8/16 PART H**



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 10 April 2007 15:29

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FOI REQUEST 04-04-2007-123350-005 - UFOs IN 1967

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 April 2007 regarding UFO sightings in 1967 and the role of a Section 40 believed to be a Ministry of Defence employee. Your request is being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence does not hold any detailed information relating to UFO sightings for the year 1967.

Files for 1967 are available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

As for the role of Section 40 I am afraid that without more detail, such as a first name or initial, any attempt to identify him is likely to exceed the £600 permitted by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the MoD is not obliged to comply with your request.

That having been said, I would have thought that if as you believe, he was working for the MoD in some sort of "UFO" capacity, it is possible his name would appear in the UFO files for that period. Again, I would direct you to the National Archive.

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I am sorry I was unable to be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London

10/04/2007

SW1A 2HB

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 April 2007 12:35
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 04-04-2007-123350-005 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Section 40

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 04 April 2007 11:11
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 04-04-2007-123350-005 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 11:11:16

txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: Section 40

txtoccupation: retired

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: Section 40

txttowncity: Near redditch

txtstatecountry: Worcestershire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: I'm currently researching the 1967 period with regard to sightings of UFOs reported to the MOD.

1) Can you tell me please how many UFO sightings the MOD received for October/ November 1967 for the UK, in particular the night of the 5th and 6th of November 1967 in the Sopley area of Hampshire

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2) Do you you have any knowledge please of a Section 40 employed by the Ministry of Defence in 1967 if so what was his official capacity within the department, and what were the nature of the UFO reports he investigated.

Thanks very much look forwards to hearing from you.



From **Section 40**
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) **Section 40**
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Our Reference
10-04-2007-103900-001

Kirkstall
Leeds

Date
10 April 2007

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 3rd April 2007 asking for information regarding alleged UFO incidents at Cannock Chase in 1964 and Cader Bronwen in 1974.

Given the length of time since the alleged incidents, the Ministry of Defence no longer holds "UFO" files for the periods in question. Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1984, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

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I am sorry I was unable to be of more help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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KIRKSTALL,
LEEDS,

Section 40

TUESDAY 3RD. APRIL 2007.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT I AM ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT I BELIEVE YOU HOLD.

MY REQUEST IS IN TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART IS AS FOLLOWS;

IN FEBRUARY 1964 A UFO CRASHED ON CANNOCK CHASE NEAR TO PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE UFO WAS RECOVERED IN A SEMI-INTACT STATE ALONG WITH THREE ALIEN BODIES. I AM FURTHER LED TO BELIEVE THAT THE UFO AND THE BODIES WERE REMOVED AND TRANSPORTED TO PORTON DOWN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD SUPPLY ME WITH ALL THE INFORMATION AT HAND REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

THE SECOND PART IS AS FOLLOWS;

ON 23RD. JANUARY 1974 A UFO CRASHED OUTSIDE LLANDRILLO NEAR THE MOUNTAIN OF CADER BRONWEN AT APPROXIMATELY 20.30HRS. AGAIN THE UFO WAS RECOVERED AND TAKEN TO, I AM LED TO BELIEVE, PORTON DOWN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD SUPPLY ME WITH ALL THE INFORMATION AT HAND REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE AT HAND TELLS ME THAT THERE WERE TWO CIVILIAN WITNESSES TO BOTH CRAFT(UFO) AT THE SCENES. AT THE FIRST INCIDENT THE WITNESS TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE UFO ETC. BUT HIS CAMERA AND FILM WERE CONFISCATED AT A SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION AT BLOXWICH POLICE STATION. THE SECOND WITNESS WAS A NURSE, LIVING AT LLANDERFEL, WHO WAS INITIALLY ASKED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE BY HER LOCAL POLICE AT A "PLANE CRASH". SHE HAS VERIFIED THAT SHE SAW A LARGE, CIRCULAR, ORANGE GLOWING OBJECT BUT WAS ASKED TO LEAVE THE

AREA AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ESCORTED FROM THE SITE BY THE ATTENDING AUTHORITIES.

AM I CORRECT IN MY ASSUMPTION THAT THE INFORMATION THAT I AM REQUESTING WILL CONTAIN NO BLACKED-OUT PASSAGES OR INFORMATION ETC.?

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY ME WITH ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION SO THAT I AM ABLE TO CONDUCT MY INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE WHOLE UFO PHENOMENA WHICH HAS BECOME PREVALENT OF LATE IN AND AROUND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
DIRECTORATE OF AIR STAFF,
5TH. FLOOR, ZONE H,
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON,
SW1A 2HB.

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11/11/2007	
FILE



Section 40

From: Section 40
 Sent: 10 April 2007 12:53
 To: Section 40
 Subject: Internet-Authorised: FOI REQUEST 10-04-2007-113211

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 April 2007 in which you attempted to narrow the scope of your previous Freedom of Information request (02-04-2007-094330-002) which sought information on a variety of subjects including the Disclosure Project, the Philadelphia Experiment, UFOs, time travel and false flag attacks. I note that you are now also interested in the Rendlesham incident.

I am afraid that the scope of your request remains too wide to answer within the £600 limit permitted by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and therefore, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) is not obliged to answer. However, I am in a position to outline the MoD position on UFOs and also to point you towards information relating to the Rendlesham incident.

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 life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Documents relating to the Rendlesham Incident can be found on the MoD website at www.mod.uk by searching under the word Rendlesham.

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I am sorry that I have been unable to answer your request in full

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MoD Main Building
 Whitehall
 London

*FOLLOW UP TO
 02-04-2007-094330-002*

10/04/2007

W1A 2HB

EX 8 MAY 07

Section 40

From: Section 40
 Sent: 03 April 2007 14:12
 To: Section 40
 Subject: RE: FOI REQUEST 02-04-2007-094330-002

Hello Section 40 Thanks for your response... i would like to request any documents about Rendalsham forest.
 I would also like to ask what is the MODs official stance on the Disclosure project.. Do you also admit to the existance of extraterrestrial life and UFOs???

Would be interested to see anything that the freedom of information act has to offer that goes toward substantiating ETs or UFOs,im not asking for whole folders.. Just cherry pick me some good stuff lol..

Has the MOD got anything on the 911 media Hoax..???

Is that watered down enough?
 just pick one of the subjects if you like something is better than nothing.

>From: Section 40 @mod.uk
 >To: Section 40
 >Subject: FOI REQUEST 02-04-2007-094330-002
 >Date: Tue, 3 Apr 2007 12:04:03 +0100

>Dear Section 40

>Your Freedom of Information request of 2 April 2007 asked for any
 >information the MoD held on he Disclosure Project, UFOs, time travel,
 >the Philadelphia experiment and recent False Flag attacks.

>The scope of this request is extremely broad and the cost of answering
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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40** [redacted]

Case Number: 02-04-2007-094330-002 Expiry: 2 May 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information held on the Disclosure project, UFOs, time travel, the Philadelphia experiment and recent false flag attacks.

Case for release of information

The cost of providing this information would exceed £600 and therefore under Section 12 of the FOI Act MoD is not obliged to provide an answer.

Requester has been asked to narrow the scope of his request.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation not to release the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: **B2** Name: **Section 40** [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... **Section 40** [redacted]

Date: **3/4/2007**

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 April 2007 12:04
To: Section 40
Subject: Internet-Authorised: FOI REQUEST 02-04-2007-094330-002

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Yours sincerely,

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MoD Main Building
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London
SW1A 2HB

03/04/2007

2 MAY 07

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From: Section 40
Sent: 03 April 2007 09:45
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 03-04-2007-094330-002 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Dear all,
Can you take?

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Main Building

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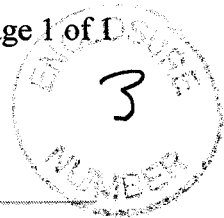
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 02 April 2007 16:15
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 03-04-2007-094330-002 Section 40

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: Section 40
txtoccupation: Promoter
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: Section 40
txttowncity: Cheltenham
txtstatecountry: Gloucestershire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Hello Sir/Madam,
I would like to request any information the mod might hold on the Disclosure Project, U.F.O.s, time travel, the Philadelphia experiment and also on recent False Flag attacks..
Any help you can give me to aid my gathering of intelligence i would be extremely grateful, Sincerely, Section 40

disappearing US ship 1943



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 April 2007 11:09

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FOI REQUEST 03-04-2007-090542-001

Dear Section 40

Your Freedom of Information request of 2 April 2007 requested a full account of what occurred at Woodbridge Air Force base at Christmas 1980. Additionally, you asked whether this problem had been resolved.

I presume that your e-mail refers to what has become known in some quarters as the Rendlesham Incident. When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MoD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern, no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. The MoD file on the matter is available for viewing at www.mod.uk by searching under the word Rendlesham.

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03/04/2007

Section 40

EXPIRE - 3 MAY 07

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 April 2007 09:54
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 03-04-2007-090542-001 Section 40

Section 40

In view of comments, can I interest you with this request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

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

From: Section 40 On Behalf Of STC-RAF Parliamentary Business
Sent: 03 April 2007 09:50
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOI written request PS 03-04-2007-090542-001 Section 40

Section 40

This appears to relate to a UFO incident, so would probably be best for Section 40 at DAS to take.

Regards

Section 40
Parl/FOI Co-ord
RAF Business Secretariat

Section 40

This e-mail and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient or there are problems please notify the sender and then delete the e-mail (and file (s) if attached) from your system. Recipients should note that e-mail traffic on MOD systems is subject to monitoring, recording and auditing to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes. The MOD has taken steps to keep this e-mail and any attachments free from viruses. However it accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever caused as a result of any virus being passed on. It is the responsibility of the recipient to perform all necessary checks. The statements expressed in this e-mail are personal and do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the department

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To: STC-RAF Parliamentary Business
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 03-04-2007-090542-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

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FOI Helpdesk

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 02 April 2007 19:24

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 03-04-2007-090542-001 **Section 40**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 19:23:44

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: clerk

txtorganisation: netto

txtaddress1: **Section 40** pontefract **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40** wakefield

txttowncity: pontefract

txtstatecountry: west yorkshire

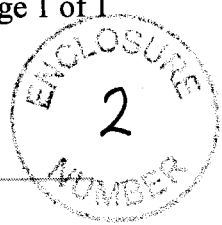
txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: A full account of what occurred @woodbridge air force base, christmas 1980. An answer to whether this PROBLEM has yet been resolved. Thanks



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 03 April 2007 10:41

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 02-04-2007-152048-002

Dear Section 40

Your e-mail of 2 April 2007, asking whether the UK government or military had ever paid a university or any academic body to do any research into UFOs, is being treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Before I address your question, I should like to take the opportunity to explain that the Ministry of Defence (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 life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

However, in answer to your query, we have no record of the MoD or British government paying a university or academic body to research UFOs.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 02 April 2007 14:31
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: General question about UFO research in the UK

Dear Sirs,

Can you answer this:

To the best of your knowledge, has either the UK government or the military ever paid a university or any academic body to do any research into UFOs?

Many thanks for your time,

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(UFO researcher).



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Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter of 19 March 2007 asking if the Ministry of Defence had received any reports of lights in the sky over Biggleswade on the night of 14 March 2007. Your question is being treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This office, which acts as a focal point for UFO sightings, has received no reports for Biggleswade on that date.

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

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19th March 2007

Dear Section 40

There appears to be a spate of anomalous lights in the UK airspace at the moment, so I am writing to you again. Could you please let me know if you have received any reports of red and blue flashing and spinning lights in the western sky at Biggleswade Bedfordshire, on the 14/03/07 at 22.30 hours. Three witnesses watched the lights for forty minutes, then went to bed. I hope you understand that I have to follow up all sightings reports that come through to me. I await your reply.

Yours sincerely

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