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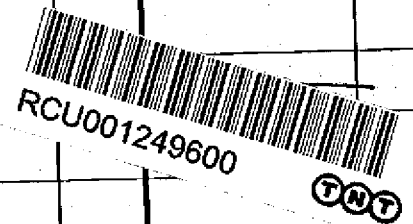
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No reply, as house number not included in address.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	Date not given. 21.05L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two balls of fire were hovering in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of the house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The balls of fire looked like they were heading from Bristol to Cardiff.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	They were really near, and looked like they were hovering over the witnesses house.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were hovering and moving quite slowly sideways. They elevated up and then shot off into the distance.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Newport Gwent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 wife.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that at first, the sighting looked like a burning plane in the sky, then he noticed that it looked more like two burning balls of fire hovering in the sky.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	12 May 2008 10.50L

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
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Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140  
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

Ipswich  
Suffolk

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

12 May 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in May 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from Needham Market in Suffolk so far for 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A uniform set of lights travelling across the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Needham Market, Ipswich in Suffolk.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving at a constant speed across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Ipswich Suffolk Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 wife.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said there was no explanation as to what his sighting could have been. Could we ring him to shed some light on the situation.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	12 May 2008 10.35L

No reply as full address not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 No house number or street name. Yarm Cleveland Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 May 2008 11.45L

No reply, as full  
address not  
given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Full address not given.  County Down Northern Ireland
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 May 2008 11.30L



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Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 06 May 2008 15:21  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 4 May 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to us on the das-ufo-office e.mail address. You will know from my previous correspondence that this is the office within the Ministry of Defence that deals with correspondence regarding UFOs and also our policy on the subject of UFOs.

With regard to your particular observation on the 4 May 2008, I can confirm that we received no other reports of lights from Delabole in Cornwall, but we did receive one other report of a UFO for the 4 May 2008, but no area was given for that sighting. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office  
**Sent:** 06 May 2008 09:36  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: UFO Report

Can you deal please. Treat it as normal correspondence not an FOI

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 04 May 2008 22:46  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** UFO Report

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your previous email.

Your never going to believe it, but we've just seen the lights again.

Slightly different this time and not erratic, but flying up in a straight line.

They were in more or less the same location as last time and completely silent.

Has anyone else reported anything?

I got my camcorder out this time, but I don't suppose it will be all that much use, as it's not a very good one.

I'm on my way to bed now, as my husband has to be up at 5am, so I'll look at it tomorrow and let you know.

All the best.

Section 40

Delabole - Cornwall.  
4 May 2008.

No reply,  
as address  
not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	4 May 2008 23.10L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The call went through to DI ER-2A, another Department in Main Building, who then in turn e.mailed us the details.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 No address given. Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 May 2008 No time given.

no reply,  
as no address  
given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	5 May 2008 00.02L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A fast moving green object was seen, when the witness was driving on the M6 Motorway.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	In the car on the M6 Motorway.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Just over the M6 Motorway, in the West Midlands.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was going quite fast.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The call went through to DI ER-2A, another Department in Main Building, who then in turn e.mailed the details to us.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>No address given.</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 May 2008 No time given.

No reply as  
full address  
not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Full address not given. Newtownards County Down <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 May 2008 10.45L



No reply  
as full  
address not  
given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	29 April 2008 01.05L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was flying around and looked like it was having trouble keeping in control.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors, but didn't say where.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was flying over Exeter in Devon. It looked like it was then heading in the direction of Cardiff.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was moving quite fast at times, and looked like it was going at about 250 miles per hour.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	A man, but wouldn't give his name or full address.  Exeter Devon
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The witness said that he didn't want to give his name and address, as he didn't really want to get involved with anything to do with UFOs. He thought he had better report the incident though, as the craft looked like it was in trouble and could have been a threat to UK airspace. He wondered if there had been any other sightings like his one?
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	29 April 2008 11.00L

No reply due to  
full address  
not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A strange light in the sky. At one point, it looked like a cloud that was flying around making jerking movements.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Stanford le Hope in Essex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The light was moving across the sky and then it started to fly around making jerking movements.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>House number and Street name not given.</p> <p>Stanford le Hope Essex</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] husband.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] said that the light was really freaking her and her husband out and would like us to call her back and shed some light on the situation.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 April 2008 11.00L

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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**Section 40**

Haslemere  
Surrey

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

24 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 16 April 2008, the details of which you reported to RAF Cranwell. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 16 April 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Unit Ref:

# MILITARY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

■ To be completed in CAPITALS  
■ Forward the completed form to the authorities listed at Section 1 within 5 days.

## SECTION 1: ACTION AUTHORITIES

Action	Info	Action	Info	Action	Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comd Sec HQ Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ PTC
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD Sec(AS)2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> D/C+L (F+S) Claims 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N9 (Sec2)S02	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RAF HQ STC	Specify .....	

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OS Grid Ref: <input type="text"/>	Serial No: <input type="text"/>	File Ref: <input type="text"/>
LFA: <input type="text"/>	Previous Complaint	No. of Complaints to date: <input type="text"/>
NS: <input type="text"/>	Serial No: <input type="text"/>	File Ref: <input type="text"/>

## SECTION 2: DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dn/Other:
Surname: <b>Section 40</b>
Forename(s)
Address:
<b>HASLEMERE</b>
Town/City:
County: <b>SURREY</b>
Postcode: <b>Section 40</b>
Telephone No

## SECTION 4: DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Date: <b>16 APR 08</b>
Time: <b>2030</b>
How many aircraft involved:
Type of aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Jet <input type="checkbox"/> Prop <input type="checkbox"/> Helo <input type="checkbox"/> Light a/c
Other (Specify)
Markings <input type="checkbox"/> Grey <input type="checkbox"/> Camouflaged <input type="checkbox"/> Red/White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Yellow
Other (Specify)
Height <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Estimation in Feet:
Direction:
Inside MATZ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes which MATZ?

## SECTION 3: LOCATION OF INCIDENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address at Section 2,
or:
Address:
Town/City:
County:
Postcode:

**BAS**  
**27 APR 2008**  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

NOW TURN OVER

**SECTION 5: PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINT (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).**

THIS WAS A SIGHTING OF A UNIDENTIFIED  
 FLYING OBJECT, ABOVE THIS PROPERTY.  
 THERE WERE 2 CYLINDRICAL OBJECTS WITH  
 A RED LIGHT ON EACH (LARGE). THEY  
 WERE "DEADLY" ~~STAY~~ QUIET, SILENT +  
 WERE MOVING ONE IN FRONT OF THE  
 OTHER. WERE MOVING AT "HELICOPTER"  
 SPEED. WERE THERE LONG ENOUGH TO  
 AIM ON CAMCORDER.

**SECTION 6: CLAIMS (DO NOT PROMPT)**

Has the incident given rise to any injury to persons and/or livestock or damage to property which will result in a claim for compensation being submitted to the Ministry of Defence?

Yes  No

If Yes, give details and copy form to D/C+L (F+S) Claims 3.

**SECTION 7: UNITS RESPONSE**

	Yes	No
Return Telephone call	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full written response sent (attach copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low flying leaflet sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written acknowledgement only (attach copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit arranged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specify

Requires attention of HQ P&SS

Other (Specify)

**SECTION 8: DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING COMPLAINT**

Time: (Local) 1320

Date Complaint received: 17 APR 08

Signature: Section 40

Name: [REDACTED]

Rank: SGT

Unit: CRANWELL

Tel. No: Section 40

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**ALL ACTION TAKEN MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAI J5002 OF 1999.**

**THE COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AS LISTED AT SECTION 1 WITHIN 5 DAYS.**

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From: **Section 40**  
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**Section 40**

Bristol  
Avon

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
22 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in April 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.' Sorry if I have misspelt your address in any way, the answerphone can be difficult to understand.

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

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

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Bristol in Avon, so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry that I could not be any help.


Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(No date and time given). The witness did say though, that the sighting had been going on for three weeks or so.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Fleets of orange lights were moving across the sky.  
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights have been seen moving across the sky over Bristol in Avon for the last three weeks or so.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving quite slowly.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.


9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Bristol Avon</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>said that her friend had witnessed the lights too. Plus, other people were looking up at the sky, and others had mentioned in passing, that they had often seen the lights too, in the last three to four weeks.</p>
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>said that her and her friend were very frightened and wants us to see if we can help.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	21 April 2008 12.40L

no reply as no house number and street name given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	13 April 2008 21.30
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Ten to fifteen lights in groups of twos and threes were seen, moving across the sky, very slowly in an Easterly direction.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside his house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and the lights were videoed.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving in an Easterly direction over Newington, Edinburgh in Midlothian.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	They were quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The groups of lights were moving very slowly across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p><b>Section 40</b></p> <p>No house number or street name given.</p> <p>Edinburgh Midlothian</p> <p><b>Section 40</b></p> 
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	His wife, and then said that other people were looking up at the sky too! So quite a few witnesses.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p><b>Section 40</b> said he panicked when he saw the lights. That's when he went indoors and got his video recorder. That he has footage, if the MOD would like to see it.</p> <p><b>Section 40</b> wants us to call him, so he can explain his sighting better to us.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	16 April 2008 12.20L

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

East Ham  
London

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

14 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from East Ham in London, so far for 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 East Ham London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that hopefully, someone does something quickly.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 April 2008 10.40L

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Dundee  
Tayside

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

10 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 17/18 March 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to the MOD. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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' 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 17/18 March 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



Section 40

**From:** feedback@www.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 08 April 2008 19:27  
**To:** webmaster@dgics.mod.uk  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

WAF  
C/TA 47523  
C/TA 102  
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 19:27:26.

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:

txttowncity: dundee

txtstatecountry: tayside

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 18.30/19.30 17 /18 march

txtrequest: was going to have a lie down when i saw a verry bright orange sphear in the sky .  
it wasnt a helicopter the reason i know was i used to be in the ta 212 air defence unit and it was acting  
strange appearin and dissapearing and im very concerned about this i have video footage ov event and  
was wondering whether to report this or not but after watching video a few times decided to report it  
anyway very disturbing. yours sincerally Section 40



From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Workshop  
Notts

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO01750/2008  
Date:  
9 April 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in April 2008, the details of which you passed to the Minister's Office. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Workshop in Nottinghamshire so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 09 April 2008 12:46  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01750/2008  
**Attachments:** TO01750 2008 - 20080409121233 - S - **Section 40**.txt

**From:** **Section 40** **On Behalf Of** Low Flying  
**Sent:** 09 April 2008 12:16  
**To:** DAS-LACEU3  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01750/2008

**Section 40**

Hd of DAS-LACEU  
5-H-22  
MAIN BUILDING  
WHITEHALL  
LONDON SW1A 2HB

**Section 40**

**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 09 April 2008 12:13  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01750/2008

**TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY**

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO01750/2008  
**Due Date:** 29 April 2008  
**Correspondent:** **Section 40**  
**Additional Advice:**

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.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full

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procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you are considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation>)

**It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List: [http://pt/\\_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx](http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx). Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record 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](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.

Email: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: **Section 40**

t: [REDACTED]

f: [REDACTED]

e: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk  
Sent: 07 April 2008 18:25  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 18:25:26

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtsubject: unusual sightings in the night sky

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: worksop

txtstatecountry: notts

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: the other night, coming home from work. i stopped my car and saw some strange slow, low flying (i think lights) not seperate but all together as if it was on a craft, but the colours were red, green and yellow. I reported it to the police. Do i report it to anyone else, such as your selves. I'm not saying they are extraterrestrial, but it looked like a large airbourne craft and I have never seen a plane or helicopter with so many bright lights.

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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 08 April 2008 10:58  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Report.

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 08 April 2008 10:46  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Report.

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 April 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to the MOD. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports or 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 April 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1  
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Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

E.mail – [das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

08/04/2008

Section 40

**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 07 April 2008 08:58  
**To:** Section 40  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Strange Sighting  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 07 April 2008 08:51  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Strange Sighting  
**Importance:** High

Hi there - I wonder if you can be of assistance.

I saw something a bit odd last night and just wondered if anyone else had reported seeing anything - or whether maybe you new what it was.

We live in Delabole and I was just about to get into bed last night at about 10.15 ish, when I looked out of our velux windows (points directly to Camelford/Roughtor) when I saw a really bright light. For a second I thought it must have been some kind of flare, but quickly realised that it wasn't. The bright orange light (almost like an orange star, but a lot brighter) appeared to be moving to the right of Camelford, whilst travelling forward.

It was moving slightly faster than a helicopter would move and was not like anything I have seen before. I called my husband and he rushed up stairs to watch. After a few moments the light stopped moving in the direction it had been travelling and seemed to move backwards lightly. Then the really odd bit - it started to move up and down (not very far) and wobble to and fro, very fast.

My husband carried on getting ready for bed and I continued to watch it and the light gradually faded away to nothing, as though it was moving away into the distance. My husband then returned to the bedroom a few minutes later and asked what had happened, so I told him it had gone.

He looked back out of the window and said that I'd never believe it, but the light was back. I rushed back to the window and it was back and just as bright as it had been to start with. We watched it for another minute or two and then it just vanished.

We are both convinced that there is no way, it was a star, helicopter or any normal kind of plane. It would therefore be greatly appreciated if you could look into this and advise, if you know what it was.

Many thanks for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.

My home contact is Section 40

Best regards

Section 40

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No reply,  
as no address.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 March 2008 12.15-01.20L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Circular objects were seen flying through the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen over Leeds in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The call came through on <b>Section 40</b> personal work number in DAS.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> No address given. <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> wanted DAS to get back to him.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	25 March 2008 Don't know the time.



From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

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**Section 40**

Rainham  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

2 April 2008

Dear Ms Wood

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 28 March 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD, by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 28 March 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

**From:** feedback@www.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 28 March 2008 23:29  
**To:** webmaster@dgjcs.mod.uk  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 23:28:38

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:   
txtaddress1:   
txtaddress2:   
txttowncity: Rainham

txtstatecountry: Kent

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: UFO Sighting, Gillingham, Kent, Friday 28th March, 8.20pm

txtrequest: Whilst driving home on the M2 between the Rochester and Gillingham turn off, at approximately 8.2pm this evening, I am convinced I spotted a UFO in the sky.

At first glance i saw two white lights far ahead, initially I thought it was an aeroplane, however after looking a little longer i suspected that the lights were too large and bright to belong to an aeroplane.

As i drove towards the Gillingham turn off the object got much much closer until it was right above me to my right. I saw a huge disc shaped object, approximately 20 times the size of an aeroplane, with approximately 5 or 6 flashing lights on the underneath, in a circular shape.

I slowed the car down enough as there was no traffic directly near me, I managed to get about 5 or 6 glances at it as it just hovered above me. It was most definately not an aeroplane or a helicopter as we know it.

I returned home approx 8.25pm and called family members to tell them and unloaded some shopping. At approx 8.45pm i was walking from my car at the back of my house around to the front, when I saw some more huge white lights on an air craft which was not your standard aeroplane. I stood still for 1 minute watching it as it flew over my head. It was extremely loud, low flying and was in the shape of a triangle with 3 lights.

I am utterly convinced the first sighting was a UFO as I have never seen anything before like it in my life, except in films. The 2nd sighting i am not too sure on.

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

New Romney  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

25 March 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in March 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from New Romney in Kent so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 New Romney Kent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 March 2008 11.36L

(No reply,  
as no house  
number given)

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> (No number given). Slough Berkshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said could we get back to him.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	19 March 2008 15.30L

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From: **Section 40**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Portsmouth  
Hampshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO01357/2008

Date:  
19 March 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 February 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to the Minister's Office. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 27 February 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

I enquired as to if there was any low flying activity by the RAF in the areas of Havant/Portsmouth, on the dates you mentioned in your e.mail and have been informed that there was not.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2008 11:21  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01357/2008  
**Attachments:** TO01357 2008 - 20080318111853 - S - **Section 40**

**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 18 March 2008 11:19  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01357/2008

**TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY**

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO01357/2008  
**Due Date:** 10 April 2008  
**Correspondent:** **Section 40**  
**Additional Advice:**

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.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic>)

**It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:**  
[http://pt/\\_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx](http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx). Lead Branches without access to

**the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record 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](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.

Email: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: **Section 40**

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e: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

T001357 2008 - 20080318111853 - S - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk  
Sent: 15 March 2008 17:35  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 17:34:58

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtsubject: UFO Activity - Leigh Park/Portsmouth  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Havant/Portsmouth  
txtstatecountry: Hampshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
xtrequest: Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as both a request for information and also to report recent UFO sightings.

Within the last 3 Months there have been numerous UFO sightings across the skies where I live, experienced by not only me, but also my girlfriend and mother, collectively and individually.

For the first sighting I can't give an exact date, as it is an account given by my mother to me. But around December/January at around 6pm, my mother was walking home in an area where there is a small amount of woodland. She reports seeing an object around 2 houses high that was triangular in shape and was initially in a stationary position. She continued to walk and keep an eye on the object and in the blink of an eye it just disappeared.

On a separate occasion more recently on Wednesday 27th of February 2008 me and my girlfriend both saw an Unidentified Flying Object above the fields behind my home, which is not far from the previous sighting of my mothers.

As we were looking over the fields, above trees in the distance appeared a bright orange light. Bigger than that of a helicopter or plane, or in fact anything I can describe. It began by moving in a zig zag fashion in our direction before becoming stationary. It then disappeared, before reappearing and flashed red and blue in a circular motion. It then made a sharp turn right, and began flashing red and blue, we watched this for about 20 seconds before it went out of view.

On another separate occasion, this week on Wednesday the 12th of March 2008. At around 7pm my mother came home and reported seeing a triangular formation of lights, above the same fields. She reports seeing various objects making up the formation and it stayed in a stationary position without moving. She watched it before it went out of sight. As she got home, we went to see if the lights were still there by looking over the fields from my bedroom window, had gone.

However, as we continued watching the skies from around 7pm til 7.45pm, both me and my mother saw bright orange lights, glowing bright above the trees in the distance, disappearing and reappearing erratically.

Along with these sightings there was also the reported sighting of a ufo, caught on camera in Portsmouth last month.

So with these reported sightings made, i would also like to ask if there has been any Ministry of Defence activity over these areas over the past few months that could describe such unusual activity?

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,

**Section 40**

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**Section 40**

Abertillery  
Gwent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

12 March 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 9 February 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to the MOD. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 9 February 2008, and that was from Ashton Keynes in Wiltshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



Section 40

**From:** feedback@www.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 11 March 2008 14:25  
**To:** webmaster@dgics.mod.uk  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 14:24:32

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: abertillery

txtstatecountry: gwent

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 9/2/08

txtrequest: at 6 in the evening on the date above i saw an object in the sky that looked like a glowing red ball, it moved without making any sound. two weeks later i saw it again, this time a strange substance like molton metal burst from it as went over head. i know many other people in the area saw it too. i would like to report a ufo sighting to the mod, as that is what i believe i have witnessed.

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**Section 40**

London

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

12 March 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for Custom House in London so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Seen over Custom House, London E16.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [Redacted] London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	11 March 2008 11.30L



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**Section 40**

Slough  
Berkshire  
**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 March 2008

Dear Sir

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 March 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.' Sorry, I could not hear your surname on the answerphone, it can be hard to understand.

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 3 March 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	3 March 2008 01.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A triangle with lights on each corner of the craft.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The craft was seen over Slough in Berkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite near.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The craft hovered at aircraft height.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Slough Berkshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40 said this was definitely not a normal aircraft. That we should investigate into this sighting. This definitely freaked him out, but that it was a beautiful sight. Said that the MOD are very good at hiding stuff from the public!</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 March 2008 11.00L

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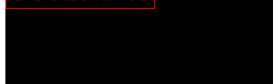


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**Section 40**



Northop Hall  
Flintshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 March 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your son's report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 2 March 2008, the details of which you e.mailed to the MOD. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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.

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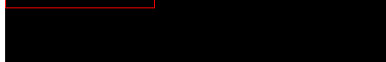
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With regard to your son's particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 2 March 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 03 March 2008 13:31  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 03-03-2008-132043-011 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

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Can you deal with this as ordinary business please.

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

From: Section 40  
Sent: 03 March 2008 13:22  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 03-03-2008-132043-011 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: 03 March 2008 11:17  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI written request PS 03-03-2008-132043-011 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 11:16:37

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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: Section 40

txtoccupation: student

txtorganisation: none

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: Section 40

txttowncity: Northop Hall

txtstatecountry: Flintshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: Wales

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: I don't know where exactly to report this incident, so i am hoping

that you will pass this information on to the correct office. This is a report of a U.F.O by my 10 yr old son.

On the night 02/03/08 at around 11pm my son came downstairs, he was very shaken up and upset to say the least.

He was looking out of his bedroom window when he saw a very bright circle shape over the house across the road, it moved very quickly and was quite erratic in the sky, it shot over to the left above the houses a few doors down and then just quite simply disappeared.

Hasten to say Section 40 to sleep downstairs and wouldn't go back to his bedroom.

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No reply,  
as full  
address not  
given 48

**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	28 February 2008 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Thirty UFOs were seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. There was also a video taken.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFOs were flying in formation over Bingley, West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Keighley Police Stn. They then in turn, left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Didn't give name. Bingley West Yorkshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	29 February 2008 10.45L

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as full address  
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	27 February 2008 22.50L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A jumbo jet sized object. The object was flat and round with a blue rippled underside.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was heading North West over Leeds, West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	UFO das office e.mail address.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Leeds West Yorkshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The object made no sound and then disappeared.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 Febbruary 2008 Came in an e.mail. Don't know the time.



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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

Leicester  
Leicestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
25 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 25 February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 25 February 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**  
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	25 February 2008 10.10L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two, strange black discs in the sky. They had orange lights on the side of them.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, but didn't say where!
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The discs were seen over Euston, Leicester in Leicestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were hovering through the sky and then they started spinning around. They were moving quite quickly.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Leicester Leicestershire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	<p>Section 40 said that she asked other people to look and they noticed the discs too. Didn't say how many people though.</p>
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40 said that she asked others to prove to herself that she was not going mad. It was the last thing she expected to see at 10.10 this morning, and wondered if we could shed any light on the situation.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	<p>25 February 2008 11.30L</p>



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**Section 40**

Derby  
Derbyshire

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

25 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 23 February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 23 February 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 February 2008 19.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A light/object was hovering from left to right. The light was still hovering 7 hours later into the early hours of the next morning.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given. 
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Derby in Derbyshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The light was moving very quickly and then started zig zagging across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Derby Derbyshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 was wondering if we could inform him of what the object could have been. Any ideas?
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	25 February 2008 10.50L



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**Section 40**

Mexborough  
South Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO00978/2008

Date:  
25 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 September 2007, the details of which you passed on by letter to the Minister's Office. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 7 September 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, thank you for the photographs. They will be placed on our files.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40





**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 22 February 2008 11:59  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO00978/2008  
**Attachments:** TO00978 2008 - 20080222114904 - S - **Section 40**

**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 22 February 2008 11:50  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO00978/2008

**TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY**

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO00978/2008  
**Due Date:** 13 March 2008  
**Correspondent:** **Section 40**  
**Additional Advice:**

the Department 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.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformati>

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Email: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: **Section 40**

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e: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

Section 40

8th February 2008

Mexborough

South Yorkshire

Section 40

Dear MOD,

(Unable to Scan  
Photos - Photo to sent via  
POST)

On the 7th September 2007 at the time of 2300 hrs this photograph was taken by myself **Section 40** as it passed overhead in Mexborough, South Yorkshire.

The Sky that evening looked very black with no cloud, moon or stars visible to the naked eye.

We did try to report what we had seen to B.U.F.O.R.A, the British ufo research association via the internet the next day and we even emailed the picture too. The said

thank you and that was it, they never did  
get back in touch.

I have tried to report this ufo sighting to various  
people to try and get it to the correct people  
who investigate ufo's to make it official.  
However it was not until I saw the recent news  
stories that there were 135 ufo sightings in Britain  
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that my report in the first instance should have gone  
to.

Please will you kindly accept photo's and report  
for the MOD files with our compliments - but do  
respect that we wish to remain anonymous even  
though I give you our names and address for  
your file.

Thank you  
Yours Sincerely

UFO OVER MEXBOROUGH:SOUTH YORKSHIRE  
(7th 9th 2007)



This is our personal witness statement from start to finish of what my wife and I observed on the evening of Friday 7th september 2007.

It was shortly before 2300 hrs, -my wife and I had been out walking our dog and we were heading on our way back home.

When we got close to the Adwick Road / Princess Road bus stop on Adwick Road, Mexborough, my wife pointed out to me a very bright-luminous piercing light in the sky to the south of us giving the appearance that it was shooting sprays of light out from it.

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The light remained stationary for a while roughly two miles away above the fields and to the right of Grange Farm which stands on a wooded hilltop overlooking the village of Old Denaby.

We crossed over Adwick Road just as this light began to move north toward Mexborough on a flight path that would take it over the rear of our house.

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-This object was a greenish orange colour with a number of small lights on its outer rim.

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When the PIR went out again the object had gone.

The time now was exactly 2300 hrs by my wrist watch.

However it is interesting to note that shortly after the object had gone overhead, a large heavy sounding Plane followed in that same direction -north toward Adwick upon Dearne.

The plane was undercover of darkness with only its flight lights on, but no cabin or passenger windows lit or visible.

The official logged time of the photo was 2300 hrs.

The details of my digital camera are: Samsung with SHD lens Zoom 7.4.22.- 2mm (Digimax S800).



\* The object bears a remarkable similarity to a reported sighting by the Chinese Air Force pilots over the North China Military Frontier in June 1982.

I Will stop here as I wish to add that my wife and I do not wish for you to publicise our names with this story because we really do value our Privacy and we would like to remain anonymous for Private and personal reasons ,please. (Can we do this ?)

Please do keep us informed

You **Section 40**

**Section 40**

(Age 56) (Age 47)

**Section 40**  
MEXBOROUGH  
SOUTH YORKSHIRE  
**Section 40**

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8th February 2008 22 FEB 2008

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Mexborough  
South Yorkshire

Section 40

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To: 978/08

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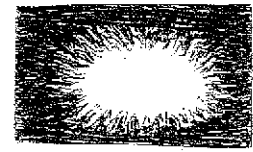
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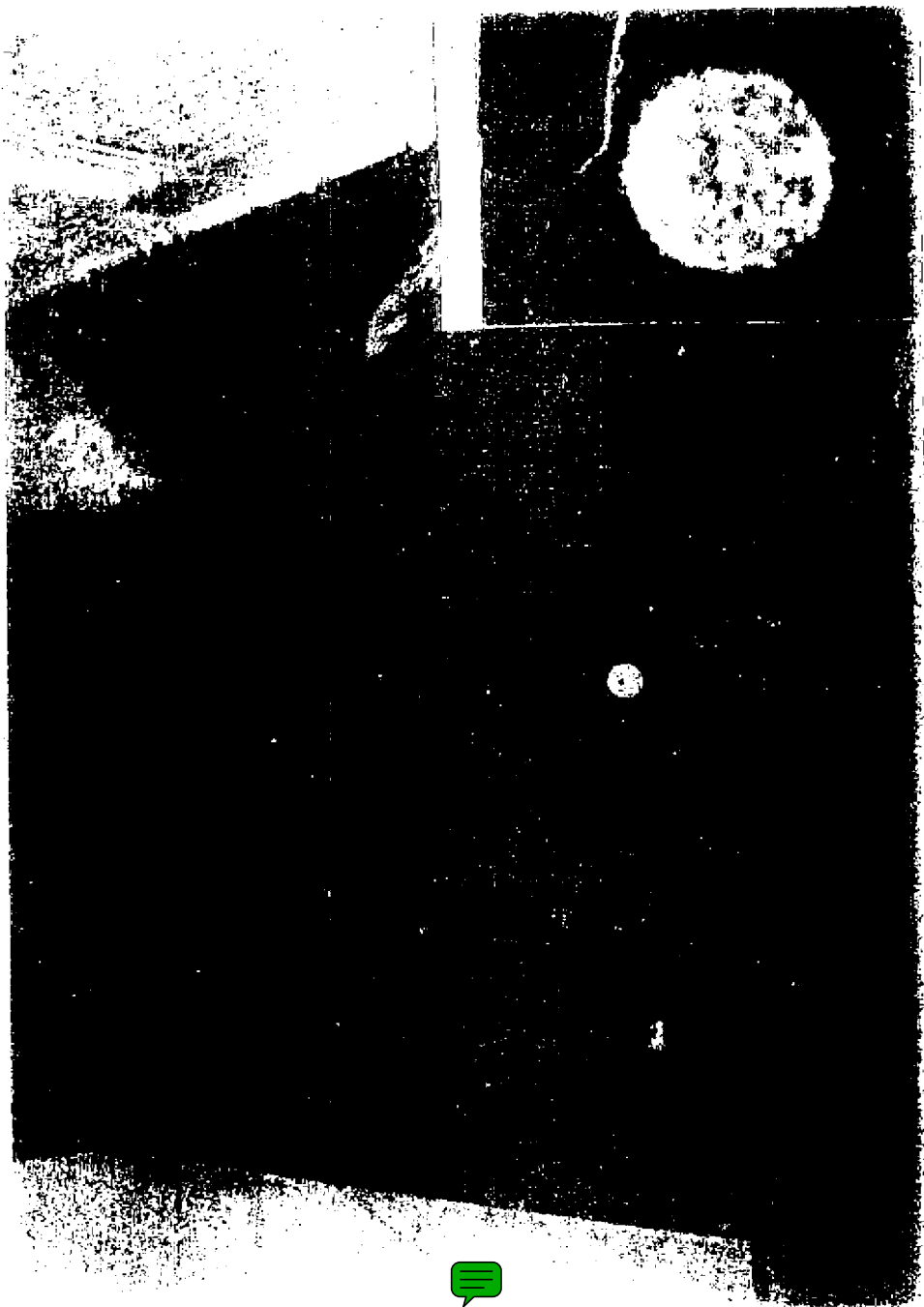


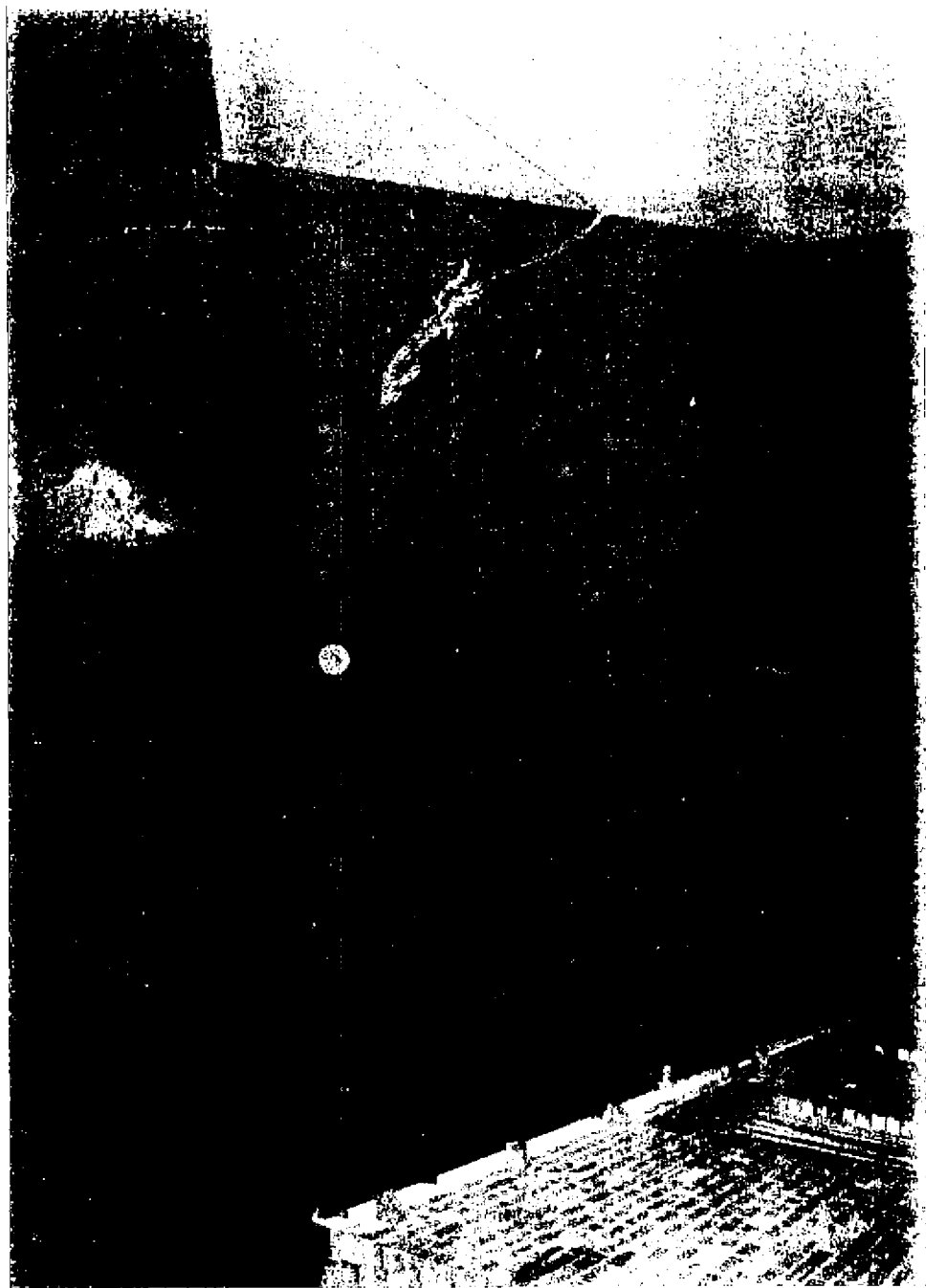
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Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Section 40  
[Redacted]

Burntwood  
Staffordshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO00794/2008

Date:  
18 February 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 8 February 2008, the details of which you passed to the Minister’s Office. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 12 February 2008 11:51  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO00794/2008  
**Attachments:** TO00794 2008 - 20080212114735 - S Section 40

Section 40

A UFO report. Just give your standard letter, but when you send it out, give it the Treat Official reference number below.

Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 12 February 2008 11:49  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO00794/2008

One for you chaps

**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 12 February 2008 11:48  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO00794/2008

### TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO00794/2008  
**Due Date:** 03 March 2008  
**Correspondent:** Section 40  
**Additional Advice:**

the Department 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.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as

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a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation>)

**It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:**  
[http://pt/\\_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx](http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx). Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.

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Email: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: [Section 40](#)

t: [REDACTED]

f: [REDACTED]

e: [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)



T000794 2008 - 20080212114735 - S - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk  
Sent: 09 February 2008 20:25  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday,  
February 9, 2008 at 20:25:08

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtsubject: ufo

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: [REDACTED]

txttowncity: burntwood

txtstatecountry: staffordshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: hi im just emailing to report a ufo sighting over burntwood  
staffordshire about 9pm last night friday. it was a dull red object traveling at  
a high speed and then went in to an s route im not a believer in this sort of  
thing but what ever i saw in the sky it was no plane regards Section 40

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*sighting -  
8/2/08.*

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000  
(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Windermere  
Cumbria

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
18 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 10 February 2008, the details of which you passed to us by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 10 February 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, if you have a query about the USAF, you should contact the American Government.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 12 February 2008 11:36  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
Sent: 11 February 2008 00:15  
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 00:15:21

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:   
txtaddress1:   
txtaddress2:   
txttowncity: Windermere  
txtstatecountry: Cumbria  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: early hours of 10th February 2008, from 4.00am till around 4.10am

txtrequest: Not a complaint regarding noise levels (as would usually be expected with a Low flying complaint) but a complaint about something else using your airspace. If i knew i could report a UFO sighting to the local constabulary without them just ignoring it, id have done that instead of writing to you (plus i cant find anywhere to report a sighting, it doesnt really help). During the early hours of this morning (10th February) i observed an unfamiliar object in the sky, heading SE (under a civilian air corridor, not usually a path frequented by the RAF, in my experience, living here for 17 years) Its altitude was certainly lower of that than any commercial airliner ive seen pass over the area. It was travelling very slowly, a fixed wing cessna or similar came to mind, but its appearance ruled out any civilian aviator straight away. On closer inspection with a pair of binoculars, the object revealed itself to be triangular in shape, a yellow light in each corner, and a red light in the centre, the yellow lights pulsating quickly, before the red light too pulsed. The lights would remain off for at least 1.5-2 seconds between each pulse, in this time the object covered barely any distance, making no attempt at concealment etc. Ive been an aviation enthusiast for many years, and i have not seen anything like it in all my time observing the skies. This was no Eurofighter, no Harrier, no Hawk or no Tornado. I doubt this was even RAF.

Now, we get on to why im writing this in the "low flying complaints" section. You see, what i saw, i believe, is what is known as a "black aircraft" an aircraft that has not yet been revealed to the civilian public. The RAF hasnt the budget to invest in such projects, although the USAF do, leading me to believe the aircraft seen was of USAF origin, possibly operating out of one of the many restricted bases in the Nellis Ranges. Now why, would the United Kingdom, as an independent nation, allow the USAF to use its airspace (probably without the knowledge of the relevant RAF authorities) to test aircraft that to the untrained eye, scare the living daylights out of people? To me, it was a very rare glimpse of what the USAF is capable of, to someone else, it

might bring on a panic attack, pushing pictures into their heads of green men with large heads.

You probably already have my details on file, as i made a freedom of information act regarding the once classified document "UAP's in the UK air defence region", and it was the reading of this document that prompted me to contact you. I know there is little anyone in the air ministry can do to prevent what i would call "uneccessary" if not "careless" use of airspace, but this aircraft was in OUR skies, using OUR airspace and maybe scaring OUR people, and i doubt the relevant UK authorities had any knowledge of it. So, my questions to you are:

- Where can i report what i saw officially? —  
and more importantly, where does the RAF and the air ministry stand on black projects using our airspace, does this not concern any of you? —

If anyone can help me, it would be vastly appreciated.  
Regards

Section 40

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Nottingham  
Nottinghamshire

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

18 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 12 February 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Waddington. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for the 12 February 2008, and they were from London and Buxton in Derbyshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



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# Facsimile Transmission Covering Sheet

Transmission Details		Document Details	
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From: CPL Section 40 RAF WOODHURST	Fax Number: Section 40	Subject: UFO REPORT	
To: DAS	Fax Number: Section 40		
		Total number of pages including this cover sheet	

Authorising Officer	Transmit Operators
Rank Name and Appointment:	Rank/Grade Name and Telephone No: CPL Section 40
Signature:	Signature: Section 40

Please find attached a UFO report.

Covering UFO REPORT

Caveat

Classification UNCLAS

**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT**

1	Date and time of receipt.	14 FEB 1530
2	Date and time of sighting of UFO.	TUES 12 FEB 1830
3	How long did you observe the UFO for?	2 MINS
4	What were the weather conditions during the sighting?	CLEAR
5	Where were you when you observed the UFO?	FIELD AT CALVERTON, NOTTS
6	Did you observe the UFO with the naked eye or any optical device?	NAKED EYE
7	In what direction in relation to you did you observe the UFO? Landmarks would be useful.	N/E E/NE
8	Was the UFO stationary?	STATIONARY
8A	IF NO What direction was the UFO moving in? Again landmarks would be useful.	/
9	Were there any significant objects nearby, for example, Power Lines.	//
10	Were there any other witnesses? (Name and address on back of form)	/
11	Have you informed the civil authorities or the press? IF YES WHOM.	
12	Name and address of informer.	<b>Section 40</b> [REDACTED] CALVERTON NOTTINGHAM <b>Section 40</b> [REDACTED]
13	Any other details we have not covered?	5 x spread out <sup>RED</sup> vlights that disappeared one by one.



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From: **Section 40**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Buxton  
Derbyshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
13 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 12 February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 12 February 2008, and that was from London. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	12 February 2008 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	It was something very strange.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Buxton in Derbyshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	It was clear.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Buxton Derbyshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 <sup>called</sup> said he was like us to get in touch with him and tell him what it could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 February 2008 11.35L



From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

London

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
13 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 12 February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your name, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 12 February 2008, and that was from Buxton in Derbyshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



  
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	12 February 2008 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a craft that had green, red and white lights. It was static in the sky. It was seen for about an hour and a half.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors, opposite the Houses of Parliament, London.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The craft was seen over the Houses of Parliament.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was still and static in the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that there were many aircraft passing the UFO, but it stayed static in the air. He said that he had seen it on Sunday 10 February 2008 too.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 February 2008 11.15L

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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 13 February 2008 14:56  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 11 February 2008, the details of which you passed to the Ministry of Defence by e.mail on the das-ufo office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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 potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 11 February 2008, and that was from Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1  
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Main Building  
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London  
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E-mail – [das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

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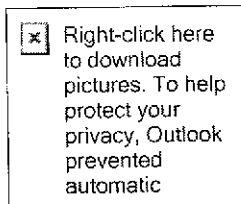
**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 13 February 2008 10:09  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** Strange sitting in the sky 11/02/08

Dear [das-ufo-office@mod.uk](mailto:das-ufo-office@mod.uk)

I would like to report that I saw a very strange sitting in the sky on Monday 11th February 2008. I live in the Walthamstow area and I saw 8 faint orange lights flying in the sky around 7.00pm, which suddenly disappeared when a plane was in its view.

My name is Section 40

Tel: Section 40



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**Section 40**

Huntingdon  
Cambridgeshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

13 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 11 February 2008, and that was from Walthamstow in London. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

**From:** feedback@www.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 12 February 2008 12:53  
**To:** webmaster@dgics.mod.uk  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 12:52:47

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress1: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Huntingdon  
txtstatecountry: UK *Cambridgeshire*  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40 [REDACTED]  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [REDACTED]  
txtincident: 11/02/2008 + - 8.56 pm

txtrequest: A long thick red streak shot across the sky. There was a silver ball of light attached to the front of it. It was rather large and as the ball went over towards Wyton it seemed to get bigger and burst. As I was driving at the time this gave me rather a scare and I nearly drove off the road. My daughter was with me in the car and she also saw it. What was it.?

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No reply,  
as full  
address not  
given.

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### REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Helston Cornwall Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 February 2008 10.45L



From: **Section 40**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Hexham  
Northumberland

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 23 November 2007, the details of which you passed to the Ministry of Defence by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a UFO sighting for the 23 November 2007 and that was from Bottesford in Lincolnshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 11 February 2008 13:20  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
Sent: 11 February 2008 11:38  
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 11:37:49

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Hexham  
txtstatecountry: Northumberland  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 8.30 pm 23.11.07

txtrequest: Having read The Telegraph's article on UFOs on 9.2.08, here is one more statistic for your collection: Whilst walking my dog near my home on a dark night, no moon, a very bright light was shone through a dark cloud directly above me. Where it hit the ground, the circle of light rapidly spread outwards across the floor of the valley and towards me. I stopped and followed the light beam looking upwards and saw a 'square-shaped' light shining through a 'hole' in the cloud. As my eyes focussed on this, the light went out, everything was black, no sound of helicopter engines or anything else. The cloud remained. It was not unnerving at the time, only intriguing.

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From: **Section 40**  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Thorney Island  
Emsworth

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from Thorney Island so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.


Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were 20 – 30 bright orange lights moving from South to the North at a 45% angle. There was no noise or any vapour trails. 
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over the Military Base on Thorney Island in West Sussex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving quite slowly, and against the wind. They then seemed to fan out as they moved. Then other lights seem to appear and follow too!
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Thorney Island Emsworth</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Yes, as a friend rang Section 40 and told him to look out of the window. Plus, other people saw the lights on the Military Base.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the sighting was definitely not a meteor shower or a satellite, as he has seen these before. He certainly didn't know what these lights were. He also informed the Police. They didn't seem to be that interested. Thought then that he had better report it to us.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	11 February 2008 10.30L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Swindon  
 Wiltshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

11 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 9 February 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your name or address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 9 February 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	9 February 2008 22.40L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were 10 - 20 bright orange lights, that were manovering across the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were going over the Village – Ashton Keynes in Wiltshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving quite slowly.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	It was a clear night.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Swindon Wiltshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 said that about four neighbours told her that they had seen the lights too.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she had never seen anything like it before, and to let her know what the lights could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	11 February 2008 10.20L



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Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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**Section 40**

Cardiff  
South Wales

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
5 February 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in December 2007, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Llanishan, Cardiff in December 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 04 February 2008 17:41  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]  
Sent: 04 February 2008 17:49  
To: webmaster@dgcics.mod.uk  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 17:48:55

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Cardiff *South Glamorgan*  
txtstatecountry: Wales UK  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: Wales  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: Sometime after Christmas 2007

txtrequest: I know this is going to sound stupid but sometime after Christmas December 2007. Long story short. When I smoke I normally go out the back garden it was early evening at the time, clouds were broken and seemed low in the sky etc. Looking up into a northern direction I seen what I thought was, well to say the least a very low flying metour very odd shape like to boater hats glued together. I went inside mentioned to my son 'I just seen a 'very odd' metour. Ok because I don't see UFO's in daily life my mind 'filed' it as a metour. About two weeks later I noticed in the local evening paper that there were some UFO sighting over Wales, so now I think it must have been a UFO. As stated it was like two boater hats glued together (But the rim was not as large. This object was opaque white but the contours were a very bright white. It was heading hell for leather in a east west direction and going by the broken cloud that night was very low in the sky. Judging buy the low cloud and what I perceived from my point of view of distance this object was to say the least huge! It also had what I would say was some sort of vapour trail (Short & White) which disappeared as soon as the object when into the cloud. By ! the way I know it was around Christmas time and no I had not been drinking nor had taken any drugs. I'm just wondering if around that time if there was something on radar and if you could inform me because i would like to know if I'm losing my mind. P.S. If it were a metour flying that low it would have crashed into the ground making headlines in the news media.



No reply, as  
address not  
given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A suspected sighting of a UFO. The witness said it looked like a strange light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was seen over Little Hampton going towards Shoreham. -west Sussex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Sussex Police, but the man did not give them his address. They then left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Sussex
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> just left Sussex Police his number and said could they get someone from DAS to ring him back. I didn't get the number, as we don't ring members of the public back to discuss UFO sightings.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 February 2008 10.45L



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 (Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Chester  
 Cheshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
 D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
 31 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in January 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Chester in Cheshire, so far 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**


1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Section 40 said it was an unusual sighting.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Chester in Cheshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Chester Cheshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he would like us to get in contact with him.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	31 January 2008 10.50L

No reply  
as address  
not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	30 January 2008 19.15L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two strange beams of light. They were very bright.  
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Darley Moor in Derbyshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were hovering above some trees.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Derbyshire Police who then left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Female, but didn't give any details of name or address.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The witness then said the lights moved towards the borders of Staffordshire over an area called Mayfield.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	31 January 2008 10.45L

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From: **Section 40**  
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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Bridport  
Dorset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
28 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 23 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 23 December 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 December 2007 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An object hovered for a while. Was silent. It shone a light down 30ft away from where the witness was standing. It was then difficult to focus on, as it looked like a blurred light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, but didn't say where.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen near the witnesses house in Bridport in Dorset.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Was 30ft away from the witness.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It hovered for a while and then moved slowly across the sky and disappeared.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Bridport Dorset Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 would like us telephone him and explain what the object could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 January 2008 11.50L

No reply as full address not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	25 <del>December</del> 2007 (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Falmouth Bay in Cornwall.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Devon and Cornwall police were informed and so were the MOD police at Culdrose. The MOD police left the message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Falmouth Bay Cornwall
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 January 2008 11.15L

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**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

Burgess Hill  
West Sussex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
28 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in January 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ I apologise if I have misspelt part of your address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from Burgess Hill in West Sussex so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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## REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(No date given). 21.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Fourteen orange lights came through the sky in two's and then disappeared.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors in the back garden in the hot tub.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. <span style="background-color: black; color: red;">Section 40</span> took video footage and photographs.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Burgess Hill in West Sussex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Burgess Hill West Sussex</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Her husband and son who were outside in the hot tub with her.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] said that we should let her know if we require the video tape or the photographs that she took of the lights.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 January 2008 10.30L



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**Section 40**

Watchet  
Somerset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
21 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in January 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings from Watchet in Somerset so far for 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen sometime in January). (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an object in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Watchet in Somerset.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Watchet Somerset Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 thought he would ring and report the sighting to the MOD.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	21 January 2008 10.55L

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**Section 40**

Rothwell  
Northants

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
21 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, that you and your neighbours saw on the 1 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

You will know our policy on UFOs due to my previous letter dated the 4 December 2007.

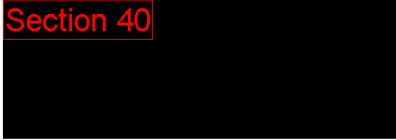
With regard to this particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 1 December 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

The sighting will be noted and your letter placed on our files.

Finally, sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	1 December 2007 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A circular ship with a set of white, round lights.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside in the back garden.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Rothwell in Northants.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving across the sky, spinning and rotating clockwise.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Rothwell Northants Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	About four neighbours saw the object too, and mentioned it to Section 40 other people then mentioned that they had seen the object too and at other times of the year.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that this object is like the ones that are seen in North America all the time. That all the neighbours told him of the sighting as they didn't want to leave a message on the DAS answerphone themselves.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	21 January 2008 10.45L

No reply, as address not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 December 2007 17.45L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orange object was seen going across the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	Not given.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance and 200 ft up in the sky.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was going at the speed of a light plane.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Said Mr and then didn't give his name or address.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	The witness said that there were about 30 other witnesses.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Thought that he had better inform the MOD of his sighting and because so many other people had seen it.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	18 January 2008 10.50L



No reply as full address not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen in January 2008). 07.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A bright light was seen. While moving in a West Easterly direction it started to change shape.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was moving in a West Easterly direction across Beccles in Suffolk and then started to move across the Suffolk borders.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The light was on a constant course moving across the sky, but the speed was not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Beccles Suffolk</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40 rang the police and informed them of the sighting and then rang DAS answerphone to inform of us the sighting, as she thought we should know. Section 40 said that she couldn't see if the light was a plane or anything else, just said that it seemed to be changing shape as it moved across the sky. Wants us to check out her sighting to see if there is any significance.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	16 January 2008 10.45L

No reply,  
as full address  
not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Cardiff West Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	10 January 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Chorley  
Lancashire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

9 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 8 January 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 8 January 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	8 January 2008 22.24L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A triangular shaped object. Was an orange colour.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving towards Chorley in Lancashire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving across the sky quite fast.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Chorley Lancashire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	His wife.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that this object was not a normal passenger plane, as it was triangular. Thought he had better let us know that he had seen it, even though it sounds silly.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	9 January 2008 10.45L

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address not given.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen sometime in December). (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Cardiff in West Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Ms, then didn't give name. Cardiff West Glamorgan <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.50L



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**Section 40**

Cardiff  
West Glamorgan

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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

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

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of ‘UFO/flying saucer’ matters 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.

In your answerphone message, you informed us that your dog, and possessions were abducted. Abduction, kidnap and theft are criminal offences and therefore would be a matter for the civilian Police, not the MOD.

Finally, with regard to your particular observation, I can’t confirm whether we received any other ‘UFO’ sightings on the day you saw the ‘UFO’, as you did not forward this office on the answerphone, a specific date or time of the sighting.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen in sometime in 2007). (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	The witness saw spaceships and then said that one of them abducted his dog, car and tent when he and some friends were out camping.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors, camping around the Cardiff area.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The spaceships were seen over Cardiff in West Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The spaceships were quite near to the witness.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were going quite slow across the sky and then one of them abducted the witnesses dog and possessions.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Cardiff West Glamorgan
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	His friends that were camping with him.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that he would like to tell us more about the spaceships he has seen and more about his ordeal. He did not state whether he got <del>them</del> back what was taken.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.20L



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**Section 40**

Cardiff  
West Glamorgan

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Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Whitchurch in West Glamorgan in December 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen in December 2007). (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Whitchurch in West Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Cardiff West Glamorgan Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said could we get back to her to let her know what the object could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.15L



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**Section 40**

Pontypridd  
Mid-Glamorgan

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in November 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname or your address in any way. The answerphone can be hard to understand.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for Pontypridd in Mid-Glamorgan in November 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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## REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen in November 2007). 23.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An object, which had all these different lights. When the lights flashed they looked like they were different shapes. Then both ends of the object started to flash.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Pontypridd in Mid-Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was flying across the sky, but the witness didn't say how fast it was moving.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Pontypridd Mid-Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the object was there for quite a few minutes. It kept flashing all the time.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.05L

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**Section 40**  
[Redacted]  
Cardiff  
West Glamorgan  
**Section 40**

Your Reference:  
  
Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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.

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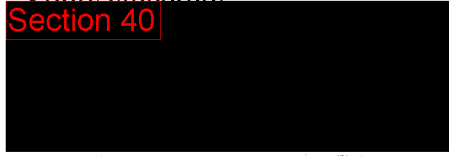
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for Pontrennau in West Glamorgan in December 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Seen in December 2007). (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen flying over Pontrennau, Cardiff in West Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The UFO was flying across the sky, didn't say at what sort of speed.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Cardiff West Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 just said that he wanted us to get back to him about his sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Raurdean Woodside  
Gloucestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
3 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to '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' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 25 December 2007, and that was from Kettering from Northamptonshire. I have enquired as to if there was any low flying military activity on the 25 December 2007 and have been informed that there was not. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	25 December 2007 (No time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Three round things went across the sky and then one stopped and then the other two then stopped and waited for it.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen over Raurdaen Woodside in Gloucestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving across the sky, but the witness didn't say how fast they were going.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Raurdean Woodside Gloucestershire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 would like to know if there was any military activity on the day of her sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 10.50L

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**Section 40**

Kettering  
Northants

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 25 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 25 December 2007 and that was from Raurdean Woodside in Gloucestershire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	25 December 2007 19.20L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A brilliant, yellow light. There was no sound.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was seen travelling from West to East over Kettering in Northamptonshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The light was travelling faster than an aircraft, but slower than a shooting star. It kept on a constant course.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Kettering Northants Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that this light/object was definitely not man made. He found it strange, that it made no noise at all. Was totally silent as it crossed across the sky.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 10.35L



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**Section 40**

Thetford  
Norfolk

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Thetford in Norfolk in December 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Thetford Norfolk Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 10.30L



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**Section 40**

Newport  
South Glamorgan

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
4 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in July 1954 the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.' Sorry if I have misspelt your address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, we do not keep records as far back as 1954, so I can not check to see if there were any other reports matching your particular sighting report.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	July 1954 11.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A black circle was seen in the sky and then when it turned sideways, it looked like a silver flying saucer.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness just said outdoors.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Newport in South Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was moving across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Newport South Glamorgan
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he has seen a few strange objects in his time, and that this was definitely a UFO. Said we could ring him, if we wanted more information.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	3 January 2008 11.55L

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**Section 40**  
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Havant  
Hants

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
19 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 20 October 2007, the details of which you passed to DAS by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘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’ 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 20 October 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, if Mr Hubrecht wishes to communicate with the MOD, he can write to us on the above address.

Sorry I could not be any help.



Yours sincerely

Section 40

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, with the text "Section 40" written in red at the top left corner of the box.

Section 40

Havant, Hants

Tel: Section 40

12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you in regards to an unusual aerial observation that I witnessed on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 12.10 pm above my fathers home, which is situated on the outskirts of Portsmouth below portdown hill. Just after midday at 12.10 pm I observed from my fathers back garden an unusual oval / spherical shaped object that appeared to cross the flight path of a commercial aircraft, narrowly missing it, as the oval / spherical object approached the aircraft it appeared to accelerate very fast, in doing so it appeared to wobble from side to side as it passed directly in front of the commercial aircraft narrowly avoiding a collision, I briefly watched the object move off to the east before deciding to rush back in to my fathers home to retrieve my camcorder, but unfortunately when I returned to the garden the object was no longer visible, (see drawing enclosed, Attachment 1) However within 2 minutes I sighted & managed to film on my camcorder another object in the sky roughly in the same vicinity as the previous occurrence that I couldn't identify (see pictures enclosed, Attachment 2) the object remained virtually stationary throughout the duration of 10 minutes until it finally disappeared in to the clouds.

Mr Alain Hubrecht who is a Belgium national and a "NATO expert in peace support operations and critical infrastructure protection" wrote on my behalf to Airprox concerning this incident, Airprox passed on the information to the CAA (see enclosed; Mr Hubrecht's initial request to Airprox (Attachment 3) and the CAA's reply back to Mr Hubrecht concerning the radar data, Attachment 4). Mr Hubrecht has asked if he could communicate with you directly concerning this incident,

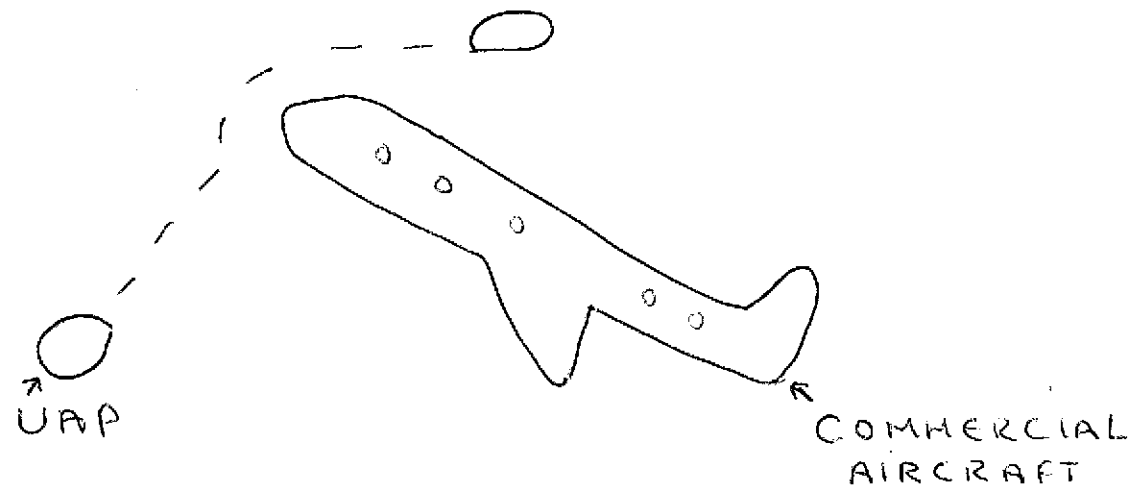
Is this possible?

I would be grateful for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007  
PORTSDOWN HILL  
PORTSMOUTH



UAP CROSSES PATH OF PLANE  
AT 12.10 PM, PLANE MOVING  
FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, UAP  
MOVING WEST TO EAST.

20 10 2007  
12:12:53

20 10 2007  
12:13:39

close up

20 10 2007  
12:14:22

20 10 2007  
12:13:05

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 27 October 2007 17:05  
**To:** info@airproxboard.org.uk  
**Subject:** Info request on Airprox



Dear Sir,  
As a NATO expert in Peace Support Operations and Homeland Security, I'd like to request information about an Airprox that was observed last Saturday October 20, 2007, at 12:10 PM. The incident happened over the Paulsgrove area of Portsmouth, just before reaching Portsdown Hill.

One airplane was fairly high in the sky, coming from South and going North, when just close to this position, another object (UAP – UFO?) did cross his trajectory moving from west to east. The object appeared to be a third of the size of the airplane.

The attached drawing is from Section 40 who witnessed the incidence at his father's home which is situated below Portsdown Hill, close to the radar base.

The drawing shows the avoidance path of the UAP.

Portsdown Hill is indeed the place of a Qinetiq base doing radar researches. Section 40 was able to take a movie a few minutes later of a round object hovering above the hill.

I wonder if we can get radar information (both civil and non-civil radar) about this Airprox, as well as the information coming from the pilot of the airplane if he made an AirProx report.

If you are not able to provide this information, can you forward my request or tell me where to find information about planes trajectories and how to reach the pilots of identified flights?

Thank you,

Section 40

B-1970 Wezembeek-Oppem  
Belgium  
Mobile Section 40  
NATO NIAG Expert

Accredited to interrogate Governmental agencies, Military forces, SHAPE and NATO representative about real or potential civilian threads.  
NATO SECRET level accreditation.

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-----Message d'origine-----

De : Section 40  
Envoyé : jeudi 6 décembre 2007 12:35  
À : [redacted]  
Objet : Your reported observation over Portsmouth Hill

Dear Section 40

We have now reviewed the radar data for the date, time and location given in your email dated 27 October.

There were several airliners in the vicinity, at high altitude, at around 12:10pm that day. There were also numerous light aircraft, not under air traffic control, flying at much lower altitudes in the same area. The light aircraft pilots were providing their own separation from other aircraft by keeping a look out and using the 'see and avoid' principle, which is standard practice in uncontrolled airspace.

Having viewed the radar data, the most likely explanation is that there was an airliner tracking South to North at 25,000ft at 12:10pm. A light aircraft can be seen tracking West to East at this time, close to the lateral path of the airliner but at a much lower altitude. It is not possible to identify the light aircraft or its actual height using the radar information. However, it is possible that these aircraft tracks may have appeared to cross each other, when viewing the aircraft from the ground. It is notoriously difficult to judge horizontal and vertical separation from the ground, as aircraft may be separated by thousands of feet vertically but they appear to be at the same level depending on aircraft size and trajectory.

In the UK it is a legal requirement that, in respect of commercial air transport operations, an Airprox report is filed, by a pilot and/or an air traffic controller, within four days. This time has elapsed and I can confirm that we have not received a report corresponding to the details which you have provided - either from the air traffic controller or the pilot of the airliner. On this basis, there is no further action to be taken by the CAA.

With regard to the possibility of an Unidentified Flying Object, I would suggest contacting the Ministry of Defence at the following address in case they have received any other reports relating to this observation:

UFO Reports  
Ministry of Defence  
SEC (AS2), Room 8247  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB



Yours sincerely

Section 40  
Head of Safety Data Unit  
CAA

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From: Section 40

Sent: 18 December 2007 15:03

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 December 2007, the details of which you e-mailed to the DAS-UFO-office e-mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 December 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Ministry of Defence  
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1  
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London  
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E-mail - das-ufo-office@mod.uk

18/12/2007



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 17 December 2007 16:18

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Hello

I read in the Sunderland Echo of possible UFO sightings over Sunderland and Seaham on Saturday 15 December 2007. I also saw these lights in the sky at approximately 2045 hours. If you would like any further information from me please get in touch.

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**  
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Silloth  
Cumbria **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
17 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for Beckfoot, Cumbria in 2007. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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## REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(No date or time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A definite UFO. It was an elongated, amber object. Then as the object sped up, it changed to white in colour and then became very bright.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Beckfoot in Cumbria.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving quite slowly when it was first seen, then after a few seconds, it sped up and the colour changed on it.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Silloth Cumbria Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the object was definitely not a human craft. It was a definite UFO. No human aircraft could change colour as the object had done.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 December 2007 10.30L

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**  
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Aberdeen  
Aberdeenshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
14 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 12 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 12 December 2007 and that was from Solihull in the West Midlands. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	12 December 2007 18.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were lights in the sky, and then they formed into two triangle formations. They were very bright and there was no noise. There was a smaller light on each end of the two triangles.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving over Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The lights were moving quite slowly across the sky. The two groups of lights then broke up and moved in separate directions.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The witness said that a <b>Section 40</b> ? gave her our DAS answerphone number to ring.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Aberdeen Aberdeenshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that the lights were definitely not on aircraft. There was a helicopter and normal aircraft in the vicinity and the lights looked nothing like them. Plus, over a certain distance, the two sets of lights in the triangle shapes broke up and went in separate directions.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 December 2007 10.40L



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**Section 40**

Solihull  
West Midlands

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

13 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 12 December 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	12 December 2007 (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A giant craft that shone a light into the witnesses back window.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Indoors in the back room and then out in the garden to look at the craft, to see if he could work out what it could be.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and then binoculars.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The craft was seen over the witnesses garden at first, in Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands. Then the craft moved away in the direction of Gloucester.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite close to the witnesses garden.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The craft shot off fast at first to the North East and then started to move at a slow pace.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Section 40 ang another section in the MOD, who then in turn informed him of the DAS answerphone number.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Solihull West Midlands Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the craft stayed for some time shining a white light into his back window, and was as clear as day. He went into his back garden to see if it was a police helicopter, but it wasn't. He said he was very shook up and frightened by the whole incident. Would like us to ring him back to explain what the object could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 December 2007 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Haywards Heath  
West Sussex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
12 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 11 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’ Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone message was hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 11 December 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

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Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	11 December 2007 (Late in the evening).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a stationary object in the sky. It looked like the shape of a diagonal cross on a Scottish flag.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside in the garden, right next to the railway line.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen to the South East over the railway line in Haywards Heath, West Sussex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object looked to be stationary.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	It was clear and cold.



9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Haywards Heath West Sussex Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that it was strange and would like to know what the object was. Could we ring him back to explain this, as he would like an explanation.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	12 December 2007 10.45L

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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**  
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Norwich  
Norfolk

**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your e.mail to Des Browne, the Secretary of State for Defence, regarding your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on the 21 November 2007. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we have the responsibility for this subject.

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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 21 November 2007 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**  
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To07327 2007 - 20071211114100 - 5 - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk  
Sent: 07 December 2007 23:47  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, December 7, 2007 at 23:46:39

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [REDACTED]

txtsubject: UFO Sighting

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: [REDACTED]

txttowncity: Norwich

txtstatecountry: Norfolk

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40



txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: I had no idea who to report this to and so called the Police in Norfolk. The young woman I spoke to seemed to think it was a bit of a laugh although I explained to her that I was a Norfolk County Councillor and wouldn't have reported a UFO sighting unless I had actually witnessed it. She gave me a reference number - 705. As I have heard nothing from the Police since I thought it better to do an internet search to find out who I should report it to. The MoD came up as having accepted sightings in the past and so I found this page to contact you.

It happened on the 21st November 2007 at 7.16pm. I live on the eastern edge of Norwich and was standing in front of my garage watching stars. (I'm interested in astronomy.) I was looking to the SSW and slightly to the left of a small star I had seen came a flash of white light. It wasn't like a star as there were no flares / radiant lines coming from it. To describe it correctly you have to imagine a white ball that has a light that flashes once inside it. The whole ball lights up. It was like that and lasted for about half a second. The flash was larger than any star or planet in the sky. Probably twice the size of the current view of Mars. Immediately afterwards, what appeared to be a really tiny star moved rapidly to the WNW much faster than any aircraft or satellite I had ever seen. (We see many military aircraft around here.) If it was outside the atmosphere, it would have been moving at many thousands of miles per hour. If it was high within the atmosphere, the speed would have been in the region of 5000+ mph. Although surprised, I was shocked when it suddenly changed direction to the WSW without turning. It simply changed direction probably 60 to 70 degrees. No turn whatsoever. It then got lower in the sky (curvature of the earth) as it sped away from me until it was lost from sight.

Perhaps someone else has reported this. I couldn't possibly be the only one.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 11 December 2007 11:43  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO07327/2007  
**Attachments:** TO07327 2007 - 20071211114100 - **Section 40**

Over to you....

**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 11 December 2007 11:42  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
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### TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO07327/2007  
**Due Date:** 09 January 2008  
**Correspondent:** **Section 40**  
**Additional Advice:**

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.

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Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

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**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

Warrington  
Cheshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
10 December 2007

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 9 December 2007, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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Yours sincerely

**Section 40**  
[Redacted]

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	9 December 2007 21.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	At first sight, the object looked like a big, stationary, flying saucer. Then as the car drove past it from another angle, it looked like two perfectly formed triangles. They were very symmetrical. They both had what looked like halogen lights on them, which were white lights with a tinge of red and green in them and were very bright. The lights were shimmering.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	In a car driving Eastward on the M56 past Altrincham towards Warrington, Cheshire.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	On the M56 driving Eastwards towards Warrington, past Junction 6.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Seemed quite near to the motorway.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object/objects were stationary.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	A bit rainy and murky.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Warrington Cheshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	No others in the car. But Section 40 said that other cars slowed down to take a look, so there must have been quite a few other witnesses.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said they could have been satellites, but then changed her mind, because they tend to drift across the sky and these objects were stationary. Plus, the lights on the objects were no ordinary lights. They were definitely not planes either. Section 40 also informed the Police of her sighting, but they didn't have much to say.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	10 December 2007 11.30L



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**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 10 December 2007 11:35  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 December 2007, the details of which you forwarded to the das-ufo-office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

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10/12/2007

Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office  
Sent: 10 December 2007 10:20  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: sighting

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

From: Section 40  
Sent: 08 December 2007 22:32  
To: DAS-UFO-Office  
Subject: sighting

location : Bryn, south wales

travelling between Maesteg to Port Talbot Via Bryn

Witnesses,

Section 40

Description.

Two clusters of amber/Orange and white lights in triangular formations heading from the se to nw from Margam direction heading towards Neath/Afan valley - *West Glamorgan*

These lights made no noise and went from an apparent static position with one cluster of lights above the other to a parallel formation level horizontally and travelled very slowly in a north westerly direction. There was no engine noise at all and the objects moved in an unusual manner like a feather or a cork bobbing on water. The event was witnessed by 5 members of my family including myself. The object/s were seemingly quite low as i drove underneath them before pulling my car over to the side of the road to observe the objects.



6/12/07 - (E1)

Credible Witness

Sent up to GT UK ops

waiting

comput

waiting - back

Then file + log - check -  
old database

(Put on both ~~checked~~)  
Never heard back from  
GT UK ops



No reply  
as no address.

## Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Reports

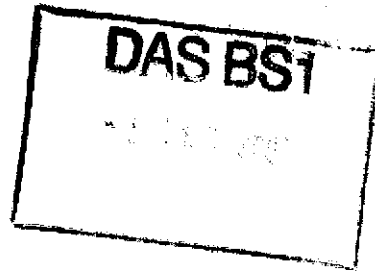
Report of Unidentified Flying Object	
Date	1/12/2007
Time	11:40
Sighting Duration	
Description of Object	Balloon Like
Exact Position of Observer	10 SW SOMAX
How Object was Observed	COCKPIT KLM1060
Direction in which Object was First Seen	
Angular Elevation of Object	
Distance of Object from Observer	
Movement of Object	
Meteorological Conditions During Observations	
Nearby Objects	
To Whom Reported	CONTROLLER
Name of Informant	
Address of Informant	
Background Information on Informant that may be Volunteered	
Other Witnesses	



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Date of Receipt of Report	1/12/07	
Time of Receipt of Report	12:00	
	Actions	Time
	Complete report of UFO with as many details as possible and send to FOI1	
	Telephone details immediately and leave a message on 0207 218 2140.	



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