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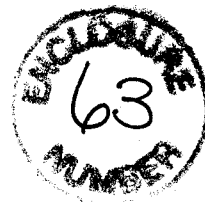
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	26 November 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was flying through the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was in Bitten Lane in Cheadle in Staffordshire.
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 Bitten Lane in Cheadle in Staffordshire.
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 Staffordshire Police, who in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon Section 40 Stoke on Trent Staffordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	27 November 2008 10.45L

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full address  
not given.



**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.)	Eight UFOs shaped like arrow heads were seen in the sky. They were orange/reddish in colour. 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 UFOs were seen flying over Ladbroke Grove moving towards Holland Park in London.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	They were quite high up in the sky.
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 Kensington and Chelsea Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon Section 40 London Section 40 Kensington Police did not pass the details across.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	26 November 2008 11.00L





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



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**Section 40**

Leeds  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
26 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 12 November 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Leeming. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 12 November 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 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT**

1. Date, time and duration of sighting	12 Nov 08. First sighting was at 17:23 and the event continued for 10 to 15 minutes.
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	Looked like Chinese lanterns – orange in colour and looked like the silhouette of a hot air balloon flame. Very bright but no noise noticed.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors / outdoors, stationary / moving)	They were driving in a van through the village of Carlton, near Rothwell. They stopped to take 2 x photographs
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Viewed by naked eye at first – then static photographs taken.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	Moved generally in a South-Eastern direction.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Approximately 50 degrees from the horizontal.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Unknown.
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Moving in random patterns for the sighting but finally formed up in a single line and moved off into the clouds.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Cold relatively clear night with a full bright moon but some clouds in the sky.
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting).	Street lighting in the surrounding villages and towns – an urban area with Rothwell nearby.
11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Reported to the press (Yorkshire TV - <b>Section 40</b> ) and photos provided to him. Also reported to the Police on the evening of sighting.
12. Name and address of informant.	<b>Section 40</b> Leeds <b>Section 40</b>
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered.	None given
14. Other witnesses.	One other person in the van who took the photos.
15. Date and time of receipt.	13 Nov 08 at 1630L

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16. Any unusual meteorological conditions.	Nil (meteorological conditions as per Question 9)
17. Remarks.	Objects moved very fast and were extremely manoeuvrable. Aircraft were seen in the same area (but at a greater height) at the beginning of the sighting. These aircraft then left immediately but one aircraft returned 5 or 10 minutes later.

**Section 40** would like a written response as to an explanation of this sighting to put his mind at rest.

Report taken by:

**Section 40**

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RAF Leeming

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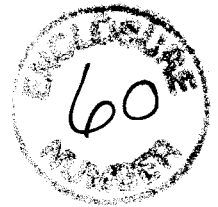
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**Section 40**

Gravesend  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
25 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Poole in Kent so far for November 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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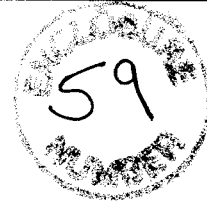
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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 flew across the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, in Poole in Kent.
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 moving over Poole 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)	The sighting was reported to Kent Police who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Gravesend Kent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	25 November 2008 11.00L

No reply,  
as address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	22 November 2008 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 the South coast of Jersey in the Channel Islands.
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)	Jersey Air traffic control, who then in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon  Jersey Channel Islands  The name and address of the witness was not passed on to Air Traffic Control.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	24 November 2008 10.45L

No reply as  
full address  
not given.



**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 moving over Wellingborough in Northamptonshire.
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 Section 40 Wellingborough Northamptonshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said could we get back to him, regarding his sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 November 2008 11.15L



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**Section 40**

Redditch  
Worcestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
20 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Redditch in Worcestershire, so far for November 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**



## 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.)	Something that looked like a helicopter spotlight was 500/600ft high in the sky. Looked like there was a fire beneath the craft. There was no engine noise at all.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was at his work premises.
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 Redditch in Worcestershire.
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 at about 60-80 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>	Section 40 Redditch Worcestershire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 thought he had seen a helicopter at first, but then he realised that there was no engine noise. Plus, as the object moved nearer, he could see that on the underbelly, there was like a mini fire!
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 November 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Wareham  
Dorset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
20 November 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 for Wareham in Dorset so far for November 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 not given). 20.18L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A pretty 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 moving over East Stoke, Wareham in Dorset.
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 Wareham Dorset Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 would like someone to get back to her to explain what she could have seen.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 November 2008 10.30L



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**Section 40**

Keighley  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
18 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 16 November 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 16 November 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.)	16 November 2008 18.55L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two objects 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.
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 moving over Keighley 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)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Keighley West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said could we get back to her about her sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 November 2008 15.30L



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**Section 40**

Henley-on-Thames  
Oxfordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
13 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 November 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 7 November 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 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 13 November 2008 07:32  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 12 November 2008 22:13  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Henley-on-Thames  
txtstatecountry: Oxfordshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 19:30, Fri 07 Nov 2008  
txtrequest: Whilst at Twyford train station I witnessed what I believe to be a UFO. I was looking up into the night sky, facing in a southerly direction when a flicker of lights caught my attention. At first I thought it was a plane but then it seemed to jump some considerable distance around the night sky, moving from one point to another almost instantaneously several times. At roughly the same time a plane did come across the horizon from the west and it was obvious from the speed it was moving, the pattern of the lights and their dullness that the other object was not a plane. Forgive the cliché but the pattern of the lights was similar to the scrolling effect of the lights on the ship in Close Encounters. It seemed to scroll from one side to another - 000000, o00000, oo0000, ooo000, ooooo0o, ooooo0 and reversed. If they had been the signal lights on a plane they would have been spaced farther apart - these seemed almost next to one another.



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

Folkestone  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
13 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in November 2008, the details of which you passed to the Kent Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFO’s.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for Folkestone in Kent so far for November 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 lights in the sky that were circling in front of the witnesses' house. They were in a half moon 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 objects were seen in front of the witnesses' house and then moving across the sky above Folkestone in Kent.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite close, and then moved quite far away.
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 Kent Police, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Folkestone Kent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 daughter saw the lights too.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said the lights were strange, they circled for half an hour and then moved away.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 November 2008 11.20L



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**Section 40**

Dover  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
13 November 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 for Dover in Kent so far for November 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

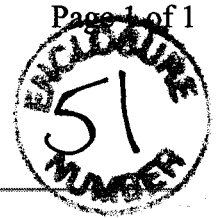
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 19.15L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were half a dozen glowing lights. They were an orange fire colour and were globular. They were silent.
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. Plus, <b>Section 40</b> also caught the lights on his camera phone, but you can not see them clearly.
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 flying over the South of Dover 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)	They were moving across the sky at the speed of a helicopter.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	There was some low white cloud in the sky.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Kent police were contacted and then a message was left on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Dover Kent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	His partner and his Step-daughter saw the lights too.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said at first, he thought the lights were helicopters, but then the lights would have been more white, (he is ex-military), but these lights were glowing a firey orange colour and were too silent.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	13 November 2008 11.05L



Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 13 November 2008 15:45  
**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 in 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 'UFO's.

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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

To: INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office  
Subject: Research Enquiry

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: I was wondering how UFO sighting information is recorded? I think I have one.. A couple of us in Todmorden, West Yorkshire saw one yellowy light moving across the sky, above our heads for part of the time this evening. At first I thought it was a firework or a flare as it seemed to be moving vertically from the valley floor, but then continued to moved across the sky more like a plane would higher in the sky. Very round, totally silent.





Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 13 November 2008 14:47

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 25 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 three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 25 December 2007, and they were from Falmouth Bay in Cornwall, Kettering in Northamptonshire and Raurdeen 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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13/11/2008

and auditing.

---Original Message-----

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]

Sent: 05 November 2008 14:37

To: INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office

Subject: Research Enquiry

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: I have just been alerted to the fact that the MOD keeps a log of reported "UFO" sightings. I, with others, saw an object in the sky in Wiltshire on 25th Dec 2007 and took photos . I thought it might be worth reporting this but I do not know where to report on your website. Perhaps you could let me know.

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**Section 40**

Burnham on Sea  
Somerset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in November 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 'UFO's. I apologise 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 Burnham on Sea in Somerset so far for November 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 Burnham on Sea, 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)	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] Burnham on Sea Somerset Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	7 November 2008 16.00L





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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Rainham  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 November 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 6 November 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**

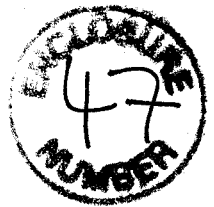
1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	6 November 2008 20.10L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO, that looked like a yellowy light. There was no sound.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (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 object was seen moving over Rainham in Kent.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was quite near and fairly low down in the sky.
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 Rainham Kent Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said could we get back to her about her sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	7 November 2008 16.30L



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**Section 40**

Somerton  
Somerset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
6 November 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 November 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD Police at Yeovilton, Somerset. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 4 November 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.)	4 November 2008 17.40L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	The object was cigar shaped, was about eighty ft long and about thirty ft tall. It was orange in colour and looked illuminated. It had a rear, bright white light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, 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 moving over Somerton in Somerset.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was about 400ft away.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was moving across the sky, it then made a sharp right turn and then disappeared.
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 PC <b>Section 40</b> <b>Section 40</b> Police at the Royal Naval Air Base, Yeovilton. Who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone, asking to be called back for the details of the sighting.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> [Redacted] Somerton Somerset <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Other people in the area had seen something similar a few days before. They had made reports to the Naval Base.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	6 November 2008 12.30L

No reply  
as full  
address not  
given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 21.20L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Three bright single lights. 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 lights were moving over Brandiston, Norwich in Norfolk.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	They were running in a line moving towards Coltishall, Norfolk.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They hovered for a short while.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Norwich Norfolk Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 husband.
12.	Remarks.	At first, Section 40 thought the lights could be planets. Said that they were definitely not fireworks, aircraft or anything like that. Section 40 said that these lights were very, very bright.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	4 November 2008. 11.35L





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**Section 40**

Bucknell  
Shropshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 November 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 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname 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 Bedstone in Shropshire 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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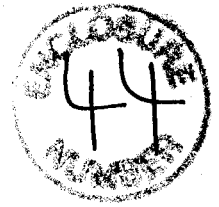
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). Midnight.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an orange light coming over the hills. Another two approached. Then there were eight orange lights in formation. There was no noise at all.
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 Bedstone moving towards Bishop's Castle in Shropshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The lights were quite far in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving at the speed of helicopters.
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 Bucknell Shropshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 wife saw the lights too.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the lights were there for ten minutes, before they disappeared. He couldn't determine the height.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 November 2008 10.55L



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**Section 40**

Wakefield  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
31 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 October 2008, the details of which you passed to Manchester ATC. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 October 2008, and that was from Dumfries in Dumfriesshire in Scotland. 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.)	30 October 2008 18.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an orange object in the sky and it was the size of an aircraft.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was outdoors and stationary.
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 flying over Wakefield moving in the direction of Barnsley, in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was about twenty miles away.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It climbed into the sky very fast, and then disappeared.
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 the West Yorkshire Police, then Manchester ATC, who then left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Wakefield West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	A neighbour who lives nearby.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	31 October 2008 11.00L

**Report Of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT**

Report ID 34965

**MATS PART 1**

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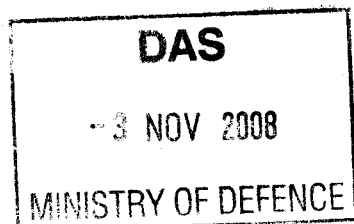
- A Date, Time and Duration of Sighting** - Local times to be quoted.  
Sighting Occurred on 30/10/2008 at 18:30 for N/A Hrs N/A Mins 35 Secs
- B Description of Object** - Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc.  
Orange object. About the size of an a/c
- C Exact Position of Observer** - Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving.  
Place: Wakefield, Outdoors, Stationary
- D How Observed** - Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera.  
eye
- E Direction in which Object was First Seen** - A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing.  
Towards Wakefield /Barnsley
- F Angular Elevation of Object** - Estimated heights are unreliable.  
N/A
- G Distance of Object from Observer** - By reference to a known landmark wherever possible.  
20 Nautical miles
- H Movements of Object** - Change in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed.  
climber very fast then disappeared
- J Meteorological Conditions During Observations** - Moving cloud, haze, mist, etc.  
clear weather no wind no rain
- K Nearby Objects** - Telephone or high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields, generating plant; factories; pits or other sites with floodlights or other lighting.  
N/A
- L To Whom Reported** - Police, military organisation, the press, etc.  
West Yorkshire Police
- M Name and Address of Informant**  
Section 40 Wakefield, Yorkshire
- N Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered**  
N/A
- O Other Witnesses**  
Neighbour at No Section 40
- P Date and Time of Receipt of Report**  
Report Received on 30/10/2008 at 20:16

The details are to be telephoned immediately to AIS (Military), LTCC on Section 40

The completed form report is to be sent by the originating air traffic service unit to the Ministry of Defence Sec (AS), RAF Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

Air Ministry Report Line: 020-7218-2140

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Dumfries  
Dumfriesshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
31 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 30 October 2008, the details of which you passed to the Dumfries and Galloway Police, and Scottish ATC. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Yours sincerely

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### Facsimile Transmission Cover Sheet

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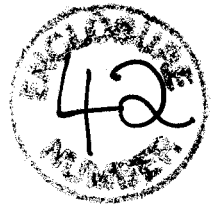


1	Date, time and duration of sighting	30 OCTOBER 2008 2035
2	Description of object	TWO LIGHTS MOVING TOWARDS EACH OTHER THEN MERGED AND DISAPPEARED THEN RE APPEARED APART
3	Exact position of observation	DUMFRIES AT HOME ADDRESS - SEE BELOW
4	How observed	NAKED EYE
5	Direction in which object first seen	SOUTH WEST
6	Angular elevation of object	UNKNOWN
7	Distance of object from observer	UNKNOWN
8	Movements of object	TOWARDS EACH OTHER - MERGED THEN DISAPPEARED
9	Weather conditions	DRY - SOME CLOUD
10	Nearby objects	HOUSES
11	To whom else reported	DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY POLICE
12	Name and address of informant	Section 40 [REDACTED] TEL Section 40 [REDACTED] Dumfriesshire Dumfries A Section 40 [REDACTED]
13	Any volunteered personal information	—
14	Any other witnesses	NONE
15	DTG of report	30203510

Report of UFO Checklist



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**Section 40**

Wrexham  
Clwyd

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
30 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 29 October 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 'UFO's. I apologise if I have spelt any part of your address or name wrong. The answerphone can be hard to understand.

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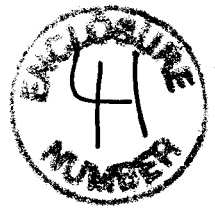
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	29 October 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	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. The witness son also caught, and filmed the object on his mobile phone.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was moving over Erbistock in Wrexham, Clwyd.
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 Wrexham Police and then on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Wrexham Clwyd Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 son.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he told the local police of his sighting and then decided to report it to us. Says his son has footage on his mobile phone, and if we require it, should ring him on his home phone and he will send it to us. He said that the sighting was very unusual.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	30 October 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Snetterton  
Norfolk

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
28 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 October 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Mildenhall. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 27 October 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 RAF/CC and 100OSS/CC immediately on completion

## 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 DAS(LA) C&E	<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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LFA:	<input type="text"/>	Previous Complaint:	<input type="text"/>		
NS:	<input type="text"/>	Serial No:	<input type="text"/>	File Ref:	<input type="text"/>

## SECTION 2: DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT

Title:	Section 40	
Surname:	Section 40	
Forename(s):	<input type="text"/>	
Address:	Section 40	
Town/City:	SNETTERTON	
County:	Section 40	
Postcode:	Section 40	
Telephone No.:	Section 40	

## Section 3: LOCATION OF INCIDENT

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

## SECTION 4: DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Date:	27 OCT 2008		
Time:	0001Z		
How many Aircraft involved:	1		
<b>Type of aircraft:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Jet	<input type="checkbox"/> Prop	<input type="checkbox"/> Helo	<input type="checkbox"/> Light A/C
Other (Specify): SPACECRAFT/ UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT			
<b>Markings:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grey	<input type="checkbox"/> Camouflaged	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Yellow
Other (Specify): TO DARK TO SEE ANY MARKINGS			
<b>Height</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	
Estimation in Feet:	32,800		
Direction:	UNKNOWN		
<b>Inside MATZ:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes which MATZ:			

NOW TURN OVER



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

A VERY HIGH OBJECT CAME FROM OUT OF SPACE TRAVELLING 10 TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND; IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A LOUD WHOOSHING SOUND. THE OBJECT WAS DECLINING AND WAS TRAVELLING FAR FASTER THAN ANY RAF OR USAF JET CAN GO.

**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/G.H.(F+S) Claims 3

**SECTION 7: UNIT RESPONSE**

YES NO

Return Telephone Call

Full written response sent (attach copy)

Low flying leaflet sent

Written acknowledgement only (attach copy)

Visit arranged

Specify

Requires attention of HQ P&SS

Other (Specify)

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

Time: (Local) | 0115

Date Complaint received: 27 OCT 2008

Signature:

Name: Section 40

Rank: A1C

Unit: 100 ARW/CP

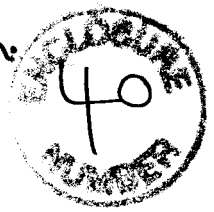
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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

ALL ACTION TAKEN MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAI J5002 OF 1998

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

No reply, as full address not given.



### 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.)	They looked like flares or lights.
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 flares were seen over Redruth 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)	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)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Redruth Cornwall Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he had seen a satellite in the sky too, and then these weird flares, lights, that shot across the sky. He asked if the MOD were tracking any of these, and could we get back to him and let him know, but he did not leave a full address or number!
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 October 2008 10.35L



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**Section 40**

Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
27 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 October 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 24 October 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.)	24 October 2008 00.10L
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, and also pictures were taken of it.
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 moving over Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire.
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 the Buckinghamshire Police first and then DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Aylesbury Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 husband.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she would like us to get in touch with her and tell her what she saw and that then her children will be satisfied. Section 40 said that when she contacted the Police, they said there had been no plane crash or anything at the time of her sighting?!
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	27 October 2008 11.15L



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



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

**Section 40**

Leeds  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
22 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 July 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 27 July 2008, and they were from Helston in Cornwall, and Scunthorpe in Humberside. 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**



Heeds

Aug 18 DAS

21 11 1979

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Dear Sir,

On July 24th (Sun) at 11:25 p.m. app. my husband & myself saw the following objects in the sky. It was a very clear still evening & we first saw one lit up circle no noise, moving steadily from the back of our bungalow, over the top & out at the front all in the same line of path, speed etc, we counted 24 of these, all spaced. This was most uncanny, all of our neighbours were in bed. Can you offer us any explanation please  
P.T.O

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We have been away 2 weeks & been busy so haven't had time <sup>to ask</sup>  
Someone in Bolton village reported that they saw 6 of these objects at 11:35 p.m.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Please find enclosed a letter received recently  
re unidentified objects in the sky.

With Compliments

Section 40

Deputy  
Media & Communications Officer

Section 40

Royal Air Force Leeming  
NORTHALLERTON  
North Yorkshire  
DL7 9NJ

Tel:  
Fax:

Section 40

Email: [leebsw-mcodeputy@LEEMING.raf.mod.uk](mailto:leebsw-mcodeputy@LEEMING.raf.mod.uk)

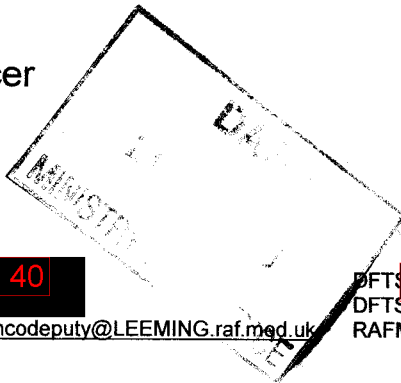
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RAFMail: LEE BSW-MCO Deputy





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**Section 40**

Brighton  
East Sussex  
**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO04662/2008

Date:  
21 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter to the Rt Hon John Hutton MP. I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 18 October 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 18 October 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**

T004662 2008 - 20081021095750 - s [Section 40]

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
Sent: 18 October 2008 21:46  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: [Section 40]

txtlastname:

txtsubject: UFO SIGHTING!!!!

txtaddress1: [Section 40]

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Brighton

txtstatecountry: East Sussex

txtzipcodepostcode: [Section 40]

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: [Section 40]

txtrequest: On Saturday 18th October 2008 at 20.05 pm I was in my car when my daughter asked 'what is that in the sky'. We was at a junction on the coast road of the A259 Brighton and I looked out the window and hovering above a house about 50 yards away was a Bright Orange Spherical light. We sat and looked at this object for a good minute before it slowly departed east and it spun and shifted at a rapid speed upwards in a northely direction before disappearing. There was no wind and it was very silent which made this incident very frightening. I dont believe in UFO's but this sighting has changed my views. I look forward to a response from yourselves and look forward to hearing your thoughts on this observation!!!

Kind Regards,

[Section 40]

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 21 October 2008 10:26  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04662/2008  
**Attachments:** TO04662 2008 - 20081021095750 - Section 40.txt

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**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 21 October 2008 09:59  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04662/2008

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

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO04662/2008  
**Due Date:** 10 November 2008  
**Correspondent:** Section 40  
**Additional Advice:**

The Rt Hon John Hutton 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 though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. 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.**

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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]

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





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**Section 40**

Chelmsford  
Essex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
21 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 11 October 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 11 October 2008, and they were from Portsmouth in Hampshire and Stafford in Staffordshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying activity, I enquired and was informed that there was not at the time and date of your sighting.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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Section 40

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 20 October 2008 23:54  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress1: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Chelmsford  
txtstatecountry: Essex  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 11th October 2008 - 12:35am  
txtrequest: I viewed (from my car passing Junction 28, Colchester, southbound on the A12) 2 bright lights traveling Northbound in the Sky flying in line about 500 yards apart (I'd spotted them in the distance about a mile before they flew over me)

I slowed to take a good look as they didn't seem like normal air traffic, at the closest point they appeared to be what I can only describe as balls of fire. (no flashing lights or identifiable shape)

Can you tell me if these were military aircraft? ✓





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**Section 40**

Buxton  
Derbyshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
20 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 13 October 2008, the details of which you passed to Buxton Police and Manchester ATC. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFO’s.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 13 October 2008, and that was from Balham 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**

**REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT**

- a. **Date/Time And Duration Of Sighting** (Local times to be quoted)  
13/10/2008 2100 FOR 5 MINS
- b. **Description Of Object** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).  
7 ORANGE ORBS - FORMATION OF 3  
THEN 2 SETS OF 2
- c. **Exact Position Observed** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).  
SOUTH EAST OF BUXTON HEADING  
TOWARDS MANCHESTER .
- d. **How Observed** (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).  
NAKED EYE, INTALLING OFFICE AT HOME  
THEN OUT OF WINDOW
- e. **Direction In Which Object Was First Seen** (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).  
SOUTH EAST OF BUXTON
- f. **Angle Of Sight** (Estimated heights are unreliable).  
2 60°
- g. **Distance** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).  
NOT SURE
- h. **Movements** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).  
GENERALLY STRAIGHT LINE BUT WITH  
SOME "DANCING" IN THE SKY .
- i. **Meteorological Conditions During Observations** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)  
NO CLOUD, EXCELLENT VISIBILITY
- j. **Nearby Objects** (Telephone lines, Spires Etc.)  
NONE
- k. **To Whom Reported** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).  
BUXTON POLICE Section 40  
MANCHESTER ATC Section 40

DAS
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

1. Name And Address Of Informant

Section 40

Derbyshire

BUXTON

Section 40

m. Any Background On The Informant That May Be Volunteered

RETIRED. HAD HAD NOTHING TO DRINK  
INCIDENT SIMILAR TO ONE OVER CHESTERFIELD  
SEPT 08 - ACCESSED VIA INTERENT.

n. Other Witnesses

WIFE. ALSO SEEN INDEPENDENTLY BY  
NEIGHBOUR.

o. Date And Time Of Receipt

13/10/08 1120

The above details are to be faxed immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC  
on Section 40

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry Of Defence  
Sec (AS) 2A  
Room 8245  
RAF Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

No reply  
as full  
address not  
given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	14 October 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a continual orange strange shape in the sky. There was a very odd light too.
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 Swansea Bay 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 Swansea West Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	That Section 40 reckons that a lot of people must have seen this object too, as it was over Swansea Bay for some time.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 October 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

St Albans  
Hertfordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
20 October 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 ‘UFO’s.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings so far for St Albans 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

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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 St Albans in Hertfordshire.
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 St Albans Hertfordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	20 October 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Slough  
Berkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
20 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 October 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 October 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.)	15 October 2008 No time given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a triangular object in the sky. It had a sort of pattern under it, like a sign. There were also three circular type of lights. There was a weird hovering sound.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	<b>Section 40</b> was outside in his garden, smoking a cigarette.
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 hovering a mile above the witness in Slough, Berkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	A mile above the witness.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object just hovered.
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 Slough Berkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the object was hovering high in the sky for a few seconds, and unnerved him. That the universe is a big place, so there must be other life and alien life forms out there. It shot up in the sky and then disappeared. It definitely wasn't a plane or harrier or anything, as he had been an air cadet and knows what normal aircraft look like.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	16 October 2008 10.45L





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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Stafford  
Staffordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
16 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 11 October 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 'UFO's.

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:[no-reply@feedback.mod.uk](mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk)]

Sent: 13 October 2008 19:14

To: Info-Access-Office

Subject: FOI written request PS 14-10-2008-091513-004 **Section 40**

This request has been received via [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk).

txttitle: **Section 40**

txtfirstname: **Section 40**

txtlastname: **Section 40**

txtoccupation: bricklayer

txtaddress1: **Section 40**

txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: stafford

txtstatecountry: staffordshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

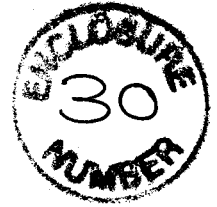
txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txttelephone: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: I would like to request information about a number of aircraft witnessed by myself and my girlfriend flying in formation over stafford on saturday 11th october at approx 11pm. the craft seemed unusual, shining bright orange and moving slowly. That night there was a lot of cloud cover and no stars visible. could they of been UFO's and did the RAF notice anything strange over stafford?



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

**Section 40**

Portsmouth  
Hampshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
16 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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Yours sincerely

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 11 October 2008 22:19  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress1: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Portsmouth  
txtstatecountry: Hampshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: Saturday 11th October, 7.20pm  
txtrequest: Hello

I Didn't know if you would be interested in this but at around 7.20pm (GMT) 11th October 2008 i spotted a large bright orange tube shaped craft fly slowly across the sky in a north westerly direction as if it was carrying out some kind of surveillance only for it to stay stationary for around a minute, make 3 or 4 circles in the sky then zoom of east.

This happened over the skys of Portsmouth, England. I thought this may be of some interest to you or some other government department as it seemed a little un-ordinary, im pretty sure it wasn't an MoD or RAF plane due to the way this object moved.

Thanks

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**Section 40**

Newcastle upon Tyne  
Northumberland

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
16 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 October 2008, the details of which you passed to us by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Sorry I could not be any help.

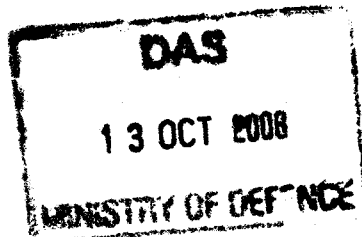
Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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Newcastle upon Tyne

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Directorate of Air Staff-Freedom of Information  
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London  
SW1A 2HB

October 11th 2008

**Unidentified Flying Object I observed over Newcastle upon Tyne**

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to report the unidentified flying object I observed over Newcastle upon Tyne on Wednesday 8th of October 2008 at 11:17pm.

I have searched the internet and found your address after looking at number of silly web-sites and believe this is the best way to report what I observed.

I was looking out of my open window this was north for the Aurora Borealis as it had been reported due to solar activity on Wednesday 8th of October.

I then seen a large white bright object moving silently a fast speed in the clear night sky at very high altitude, heading from North East to South West.

At first I thought the object was a Satellite.

The object then changed colour from white to red and stopped.

The object then started to jump to different parts of the sky and continue in South West direction and disappear.

See attached picture of view from where I observed this phenomena and map.

During the one minute I observed the object there was no flashing lights or noise, as I have observed all types of aeroplanes at night before.

I like to add I know how the following (International Space Station, Satellite, Comet, Meteorite, aeroplane and helicopter) appear in the night sky.

I have searched for time tables of flight plans for International Space Station, Satellite, Comets and Meteorite events for this time at night and found nothing.

This was not like anything I've observed before it's unbelievable that I've seen this over Newcatle upon Tyne.

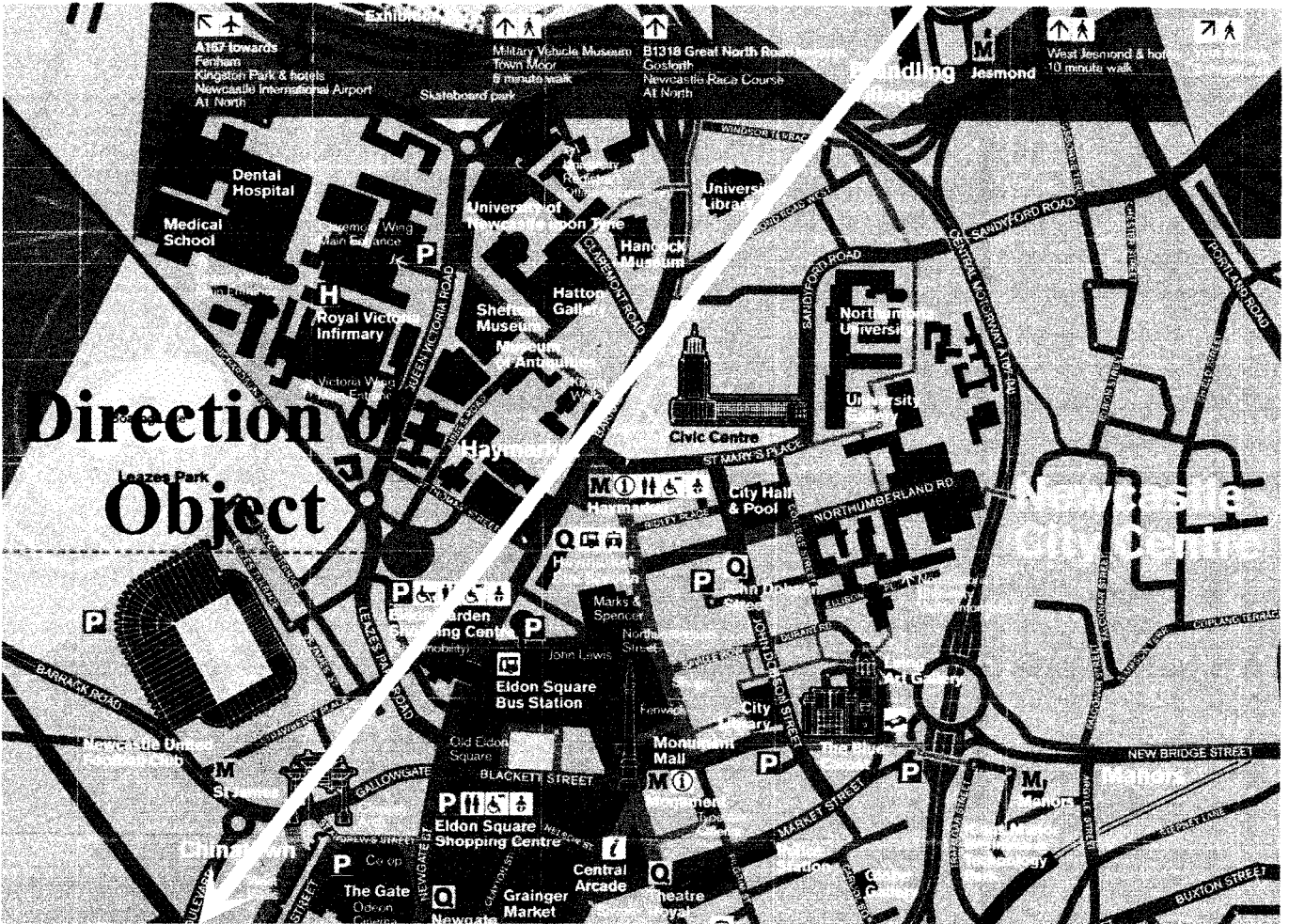
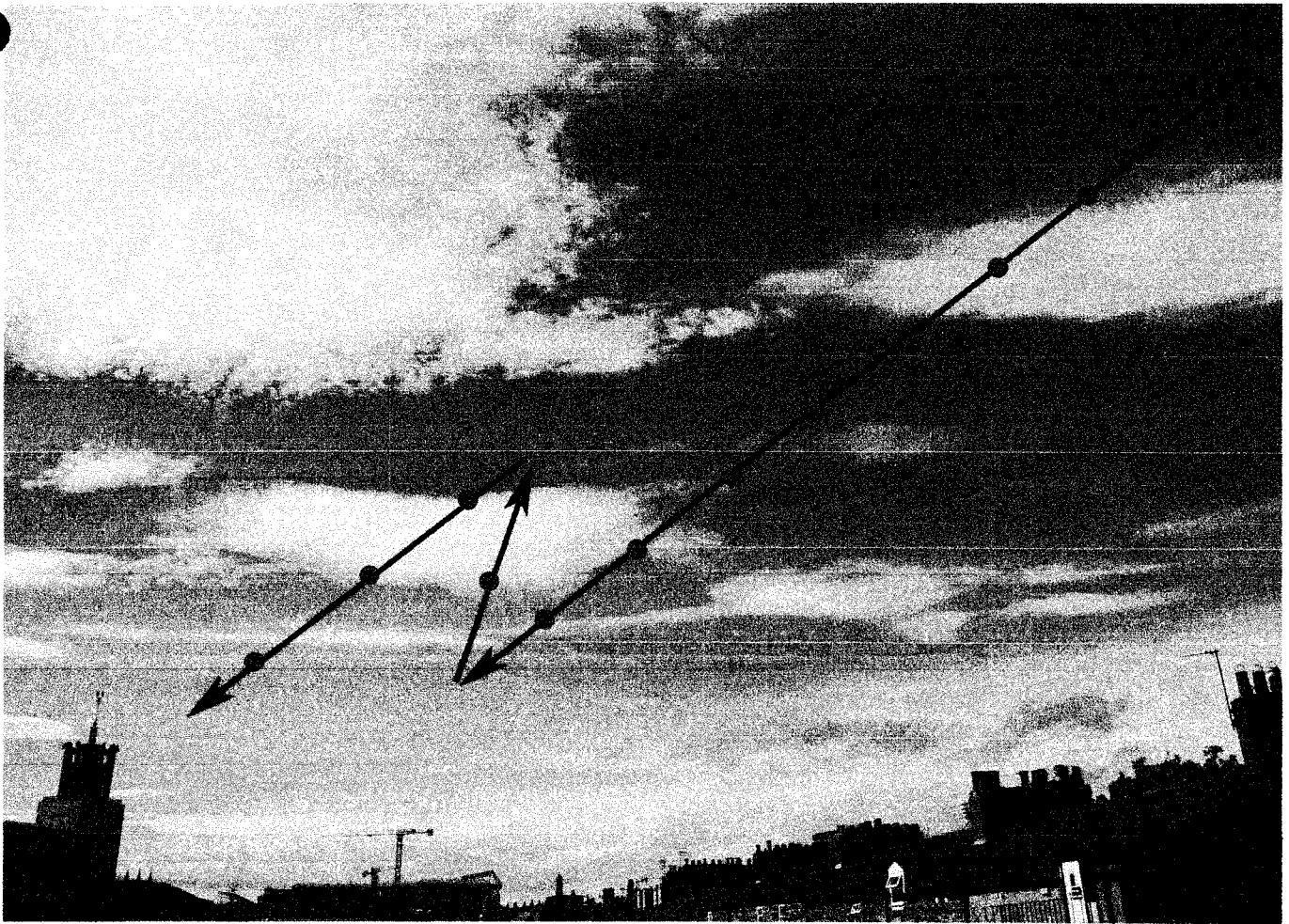
I don't know how important the sighting maybe and hope I'm not wasting your time by reporting this.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully

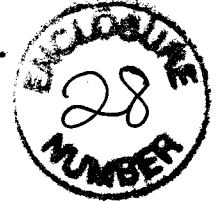
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No reply, as full address not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	13 October 2008 22.50L
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 object moved over Balham in 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)	The sighting was reported to Surbiton, Met Police who then left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name and full address given.  Balham London
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 October 2008 11.25L



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**Section 40**

Swansea  
South Wales

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

15 October 2008

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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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 moving over Mumbles, Swansea, South Wales.
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 Swansea Glamorgan South Wales Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 October 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Glamorgan  
South Wales

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

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Date:

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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.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were three glowing objects.
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 moving over Neath in Glamorgan, South Wales.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	They came quite close.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The objects were moving towards the witness and then moved straight up into 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 Neath Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The objects were seen at one minute intervals. They moved upwards into the sky and then disappeared. Section 40 said that these objects had been seen by other people and that the incident was in the local paper.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 October 2008 10.40L



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**Section 40**

Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
15 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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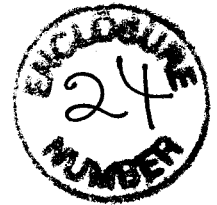
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	10 October 2008 20.45L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were five, what looked like orange fire balls. They were silent.
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 moving over Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.
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 Cheltenham Gloucestershire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Was a very weird sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	14 October 2008 10.30L



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**Section 40**

Felixstowe  
Suffolk

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO04504/2008

Date:  
13 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object'/flashes, seen on 1 October 2008, the details of which you passed to the Rt Hon John Hutton MP. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**



Section 40

**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 07 October 2008 16:09  
**To:** DAS-LACEU3  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04504/2008  
**Attachments:** TO04504 2008 - 20081007151615 Section 40.txt

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WHITEHALL  
LONDON SW1A 2HB

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**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 07 October 2008 15:19  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04504/2008

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

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO04504/2008  
**Due Date:** 27 October 2008  
**Correspondent:** Section 40  
**Additional Advice:**

The Rt Hon John Hutton 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 though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. 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**

10/10/2008

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>. 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\\_pari/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm](http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_pari/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm). If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

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)



T004504 2008 - 20081007151615 Section 40 (2)

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
Sent: 03 October 2008 20:38  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtsubject: Flashes in the sky

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Felixstowe

txtstatecountry: Suffolk

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: Just wondered what the very quick flashes people are seeing in the night sky are. For some 8 years now I, and others, have noticed very fast intense flashes at night. Believe me it is not my sanity going, nor is it aircraft strobes, Iridium flares (too fast), meteors, lightning nor lighthouses in the area. The last nights of 1 and 2 October have been the most spectacular with some 10 flashes between 11:00ish and midnight (NE to SE direction). One I happened to see directly, rare to see this, and appeared in the north east at about 50 degrees high and looked to form into a ball. It seems from reading the internet that many others have noticed these as well along eastern UK, along with several other people I know all over suffolk...Any comment??? Or not??

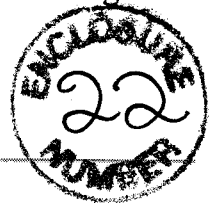
No reply, as  
full address  
not given.



**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.)	There were two strange objects in the sky. They were together and then they followed each other.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Just parking the car in New Malden, Greater London, when she looked up in the sky.
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 flying over New Malden, Greater 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 New Malden Greater London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she would like to speak to someone about her sighting, as she was baffled by what she saw. That there was something definitely very strange in the sky.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	10 October 2008 11.30L



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 October 2008 16:10

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 6 October 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 'UFO's.

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 the 6 October 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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09/10/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 07 October 2008 15:04

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: sighting on mon 6th oct '08

6 oct.

I was playing with my dog in the garden last night, North Lincolnshire at 2055hrs. I happend to look up , admiring the circle of cloud surrounding the area with a clear centre showing the blank strarry sky when from the west I suddenly spotted a strange movement. It was like a very large inverted V of dull, lights - greyish almost, no shell outline, the shape only defined by the 7 lights. It moved to a southernly position to myself [I was facing south] it rotated slightly then seemed to bounce slightly, then to my amazement it wasnt one large object as I first thortght because the 7 lights then shot off towards the east..... individualy & at very high speed!!!???????????

08/10/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 09 October 2008 12:35  
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 5 October 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 5 October 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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Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 06 October 2008 14:15  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Release-authorized: FW: Service Families Enquiry

UFO Report

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

From: Section 40  
Sent: 06 October 2008 14:12  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Release-authorized: FW: Service Families Enquiry

Dear Section 40

Please find below, another report of a strange sighting received via the MOD public website.

I will reply to Section 40 to advise him that I have forwarded his email to the correct department.

Kind regards,

Section 40

Information Support Assistant  
HIVE UK & Overseas

Tel: Section 40  
Mil: Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 05 October 2008 20:13  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Service Families Enquiry

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcountry: UK

txtrequest: This evening i witnessed a number of mysterious orange lights in the night sky moving silently overhead. At first there were three and then another three lights appeared. I have witnessed solar iridium flairs which often light up the night sky, but there are always bright white light. I have not idea what these strange lights were and would appreciate it if you or anyone could shed some light. My postcode is Section 40 and they were visible at 19:50BST.

Regards,

Section 40

Wolverhampton, West Midlands,





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**Section 40**

Exmouth  
Devon

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

9 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 28 September 2008, the details of which you passed to us by letter dated 1 October 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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 September 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

EXMOUTH  
DEVON

Section 40

DAS

1-10-08

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Dear Sir or Madam,

During the early hours of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, I saw an object in the sky which I hope you will be able to help identify.

I am a taxi driver based in Exmouth. At approximately half past midnight I was driving to Budleigh Salterton, about 5 miles from Exmouth. It was a clear night with no cloud. As I drove towards Budleigh, through dark countryside, I could see a lot of stars. One in particular seemed to be twinkling a lot.

As I reached my destination I realised it was too low to be a star.

It was stationary, but was too high to be a helicopter.

The object then moved across a section of sky and stopped. It was orange in colour and did not seem to be twinkling by then. It moved for a second time and stopped again. The people I was collecting also saw it move the second time.

The direction it took, in a straight line, was roughly N.E.-S.W.

Apologies in advance for probably wasting your time, but any sort of explanation would be most helpful.

Your faithfully,

No reply, as  
full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 19.55L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	One hundred possible UFOs 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 UFOs were seen over Sopley in Dorset.
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</p> <p>Full address not given.</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>Christchurch Dorset</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 husband also saw the UFOs.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that they both saw these UFOs in the summer months and wonders what they could be.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 October 2008 10.35L



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**Section 40**

Buckhurst Hill  
Essex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
8 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in October 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 ‘UFO’s. I apologise 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.

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 so far for Buckhurst Hill in Essex 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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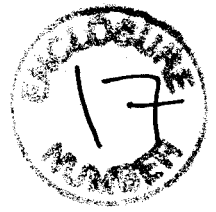
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 20.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Four very strange orange glow lights.
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 flying above the witnesses' house, in Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Right above the house.
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 Buckhurst Hill Essex Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 husband and son saw the lights too.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said the lights were very strange and nerving that they were right above her house. Could we shed any light on this?
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 October 2008 10.20L



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**Section 40**

Belfast  
County Antrim  
Northern Ireland

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
2 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on various occasions 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 'UFO's.

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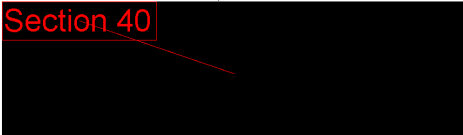
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Belfast so far in 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

We do not contact members of the public by telephone, just by letter or e.mail. We have the answerphone for people to leave their details of their sightings on.

● Finally, with regards to you receiving death threats, that would be a matter for the civil police to deal with.

Sorry I could not be of much 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). Seen on various occasions.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Ships/UFOs were over the witnesses' house.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Indoors, looking out of his window.
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 ships were seen over his house in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Right above.
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 Belfast County Antrim Northern Ireland Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he has seen these ships quite a lot. Would like us to get back to him. That people are out to get him, and that he has received death threats. He has also had visitations from the greys! He has also written to the American government regarding this subject.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	2 October 2008 10.50L



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**Section 40**

Leighton Buzzard  
Bedfordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
2 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 September 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 'UFO's.

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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 27 September 2008, and that was from Southgate 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**



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	27 September 2008 (Time not given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Had a sighting of something definitely odd.
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, plus the witness took a photograph.
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 flying over the South of Bletchley in Buckinghamshire.
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 Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said he hopes that somebody gets back to him, as his sighting was definitely quite odd, and that he has got a photograph of the incident.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 October 2008 15.00L



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**Section 40**

Southgate  
London

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
1 October 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 27 September 2008, the details of which you passed to the Low Flying Complaints Cell by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 27 September 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 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 01 October 2008 12:59  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 27 September 2008 21:20  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

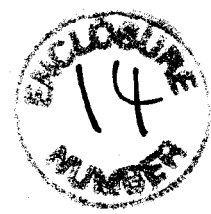
This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

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txttowncity: London  
txtstatecountry: London  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: Approx 7.45pm on 27/09/08

txtrequest: At about 7.40pm on Saturday I answered the door to the Father of my daughter's friend's Father as I was talking with him I noticed behind him a large, silent squadron of red/orange coloured flying craft. I drew his attention to them and ran inside to alert my husband and son. They ran outside and told me to go get my camera. I ran upstairs and retrieved it from my dresser and came downstairs and they were still flying across the sky from West to East. At some point my husband got our camcorder and still they kept coming. I applied to join the RAF as a teen as I had a keen interest in aircraft. I have never seen anything like this. Hence this report - didn't know where else to go with it. I have them on my camera. There must have been in excess of 30. Maybe more. They were silent. During the passover I spotted a regular civilian aircraft approaching from the West. They must have seen at least some of them. Possibly landing at Stansted. Sorry about the rambling nature of this report. I am not a nut. I am 48 years of age and work for the NHS. I have just never seen anything like this. They didn't have any kind of sound like a military jet or a civilian aircraft. Definitely not helicopters.



No, reply, as  
no address.



**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 object was seen over St Peter in Jersey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far away.
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 Jersey Air Traffic Control, who in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon, Jersey ATC did not pass the name or address on.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 September 2008 10.30L



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

**Section 40**

Middlesbrough  
Cleveland

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
29 September 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 'UFO's. I apologise if I have spelt your name or address wrong, 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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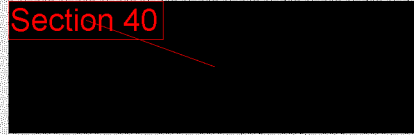
With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Middlesbrough in Cleveland so far for September 2008. We satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.



Yours sincerely

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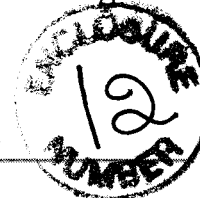


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3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
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 Middlesbrough Cleveland Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	29 September 2008 10.45L



Section 40 [redacted]

**From:** Section 40 [redacted]  
**Sent:** 23 September 2008 15:06  
**To:** Section 40 [redacted]  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 20 September 2008, the details of which you passed to the das-ufo-office e.mail address.

You will already know our policy regarding UFOs, due to previous correspondence.

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of UFO sightings for the 20 September 2008, and they were from Wiltshire and North Yorkshire. 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 much help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 23 September 2008 12:28  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** UFO sighting

To whome it may concern, i would like to register a ufo sighting that was witnessed by myself family and friends and neighbours. This sighting occured over Chatteris on the 20th september between 8-8.30pm. Multiple bright glowing objects between 5-10,000ft heading from the south to north. This sighting was reported to cambs police along with other reports from witnesses in an area about 10square miles approx. If you have any information in regards to this sighting i would appreciate any answers that may be allowed to be passed forward to the general public. Weather clear skies wind neglible, no jetstream over the uk at that particular time.

Kind regards Section 40

23/09/2008

No reply as  
full address  
not given.

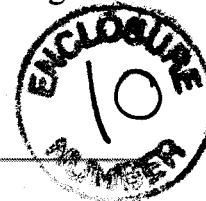


**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	22 September 2008 No time 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 Glasgow in Lanarkshire.
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 No address given.  Glasgow Lanarkshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he informed Lanarkshire Police of his sighting, but to no avail. That he told the RAF too.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	23 September 2008 14.20L





Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 22 September 2008 15:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorized: UFO SIGHTING - WILTSHIRE 20 Sep 2008

Dear "Eye witness",

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 September 2008 regarding lights you saw near RAF Lyneham on 20 September 2008.

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 20 September 2008 in the Wiltshire area and RAF Lyneham have confirmed their air traffic control have no record of anything unusual being noted at the time in question.

Sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 22 September 2008 10:10  
 To: DAS-UFO-Office  
 Subject: Wiltshire UFOs 20th Sept 2008

Hi,

**This is a copy of an email I sent to R.A.F Lyneham Airbase, Wiltshire after myself & many others witnessed UFO craft. it reads as follows.....**

Hi,

Im an eye witness who lives near Lyneham Air base in Calne.  
 This Saturday 20th September 2008 myself & many others witnessed UFO activity around 10pm in the Calne area.

We witnessed x5 super bright glowing orange/pink orbs at low altitude flying above us that had unusual flying characteristics & were totally silent in flight! They were (NOT) flares from Salisbury as could elevate as well as descend

Did Air traffic control pick these UFOs up on radar or know what craft they were?

Im convinced these vessels were not military as civilians know of, as looked of extraterrestrial form even though Im aware of technology that is hidden from public knowledge!  
 These bright orbs went out of vision as we re-located in an attempt to get a closer viewing & thought we had lost the vessels for good!

However less than a minute later we followed a solo flying fireball above us that gradually made its way in the direction of Wootton Bassett climbing altitude until could no longer be seen!  
 Again I think this was a craft of some sort & not a comet or weather balloon as x1 it was climbing altitude & 2 travelled so quickly to be a balloon & eventually entered space

Again did Air control track this huge fireball that made a right turn above us towards Wootton Bassett?

I and others know of Black project coverups controlled by your superiors, as its now leaked over the internet for everyone to see!

However If you have information on this sighting you can share, I would appreciate what you could tell me!  
 I have (NOT) reported this to local press as for many would appear a total hoax, plus many may not be conditioned in a way they could accept this!  
 Hope to hear back,  
 Best regards  
 Eye witness.

**If your DAS Organization can give me further knowledge of extraterrestrial technology I want to hear from you!  
 I know the Nazi history behind it all, project paper clip & the build up of Area51 - The Majestic12 group, & Project Cloverleaf**

22/09/2008



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Iver (Nr Uxbrigde)  
Buckinghamshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
22 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 21 September 2008, the details of which you passed to RAF Northolt. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 21 September 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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ANNEX B TO  
ACDO SOP 105  
DATED APR 07

FROM RAF NORTHOLT – Duty Operations Officer  
To: MOD Duty Ops DCDSO  
FAO: Wg Cdr Section 40



**UFO SIGHTING REPORT**

1. DTG & duration of sighting. 21 Sep 08 between 2215 – 2230 hrs local.
2. Description of Object. Stream of about 40 oval-round'ish lights. "First of all 4 in a stream, then a gap, then, right up from the horizon a group of 4 then 5 then 6, all in straight lines, then a bit of a gap followed by a last one". Colour, "funny orange". Bright, no noise.
3. Exact position of observer. Observer was in her front garden looking towards London Heathrow. Section 40 has no idea of the orientation of her front garden.
4. How observed. By the naked eye and about 8 minutes recorded on video. I have advised Section 40 not to loose the video. Also observed by her husband (age 55), son (age 32) and grand daughter (age 3).
5. Direction in which object first seen. Coming from the West Drayton area moving towards the Slough area. Section 40 had no idea of relative bearing.
6. Angle of sight. About 55 Deg from horizontal (not very accurate).
7. Distance. About 1 – 1.5 miles away.
8. Movement. In a non-uniform stream, moving from the West Drayton area to the Slough area.
9. Met conditions. Dark, clear, dry, high cloud.
10. Nearby objects. London Heathrow, local church, telephone lines, HV lines (build up outer London urban area).
11. To whom reported. Flt Lt Section 40 RAF, Duty Operations Officer via the MOD operator initially as a flying complaint. POCs: RAFTN-Section 40 / PSTN-Section 40

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12. Name and address of informant. Section 40 IVER (Nr Uxbrige), Bucks. Section 40 Tel: Section 40

13. Background of informant. Middle-aged, housewife aged 54. Doesn't drink. Sensible member of the public.

14. Other Witnesses: Her Husband Section 40 Snr (age 55).  
Her son, Section 40 (age 32).  
Her grand daughter (age 3).

Video footage, about 8 minutes.

16. DTG receipt of report. 21 Sep 08 at 2230 hrs local.

17. Unusual Met conditions in area of sighting. Unlikely. Here at RAF Northolt we have our own Met service adjacent to the Ops room. I've been on duty in the RAF Northolt Ops room throughout the weekend: the weather has been exceptionally good for the time of year. Clear and dry, cool in the evening. We've had no notice/reports of any unusual Met in the local area. Uxbridge is only about 8 miles away.

18. Other remarks. Section 40 is very keen to find out what this 'phenomenon' is/was.

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Flt Lt  
Duty Operations Officer  
RAF Northolt

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**Message/Remarks:**

Sir,

As discussed on the phone, please find following 2 pages of a UFO sighting report which I received less than 2 hours ago.

I have already checked with London/Swanwick - there was no stream of ac that might have been seen and mistaken for these lights.

*May the force be with you!*

Authorizing Officer	Transmit Operators
Rank/Name and Appointment: Fit Lt Section 40	Rank/Name and Appointment: Fit Lt Section 40
Signature Section 40	Signature Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 21.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A load of orange lights in formation.
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 coming from the Farnborough direction, moving towards Greenwich and then just disappeared.
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 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] Full address not given. Isle of Dogs London Section 40 [REDACTED]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] said could we ring her and offer any explanation as to what the lights could have been.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	22 September 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Stoke on Trent  
Staffordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
22 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 19 September 2008, the details of which you passed to Staffordshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 19 September 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

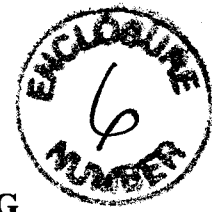
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	19 September 2008 20.44L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orange ball which looked like it came up from the ground.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, 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 moving over Stoke on Trent in Staffordshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The orange ball shot up vertically into the sky and then disappeared.
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 Staffordshire Police, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Stoke on Trent Staffordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Some of his friends.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the sighting was very strange.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	22 September 2008 20.44L



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	20 September 2008 22.55L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were circles of white lights with a set of fire coming from inside of each of them. They were like hang gliders as in totally quiet. The last circle had a red light. They were in a formation.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of a B&B in Malton.
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 Malton in North Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving at quite a quick 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>	Didn't give name and just said he lives in Lincolnshire.
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Other people that were staying at the B&B.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The witness said that we should get back to him and as he is a taxpayer, explain to him what the MOD are doing and what it was that he saw. He has a right to know. The circles were seen for six to seven minutes.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	22 September 2008 10.45L



Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 September 2008 14:29  
**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 13 September 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.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 13 September 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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From: Section 40  
Sent: 16 September 2008 09:18  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised:FW: 20080915-  
Service\_Families\_Enquiry\_LF\_Pers\_Hive\_InfoSp\_Asst-U

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 15 September 2008 13:31  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Release-Authorised:FW: 20080915-  
Service\_Families\_Enquiry\_LF\_Pers\_Hive\_InfoSp\_Asst-U

Dear Section 40

A colleague of mine, Section 40 recently sent you one of these 'ufo' sightings, and you were kind enough to reply that you were indeed the right person to pass these on to.

So, please find below another reported sighting, although this one fails to mention the location of the sighting.

I will reply to Section 40 to say that I have forwarded his request to the relevant department.

Kind regards,

Section 40

Information Support Assistant  
HIVE UK & Overseas

Tel: Section 40  
Mil: Section 40

Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 13 September 2008 15:46  
To: Section 40  
Subject: Service Families Enquiry

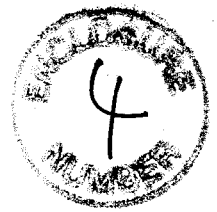
This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtname: Section 40  
txtemailAddress Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtrequest: i just finnished from work at 4.53 am saturday morning and was on my bike on way home and there was this quite large flashing object just hanging in the air quite high up and underneath the object was orange red luminating light .  
i was quite scared of this object because i never seen anything like this .  
as i watched this object it flew off at massive speed before i know it was gone.  
im reporting this because i dont want any hostile threat in are airspace.ive not told any website this or anybody else till speak to mod.

13/9/08



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**Section 40**

Stoke on Trent  
Staffordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
17 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in September 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Stoke on Trent in Staffordshire in September 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.)	Saw something strange 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 moving over Stoke on Trent in Staffordshire.
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 Section 40 Stoke on Trent Staffordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that we should get in touch with him and get more details of his sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 September 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Rickmansworth  
Hertfordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
17 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in September 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 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Rickmansworth in Herts 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 not given. 17.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were objects flying across the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside the witnesses house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and three videos from three mobile phones were taken.
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 Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire.
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 Rickmansworth Hertfordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Two other people, but Section 40 didn't say who they were.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the objects were not ordinary planes. You could see that they were clearly something else.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	17 September 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

High Wycombe  
Buckinghamshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
15 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 14 September 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 'UFO's.

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 14 September 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.)	14 September 2008 01.07L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO 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 UFO was seen moving over High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire.
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 High Wycombe Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he is an ex-RAF Pilot and that this was no ordinary plane that he saw, and could we get back to him about his sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	15 September 2008 11.05L



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**Section 40**

Enfield  
Greater London

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
15 September 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in September 2008, the details of which you passed to Heathrow Airport. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise that I have not put your name on the letter, Heathrow Airport did not pass me those details.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Enfield, Greater London so far for September 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 faithfully

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 or time given).
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Five orange balls 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 moving over Enfield in Greater 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)	The sighting was reported to Heathrow Airport, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name was passed on. Section 40 Enfield Greater London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	15 September 2008 10.45L