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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Grade/Rank: CI Date: 15 January 2010

Branch Title and Full Address:  
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Section 40

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HP14 4UE

Section 40

Rockwall  
Texas 75087-3953



Our Ref:  
18-11-2009-100738-002

1 December 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2009 about the 'UFO' sighting at Rendelsham forest in 1980. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As you mentioned in your letter the Ministry of Defence released the file and transferred it to The National Archive. You can contact them at the following address: The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. Alternatively, you can visit their website at:

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Yours sincerely

Section 40  
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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1** [Section 40]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 18 November 2009 10:13  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: SCANNED DOCUMENT PF 18-11-2009-100738-002 [Section 40]  
**Attachments:** [Section 40].doc

[Section 40]

PSA FOI relating to UFOs.

Regards [Section 40]

[Section 40]

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 RAF High Wycombe, HP14 4UE  
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**Subject:** Release-Authorised: SCANNED DOCUMENT PF 18-11-2009-100738-002 [Section 40]

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Best regards

CIO-Access  
Freedom of Information Helpline  
Telephone **Section 40**  
Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
AIT: <http://aitportal.dii.r.mil.uk/>

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Section 40  
Rockwall, Texas 75087-3953

November 9th, 2009

CIO Access  
Sixth Floor- Zone E  
Maine Building, Whitehall  
London, SW1A2hb  
United Kingdom

To whom it may concern

The Rendlesham Forest case is undoubtedly one of the best documented and most significant military encounters with a UFO. It is also very credible incident. The incident spanned four days in 1980. Rendlesham Forest is a large pine forest, east of Ipswich, in Suffolk, England. Nearby are the twin NATO air bases, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge; at the time both bases were being leased to the United States Air Force. Several UFO incidents, including multiple-witness sightings by military personnel, ground traces, and radioactive anomalies were reported from Rendlesham forest. According to USAF security patrolmen on duty, "the object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approx. 2-3 meters across the base... it illuminated the entire forest with a white light, and had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath." In November, 2002, the British Ministry of Defense released the "Rendlesham File" of documents related to and confirming the Rendlesham Forest incident.

My Name is Section 40 I was wondering if your agency has any records pertaining to the "Rendlesham Forest Incident". I put the paragraph about the case so you know what I am referring to so it would be easy for your agency to know what exactly what I am requesting. If your agency does find any records pertaining to my request please send me the necessary fee papers that I need if any records are to be located.

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Section 40

Manchester

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Our Ref:  
09-11-2009-150704-001

24 November 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 9 November about assessments made by the Ministry of Defence in the last five years regarding: a) the likelihood of, or b) provisions for an alien invasion of the United Kingdom. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

MOD has not made any assessment of the likelihood of, or provisions for, an alien invasion of the United Kingdom in the last five years.

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

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

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



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Yours sincerely

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Due: ~~27/11/09~~  
8/12/09

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 Section 40  
Sent: 12 November 2009 15:33  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PF 09-11-2009-150704-001 Section 40

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Can you let Section 40 know that we will take this FOI please? Thanks.

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

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec7 Section 40  
Sent: 09 November 2009 15:46  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PF 09-11-2009-150704-001 Section 40

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

From: CAS-AS IS01 Section 40  
Sent: 09 November 2009 15:20  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec7 Section 40  
Cc: Section 40 CAS-AS IM Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PF 09-11-2009-150704-001 Section 40

Good afternoon Section 40

Due to the nature of this request I thought it best directed to you. Could you advise Section 40 otherwise please?

Many thanks

Section 40  
CAS-AS IS01 | Section 40 | MMB | Whitehall | London | SW1A 2HB |  
Mil: Section 40 | Civ: Section 40 | Section 40 @mod.uk |

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

From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
Sent: 09 November 2009 15:14  
To: CAS-AS IS01 Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request PF 09-11-2009-150704-001 Section 40

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Best regards

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Freedom of Information Helpdesk  
Telephone: [Section 40](#)  
Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
AIT: <http://aitportal.dii.r.mil.uk/>  
DAS

You answered these two on a similar subject 28-06-2007-151441-005  
23-02-2007-173043-014.

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 09 November 2009 11:30  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: FOI written request

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txtstatecountry: Greater Manchester  
txtzipcodepostcode: [Section 40](#)  
txtcountry: UK  
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txtinforequest: Any assessments made by the MoD in the last five years re: a) the likelihood of, or b) provisions for, an alien (i.e. other world) invasion of the UK

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According to AIT Toolkit

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FOI is

Due 8/12/09, not the  
27/11 as I calculated.

Thanks

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC2 [Section 40]



**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC2 [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 19 November 2009 11:50  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: UFO FOI Response [Section 40]  
**Attachments:** 20091105-FOI [Section 40]-UFO sightings-U.doc; 20091105-FOI [Section 40]-PIT UFO-S22-U.doc

[Section 40]

Attached is the FOI response to [Section 40] the PIT for closing down on the toolkit. [Section 40] has signed off the PIT today, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Thanks

[Section 40]

Bus Sec 2  
RAF Business Secretariat  
Air Command  
GPTN: [Section 40]  
Tel: [Redacted]  
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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC2 [Section 40] **On Behalf Of** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 19 November 2009 11:48  
**To:** 'request-22210-d3ea8f6b@whatdotheyknow.com'  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO FOI Response

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**Attachments:** 20091105-FOI Section 40 UFO sightings-U.doc

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[request-22210-d3ea8f6b@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-22210-d3ea8f6b@whatdotheyknow.com)

Our Ref: 30-10-2009-094848-001

19 November 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail to [CIO-FOI@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI@mod.uk) regarding your request for all UFO sightings over the last decade. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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Yours sincerely

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Ready to go  
to [redacted] for  
clearance.

[redacted] Section 40 11-09.  
Fine - thanks. We 26  
I have scored the PIT. [redacted] Section 40 11/9 NOV.

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[request-22210-d3ea8f6b@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-22210-d3ea8f6b@whatdotheyknow.com)

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## **AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS**

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 30-10-2009-094848-001

Expiry Date: 27 Nov 09

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please can you send all UFO sightings for the last decade.

### Background

Details of sightings for 1997-2008 are already available via the MoD website. Sightings for 2009 are due to be published at the end of the year.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

Information not disclosed (detail)	FOIA exemption Specify section	Reason for application of exemption	PIT carried out? (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>
All sightings for the last decade	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

The following comments will be made to the applicant

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Grade/Rank: ..... *SCS* ..... Name: ..... Section 40 .....

Date: ..... *19/11/09* .....

Signature: Section 40 .....

**AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS**Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 30-10-2009-094848-001

Expiry Date: 27 Nov 09

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please can you send all UFO sightings for the last decade.

Background

Details of sightings for 1997-2008 are already available via the MoD website. Sightings for 2009 are due to be published at the end of the year.

The following Exemption(s) and/or Exception(s) are proposed as appropriate for this case (list and provide justification):

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Our Ref: 30-10-2009-094848-001

5 November 2009

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Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 30-10-2009-094848-001

Expiry Date: 27 Nov 09

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10** Section 40

**From:** CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
**Sent:** 30 October 2009 09:54  
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**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER); CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FOI Correspondence ref 30-10-2009-094848-001  
**Importance:** High

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[Signature] 1/10/09

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

Dear Focal Point(s)

The Freedom of Information (FOI) request for information (RFI) below has been placed with you, but not confirmed on the Access to Information Toolkit (AIT).

**Can you please look at this FOI request. Is it one for your area? Thank-you.**

Please acknowledge within two working days that you are the appropriate area to respond or lead, and we will transfer the case to the AIT group administrator who must accept the case on AIT within 1 day. You should respond to the requester within twenty working days of the date the request was made.

If you consider another area is more appropriate to respond or lead, then please contact the FOI Helpdesk immediately. Please engage with the FOI Helpdesk at all times when you are looking to place a request elsewhere.

This request will be automatically allocated to your area, on AIT, after three working days, if the FOI Helpdesk receives no receipt or evidence of action to place the request elsewhere. The FOI Helpdesk will be pleased to assist during this process.

If you are copied into this email, you may be a relevant contributor to the response and you should liaise with the lead respondent.

This process is set out to maximise the amount of time to find information and respond, when this request has been placed with the appropriate subject matter expert.

If the FOI request has been submitted by the media, or if you are concerned about potential media interest in the FOI response please contact MOD Press Office prior to release. Whether the potential for interest is new or existing, please ensure that press officers have sight of the release before sending, with appropriate and realistic deadlines for when you need a reply from them. Please send your draft and any supporting information to Directorate Media and Communications (DMC) addressed to Section 40 @mod.uk Tel: Section 40

Lastly, please see further headline guidance on FOI correspondence at the attached, or detailed guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation/>.

If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact CIO-CI-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

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Information request: Please can you send all UFO sightings for the last decade

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Our Ref:  
10-07-2009-163453-001

6 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 July 2009 asking for details of UFO sightings in Northern Ireland between 1959 and 2009.

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*If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at [b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk) or on **Section 40** to ask more about the study.*

*If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.*



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Example

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec2 [Section 40]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 09:38  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response [Section 40] UFO Sightings-21-08-2009-131118-001-U  
**Attachments:** 20090921-Attachment - UFO Sightings [Section 40]-08-2009-131118-001-U.xls

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 08:34  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response [Section 40] UFO Sightings-21-08-2009-131118-001-U

Dear [Section 40]

Thank you for your UFO sighting report and your Freedom of Information request of 21 August 2009 asking for details of recent UFO reports. Additionally, you mentioned that you were interested in sightings prior to 1967.

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

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

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

I attach details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for January to August 2009.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports".

You might also be interested to know that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after being held for five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

Additionally, we are part way through a three year programme to release UFO files from the

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I hope this is helpful.

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## **AUTHORISATION FOR APPLYING FOI EXEMPTIONS/ EIR EXCEPTIONS**

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 10-07-2009-163453-001

Expiry Date: 6 Aug 09

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Details of UFO sightings for Northern Ireland for the period 1959-2009. Include the date, location and description of the UFO.

### Background

The files containing details of UFO files for the period 1959-92 are, if they exist, already available at The National Archives.

Files for the remaining period (1993-1996) will be passed to The National Archives by the end of this year.

Details of sightings for 1997-2008 are already available via the MoD website. We have received only one sighting for Northern Ireland in 2009 which will be released with name and the address redacted.

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Personal details, including names, telephone numbers, room numbers etc	40	Personal data	No. Absolute Exemption
Sightings between 1993-96	22	Information intended for future publication	Y

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Our Ref:  
19-10-2009-163330-001

12 November 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of the 19 October 2009 requesting information about a possible UFO sighting on 25 August 2009 in Dunblane, near Stirling at 2105hrs and if there had been airborne activity in the area on that date and time. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have examined our records and can find no report of a UFO sighting in the area on the date and time specified. The MOD has no central record of aircraft flying in the area on the date and time in question. In order to answer your question about airborne activity accurately, we would need to check with every flying station in the UK whether they had any aircraft in the area, the cost of which would exceed the compliance limit, set at £600, under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This equates to one individual working for three and a half days to locate, retrieve and extract the required information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, we are therefore not obliged to comply with this element of your request.

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

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



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

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I hope that this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

[Original signed]

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## ESTIMATE COST ANALYSIS

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<b>Task(What you are permitted to take into account)</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
How long to determine if we hold the information	30	750
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How long to extract and edit/redact the information	0	0
<b>Total Estimate</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>750</b>

### **FOI Reference Number – 19-10-2009-163330-001**

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There are 30 flying stations. The time take at each station equates to one hour.  
30 hours @£25 = £750.

Due 13/11/09

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec10 Section 40

**From:** CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
**Sent:** 19 October 2009 16:37  
**To:** Section 40  
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER); CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FOI Correspondence ref 19-10-2009-163330-001  
**Importance:** High  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

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Best regards

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 **Section 40**

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**Sent:** 29 October 2009 16:02  
**To:** **Section 40**  
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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 [Section 40]

**Sent:** 04 November 2009 10:36

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 30 October 2009 07:59  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: Aircraft Activity

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email, but unfortunately we are unable to help this time. The radar data that we can access only allows us to view incidents that are below the line of latitude 56N (which runs across the country just above Edinburgh). I would recommend contacting ScATCC D&D, where Flt Lt Section 40 and Sgt Section 40 do radar replays as an addition to their normal work. The number we have is Section 40 or email Section 40 @nats.co.uk and Section 40 @nats.co.uk. They may be able to help, but I highly doubt they will be able to see anything flying at 20ft.

Sorry we cant be of more help this time around,

Regards,

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Cpl  
RAC Assistant  
Swanwick

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 Section 40 [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSecDHd1@mod.uk]  
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Our Ref:  
16-10-2009-111639-001

11 November 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of the 16 October 2009 requesting information about military aircraft movements on 1 January 2009 at 0018GMT and whether military aircraft fly with headlights on. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The MOD has no central record of aircraft flying in the area on the date and time in question. In order to answer your question about airborne activity accurately, we would need to check with every flying station in the UK whether they had any aircraft in the area, the cost of which would exceed the compliance limit, set at £600, under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This equates to one individual working for three and a half days to locate, retrieve and extract the required information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, we are therefore not obliged to comply with this element of your request.

Military aircraft have landing and navigation lights. Open source information on aircraft lighting systems is available from a variety of outlets, such as the internet or reference books in public libraries. Basic technical details of aircraft can be found in Jane's 'All the World's Aircraft', which may be available from your local public library.

If your local library lacks the information, you may wish to make use of the internet. I did an internet search which indicated that aircraft navigation lights are placed in a way similar to that of marine vessels, with a red navigation light located on the left wingtip leading edge and a green light on the right wingtip leading edge. A white navigation light is as far as possible to the edge of the tail or each wing tip. High-intensity strobe lights are located on the aircraft to aid in collision avoidance. Almost all modern aircraft are equipped with landing lights if they are intended and approved for night-time operations. Landing lights are usually of very high intensity because of the considerable distance that may separate an aircraft from terrain or



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obstacles; the landing lights of large aircraft can easily be seen by observers from several miles away.

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due 11/11/09

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 **Section 40**

**From:** CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
**Sent:** 16 October 2009 11:19  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER); CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FOI Correspondence ref 16-10-2009-111639-001  
**Importance:** High

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 **Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 30 October 2009 07:59  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 **Section 40**  
**Subject:** RE: Aircraft Activity

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your email, but unfortunately we are unable to help this time. The radar data that we can access only allows us to view incidents that are below the line of latitude 56N (which runs across the country just above Edinburgh). I would recommend contacting ScATCC D&D, where Flt Lt **Section 40** and Sgt **Section 40** do radar replays as an addition to their normal work. The number we have is **Section 40** or email **Section 40** and **Section 40**. They may be able to help, but I highly doubt they will be able to see anything flying at 20ft.

Sorry we cant be of more help this time around,

Regards,

**Section 40**

**Section 40**

Cpl  
 RAC Assistant  
 Swanwick

**Section 40**

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 **Section 40** [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSecDHd1@mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2009 16:02  
**To:** RAC.Mil  
**Subject:** Aircraft Activity

Dear RAC

Air Command, RAF Business Secretariat has received two separate Freedom of Information requests (below). Both are in relation to UFOs but also ask about aircraft activity. I would be grateful if you can provide a radar trace by COP 5 November. Many thanks for your help.

I am a cerified UFO Field Investigator for MUFON (Mutual UFO Research Network) and am investigating a possible UFO sighting case which was witnessed a resident in Dunblane, near Stirling. \par This occurred on 25th August this year at 21.05 hours. \par He described it as a disc-shaped with white lights flying at VERY low altitude-only 20 feet up and moving towards the south. He then says a few minutes later a stealth bomber flew by heading in the same direction. \par Has there been any other such reports received by yourself on this, and do you know if there was any airborne activity in that area on that date and time?

Investigating a report of unusual lights at 0018 GMT on 01 Jan 09 as seen south from Crieff, I need to know if there were any military aircraft movements at that time that could account for the lights. Do military aircraft fly with headlights on?

**Section 40**

Dep Hd of Sec 1  
 Air Cmd, Spitfire Block  
 Tel: **Section 40**

30/10/2009

Section 40

Email: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec DHd1 (DII-F Role)

Section 40 @mod.uk (Personal)

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2 November 2009

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Yours sincerely

[Original signed]

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Sent: 06 October 2009 14:50  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002 Section 40

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Please see Section 40 comment.

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From: LF-SEC-Ops 1b1-D Section 40  
Sent: 06 October 2009 13:28  
To: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40 Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002  
Section 40

I did a little bit of research and DIN 2009 DIN05-001 states that any personnel, who wish to report a UFO, should now do so at the following address:

RAF Business Secretariat 13  
Room Section 40  
Spitfire Block,  
HQ Air Command  
RAF High Wycombe,  
HP14 4UE  
ufodesk@mod.uk  
Tel: Section 40 or BT: 01494 496254  
Fax: Section 40 or BT: Section 40

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Section 40  
S03 LF Sec Ops 1b1  
Land Forces Secretariat  
HQ LF, Erskine Bks, Wilton, Wilts, SP2 0AG  
Tel: Section 40 or Section 40  
Fax: Section 40 or Section 40

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From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
Sent: 06 October 2009 11:52  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER); LF-Sec-Wilton (Mailbox) (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002  
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All,

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From: FLEET-DCS-INFO-FOI2 SO2C **Section 40**  
Sent: 06 October 2009 11:49  
To: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 **Section 40**  
Cc: FLEET-DCS-INFO-IM1 E1 **Section 40** FLEET-DCS-INFO-FOI1 SO2C **Section 40**  
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Then the three services should liaise before responding. Grateful if you would request the RAF UFO desk and the Army to provide their contacts, and provide them with my details.

Many thanks

**Section 40**  
FLEET-DCS-INFO-FOI2 SO2C  
1-4 Leach Building  
NCHO

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From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 **Section 40**  
Sent: 06 October 2009 11:13  
To: FLEET-DCS-INFO-IM1 E1 **Section 40**  
Subject: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002

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Yes, both of them

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Sent: 06 October 2009 10:53  
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Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002

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FLEET-DCS-INFO-IM1 E1  
Naval Service Freedom Of Information Co-ordination Cell (NSFOICC) Mailpoint 1-4

Leach Building Whale Island Portsmouth  
PO2 8BY  
Tel: Section 40

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From: FLEET-DCS FOICELL-f (MULTIUSER)

Sent: 06 October 2009 10:40

To: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40

Subject: RE: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002

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From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40

Sent: 06 October 2009 10:25

To: FLEET-DCS FOICELL-f (MULTIUSER)

Subject: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002

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Best regards

CIO-Access  
Freedom of Information Helpdesk  
Telephone: **Section 40**  
Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
AIT: <http://aitportal.dii.r.mil.uk/>

Fleet,

Thanks.

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CIO-CI-AccessOps4  
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**Section 40** @mod.uk

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

From: **Section 40** [mailto:request-19464-ace51119@whatdotheyknow.com]  
Sent: 05 October 2009 18:12  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002 **Section 40**

Dear Sir or Madam,

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Yours faithfully,

**Section 40**

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Many thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 10:34  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-103242-001 Section 40

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Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
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CIO-CI-AccessOps4  
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Section 40 [redacted]@mod.uk

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From: Section 40 [redacted] [mailto:request-19465-a7fc296a@whatdotheyknow.com]  
Sent: 05 October 2009 18:14  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-103242-001 Section 40 [redacted]

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec9 **Section 40** on behalf of Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 13:38  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002 **Section 40**

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**From:** LF-SEC-Ops 1b1-D **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 13:28  
**To:** CIO-CI-AccessOps4 **Section 40**; Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
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SO3 LF Sec Ops 1b1  
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All,

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CIO-CI-AccessOps4

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Sent: 06 October 2009 11:49

To: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 **Section 40**

Cc: FLEET-DCS-INFO-IM1 E1 **Section 40**, FLEET-DCS-INFO-FOI1 SO2C **Section 40**

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Whale Island Portsmouth  
PO2 8BY  
Tel: Section 40

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Sent: 06 October 2009 10:40  
To: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
Subject: RE: Release-Authorised: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002 Section 40

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If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact Info-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

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Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
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-----Original Message-----

From: **Section 40** [mailto:request-19464-ace51119@whatdotheyknow.com]  
Sent: 05 October 2009 18:12  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: - Recorded Incidents PF 06-10-2009-102229-002 **Section 40**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please could you supply information regarding the amount of serving members of the Royal Navy who have reported UFO's or alien activity over the last 12 months.

Also please include where the incidents took place, what investigations took place and which were passed onto other government agencies or related civilian agencies.

Many thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully,

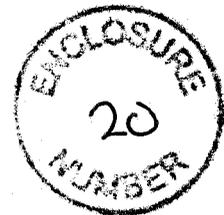
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27-10-2009-152953-001

28 October 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of the 15 October 2009 requesting information on the report of a UFO sighting in the West Lothian area. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have examined our records and can find no report of a UFO sighting in the area of West Lothian on Monday 5 October.

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec2 **Section 40**

From: **Section 40**

Sent: 19 February 2009 13:45

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-authorized: 20090219-FOI Response **Section 40** UFO Sightings 23-02-2009-154424-015 and 23-02-2009-153908-014-U

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your two Freedom of Information requests of 22 January 2009 asking about a UFO sighting on the Isle of Lewis on January and near Bridgend on 3 January 2009. You wished to know if there was any military activity in these areas at the time of the sightings and whether we had received any similar reports. Please take this response to cover both requests.

The Ministry of Defence does not keep a central record of all military aircraft activity and in order to accurately state whether there was any military activity in the area, we would need to contact some thirty flying stations across the UK, the cost which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

Whilst we do have a centralised record of aircraft entering the UK Low Flying System, this system was closed over the period in question and I would therefore very much doubt that the sightings were caused by military activity.

No other similar sightings were made for the areas in question over this period.

I am sorry I can not be more helpful.

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Dear Section 40

Our Ref:  
07-08-2009-100014-002

27 August 2009

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 28 Jul 2009 asking whether there had been any military activity over Edinburgh at about 00:36 hours on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and whether any reports that lights had been seen on that date over Edinburgh had been received.

The MoD has no central record of aircraft flying over Edinburgh on the date and time in question. In order for us to accurately answer your question, we would need to check with every flying station in the UK whether they had any aircraft in the area, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with this element of your request at this time.

However, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings over Edinburgh for 19 or 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

It is of course possible that military aircraft may have been transiting the area, and that Edinburgh's civilian Air Traffic Control may have some record.

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Section 40 [REDACTED] 23-01-2009-153908-014 No Release (Cost) DII Section 40 GxAITESTSTC 19/02/2009 UFO

On 3rd Jan a lady who lives in Uphall was driving through Bridgend, West Lothian Scotland when she saw one multicoloured curved light in the sky. This happened around 12:50pm, could you please let me know if anyone reported seeing strange lights in the sky on that date over West Lothian. Also was there any military activity in the area on that date and around that time?

Section 40 [REDACTED] 23-01-2009-154424-015 No Release (Cost) DII Section 40 GxAITESTSTC 19/02/2009 UFO

We have received a report from a gentleman who lives on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland. On 1st January 2009 at 12:30pm he saw 3 bright lights of a yellow/gold colour travelling across the sky. Have you had any reports of a similar nature? Also was there any military activity in the area on that date and around that time?

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**Request:** Section 40 21-02-2006-092708-001  
**Group:** DAS

Received: 16 Feb 06  
Expiry Date: 16 Mar 06  
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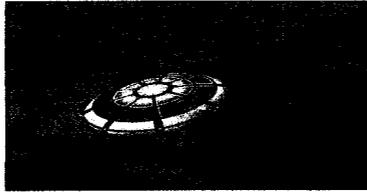
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Could you let me know if there was any military activity in the area at that time and date<!--EndFragment-->

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**Freedom of information act**

**Dear Sirs,**

**A lady who lives in Glenmavis near Airdrie Scotland contacted me regarding strange lights over the area on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October between 8.30pm and 9pm.**

**These lights appeared in a group of three and looked like they were on fire before changing to a white colour.**

**Could you please let me know if anyone reported seeing these lights on that date and time.**

**Thanking you in anticipation.**

**Regards**

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**Director of E2WUFOS**



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Our Ref:  
13-10-2009-094550-002

20 October 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of the 12 October 2009 requesting information on the report of a UFO sighting in the Aberporth area. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have examined our records and can find no report of a UFO sighting in the area of Aberporth on Friday 6 October.

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Yours sincerely

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# UFO Report

DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING
05 Oct 09		Cardiff	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Two objects seen in sky			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
N/A			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
N/A			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	UFO Hotline	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
N/A			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No address left			

# UFO Report

<b>DATE OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TIME OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>TOWN OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>AREA OF SIGHTING</b>
05 Oct 09			Sussex
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
Two bright lights hovered, then turned north and headed in land			
<b>POSITION OF OBSERVER</b>			
N/A			
<b>HOW OBSERVED</b>			
N/A			
<b>DIRECTION SEEN</b>			
Heading north			
<b>APPROX DISTANCE</b>			
N/A			
<b>MOVEMENTS SPEED</b>			
N/A			
<b>WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>	<b>TO WHOM REPORTED</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
N/A	Sussex Police	N/A	
<b>OTHER WITNESSES</b>			
Brother			
<b>REMARKS</b>			
No address left			

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec2** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40  
**Sent:** 21 July 2009 09:42  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: 20090713 FOI 09-07-2009-144456-053 UFO Sightings1998/1999-u

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The response I sent on your behalf.

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**Sent:** 16 July 2009 14:39  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** 20090713 FOI 09-07-2009-144456-053 UFO Sightings1998/1999-u

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 July 2009 asking for all Northern Ireland UFO sightings in 1998/1999.

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

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

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

Details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "*UFO Reports*". For the current year until the 30 June, the MoD has recorded 240 reports relating to 2009, a further 8 relating to 2008 which were not received in time to appear on the website and 1 for 2007. Details of sightings for 2009 will be placed on the MoD website in early 2010.

I hope this is helpful.

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**Sent:** 22 June 2009 14:59  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090622-FOI Response Section 40 UFOs in London 08-06-2009-155902-004-U  
**Attachments:** 20090622-Attachment Section 40 08-06-2009-155902-004.xls

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 June 2009 asking for documentation of UFO sightings for the last year, which I have taken to mean for the period 8 June 2008 to 8 June 2009.

Details of all sightings for the period 1997-2008 are available on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports". I attach a spreadsheet containing details of sightings recorded for 2009 across the Greater London area. The list also includes a sighting made in 2008, that was received too late to appear in the 2008 statistics.

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01-Jan-09	N/A	Streatham Hill
13-Jan-09	N/A	Leyton
14-Jan-09	N/A	Leyton
18-Jan-09	N/A	Leyton
27-Feb-09	18:15	Central London
23-Feb-09	22:52	South East London
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02-May-09	21:50	Upper Norwood
09-May-09	22:50	Central London

**DESCRIPTION**

A huge glowing orange ball. It hovered over Bloomfield park in a strange way, suspended in air. It moved up and down and then glided diagonally into the sky.

Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky

Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)

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One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London

It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site.

An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly.

A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly.

Three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects

A big ball of fire, like a star. It decreased in size over two minutes.

Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own.

A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all.

A long shaped vehicle with a red light at the front and 2 gold lights eitherside. Hovered above the house and then moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter.

A bright red light over the house.

Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes

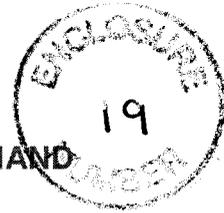
Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace

Twenty orange balls heading north.



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Section 40

Email: Section 40

Our Ref: 28-10-2009-111613-01

28 October 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of the 27 October 2009 requesting information about the number of UFO's that have been recovered from UK soil in the last 10 years. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

There has been no recovery of any UFO from UK soil.

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

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I hope that this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

[Original signed]

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Due 23/11/09

CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec10 Section 40

From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
Sent: 28 October 2009 11:18  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: foi email request PF 28-10-2009-111613-001 Section 40

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Dear Focal Point(s)

The Freedom of Information (FOI) request for information (RFI) below has been placed with you, but not confirmed on the Access to Information Toolkit (AIT). [insert details here, of which area should answer which part of the RFI, if it has been broken into different sections]

Please acknowledge within two working days that you are the appropriate area to respond, or lead, and we will confirm this on AIT. You should respond to the requester within twenty working days of the date the request was made. If you consider another area is more appropriate to respond or lead, then please approach them, also within two working days. Please engage with the FOI Helpdesk at all times when you are looking to place a request elsewhere. The FOI Helpdesk will be pleased to assist during this process.

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This process is set out to maximise the amount of time to find information and respond, when this request has been placed with the appropriate subject matter expert.

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If you have any concerns, or require any assistance with FOI, please contact Info-Access Operations, we are here to help.

Best regards

CIO-Access  
Freedom of Information Helpdesk  
Telephone: Section 40  
Email: CIO-FOI@mod.uk  
AIT: <http://aitportal.dii.r.mil.uk/>

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 27 October 2009 18:10  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: foi email request PF 28-10-2009-111613-001 Section 40

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

txttitle: Section 40  
txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtinforequest: How many UFO'S have been recovered from UK soil in the last 10 years?



**Section 40**  
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**Section 40**

Email: **Section 40**

Our Ref:  
13-10-2009-094550-002

20 October 2009

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your email of the 12 October 2009 requesting information on the report of a UFO sighting in the Aberporth area. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have examined our records and can find no report of a UFO sighting in the area of Aberporth on Friday 6 October.

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

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I hope that this information is useful

Yours sincerely

[original signed]

**Section 40**

RAF Bus Sec 8



Due 9/11/09

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 **Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 12 October 2009 08:42  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Re: MOD Response on UFO Sighting  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed  
**Attachments:** ATT1012583.txt

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your response.

I wonder if you would care to look in to a second UFO sighting which took place over Aberporth, Ceredigion, at 9.05pm on Friday, October 2?

On that occasion several witnesses, including myself, watch four orange, spherical objects fly over the village in close formation before apparently merging and disappearing as one. Inquiries with the local West Wales Airport (where UAVs) are constantly tested, have drawn a blank.

I can assure you that this will be my final request for info on the subject of UFOs!

regards

**Section 40**

On 9 Oct 2009, at 14:25, Air CmdSecCS-RAFFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) wrote:

Dear **Section 40**

Please find attached an MOD response to your report of a UFO sighting.

**Section 40**

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Business Secretariat,

Rm **Section 40** Spitfire Block

14/10/2009

Air Comd, RAF High Wycombe,

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Ref: 01-10-2009-113328-001  
9 October 2009

Section 40

Chester-le-Street

Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 30 September. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding an incident on 23 January 1974 at Llandrillo, Berwyn Mountains, North Wales, whereby a UFO was seen to have crashed there.

The MOD files for this period have been transferred to the National Archives. They can be contacted by post at the following address: The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. They also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

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Yours sincerely

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Ref: 01-10-2009-113328-001  
1 October 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 30 September. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You asked for information regarding ~~an incident~~ *regarding an incident on 23 January in Llandrillo*  
**On 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 1974, an extraordinary event took place in Llandrillo, Berwyn Mountains, North Wales, whereby a ufo was seen to have crashed there.**

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Yours sincerely

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The Constitution Unit, a research body at University College London, is carrying out an independent evaluative study of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in co-operation with a number of public authorities, including the Ministry of Defence. An important part of the evaluation process is gathering the experiences and opinions of FOI requesters like you. Any information you provide will only be seen by the Constitution Unit and will be handled in accordance with its privacy policy explained in the survey. The Ministry of Defence will only see the published results: no individual responses will be visible to us and your participation will have no effect on your future dealings with the Ministry.

If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey/ <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at [b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.worthy@ucl.ac.uk) or on **Section 40** to ask more about the study.

If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 07 May 2008 11:47  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI-11-04-2008-073909-007

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information regarding an incident on the 7 February 1974 at Ruabon Mountain in Llangollen C, in North Wales. You also asked for any UFO reports for that date and location.

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Yours sincerely

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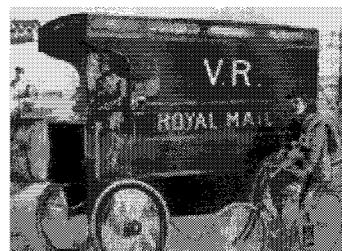
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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec10 Section 40

From: CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
Sent: 01 October 2009 11:34  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFPariBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 01-10-2009-113328-001 Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 30 September 2009 10:56  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: FOI written request PF 01-10-2009-113328-001 Section 40

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

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txtemailAddress: Section 40

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txtinforequest: hi i am a keen ufo resercher, and would like to find some information regarding, (On the 23rd of January, 1974, an extraordinary event took place in Llandrillo, Berwyn Mountains, North Wales)whereby a ufo was seen to have crashed there. i look forward to your response. If i am intruding then i appologise.



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Section 40

Irby  
Wirral

Section 40

Ref: 16-09-2009-095330-002  
9 October 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 15 September. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

- Was there any military activity taking place in this area at this time?**
- If so, what type of aircraft was involved?**
- What was the purpose?**
- Have there been any reports of UFOs from this area and time?**
- Is the MOD aware of any explanation for this sighting?**

There was no military activity taking place in the Wirral area around 11.00pm on 5 September 2009. Consequently there were no military aircraft involved and as such the question of purpose does not arise. However, our enquiries have confirmed that there were three civilian aircraft around the area at the time stated by you.

I have not been able to trace any reports, so far, of UFOS for the area you asked for at the time requested.

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

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Yours sincerely

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec9** [Section 40]

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**From:** [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 02 October 2009 14:25  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFFarliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** RE: FOI written request PF 16-09-2009-095330-002 [Section 40]  
**Attachments:** Inc 24709 - Synopsis.doc

Good afternoon [Section 40]

PFA the synopsis for Inc 247/09. The CD is in the post.

Three aircraft can be seen around the area at the time stated they are all civilian aircraft, two belonging to Ryanair and the third Easyjet.

I hope I am not insulting your intelligence, but when the CD arrives the white cross in the centre of the screen is roughly in the middle of the Wirral, which stands out quite clearly, and the little blue square in the lower right quarter of the screen is Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

[Section 40]  
WO  
Radar Analysis Cell

[Section 40]

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec9 [Section 40] [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSec9@mod.uk] **On**  
**Behalf Of** Air CmdSecCS-RAFFarliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 01 October 2009 16:57  
**To:** RAC.Mil  
**Subject:** FOI written request PF 16-09-2009-095330-002 [Section 40]

Dear RAC

RAF Business Secretariat has received a Freedom of Information request, and we would be grateful if you were able to provide a radar trace by COP 09/10/09.

The requestor asked:

“Was there any military activity taking place in the Wirral at 23:00 on 05/09/09?  
If so, what type of aircraft was involved?”

Many thanks for your help with this.

[Section 40]

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09/10/2009

# SYNOPSIS OF REQUESTED RADAR REPLAY

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ALL TIMES ARE ZULU

CD No(s) 247/09

Incident 247/09

DTG: 052200Z Sep 09 - Saturday

Position: WIRRAL

Reporting ac Type – *Military Activity* Callsign – *N/K* SSR Code *N/K* Mode C *N/K*

Radar Heads *St ANNES'S*

Recording starts *052150Z Sep 09* Recording ends *052216Z Sep 09*

*The Reference Point (RP) used is N5322.02 0303.35W, which is located in the centre of the screen.*

Synopsis of Events Based on Radar Replay: St Anne's Radar.

No military aircraft were observed in the area at the time stated.

I have re-viewed the radar and the following was observed:

2150 RYR5/177 is climbing over the area heading WNW.  
EZY6990/380 is transiting the area heading NNW.

2154 RYRZLC/027 is descending over the area to land at Liverpool John Lennon airport.

Comments by RACO:

CD contents as follows:

One 15nm range recording produced at four times normal speed.

*[Signed Electronically]*

9-Oct-09

**Section 40**

Warrant Officer  
Duty RACO

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40**

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40**

**Sent:** 18 September 2009 11:59

**To:** **Section 40**

**Subject:** Release-authorized: FOI Request 08-09-2009-171435-001 **Section 40**

Dear RAC,

We have received a FOI request regarding a UFO sighting that was reported in the Warminster area on the night of Saturday 29 Aug 09 at 22:33. The requestor is asking if there were ***“any UAV's or other military aircraft were flying on this flight path at that time”***. The sighting details are as follows: ***“The object was sighted from an east facing view point on Cradle Hill near Elm Hill, Warminster and was travelling in a north-north-east direction before changing to an easterly direction and disappearing into the distance.”***

If you are able to conduct a radar trace, a response, if possible, by COP 25 Sep 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]

From: STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint [Section 40] (Sqn Ldr)  
Sent: 01 October 2009 10:52  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
Subject: RE: 20090928: FOI Request 16-09-2009-095330-002 [Section 40]

[Section 40]

To answer the question faithfully you would need to contact every flying Squadron/Organization within the military, retrieve all their flight logs, analyse them, and determine where each aircraft was on the day and time in question. I do not have the capacity to do this; I suspect you do not either. What I can say is there was no Air Cmd OpTrg sponsored Exercise Flying over the Wirral on the 5 Sep and 2300hrs.

[Section 40]

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From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
Sent: 28 September 2009 16:01  
To: STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint [Section 40]  
Subject: 20090928: FOI Request 16-09-2009-095330-002 [Section 40]

Dear Sqn Ldr [Section 40]

We have received FOI request concerning UFO activity in the Wirral, Merseyside. However, a supplementary question has been asked as to whether there ***“was any military activity taking place in this area (Wirral) at 23:00hrs on 5 Sep 2009?”*** Therefore, I would be grateful if you are able to confirm whether there was any military activity taking place on the above mentioned date. A response by COP 5 Oct 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help once again

Regards

S/L [Section 40]

[Section 40]

Don't fly  
Week weards.

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Telecon: S/L Section 40 @ 16:10 on 1/10/09  
NofA

22 Gp - Help - AEF's & UASs  
would not be flying at that time  
of night.

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

**From:** DE Ops DTE-BM4a1b [Section 40] [redacted]@de.mod.uk] on behalf of DE-DTE Secretariat [xResMbx0135@de.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 September 2009 07:32  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: Release-authorized: 20090928 FOI- Request for Information-u

[Section 40]

The only DTE training establishment close to the Wirral is Sealand and I can confirm all training had finished by 1600hrs on Sat 5 Sep 09.

For future reference if you are unable to locate the DTE group mailbox (DE-DTE Secretariat) can you copy any requests for information to [Section 40] (DE Ops DTE-BM4a1) please.

Thanks

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40] [redacted] [mailto:AirCmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10@mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 28 September 2009 16:37  
**To:** DE Ops DTE-BM4a1b [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: 20090928 FOI- Request for Information-u

Dear [Section 40]

Further to our telecom this afternoon. Thanks for finding out the information for me. Grateful if you would just send me an e-mail, confirming the information for the audit trail.

Many thanks for your help once again.

Regards

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**From:** CIO-CI-AccessOps4 Section 40  
**Sent:** 16 September 2009 09:55  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 16-09-2009-095330-002 Section 40

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Air,

Can you take?

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

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 21:12  
**To:** CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FOI written request PF 16-09-2009-095330-002 Section 40

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

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txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2: Irby  
txttowncity: Wirral  
txtstatecountry: Merseyside  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtinforequest: Hi

I would like to make an FOI request about a set of unidentified flying objects in the Wirral area on 5/9/09.

At about 11pm, myself and a few other people saw about 10 orange lights go past in Irby village, the speed of planes but no flashing and no noise. They followed each other by about 30 seconds or so.

I don't believe they could have been Chinese lanterns as they weren't bobbing about but following each other, perfectly aligned. They headed from the west towards Liverpool.

My query is:

Was there any military activity taking place in this area at this time?  
If so, what type of aircraft was involved?  
What was the purpose?  
Has there been any reports of UFOs from this area and time?  
Is the MOD aware of any explanation for this sighting?

I trust I will hear from you within the statutory 20 working day limit.

Many thanks

Section 40

Telecon to Maj Section 40 - He's  
going to check with their Secretariat  
Branch. @ 15.50 28/9/09.

Section 40

**HEADQUARTERS AIR COMMAND**  
RAF Business Secretariat 10



Spitfire Block  
Royal Air Force  
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HP14 4UE

Section 40

Our Ref: 08-09-2009-171435-001

30 September 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email requesting information a UFO sighting in the Warminster area on Saturday, 29 August 2009 at 22:33. I am replying as this is an area that falls within Air Command's remit. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked us to confirm whether any UAVs or military aircraft were flying at this time. I can confirm that no UAVs or military aircraft were in the area at the time in question. However, a Police helicopter was operating in the vicinity. For your information I have also checked our records and there are no other reported sightings for the Warminster area for that date.

I hope you find this information useful.

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

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Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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ALL TIMES ZULU

CD No(s) 231/09

**Incident 231/09**

DTG 292133Z Aug 09 - Saturday

Position: Warminster Area

Aircraft Type – N/K Callsign – N/K SSR Code N/K Mode C? N/K

Radar Heads *Clee Hill, London Heathrow and Pease Pottage*

Recording starts 292115Z Aug 09 Recording ends 292145Z Aug 09

*The Reference Point (RP) used is N51 13 W002 09, which is the white cross located in the centre of the screen.*

Synopsis of Events Based on Radar Replay: Clee Hill London Heathrow radars.

I looked at each of the above stated radars from and although no aircraft were seen to pass directly over the RP the following was observed:

## **London Heathrow Radar**

At 21.16:56 an intermittent primary only radar return is observed (this is the + symbol) 6.0nm NW of the RP, this continued slowly on a SE heading until at 21.33:53 it passes 2.0nm NE of the RP still on the SE heading.

## **Clee Hill Radar**

This is the only identifiable aircraft that passes close to the RP:

At 21.41 S0032/013 passes 2.2nm W of the RP heading from N to S.

## Comments by RACO:

CD contents as follows:

One 15nm range recording produced at 4 times normal speed (London Heathrow).

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This is not a particularly good area for low level coverage. The slow moving primary track heads directly towards Boscombe Down which it passes at 2159:54. It maintains a SE heading passing 5.7nm N of Southampton airport at 2230:59. The return finally fades from radar in the vicinity of Midhurst at 22:56:09. It has not been possible to identify the slow moving primary only track.

The S0032 squawk is used by Police helicopters on task; in this case it was probably the Wilshire Police Helicopter from Devizes.

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23-Sep-09

Section 40

Warrant Officer  
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# SYNOPSIS OF REQUESTED RADAR REPLAY

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*[Signed Electronically]*

24-Sep-09

Section 40

Warrant Officer  
Duty RACO

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40**

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40**

**Sent:** 18 September 2009 11:59

**To:** **Section 40**

**Subject:** Release-authorized: FOI Request 08-09-2009-171435-001 **Section 40**

Dear RAC,

We have received a FOI request regarding a UFO sighting that was reported in the Warminster area on the night of Saturday 29 Aug 09 at 22:33. The requestor is asking if there were **"any UAV's or other military aircraft were flying on this flight path at that time"**. The sighting details are as follows: **"The object was sighted from an east facing view point on Cradle Hill near Elm Hill, Warminster and was travelling in a north-north-east direction before changing to an easterly direction and disappearing into the distance."**

If you are able to conduct a radar trace, a response, if possible, by COP 25 Sep 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

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Sent: 08 September 2009 15:02

To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)

Subject: FOI written request PF 08-09-2009-171435-001 **Section 40**

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txtaddress2: **Section 40**

txttowncity: Fareham 

txtstatecountry: Hampshire

txtzipcodepostcode: **Section 40**

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: **Section 40**

txtinforequest: Dear Sir/Madam

I am investigating a report of a ufo sighting in the Warminster area on the night of Saturday August 29th 2009 at 22:33 and am seeking to confirm whether any uav's or other military craft were flying on this flight path at that time.

The object was sighted from an east facing view point on Cradle Hill near Elm Hill, Warminster and was travelling in a north-north-east direction before changing to an easterly direction and disappearing into the distance.

Any help you could provide would be most appreciated

Sincerely

**Section 40** representing Fareham UFO Research Group (fuforg.com))

**Section 40**

RAC:

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 Section 40

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 Section 40

Sent: 30 September 2009 13:25

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090930-FOI Response Section 40 28-09-2009-112912-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 September 2009 asking for information regarding the 5 UFOs that passed near Gatwick on the same day.

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

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of

each sighting reported to us. We believe that a broad-based examination of such phenomena could be found for a number of reasons. Resources were diverted to the primary function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would use of defence resources if we were to do so.

Turning to the specific incident you mention, I have checked our records but we have not received any UFO reports for the time and date in question.

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

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Sent: 28 September 2009 11:31  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request PF 28-09-2009-112912-002 Section 40

Follow Up Flag: Follow up  
Flag Status: Blue

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One for you.

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CIO-CI-AccessOps4  
Section 40  
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-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 26 September 2009 22:44  
To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: FOI written request PF 28-09-2009-112912-002 Section 40

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txtlastname: Section 40  
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txtaddress2: Section 40  
txttowncity: Horley  
txtstatecountry: Surrey  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtinforequest: I would like to request information on the 5 UFO that passed approximately 2 miles north east of Gatwick Airport at 10.15 pm on Saturday 26th September 2009. These were not planes, unless 5 happened to be on fire at the same time, following each other closely, whilst planes on their regular flight path circled for Heathrow and Gatwick. They were too high for helicopters, satelites and meteors wouldn't explain the fact that they suddenly all shot up in the sky and disappeared one after the other.

Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Spitfire Block  
Royal Air Force  
High Wycombe  
Buckinghamshire  
HP14 4UE

Section 40

Our Ref: 02-09-2009-131341-002

28 September 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 31 August 2009 concerning the strange occurrence you witnessed over the Doncaster area on Saturday, 30 August 2009. I have assumed that you are referring to Sunday 30 August, but for completeness I have checked both dates. I am replying as this is an area that falls within Air Command's remit. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked us to check with RAF Waddington for any military flights operating in the Doncaster area on that date. I have confirmed that there were no military flights over the Doncaster area for either the 29 or 30 August 2009. A radar trace was also conducted for both those dates but nothing was found to match the events you reported. For your information no other UFO reports have been received for the Doncaster area for those dates.

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

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

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10** [Section 40]

**From:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 14:29  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 [Section 40]  
**Cc:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FW: 20090709 FOI Request [Section 40] 09-2009-13141-002-u  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Tina please see the below.



[Section 40]

Flt Lt  
SO3 Bus Spt  
Tel [Section 40]  
Fax [Section 40]

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**From:** [Section 40] Sqn Ldr On Behalf Of 2GP-CAG (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 12:22  
**To:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER); Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: 20090709 FOI Request [Section 40] 09-2009-13141-002-u

[Section 40]

I have checked with all 2 Gp stns (Waddington, Northolt, Lyneham, Brize, Kinloss plus SARF) and none had any activity in the Doncaster region over the specified weekend.

[Section 40]

Sqn Ldr  
SO2 ISTAR Current Ops 1  
HQ 2 Gp RAF High Wycombe  
Mil: [Section 40]  
Civ: [Section 40]  
DII: 2GP-ISTAR Curr Ops 1 SO2 [Section 40] (Sqn Ldr)

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**From:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 12:01  
**To:** 2GP-CAG (MULTIUSER)  
**Cc:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** FW: 20090709 FOI Request [Section 40] 09-2009-13141-002-u

Grateful if you could advise if you are able to assist with this or for a POC at Waddington and we will request information directly from them.

[Section 40]

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SO3 Bus Spt  
Tel [Section 40]

Fax **Section 40**

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 11:39  
**To:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** 20090709 FOI Request **Section 40** 09-2009-13141-002-u

Dear 2Gp,

We have received a FOI request concerning a UFO report by a member of the public. For your information I have highlighted the questions **Section 40** is asking and which we are responding to.

I would be most grateful if RAF Waddington are able to check whether there were any military flights over Doncaster area on Saturday 30 Aug 09.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

**Section 40**

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10** **Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 11 September 2009 15:15  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 **Section 40**  
**Subject:** 20090911-'STRANGE OCCURRENCE' REPORT FROM **Section 40** -U

Hello **Section 40**

Ref the 'strange occurrence' report from **Section 40** in Doncaster.

He said the events he witnessed were between 2056 local time and 2106 local time on Saturday 30 Aug...but 30 Aug was a Sunday.

Did he mean Saturday 29 Aug or Sunday 30 Aug?

To cover all the bases I did radar observations for both nights.

Details of those observations are as follows:

**Saturday 29 Aug**

I used Claxby, Great Dun Fell, Clee Hill and St Annes radars.  
I looked at each of the 4 radars from 2045 local time until 2115 local time.  
Nothing matching the reported events was seen.

**Sunday 30 Aug**

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I looked at each of the 4 radars from 2045 local time until 2115 local time.  
Nothing matching the reported events was seen.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call me.

Regards.

**Section 40**  
Radar Analysis Cell  
Swanwick  
**Section 40**

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**Sent:** 07 September 2009 11:39  
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**Subject:** 20090709 FOI Request Section 40 09-2009-13141-002-u  
**Attachments:** 200900907 Section 40 FO-U.doc

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Thanking you in advance for your help

cop 20/9

Regards

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 13:07  
**To:** 'RAC.Mil'  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: FOI Request 02-09-2009-131341-002-Section 40  
**Attachments:** 200900907 Section 40 O-U.doc

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**Sent:** 07 September 2009 12:19  
**To:** 'RAC.Mil'  
**Subject:** Released-authorized: FOI Request 02-09-2009-131341-002-Section 40

Dear RAC,

We have received a UFO report from a member of the public. For your information I have highlighted the question we are responding to under FOI. I would be grateful if you are able to conduct a radar trace for the Doncaster area for 30 Aug 2009. If possible a response by 20 Sep 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Regards

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**Sent:** 31 August 2009 10:30  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1  
**Subject:** strange occurrence  
**Importance:** High

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Now, to the point, last night, Saturday 30th August 2009, I was at home with my wife, Section 40, we were watching television in the front room, the curtains were open, no lights on to cause any reflections. I had not been drinking. My view was out of the window over the rooftops towards Doncaster Royal infirmary and the town centre.

At 856pm, a bright orange light emerged from the distance coming towards our house. At first I thought it was the Police helicopter SY99 which flies around this area quite regularly - it wasn't. There was no noise of the engines or of the chopping sound as it approached. The orange ball had no navigation lights to front or the side/wing tips. It was about the same size as a helicopter, shape not discernable. It veered to its left and accelerated going north towards Barnby Dun. Its height was about normal helicopter height, maybe a little higher - the speed was faster than the police SY99.

This object was out of sight within 5-6 seconds.

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*Please put my our minds at rest. I do not want any publicity, I thought the sightings should be reported.*

regards Section 40 and wife Section 40  
Section 40 doncaster. Section 40



Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

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Our Ref: 19-08-2009-134911-001

14 September 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 August 2009, concerning your report of strange flying objects seen during the night of Saturday 8 August 2009. I am replying as this is an area that falls within Air Command's remit. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]

**Sent:** 07 September 2009 13:19

**To:** DTE Landmarc SE-SO2 Camps [Section 40]

**Subject:** FW: Release-authorized: FW: Strange siting - Sunday 9th August 2009 0.50am

Dear Major [Section 40]

I was given your name by a colleague of [Section 40] (who I understand has now left the department). Are you able to help with a FOI request that I have been tasked with answering? The e-mail below which was sent to [Section 40] is the information I am seeking. If this is not your area I would be most grateful if you could let me know who I should be sending this request to. A response by Thursday 10 Sep 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Regards

[Section 40]

*NqA - NO Exercises  
Telecon received  
from HQ LWC  
@ 15:00 11/9/09*

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 19 August 2009 14:05  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: FW: Strange siting - Sunday 9th August 2009 0.50am

[Section 40]

Are you aware of any exercises taking place near Twyford on the night of 8/9 August? (See below).

I am particularly interested in any flares being fired.

Any chance of a response by 3<sup>rd</sup> September?

[Section 40]

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

**From:** STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint [Section 40] (Sqn Ldr)  
**Sent:** 24 August 2009 08:23  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: 20090819 FOI Request-u  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

[Section 40] was OOO last week and have only just picked up your email. I can safely say that any activity over Twyford was not generated by HQ Air A7. That does not mean to say that there was no activity. I am not in a position to be able to answer the question for Defence.

[Section 40]

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 SO2 Op Trg Ex Plans Joint  
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 RAF High Wycombe

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**Sent:** 19 August 2009 15:04  
**To:** STC OPTRG-ExPlans Joint [Section 40] (Sqn Ldr)  
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** 20090819 FOI Request-u

Dear Sqn Ldr Baxter,

We have received an FOI request regarding military activity/exercises over Twyford, Berkshire. Please would you be able to confirm whether or not there was any military activity over Twyford on 8/9 August at 00:50hrs. A response by Friday 21 August would be appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your help.

Regards

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*HW DTE JE*

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

**Sent:** 18 August 2009 02:14

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1

**Subject:** Strange siting - Sunday 9th August 2009 0.50am

I am writing to report a strange siting of flying objects during the night of Saturday 8th August, early Sunday 9th August 2009.

I heard a faint noise which sounded like the police helicopter flying locally. When I looked out of the window the sound had faded away and all was quiet. However in the sky I noticed some strange very bright orange lights. They were very high and flying in a line. As I looked the first 2 of the 5 lights I could see disappeared or moved over the house. The next three flying equal distance to each other continued to move in the same direction, North to South approximately. The lights did not flash, there was no sound, and they moved steadily in a straight line about the height of a medium height plane. As they became closer they began to fade in turn and then disappear. I ran to the other side of the house assuming they had gone into cloud, but there was not site of them. However the moon and a bright star were clearly visible through the light cloud. I returned back to the original window facing North West and ! another very bright orange light appeared following the same path. This light moved in the same direction then slightly earlier than the others started to fade, even though there was not obvious build up of thick cloud. It then disappear before actually reaching the point of passing over the adjacent flat roof. Again I ran to the other side of the house, but again there was nothing.

This all took approximately 5 to 10 minutes. Unfortunately no-one else in the house saw them to witness it.

Were any MOD operations taking place that evening? Do you have any airplanes which are static

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**Subject:** Strange siting - Sunday 9th August 2009 0.50am

I am writing to report a strange siting of flying objects during the night of Saturday 8th August, early Sunday 9th August 2009.

I heard a faint noise which sounded like the police helicopter flying locally. When I looked out of the window the sound had faded away and all was quiet. However in the sky I noticed some strange very bright orange lights. They were very high and flying in a line. As I looked the first 2 of the 5 lights I could see disappeared or moved over the house. The next three flying equal distance to each other continued to move in the same direction, North to South approximately. The lights did not flash, there was no sound, and they moved steadily in a straight line about the height of a medium height plane. As they became closer they began to fade in turn and then disappear. I ran to the other side of the house assuming they had gone into cloud, but there was not site of them. However the moon and a bright star were clearly visible through the light cloud. I returned back to the original window facing North West and ! another very bright orange light appeared following the same path. This light moved in the same direction then slightly earlier than the others started to fade, even though there was not obvious build up of thick cloud. It then disappear before actually reaching the point of passing over the adjacent flat roof. Again I ran to the other side of the house, but again there was nothing.

This all took approximately 5 to 10 minutes. Unfortunately no-one else in the house saw them to witness it.

Were any MOD operations taking place that evening? Do you have any airplanes which are static bright orange lights? The path they took was similar to the one taken by the Chanucks (sorry not sure how to spell it) only further to the west.

I'm an educated **Section 40** woman and have never seen anything like this before. The siting took place in Twyford, Berkshire **Section 40**

Regards

**Section 40**

(Please do not pass my details or email address onto any other 3rd party or company. Thanks)

07/09/2009

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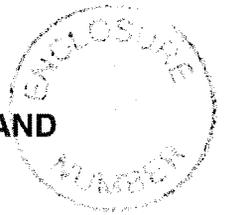
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Section 40

Our Ref: TOC2009

22 September 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 14 September about lights on aircraft.

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

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

However, open source information on aircraft lighting systems is available from a variety of outlets, such as the internet or from reference books in public libraries. Basic technical details of aircraft can be found in Jane's *All the World's Aircraft*, which may be available from your local public library.

If your local library lacks the information you seek, you may wish to make use of the internet. I did an internet search which indicated that aircraft navigation lights are placed in a way similar to that of marine vessels, with a red navigation light located on the left wingtip leading edge and a green light on the right wingtip leading edge. A white navigation light is as far as possible to the edge of the tail or each wing tip. High-intensity strobe lights are located on the aircraft to aid in collision avoidance.

Navigation lights in civil aviation are required to be operational and to be turned on from sunset to sunrise. High-intensity white strobe lights are part of the anti-collision light system, as well as the aviation red or white rotating beacon. The anti-collision light system (either strobe lights or rotating beacon) is required to be operational and to be turned on for all airplanes built after 11 March 1996 on all aircraft operations.



For further information on lighting specifications you may also wish to contact the Civil Aviation Authority. Their Library and Information Centre, located at Aviation House, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex RH6 0YR, contains a collection of books, reports, directories, statistics, videos, and periodicals on aviation. The CAA Library is open to members of the public Monday to Friday from 09.30 to 16.30 (10.00 to 16.30 on the first Wednesday of the month) who are welcome to use the Library for reference purposes. A photocopier and microfilm/microfiche reader printers are available for public use. Charges are payable for copies and microform printouts. The Library can be contacted on 01293 573725, Fax 01293 573181, or e-mail [infoservices@caa.co.uk](mailto:infoservices@caa.co.uk)

You also asked for what happens to sighting reports received by the MOD. Reports of sightings are recorded and acknowledged whenever contact details are provided. Although the overwhelming majority of the UFO desk's work involves (and has for decades) answering correspondence from the public or recording sightings reported to the MoD, we do on occasion investigate reports. This usually involves liaising with air defence specialists (e.g. radar specialists) on perhaps half a dozen reports per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police.

UFO files are released annually to the National Archives – please follow this link for more details: <http://ufos.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

I hope this is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE



Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC10 [Section 40]

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From: [Section 40]  
Sent: 24 September 2009 22:15  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC9 [Section 40]  
Subject: Re: MoD response.u

FAO: [Section 40]

Dear [Section 40]

Thank you very much for your very comprehensive explanation of aircraft lighting and MOD procedures for UFO sightings. I also appreciate all the other sources of information you have provided me with.

I am still intrigued by what I saw and it is an experience I will not forget, even if none of my friends believe me!

Kind regards

[Section 40]

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

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC9 [Section 40] <AirCmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC9@mod.uk>  
To: [Section 40]  
Sent: Tue, 22 Sep 2009 14:29  
Subject: MoD response.u

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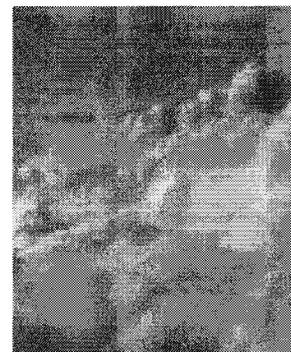
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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 18 September 2009 15:18  
**To:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** RE: 20090918 TOC [Section 40] Aircraft Lights-u

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[Section 40]

Thanks for that. However, I have found this generic paragraph on Wikipedia. Please can you confirm that military aircraft generically conform with this lighting pattern.

Aircraft navigation lights are placed in a way similar to that of marine vessels, with a red navigation light located on the left wingtip leading edge and a green light on the right wingtip leading edge. A white navigation light is as far aft as possible on the tail or each wing tip. High-intensity strobe lights are located on the aircraft to aid in collision avoidance.

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Many thanks for your help.

Regards

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**Sent:** 18 September 2009 14:47  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Cc:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** RE: 20090918 TOC [Section 40] Aircraft Lights-u

25/09/2009

Section 40

We would only be able to help with specific information on specific aircraft I suggest that a generic search on any general internet site or specific ones such as Janes or the Civil Aviation Authority may be useful.

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 September 2009 14:32  
**To:** 2GP-BUS SPT TASKING (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** 20090918 TOC Section 40 Aircraft Lights-u

Dear 2Gp,

I have received correspondence regarding aircraft navigation lights. The member of the public wishes to know whether any RAF aircraft have navigation lights which are permanently on and are coloured orange? I understand that some lights may appear orange due to visual distortion at night. She believes she saw an aircraft which had fixed navigation lights and no visible strobe lights, but she thought all aircraft operated with strobe lights. Can you provide any generic information on military aircraft lighting.

A response by 25 Sep 09 would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Regards

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec9 **Section 40**

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**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 14 September 2009 22:40  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Re: 20090914 FOI Response **Section 40**

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your reply. Where I mentioned static, it was in relation to the lighting on the aircraft not the actual aircraft itself. The aircraft did not stop or remain stationary at any time, however the bright orange lights were static, therefore they did not flash. They just stayed on all the time. Do you have any aircraft or know of any aircraft where the lights remain on continuously, do not flash and are orange?

I appreciate your need for a formal reply, but do not have any complaint to raise. Would it be possible to let me know what happens to the information about sightings like this one.

Regards

**Section 40**

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

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) <AirCmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness@mod.uk>  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** Mon, 14 Sep 2009 15:38  
**Subject:** 20090914 FOI Response **Section 40**

Dear **Section 40**

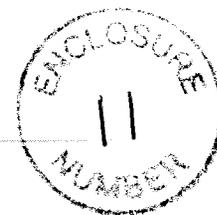
Please find attached our response to your FOI request.

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 09:38  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response **Section 40** UFO Sightings-21-08-2009-131118-001-U  
**Attachments:** 20090921-Attachment - UFO Sightings **Section 40**-08-2009-131118-001-U.xls \*

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 08:34  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response **Section 40** UFO Sightings-21-08-2009-131118-001-U

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your UFO sighting report and your Freedom of Information request of 21 August 2009 asking for details of recent UFO reports. Additionally, you mentioned that you were interested in sightings prior to 1967.

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

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

I attach details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for January to August 2009.

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports".

You might also be interested to know that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after being held for five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

Additionally, we are part way through a three year programme to release UFO files from the

Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff covering the period from the late 1970s to 2007. You may wish to consider contacting The National Archives press office for details of when the next release is due.

I hope this is helpful.

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

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 Section 40

From: Section 40  
 Sent: 21 August 2009 04:02  
 To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1  
 Subject: UFO  
 Importance: High

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On recent reports of FOI act it has accrued to me that all UFO siting have to go though you in order for them to be dealt with by the MOD and the government. on 19/aug/09 at 2100 to 2330hrs there were reports of objects in the sky by an unknown male and i witness light in the sky, me and the male saw approx 30+.  
 the objects in the sky were in different context as followed;

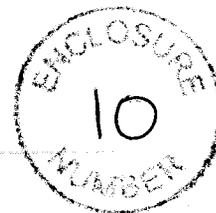
flashing in sequence of approx 7 second  
 straight line running (sometimes zig zag)  
 random flashes of light (white and orange)  
 the location of which were seen were 52°56'N, 01°28'W (latitude and longitude)  
 this was seen by the naked eye  
 flying in 3 different paths  
 1 west to east  
 2 east to west  
 3 west to north  
 the weather was a clear night no cloud hangover.

\* in concept to this report i request information on the recent reports made by other so i can compare my data with other that have seen and reported this to you. i only want it sent as an email as im sure paper work is not an option as i know 170 UFO file is unfit to obtain. And Section 12 of the FOI Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the "appropriate limit" prescribed in the Regulations. and i would put it at guess that 170 files of information would exceed the limit.  
 \* but my main intrest or those before 1967.

if there are any concern to my report contact me on this email address. as you are well aware that i am ex service personal, and i have signed secret service act and the information i have surplried will not leave my hands

your sincerly

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CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

Sent: 21 September 2009 09:03

To: 'request-17881-2f9f3e36@whatdotheyknow.com'

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response Section 40 UFO Files 11-09-2009-104838-001-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 10 September asking to see the Ministry of Defence UFO files for the entire country.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has over 160 UFO files and the cost of preparing these for release to you would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with this element of your request at this time

However, details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are available for viewing on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports".

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<b>Task (What you are permitted to take into account)</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
How long to determine if we hold information	0	0
How long to retrieve the information or documents	0	0
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<b>Total estimate</b>	<b>2440</b>	<b>£56,000</b>

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DAS and DIS have some 160 UFO files

To prepare a file for release takes a minimum of 2 working days.

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2240 hours @£25 per hour

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

From: **Section 40** [mailto:request-17881-2f9f3e36@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 10 September 2009 21:37

To: CIO-FOI (MULTIUSER)

Subject: Freedom of Information request - I want to see the mod files for ufo sightings.

PW - 11-09-2009-104838-001 - **Section 40**

Dear Sir or Madam, I would like to see the ufo files for the entire country for research purposes. I would very much appreciate it as i consider the subject a matter of national security. If you cannot provide can you please point me in the right direction.

Yours faithfully,

**Section 40**



**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13** [Section 40]

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 [Section 40]

**Sent:** 21 September 2009 07:26

**To:** [Section 40]

**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response [Section 40] Rendlesham 14-09-2009-112401-001

Dear [Section 40]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 September 2009 asking for the documents relating to the Rendlesham Incident.

The Ministry of Defence file on this topic is now available for viewing on The National Archives website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). You should search for file reference DEFE 24/1948.

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**

14-09-2009-112451-001

From: **Section 40**

EXP 12 OCT 09

Sent: 14 September 2009 03:58

To: Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1

Subject: document request

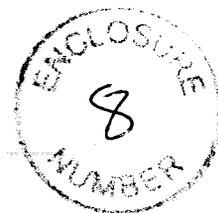
Hello, I'm just emailing to request the documents relating to the Rendlesham Forrest incident in 1980 where an alledged UFO landed ear the RAF base. An electronic copy would be preferred, if at all possible?

Thank you for your time,

**Section 40**

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

Sent: 21 September 2009 08:04

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090921-FOI Response **Section 40** Rendlesham 03-08-2009-113212-005-U

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 30 July and clarification e-mail of 26 August 2009, asking for documentation the Ministry of Defence (MoD) holds on the Rendlesham Incident for the period 12 November 1980 to 1 January 2009.

The MoD file on the incident has now been made available to the general public to view at The National Archives who can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

Documentation regarding the Rendlesham Incident can also be found on a number of other files. It is comprised primarily of letters from members of the public such as yourself, asking for details about the incident. To provide you with all this documentation would far exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with this element of your request.

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<b>Task (What you are permitted to take into account)</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
How long to determine if we hold information	0	0
How long to retrieve the information or documents	0	0
How long to extract and edit/redact the information	71	£1775
<b>Total estimate</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>£1775</b>

**FOI Number 03-08-2009-113212-005**

Documentation likely to be found on

54 Correspondence

24 Persistent Correspondent

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28 FOI files.

71 files

Minimum 1 hour to retrieve and redact information

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**

From: **Section 40**  
Sent: 26 August 2009 18:21  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**  
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RENDLESHAM

Thankyou **Section 40**

this is what I am interested in reviewing - however in the future I hear much more will be disclosed on other doc's pertaining to this type of subject matter. For now I will be satiated with just this,

thanks so much

**Section 40**

On Mon, Aug 10, 2009 at 12:05 AM, Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13 **Section 40**  
<AirCmdSecCS-RAFBUSSEC13@mod.uk> wrote:

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 30 July 2009.

Your request was quite brief, but I assume from that you would like to see any documentation the Ministry of Defence (MoD) holds on the Rendlesham case between the dates 12 November 1980 and 1 January 2009.

The Rendlesham case is very popular amongst those members of the public interested in UFO matters and the MoD receives a considerable amount of correspondence on the matter. The overwhelming bulk of the information the MoD holds on the Rendlesham case is simply letters and e-mails such as yours asking for information.

Before I take your request any further, could you confirm whether you are interested in this type of information or not.

Due 22/9  
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**Sent:** 31 July 2009 13:24  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: FOI written request

Regards,  
MOD Webmaster

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
**Sent:** Thu 30/07/2009 23:09  
**To:** Web Master  
**Subject:** FOI written request

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

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txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtoccupation: m.o.a.  
txtorganisation: Section 40  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: Section 40  
txttowncity: Victoria  
txtstatecountry: BC  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: Canada  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtinforequest: Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident - Nov. 12 1980 - Jan. 1st 2009 Docs.

Thank you Kindly,

Section 40



Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**

From: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 **Section 40**

Sent: 16 September 2009 14:16

To: **Section 40**

Subject: Release-Authorised: 20090916-FOI Response **Section 40** Rendlesham File 18-08-2009-141408-004-U

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 August 2009 asking for a copy of the MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident. Additionally, you asked why it had been withdrawn from the MoD website but could be available in response to an FOI request and why the proactive release date shown on the website was earlier than the date of the actual incident.

The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is available to view at The National Archives website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

The reason that the Rendlesham file had been withdrawn from the MoD website for copyright reasons but was available under the Freedom of Information Act, is because some 40% of the information on the file is correspondence from the public. This material is subject to the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988, which prohibits its publication on the internet. When this was realised, it was decided to remove the file from the MoD website. However, the MoD has an overriding requirement to release material under FOI, which does not count as "publication" by the Department.

Finally the dates shown on the website are incorrect due to an administrative error.

I hope this is helpful.

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**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 18 August 2009 00:08  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1  
**Subject:** Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Rendlesham Forest Incident 1980

Could you please forward me a copy of the above report as mentioned at:  
[http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/Sea  
rchPublicationScheme/UnidentifiedFlyingObjectsufoRendleshamForestIncident198  
0.htm](http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/Sea<br/>rchPublicationScheme/UnidentifiedFlyingObjectsufoRendleshamForestIncident198<br/>0.htm)

I was wondering why these documents have been withdrawn from the MOD website for copyright reasons,  
but are still available on request?

Also, how is the date that the document is created: (12 Nov 80) and the date that it was released proactively  
(12 Dec 80) before the actual event took place?

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Section 40

Our Ref: 02-09-2009-122742-020

16 September 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 August 2009 and the photographs taken in Blackpool in October 2008. You asked whether there were any manoeuvres in the area to explain the craft pictured in the photographs. I am replying as this is an area that falls within Air Command's remit. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the MOD does have records on military manoeuvres, but there were no Royal Air Force or Army manoeuvres in the Blackpool area in October 2008.

I also asked the Royal Navy (RN) to check their records. To provide the information you requested we would have to examine the log of every UK-based RN ship to determine whether it (or it's aircraft, if appropriate) was in the vicinity during the specified period. The cost of obtaining this information would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the FOIA. This represents the cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department hold the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOIA this means that we are not obliged to comply with this element of your request.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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hope that this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

RAF Business Secretariat 10



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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 16 September 2009 10:55  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** Release-authorized:UFO Response [Section 40]  
**Attachments:** 20090910 FOI Response [Section 40] 2009-2009-122742-020-u.doc

Dear [Section 40]

Please find attached our response to your recent Freedom of Information request.

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**From:** FLEET-DCS-INFO-FOI1A-SO3C [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 14 September 2009 15:07  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: Release-authorized: UFO

Hi [Section 40] we successfully chased our SME who has said the following:

“Records are not kept that would identify any ships which may have been in that area at that time. To answer this question conclusively each ships log of all units that were UK based over the period would need to be examined to see whether they (or their aircraft) may have been in the vicinity. Consequently, it has been assessed that the costs for which we are permitted to charge in providing this information will exceed £600”

Hope this is ok but let me know if you need anything further

[Section 40]

[Section 40]

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Mail Point 1-4, Leach Building  
Whale Island, Portsmouth, PO2 8BY**

**Tel:** [Section 40]      **Mil:** [Section 40]  
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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 14:10  
**To:** DTE Landmarc SE-SO2 Camps [Section 40] FLEET-DCS FOICELL-f (MULTIUSER); STC OPTRG-Strat SO1 [Section 40] Wg Cdr)  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: UFO

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Thanking you in advance for your help.

Regards

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**From:** **Section 40** [mailto:**Section 40**]

**Sent:** 28 August 2009 22:24

**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1

**Subject:** Fw: ufo

Could you please acknowledge receipt of my initial email and confirm that my request has been actioned?

Kind regards, **Section 40**

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

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

**To:** ufodesk@mod.uk

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009 1:28 PM

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Blackpool Pier

03-10-08 at 14:51

Many Thanks

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**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** [Section 40]

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**From:** Air Media-RCRO Nth England [Section 40] [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 11 September 2009 14:05  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 [Section 40]  
**Cc:** 42X-G3LTAR-SO2 [Section 40] (Capt)  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: UFO

[Section 40]

Already spoken to [Section 40] and he has confirmed there were no manoeuvres in the area on that date.

Have a great weekend.

[Section 40]

[Section 40]

RAF Regional Community Relations Officer (Cumbria & Tynedale)  
Civ: [Section 40]

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**From:** Air Media-RCRO Nth England [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 11 September 2009 13:57  
**To:** '42X-G3LTAR-SO2 [Section 40] (Capt)'  
**Cc:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10  
**Subject:** RE: Release-Authorised: UFO

[Section 40]

Have been able to clear up what [Section 40] was asking for.

[Section 40] has already done a Long and Trace for any air exercises in the area at the time, she now is awaiting to see if there was any naval or army exercises to fully close the FOI enquiry.

Would be grateful if you could check your records to see if there were any army exercises/manouevres in the Blackpool region on 3 Oct 08.

Ideally [Section 40] would like a reply by **COP Monday** so as to close the enquiry down on time. (She suspects the answer will be no, but she needs to confirm this for her reply to [Section 40])

Many thanks.

[Section 40]

RAF Regional Community Relations Officer (Cumbria & Tynedale)  
Civ: [Section 40]

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**From:** 42X-G3LTAR-SO2 [Section 40] (Capt) [mailto:42X-G3LTAR-SO2@mod.uk]  
**Sent:** 08 September 2009 16:07  
**To:** Air Media-RCRO Nth England [Section 40]  
**Cc:** DTE Landmarc North-Dep Comd [Section 40] 42X-G3LTAR-Mailbox  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO

[Section 40]

We spoke.

This came to me in the 2 attached emails.

I may be misconstruing something but I am not sure that we have the full email chain. A Maj **Section 40** gets a mention but his/her contribution to the chain seems to be missing.

I look forward to hearing from you tomorrow with a positive ID !!

Regards.

**Section 40**

**Section 40**

RO2

SO2 G3 LTAR

HQ 42 (NW) Brigade

Mil: **Section 40**

Civ: **Section 40**

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email: **Section 40** @mod.uk

<<FW: UFO >> <<RE: UFO >>

Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSSec13 **Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 28 August 2009 22:24  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1  
**Subject:** Fw: ufo  
**Attachments:** DSCF1670.JPG; DSCF1671.JPG; DSCF1672.JPG

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02-09-2009-122742-020  
Due 16/9/09







**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10** **Section 40**

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**From:** STC OPTRG-Strat SO1 **Section 40** Wg Cdr)  
**Sent:** 10 September 2009 15:03  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec10 **Section 40** (Mrs)  
**Subject:** FW: Release-authorized: UFO  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

**Section 40**

I have done a trawl of the likely suspects and I can confirm that there were no manoeuvres or exercises taking place in the Blackpool vicinity during Oct last year. Everyone who has seen them think that two of the photos look like stunt kites that have broken loose from their control strings or perhaps we cannot quite see the attached strings in the photos. That would explain the lack of noise reported by the photographer. The third looks like a seagull head on. However, clearly without being there we can't be definitive.

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**From:** [Section 40] mailto:[Section 40]

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Could you please acknowledge receipt of my initial email and confirm that my request has been actioned?

Kind regards, [Section 40]

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**From:** [Section 40]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009 1:28 PM

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07/09/2009

I have recently downloaded some photos dating back to October last year which upon closer inspection revealed some aircraft which I could not identify at at the time could hear or see. Could you check your records to see if there were any manoeuvres in the area to explain the craft pictured in the photos which I have attached.

Blackpool Pier  
03-10-08 at 14:51  
Many Thanks

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Our Ref:  
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14 Sep 2009

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 August 2009 asking for information for UFO sightings for 2009.

I attach details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for January to August 2009. Additionally, details of UFO sightings for the period 1997-2008 can be found on the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under "UFO Reports".

You might also be interested to know that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after being held for five years until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1992 are now available for public viewing. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

Additionally, we are part way through a three year programme to release UFO files from the Directorate of Air Staff and the Defence Intelligence Staff covering the period from the late 1970's to 2007. You may wish to consider contacting The National Archives press office for details of when the next release is due.

I hope this is helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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Dear **Section 40**

Please see attached response to your recent query to the MoD website.

Kind regards.

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DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING	DESCRIPTION
Jan 09		Warwick	Warwickshire	An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side.
Feb 09		Swadincote	Derbyshire	15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft.
Jan 09		N/A	North Yorkshire	Very curious. A very bright light. 4 times that of a star.
Jan 09		Carterton	Oxfordshire	A very bright constant red light.
Jan 09	01:30	N/A	N/A	Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack.
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A cloud coloured, opal shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09)
Jan 09		Sawtry	Cambridgeshire	A UFO
Jan 09		Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan	Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound
Jan 09		Halifax	West Yorkshire	A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane.
Jan 09		Colington	Edinburgh	Lights in the sky.
Jan 09		Llundudno	Clwyd	A bright orange light.
1 Jan 09		Chippenham	Wiltshire	A UFO
Jan 09		St Albans	Hertfordshire	Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards
1 Jan 09		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	2 round, bright, orange lights/objects. Hovered and glided soundlessly. One flashed and disappeared a minute later. Same happened to 2nd one.
1 Jan 09	00:10	Blairgowrie	Perthshire	Four bright orange lights in a group.
1 Jan 09		Streatham Hill	London	Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky
2 Jan 09	17:00	Nuneaton	Warwickshire	5 yellow/orange objects in formation. Moving east to west. Slow but straight flight.
4 Jan 09		Haslingdale/Rossendale	Lancashire	4 or more moving bright solid orange lights. Followed by a further 8 identical objects. Rose vertically over the side on the valley. Made no sound.
3-4 Jan 09		Sandbach	Cheshire	A UFO. An orange/yellow light
5 Jan 09	19:00	Malvern	Worcestershire	A V shaped formation similar to how birds fly of 7 lights. Moved rapidly across the sky rotated slightly then the lights split up and vanished. Lights were size and brightness of stars. No noise and no visible trails in sky.
6 Jan 09		Cardigan	Cardiganshire	Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified.
6 Jan 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Strange lights. Eleven in total.
8 Jan 09	04:40	Blackpool	Lancashire	A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway.
9 Jan 09		Exeter	Devon	An object in the sky over Exeter
12 Jan 09		Old Coultson	Surrey	Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards caterham where a friend saw it
13 Jan 09	20:15	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	Strange burning objects in the sky
13 Jan 09		Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)

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14 Jan 09	Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)
18 Jan 09	Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)
18 Jan 09	19:44 Lichtfield	Staffordshire	A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared.
19 Jan 09	Tarland	Aberdeenshire	A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared
23 Jan 09	20:40 Anlaby	Hull	A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away
23 Jan 09	20:58 Undy	Newport	Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound.
23 Jan 09	21:40 West Cross	Swansea	Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange.
24 Jan 09	23:05 Henleaze	Bristol	Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless.
25 Jan 09	23:25 Sittingbourne	Kent	A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out.
25 Jan 09	19:00 Livingston	West Lothian	An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished.
25 Jan 09	18:00 Perton	West Midlands	Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise.
26 Jan 09	17:15 Northholt	Middlesex	A bright oval orange in the sky. Thought at first it was an aircraft on fire. After five minutes the bright glow petered out and then became totally black. Lived in the area all her life but had never seen anything like it before.
26 Jan 09	21:45 Tarring	West Sussex	Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one
26 Jan 09	18:15 Bromley	Kent	separate at the top & two close together at the bottom. Top two rose and disappeared. 2nd two moved higher then also vanished
28 Jan 09	22:10 Grimsby	Lincolnshire	Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter.
29 Jan 09	Colchester	Essex	We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF to USAF to stop them.
Feb 09	East Kilbride	Lanarkshire	Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere
3 Feb 09	01:00 N/A	Thames Estuary	Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. matches description The Sun gave.
3 Feb 09	10:10 West Row	Suffolk	Bright clear light shooting across sky. There were blue lights almost in line with the clear light. They were evenly spaced.
4 Feb 09	18:32 Chesterton	Newcastle Under Lyme	surface but not as bright. It reduced in size as it backed away from the witness. An aircraft flew in its direction whilst giving it a wide berth.
5 Feb 09	Portslade	Sussex	Six red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise
5 Feb 09	06:30 Cropwell Bishop	Nottinghamshire	Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them
6 Feb 09	Rosendale	Lancashire	A blue and purple flashing light over the moors for 30 minutes
6 Feb 09	17:30 Mearrigg	Cumbria	A clearly defined, shiny silvery metallic cylinder with rounded ends. Estimated 50ft in length. Small protrusion on upper rear body. Object made no sound nor visible emissions. Between Mearrigg and Langrigg
6 Feb 09	20:10 Near Edinburgh Airport	Edinburgh	White on outer edges. 7-800ft long. Moving very fast from North to South.
7 Feb 09	Gorseinon	Swansea	Strange object seen when he developed photographs he had taken
7 Feb 09	20:05 N/A	N/A	Six lights, some red some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction. It was either one big object or six single objects. All travelling in the same direction.
7 Feb 09	19:30 Between Norwich/Lenwade	Norfolk	10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noise.
7 Feb 09	22:05 Fowey	Cornwall	Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider.
7 Feb 09	23:10 Basingstoke	Hampshire	A bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South east. Too large and bright to be a plane. In view for one minute then disappeared behind a cloud. Noticed no noise or tail.

8 Feb 09	21:00	Sutton	Surrey	5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London.
8 Feb 09	20:00	Ashingdon	Essex	Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange.
9 Feb 09		Romsey	Shropshire	A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter or light aircraft
10 Feb 09	21:00	N/A	Somerset	Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froomer or Wiltshire
10 Feb 09	22:45	Western-super-Mare	Somerset	An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived.
13 Feb 09	23:12	Bradford-on-Avon	Wiltshire	An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house.
14 Feb 09	20:10	Roxwell	Essex	A bright orange object. The top was rounded like the top of a balloon and was a brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary.
15 Feb 09	06:30	Bennech	Anglesey	Strange lights seen over the bay.
15 Feb 09		Aberford	Leeds	Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks
15 Feb 09	00:15	Winwick	Warrington	Two orange lights in the sky that hovered over the old hospital site. The lights were not together but were stationary. They made no noise. They then moved off in a southerly direction.
16 Feb 09	19:00	Colchester	Essex	A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester.
16 Feb 09	19:19	Leigh	Greater Manchester	A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air
19 Feb 09	19:50	Gravesend	Kent	A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter.
20 Feb 09	21:45	Bradford	West Yorkshire	Two strange lights behind the clouds that appeared to be playing with each other, pretending to crash into each other. Then they were joined by a third light that hovered underneath them, going back and forth.
21 Feb 09	22:45	Arundel	West Sussex	Disappeared behind trees then were seen in a line with long gaps between them. Heard no engine noise. Headed south for two miles before vanishing.
22 Feb 09	19:30	Swindon	Wiltshire	80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon
22 Feb 09	19:00	Oxted	Surrey	On bottom it had something like a root structure. It looked like it was having some trouble but righted itself, and gently flew off.
22 Feb 09	19:30	Bedford	Bedfordshire	A sizeable, silent, flickering orange light. Difficult to judge height and speed but much slower than any meteorite and much faster than the prevailing wind which was negligible.
22 Feb 09		South East London	London	Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly.
22 Feb 09	01:10	Chepstow	Gwent	A single object the size of a large car. Silver with flames flickering from the underside. Then moved up and away
23 Feb 09	19:17	New Ash Green	Kent	A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound.
23 Feb 09	22:52	South East London	London	It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site.
24 Feb 09	18:45	Hartlepool	Cleveland	Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that fade and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from.
25 Feb 09	18:30	Oldham	Manchester	A very bright object that glows red and bright.
26 Feb 09	19:15	Malmesbury	Wiltshire	The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area.
27 Feb 09	21:00	Lelant	Cornwall	Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights.
27 Feb 09	18:15	Central London	London	central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City.
27 Feb 09	23:00	Newquay	Cornwall	Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky.
28 Feb 09	21:50	Mary Tavy near Dartmoor	Devon	Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound
28 Feb 09	04:30	Portlethen	Aberdeenshire	A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights.

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1 Mar 09	20:15 West Bridgford	Nottingham	equidistant and of equal speed. Disappeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. The swarm moved in an arc of 40 degrees in about 10 seconds.
1 Mar 09	19:00 Waringham	Surrey	Three very bright orange lights in triangular formation. They were circular with no tails. Travelling at speed towards the east. Made no sound. Could not tell height. Visible for 4-5 minutes before fading away one by one.
1 Mar 09	18:45 Bishopsmill	Morayshire	Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly.
4 Mar 09	22:50 Swindon	Wiltshire	Various different lights in a star shape.
5 Mar 09	Selby	North Yorkshire	Two sphere like objects orange/red in colour. The first object ran parallel to the witness. dropped then disappeared. The second object moved straight across the sky line then disappeared.
7 Mar 09	05:00 Cottingham	Humberside	An object in the sky changing colour.
8 Mar 09	01:30 Bolton	Lancashire	came towards Dascari. stopped and headed in a SE direction towards Bury. It hovered in the distance for a minute before disappearing.
9 Mar 09	21:15 Hayes	Middlesex	An object hovering in the sky. The object had bright lights.
9 Mar 09	23:10 Holland on Sea	Essex	landing window. The beam of light narrowed and it came back as a ball shape. It was still for 90 seconds then vanished.
10 Mar 09	18:15 A3 South of M25	A3 South of M25	A long cylinder of gold light. It looked like a very bright shooting star. Observed it for 3 seconds.
10 Mar 09	22:10 Spalding	Lincolnshire	Strange orange lights in the sky
10 Mar 09	18:50 Barrow-in-Furness	Cumbria	The whole object was glowing like hot metal and there was no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a fighter or a satellite, from NW to SE. It looked to be flying quite low.
14 Mar 09	20:40 King's Lynn	Norfolk	the object was obscured by the light. It made no sound. Cannot determine speed, but was visible for two minutes. May have speeded up.
14 Mar 09	20:30 Harlyn Bay	Cornwall	Five strange orange lights in formation, moving very quickly
14 Mar 09	20:15 Flitwick	Bedfordshire	Two UFOs. Orange globes that moved near together then separated and very gradually disappeared
14 Mar 09	18:50 Bugbrooke	Northamptonshire	A big bright red ball of fire travelling at a terrific speed.
17 Mar 09	Croydon	London	A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly.
17 Mar 09	20:30 Heywood	Lancashire	Three orange lights, evenly spaced and moving at the same speed. Gradually disappeared after five minutes. Heading from SE to NW
17 Mar 09	21:02 Bromsgrove	Worcestershire	A red fire ball travelling at extreme speed. It made no sound. Heading from Coventry to Leominster
17 Mar 09	05:35 Portsmouth	Hampshire	A wide pear drop shaped translucent green light with a small tail of light. Moved in NW direction. Made no noise and vanished after a few seconds.
17 Mar 09	00:35 N/A	N/A	The shape of a rectangle. It had a dull green glow with no other lights showing.
18 Mar 09	22:00 Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	Two very bright glowing orange lights moving at very high speed.
19 Mar 09	N/A	West Sussex	A constant light travelling West to East. Very erratic, wobbling off course then just disappeared.
20 Mar 09	18:50 Exton	Rutland	Large bright light seen to the east of Exton, moving south to north at high speed - at first mistaken for a planet
22 Mar 09	20:00 Adfa	Powys	Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished.
22 Mar 09	19:55 Newtimber	West Sussex	A bright diamond shaped light. Definitely not an aircraft. Faster than an aircraft. Headed east for one minute before moving upwards and disappearing.
24 Mar 09	05:17 Bridgend	Glamorgan	Four UFOs flying beneath two aircraft. They moved much faster than the aircraft. Greyish in colour with a dome on top and bottom. Flew over the Waterton Industrial Estate
25 Mar 09	20:25 Godliming	Surrey	A very bright spherical object. Size of a full moon. Yellow/orange in colour. Object seemed wrapped in a bright glowing cloud of light. It made no noise. It moved towards Hascombe. Performed a series of erratic moves.
27 Mar 09	16:10 Walthamstow	London	sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects
28 Mar 09	08:45 Torquay	Devon	A group of very bright orange objects heading NW to SE at a consistent speed and low altitude. There was a group of 15 followed by groups of 2-3 and 3-4 over a 5 minute period. They made no noise.

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29 Mar 09	20:45 Preston	Lancashire	Three bright lights heading in the same direction some 2 minutes apart. The 3rd light disintegrated and split up
4 Apr 09	Swindon	Wiltshire	A massive orange thing. Going so fast it passed a plane going towards RAF Lyneham.
6 Apr 09	Hessel	Humber-side	Very bright white light. Its trail followed it for half an hour heading towards Brough
4 Apr 09	23:15 Leyland	Lancashire	Object seen for 6-7 minutes
4 Apr 09	10:30 Harrogate	North Yorkshire	It was square with orange lights
4 Apr 09	21:02 Abergavenny	Gwent	Two UFOs
4 Apr 09	00:30 Saddleworth	Lancashire	A bright orange ball of fire. It was quite high up in the sky over the house. It was changing colour and disappeared straight into the sky.
5 Apr 09	09:00 Swindon	Wiltshire	Something peculiar
8 Apr 09	Leeds	West Yorkshire	A ball of fire
8 Apr 09	01:00 Brighton	Sussex	the front but 2-3 at the back, 1 red, 1 red and flashing and 1 white/green. Witness heard the noise first which grew louder.
9 Apr 09	21:26 N/A	Liverpool	Two parallel lights. Red or orange lights in the sky.
11 Apr 09	21:40 Goole	Humber-side	A Light. Moved past very slowly then shot off at phenomenal speed. It was round but twice it changed into a cone shape, 300-400ft up.
11 April 09	21:05 Harrow	London	A big ball of fire, like a star. It decreased in size over two minutes.
11 Apr 09	20:30 Bromley	Kent	A UFO
11 Apr 09	21:35 Eilon	Aberdeenshire	A very bright orange glow. Moved about the speed of an airliner, heading south to north
11 Apr 09	21:20 Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Several orange lights, sae colour and brightness of street lights. Three were close together and the others were in a horizontal line
12 Apr 09	Swindon	Wiltshire	Four glowing objects coming from southwest and then turned north. They were glowing duller and brighter, then disappeared.
12 Apr 09	23:10 Linlithgow	West Lothian	A UFO
13 Apr 09	Farnborough	Hampshire	A ball of glowing red light. After 30 seconds the light dimmed slightly and then just disappeared.
13 Apr 09	21:30 Derby	Derbyshire	were stationary for a while before disappearing into the distance. Another light then hovered where the others had been
13 Apr 09	21:00 Moelfre	Anglesey	Looked like a Chinese lantern
14 Apr 09	22:00 Smalley	Derbyshire	A round yellow ball. It looked like it had a parachute on top, the shape of a helmet
14 Apr 09	21:45 Strathspey	Highland District	A bright orange light approached at low level and then remained stationary for 10 minutes. Then it turned red.
14 Apr 09	22:45 Wallington	Surrey	Nine green lights in the sky
15 Apr 09	20:30 Dover	Kent	Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail
18 Apr 09	22:22 Brandon	Suffolk	Two yellow objects like giant sparklers heading North to South
18 Apr 09	Oswestry	Shropshire	A UFO
19 Apr 09	10:00 Maghull	Merseyside	A orange ball in the sky, travelling very quickly then stopped and faded away
19 Apr 09	20:40 Snodlands	Kent	An oval shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other.
19 Apr 09	21:23 N/A	Liverpool	A UFO Southwest of Liverpool

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21 Apr 09	22 03 Pendleton	Manchester	A bright orange object moving at a steady pace
21 Apr 09	21 34 Maidstone	Kent	Lights rising from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone
21 Apr 09	22:55 Brighton	Sussex	A bright flaming object, about a quarter of the size of the moon, it was like a special effect. It was silent and went from horizon to horizon, starting in the North.
22 Apr 09	15 10 Basingstoke	Hampshire	Like a large black parachute with nothing suspended from it. It changed shape and gradually got smaller as it went into the distance. Observed for 10-20 minutes.
24 Apr 09	01:22 Harrow	London	moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter.
25 Apr 09	20 30 Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk	A large black ball with a light underneath. Travelling South over western Bury St Edmunds at 3000ft at 200 miles an hour
25 Apr 09	10 15 Croydon	London	A bright red light over the house.
26 Apr 09	Holmfirth/Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	A black spherical object 12m in diameter. It was 500ft up and travelling at 500 mph. It made no sound. It had a light on but switched it off when the witness shone a torch at it
26 Apr 09	00:50 Hackney	London	Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own.
26 Apr 09	18:15 Regents Park	London	A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all.
26 Apr 09	18:30 Central London	London	Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes
26 Apr 09	22:05 Grimsby	Lincolnshire	Looked like a star or satellite. Saw 3 within 20 minutes. Came from the south. Its speed increased and then slowed down. Finally headed East over the North Sea
28 Apr 09	21 48 South Woodham Ferrers	Essex	A sighting
28 Apr 09	Tywyn	Gwynedd	A big bright orange light. It turned white and then disappeared very quickly. It made no noise.
29 Apr 09	23:10 Nottingham	Nottinghamshire	Two orange lights flying in a parallel formation in an arc. One slowed and went behind the other then they both gradually faded away. Far too fast to be aircraft. They had no flashing lights and made no sound.
29 Apr 09	23:44 Caterham	Surrey	A very small white light with no flashing lights or smoke trail. Headed North then did a sharp turn to the East and then was just gone pof.
30 Apr 09	20:30 Sutton	Surrey	A bright green light that whizzed about the sky for an hour. It was very fast and a few planes got in its way.
2 May 09	22 00 Burbage	Wiltshire	Initially one then five pitch black hot air balloon shaped objects with continual flames underneath.
2 May 09	23:00 Long Eaton	Nottinghamshire	A large bright yellow object hovering in the sky. Too bright to be an aircraft and the wrong colour. It didn't move for ages and then disappeared in the blink of an eye.
2 May 09	23 55 Southampton	Hampshire	Six bright white & orange lights, 2 single and 2 in 2 object formation. Lower and faster than a satellite. Witness contacted local police who had no other reports.
2 May 09	21:50 Upper Norwood	London	Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace
2 May 09	23:30 Buckhurst Hill	Essex	A slow moving, silent, orange/red light. Does not think it was a helicopter or aircraft. Flew at same height as a helicopter
2 May 09	21:36 Chorley	Lancashire	Saw orange lights that looked like flames. They were heading South to North towards Preston Police said it was the open rear of an aircraft undertaking parachute training.
3 May 09	Darlington	County Durham	Two bright orange/red lights moving towards Durham/Tees Valley Airport. The objects flew steady, level and straight.
3 May 09	21:30 Ammanford	Dyfed	Seven orange orbs that suddenly disappeared. They were on a North-South trajectory. Witness contacted Cardiff ATC who had nothing on radar.
3 May 09	15 50 Olmoor	Oxfordshire	A shiny black flying cylinder, 20-30ft long at about 4700ft which was 200ft above the pilots aircraft. Although the pilot sighted the object, it was ATC that forwarded details to the UFO Desk
4 May 09	00 20 Barton near A6	Lancashire	Nine bright orange lights moving at slow speed and at 2000ft. They made no sound.
5 May 09	22 10 Roade	Northampton	An orange flash and a loud bang
7 May 09	22:25 High Peak	Derbyshire	noise and looked like they were on fire but clearly were not. Speed of 100-150mph at 1000ft. Came back 8 minutes later.
9 May 09	22 10 Northwich	Cheshire	Four big lights in a line formation. Two dropped down and the other two moved off quickly into the distance

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9 May 09	22:00 Harlow	Essex	a diamond shaped orange light. If you held out your hand it would have been the size of a 20p coin. It was totally silent. The object carried on in the distance and then another one appeared and followed the same path
9 May 09	17:55 St Helens	Merseyside	A UFO over the witnesses house. It was at 30,000ft and he has seen it before.
9 May 09	22:50 Central London	London	Twenty orange balls heading north. Like a star, but jumping all over the sky. It was 70 degrees above the horizon. It was a blue/white colour and occasionally red and left a light trail.
11 May 09	Tominicou	Banffshire	
11 May 09	21:38 Southampton	Hampshire	A very bright light. It made no sound but was very low. line at a steady speed. Travelled East to West with the wind. Made no noise. It was about the size of a quarter moon.
14 May 09	22:00 Nenthead	Cumbria	
16 May 09	22:00 Deeside	Flintshire	Seven bright orange lights in the sky. Silent. Travelling towards the Wirral.
16 May 09	00:20 Bedford	Bedfordshire	A strange blue light near the Cardington Hangers. Flew straight past the witness.
16 May 09	21:50 Petts Wood	Kent	8-10 bright red lights. They were hovering. They moved independently into the distance and disappeared when a light aircraft appeared.
16 May 09	Brandon	Suffolk	Four flaming balloons that disappeared over the horizon fairly quickly. Was not very high. An ellipse shaped object the size of a commercial plane. It was on fire. It glowed bright orange. It moved South East to North and then returned and hovered for at least a minute. Moved further away at supersonic speed.
19 May 09	22:15 Long Eaton	Nottingham	
19 May 09	21:30 Bexhill-on-Sea	East Sussex	A series of orange balls of fire.
19 May 09	10:00 Redruth	Cornwall	A big bright light. Came from west Cornwall towards Plymouth.
21 May 09	N/A	N/A	A very bright blue light flew behind the house. Very strange circular objects without definite shape. They stayed around for about 5 minutes. They were 8-9 of them.
21 May 09	23:40 King's Lynn	Norfolk	
23 May 09	22:10 Dudley	West Midlands	A big bright light. Thought it was a helicopter at first. Within seconds followed by 3 others and then a further 3. Flew low but made no sound.
23 May 09	22:00 Penzance	Cornwall	Ten orange lights in a line with intermittent gaps. They made no sound and flew at helicopter height.
23 May 09	22:10 Bodium	East Sussex	A strange sighting
23 May 09	23:00 Hove	East Sussex	A very big red light moving slowly. It then faded away. An orange light travelling from the south. It was followed by 2 more orange lights on the same path, then 5 more and then 2 more. They made no noise but were at the height of a helicopter.
23 May 09	23:00 Winsford	Cheshire	
24 May 09	13:42 Wakefield	West Yorkshire	A white object with a silver beam coming from it over Pugneys Country Park. It looked square but changed shape as it moved about. Witness saw it through binoculars. An aircraft flew very close to it.
24 May 09	22:15 Solihull	West Midlands	Three objects like fireballs falling to earth. They were glowing and orange. There was 1 large object and 2 smaller ones which converged together and rose into the atmosphere until they faded away.
24 May 09	00:00 Llandaff City	Cardiff	Seven bright red lights
25 May 09	12:00 Swansea	West Glamorgan	Three small yellow orbs travelling quite slow
25 May 09	23:00 Bracknell	Berkshire	A UFO. It was a "glowing ball of something or other". Definitely not a plane. Two clusters of bright lights. They were stationary for a while then the first group of 15 headed towards Woodbridge followed by the second cluster of 6-7 lights. They were very high up. They made no sound.
30 May 09	22:30 Tunstall to Butley Road	Suffolk	
30 May 09	Spilsby	Lincolnshire	A sighting the witnesses house it accelerated away very very quickly into the distance. It made no noise and left no vapour trail.
30 May 09	02:47 Folkestone	Kent	
30 May 09	23:30 Ballynahinch	County Down	Three distinct sets of green, orange and white lights. Don't match any constellation and are in the wrong place. Static to the eye but with binoculars are moving at speed and at random.
31 May 09	00:30 Chape-en-le-Frith	Derbyshire	Was watching shooting stars when the witness saw two bright luminous orange objects like birds or swans. Does not think they were birds as they moved too fast

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2 Jun 09	22:50	Chesterfield	Derbysnire	A sighting
6 Jun 09		Lewes	East Sussex	Eleven bright star like objects heading North East
7 Jun 09	00:15	Ripon	North Yorkshire	Bright orange lights. A single light followed by a group of three and then another single light. On a North East to South West track.
9 Jun 09		Bradford	West Yorkshire	Different coloured pulsating lights. Police checked with Air Traffic Control who said they had nothing. Police suspect Chinese lanterns.
12 Jun 09	23:10	Shoreham	Kent	Initially 2 UFOs increasing to 6. Bright orange. Last 4 were bigger and brighter than the first 2.
13 Jun 09		Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan	A very bright orange circular shape. Got smaller as it moved away. Moving South West to South
14 Jun 09	19:30	Wroughton	Wiltshire	Black disc shaped objects, hovering over crop circles near Barbury Castle. They cast shadows on the ground.
14 Jun 09		Cardiff	Cardiff	A UFO
18 Jun 09	23:20	Stevenage	Hertfordshire	clouds, just go to the edge. It looked like a strong light was coming from above the clouds. They both shot of to the North.
20 Jun 09		Abingdon	Oxfordshire	A UFO
20 Jun 09	23:30	Angmering	West Sussex	Ten orange lights moving at a sedate pace West to East. Went from horizon to horizon in two minutes
20 Jun 09		Angmering	West Sussex	A large orange glowing ball in the sky. It was stationary and not very high up
20 Jun 09	22:45	N/A	Norfolk	11-12 objects in the sky. Witness thinks they may be Chinese lanterns.
20 Jun 09	22:00	Chelmsford	Essex	Two objects the size of light aircraft but perfectly spherical and glowing bright orange. They were solid and made no sound. They headed NW to SE
21 Jun 09	21:45	N/A	On the A3	50-100 objects moving together in the same direction. They were helicopter sized but made no noise.
23 Jun 09	19:06	Hull	Humber-side	A light at about 1000ft. It split in two and flew away.
23 Jun 09	19:09	Rotherham	South Yorkshire	A circular object, metallic in colour. It was following a plane. It shot downwards several times and then back up again to the same level as the plane
24 Jun 09	22:05	Swansea Bay	West Glamorgan	A bright circle of fire travelling South Westerly. It was only a few hundred feet up moving silently across the sky at 30mph and then after 4 minutes, vanished
25 Jun 09	16:22	Minthorpe	Fife	Witness was watching two helicopters (one a Chinook) coming from the Edinburgh area when she saw an orb shaped object through her binoculars glistening in the sun. The orb was quite high above the helicopters
25 Jun 09	01:00	Minehead	Somerset	Looked like a highly lit aeroplane with wings. It was heading NNW to SSE. It was visible for 20 seconds then changed direction quickly and dropped out of the sky or disappeared.
25 Jun 09	23:00	Bridport	Dorset	Three orange lights south of Bridport coming from the East. They were the size of a two thirds moon. Moved away to the West rapidly diminishing
26 Jun 09	22:35	Morton-in-Marsh	Gloucestershire	Six round brilliant objects in pairs, apart from the last 2 which were in line. Travelling South to East
26 Jun 09	22:25	Rotherham	South Yorkshire	then stopped. It then zigzagged a few times before shooting off at tremendous speed, vanishing in a few seconds.
26 Jun 09	22:45	Welwyn Garden City	Hertfordshire	A UFO
26 Jun 09	22:20	Chesterfield	Derbysnire	Twelve bright lights in the sky. Moving slowly.
27 Jun 09	22:45	Swindon	Wiltshire	An orange light. Light(s) travelled in formation like a mis-shaped diamond. There were 12-13 of them. They travelled left to right
27 Jun 09	23:59	Pulborough	West Sussex	came from the Eastern horizon. They moved upwards, were then stationary, moved side to side and then disappeared upwards. Seen for 20 minutes.
27 Jun 09	22:30	Looe	Cornwall	Two orange balls of light travelling North in parallel to each other. Then a further ball of light was seen, heading North. The lights made no noise. They faded and then disappeared.
27 Jun 09	22:45	Redruth	Cornwall	Two brown objects like balls of fire. Appeared to be in convoy heading towards Portreath
27 Jun 09	00:05	Bow	London	Nine objects like golden globes. They hovered for a bit and were joined by 3 others before shooting off.

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27 Jun 09	23:20 Stafford	Staffordshire	Four UFOs flying North. They were silent. A plane was flying in the opposite direction.
27 Jun 09	Hope Valley	Derbyshire	Red objects moving slowly. They were not high and were silent. Might have been going over Bakewell.
30 Jun 09	02:41 Hayes	Middlesex	A roundish glowing shape. Flying at a steady speed with no noise. It was a clear night. Filmed it but the camera died.
1 Jul 09	18:45 Swansea	West Glamorgan	It was floating or bobbing up and down. Other aircraft were at the same altitude and could be heard the object made no noise. Weather very
29 Jun-2 Jul 09	16:00 Harlow	Essex	slowed down and vanished. Helicopter reacted as if pilot was startled. Saw several other orbs, but the main one was half the size of 1
2 Jul 09	22:20 Blackwood	Gwent	appeared to be a large rectangle shape of fire red/orange. It was silent. The object slowly climbed in the direction of Gloucester.
2 Jul 09	00:30 Queens Park	London	Two UFOs
3 Jul 09	22:45 10 miles South of Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Six bright orange/red lights in formation. They climbed like balloons and made no sound. A sphere like a balloon appeared at the side and then another.
Jul 09	Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Something strange
4 Jul 09	00:15 Brighton	Sussex	A red light followed by 7 others. They came from the West, flew overhead and disappeared. Definitely not aircraft.
4 Jul 09	22:30 Bideford on Avon	Warwickshire	A round orange light
4 Jul 09	23:30 Marston Green	Birmingham	Some 30 orange lights heading from Birmingham Airport towards Coleshill.
4 Jul 09	23:30 Lichfield	Staffordshire	Eight alien aircraft seen just above helicopter height travelling SW to NE. There was a humming sound. They looked like they were "eyeing the place up".
4 Jul 09	23:00 Teignmouth	Devon	A bright yellowy orange object, travelling SE to NW in a straight line. It made no noise. At a 50 degree angle of elevation.
4 Jul 09	West Grinstead	West Sussex	12-15 objects. Not like normal fixed wing aircraft, more like bright orange lights. Moving West at indeterminate height. Objects entered cloud then turned around
5 Jul 09	01:35 Stratford upon Avon	Warwickshire	steadily and then it stopped in mid air. Then started moving from left to right. A white beam could be seen shining down from it. It had red lights
5 Jul 09	N/A	N/A	Three very bright orange lights. Fairly large and moving much faster than an aircraft. They disappeared. Then 2 lights appeared from the South. The lights appeared co-ordinated. They were not aircraft.
5 Jul 09	14:32 Bedford	Bedfordshire	A UFO. Witness photographed it
5 Jul 09	02:00 Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Two objects, one with a brighter light. The second one was behind it and had a dimmer light. No navigation lights. Not normal. Reluctant to say it was a UFO - perhaps it is a plane.
7 Jul 09	22:25 Paghham	West Sussex	5 orange bright lights. Half a mile distance between each one. Took photos.
10 Jul 09	00:30 Glasgow	Strathclyde	2 sightings. First at 12:30 (bright light), second at 01:30 (flashing green)
10 Jul 09	00:20 Northampton	Northamptonshire	Fast, shiny discs. Lower and faster than a plane, not a plane or helicopter. Sphere, brilliant light
12 Jul 09	01:07 Perivale	Middlesex	Bright light, rising behind a fence, went up into sky
12 Jul 09	Oswestry	Shropshire	A UFO
12 Jul 09	23:16 Shrewsbury	Shropshire	N/A
12 Jul 09	01:07 Perivale	Middlesex	Ball of light. No noise.
12 Jul 09	01:39 Stoke on Trent	Staffordshire	Huge red light, moving through sky
13 Jul 09	23:01 Worthing	West Sussex	aircraft. It appeared to stop still several times as it went into the distance. The light did not dim as it moved further away.
14 Jul 09	00:20 W1	London	Very bright, very big, not a satellite, not a plane, stationary. Light disappeared
14 Jul 09	01:00 Taunton	Somerset	Bright star, went from bright yellow to bright red. Did not look like a shooting star or plane. Moved no more than 2-3 feet.

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14 Jul 09	23:39 Woking	Surrey	A UFO
15 Jul 09	23:30 Trimley St Mary	Suffolk	The lights danced round each other then split and moved off in different directions. The light suddenly disappeared.
15 Jul 09	22:40 N/A	N/A	went the smaller it became. It started the size of a pound coin and ended as a pin head. Witness observed the object for 2 minutes
16 Jul 09	00:15 Weston Super Mare	Somerset	A UFO
17 Jul 09	22:00 Westonbirt	Gloucestershire	A ball of light the size of a small car. 26 metres above the ground. It pulsed every 5-8 seconds but then shot off. Definitely not an aircraft or a Chinese Lantern.
18 Jul 09	22:23 Littleborough	Lancashire	An orb like object at 120 degrees from North. Oragne in clour moving in a NE direction. Visible for 10 minutes. It had no aircraft type navigation lights.
18 Jul 09	22:30 Ruislip	Middlesex	Three bright orange lights. not flashing. Very big. high up. set equally apart. Reported it to RAF Northolt. Never saw anything like this before.
18 Jul 09	22:00 Rotherham	Yorkshire	Has a video of UFO on his mobile phone
18 Jul 09	01:50 Cheshunt	Herts	A bright orange light, which hovered in one place. It became more pink, than red and then it disappeared.
18 Jul 09	09:45 N/A	Lincolnshire	Saw an object like a ball of fire.
18 Jul 09	22:35 River Severn	Gloucestershire	A UFO of orangy/red colour. It hovered and moved slightly in the direction of Stroud, then suddenly dropped downwards.
18 Jul 09	02:35 Weston Super Mare	Somerset	A metallic aircraft shaped like a missile. One quarter was white, another green/blue and another red. Was circling. It had no wings and was moving diagonally. It made a sound like a motorbike.
19 July 09	23:00 N/A	Cornwall	Video footage in Cornwall near an Air Station (possibly Culdrose). Five minute sighting
19 Jul 09	01:22 Newport	Gwent	A bright, reddish light travelling W to E, below cloud level. It made no sound. It was moving in a straight line but too slow to be a meteorite. It had no navigation type lights.
19 Jul 09	14:58 Leigh	Lancashire	N/A
19 Jul 09	London	Greater London	10-15 circular objects
19 Jul 09	09:01 N/A	N/A	10-12 bright orange objects, silent. Has a photo of them saved on his mobile.
19 Jul 09	22:30 Sheffield	Yorkshire	Six yellow lights, stationary at first then moved off.
12 Jul 09	10:30 London	Greater London	A UFO
19 Jul 09	22:55 Nottingham	Nottinghamshire	Four-five orange lights, fluctuating lights. Lives under flightpath of Donnington airfield. Objects moved in a line. Lights faded. Returned 10 minutes later.
23 Jul 09	12:48 Hitchin	Hertfordshire	Large round object. Two planes flew round it. Could be something natural, such as an eclipse
25 Jul 09	10:45 Henley on Thames	Oxfordshire	Six orange, with fire around, UFOs in formation (One behind the other across horizon to horizon).
24 Jul 09	10:03 Newmarket	Suffolk	15 to 20 orange and red lights looked as though they were coming down to land but then went over head and 'went out'
25 Jul 09	12:10 Newquay	Cornwall	Triangular shaped object
25 Jul 09	10:22 Twyford	Berkshire	changed direction towards Wallgrave, direction changed again towards Reading then back in the direction of Wallgrave.
24 Jul 09	23:57 Bradford	Yorkshire	Large balloon shape, with 'shimmer fire' effect underneath it.
25 Jul 09	10:45 Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk	15 Red/Orangey lights in sky, which gradually started fading out and then disappearing.
25 Jul 09	Downham Market	Norfolk	UFO seen with another one circling it. There was one main light and no sound
25 Jul 09	11:25 Goring by Sea	West Sussex	3 orange lights high in the sky over the sea. There was an explosion and the centre light then dropped into the sea. No sound heard from the lights.
24 Jul 09	11:00 Edinburgh	Scotland	minutes. A small red light was on outside parameter of blue lights, which disappeared/amalgamated into one large blue light which speedily disappeared.

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25 Jul 09	09:57	Kettering	Northamptonshire	Big and very bright red/yellow/orange ball seen flying past backend of garden, just under cloud cover. Then went through cloud cover and lit cloud cover up.
25 Jul 09	11:00	Plymouth	Devon	Six orange/white lights, lying astern. Thought they were aircraft navigation lights but were evenly spaced out. No noise but moved with speed of a passing helicopter. Changed into a 'hammer head' shape.
24 Jul 09	23:20	Barking	Essex	Bright, oval shaped object with red and green lights. No noise.
25 Jul 09	22:45	Barnsley	South Yorkshire	Two bright orange lights, three to four minutes apart and no sound heard. Lights then went into clouds.
25 Jul 09	11:30	Doncaster	Yorkshire	Moon ball flew over at double the speed of the orange lights. Thirty minutes later six white balls in a triangle formation were seen.
03 Jul 09	11:15	Cawood	Yorkshire	second bright orange light with red glow seen then disappeared. A third light then hung in the sky and disappeared after five minutes.
26 Jul 09	21:30	Brighton	East Sussex	A bright orange light travelling in a straight line from Brighton Centre which then passed over the house.
25 Jul 09	23:39	Rochdale	Lancashire	than a plane and one zig-zagged down towards the ground then reappeared after the other four had moved across the sky and had gone.
24 Jul 09		Ashburton	Devon	Light seen in sky also above this was a large round shape which looked rocky and was blue and pink in colour.
25 Jul 09	11:00	Dumfries	Scotland	Six or seven bright lights which were in the sky for approximately 10 minutes. They were spaced out and one by one flew away and disappeared very quickly.
26 Jul 09	00:20	Hoddesdon	Hertfordshire	First saw three orange objects. Forty minutes later, looking North saw an orange glowing object travelling slowly from SW to NE. It was at an angle to the ground of about 30-40 deg.
28 Jul 09	09:30	Bromley	Kent	Saw an orange, yellow object in the sky, with the shape similar to a hot air balloon.
10 Jul 09	12:15	Finaghy	Belfast	Observed fifty golden balls moving slowly SSE.
31 Jul 09	00:50	N/A	N/A	Saw a UFO
31 Jul 09	21:30	Bedford	Bedfordshire	Went to get cat off wall, saw UFO higher than eye level, bright orange object, not plane shaped, no engine noise
31 Jul 09		Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Three bright orange lights and one dimmer one. Faded after being static.
31 Jul 09		N/A	Jersey	Has a UFO report in their office (ATC)
1 Aug 09	03:42	Preston	Lancs	Bright object in sky, very large
1 Aug 09	22:57	Michell Coldon		17 UFO's above village. Red and green lights, no sound
1 Aug 09	22:30	Elgin	Moray	Lights moving slowly. One light lead a group of 5, with one light acting as tail ender
1 Aug 09	12:13	Upminster	Essex	Clusters of UFOs, orange lights in distance. Zoomed off when they got closer, big and round.
1 Aug 09	10:00	Croydon	Greater London	60-70 lights, suddenly disappearing
1 Aug 09	23:20	York	Yorkshire	Orange lights in sky
2 Aug 09	21:45	Kingsbridge	Devon	Low bright light
2 Aug 09	21:45	Aylesford	Kent	Large orange glow in sky, moving slowly then disappeared. Reappeared after 5 minutes. Knows a bit about astronomy
1 Aug 09	10:30	New Mills, High Peak	Derbyshire	Nine bright orange circular shapes glide across sky. Sighting lasted a couple of minutes.
2 Aug 09	21:30	N/A	N/A	Red object, looked like a cloud, went over the roof and vanished. No noise/engine. Big orange colour lower than a plane. Gliding straight
2 Aug 09	04:00	Preston	Lancs	Bright light
2 Aug 09		N/A	Nottinghamshire	Looked like aeroplane on fire
2 Aug 09		N/A	N/A	Scary sighting

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2 Aug 09	00:22 Shirley	Croydon	Orange point of light in the sky. No haze or smoke visible around the object. Object was flickering slightly. Lasted about 60 secs.
25 Jul 09	22:30 Coningsby	Lincolnshire	Three huge orange lights. First and second objects moving at speed of an aircraft. Third object moving much faster as if trying to catch up.
4 Aug 09	22:30 Seaford	East Sussex	Large bright light. Looked like a ball of fire or a hot air balloon.
4 Aug 09	00:15 Woburn Sands	Bucks	Saw orange ball in distance, no flashing lights, no engine noise. Left suddenly.
4 Aug 09	04:01 Formby	Merseyside	Large oval craft seen, very low and could not make out any distinguishing features. It had on it a number of red orange and green lights. Sighting lasted only 5-10 seconds.
4 Aug 09	09:50 Poole	Dorset	A bright white fire ball, size of a football flew into the kitchen and landed in a plastic carrier bag on the table, immediately disappeared but seemed to cause almost blinding white sheet lightning.
8 Aug 09	N/A	N/A	Two sightings observed. One in summer 2008 single bright yellow/white light moving fast. Second sighting in daylight single bright yellow/white 2009 moving fast.
4 Aug 09	10:00 Brighton	East Sussex	Object then moved north before disappearing behind clouds. Happened three times over a period of 30 minutes. Third time bright flash.
6 Aug 09	21:25 Chester	Cheshire	Orb shape, glowing on underside only. Orange colour. Orange faded and object looked like a black shadow.
5 Aug 09	Mitcham	Surrey	Saw four strange orange lights in the sky following each other. Lights then just disappeared. Lights then seen again moving across the night sky. Went inside and saw the same lights in a three prong triangle.
7 Aug 09	22:18 Coningsby	Lincolnshire	4 wavering lights, hovering, taken on a video camera and photographed.
7 Aug 09	22:09 Wirral	Merseyside	Eight orange, non-flashing lights, made no sound. Round shapes.
7 Aug 09	22:00 Barnston	Merseyside	6-7 bright orange lights, moving down Wirral peninsula from Birkenhead to Ellesmere Port. No noise. Saw a second UFO five minutes later.
7 Aug 09	23:24 Nuneaton	Staffs	5-6 objects.
June 2009	Baswich Tixall	Stafford	Two objects seen. Photograph taken in June a week after the mystery hot air balloon search.
7 Aug 09	22:00 Cardiff	Cardiff	Unusual lights travelling silently from West to East.
7 Aug 09	22:00 Ullswater	Lake District	Six balloons of fire over Ullswater. These UFOs moved at different speeds to each other and in different directions before burning out.
8 Aug 09	00:05 East Kilbride	Lanarkshire	Bright orange bulb. Stayed for 10 minutes, came towards him like a tornado then disappeared.
8 Aug 09	20:45 N/A	N/A	Bright light from the northwest - lights went out, turned towards the south.
8 Aug 09	09:40 Saltcoats	Ayrshire	Very large bright light, no sound.
8 Aug 09	22:50 Northampton	Northamptonshire	Lights coming towards me. 40-50 lights.
9 Aug 09	17:16 N/A	N/A	Report received by from Psychic Control Centre, ref. PQ255401.
10 Aug 09	17:15 London	Greater London	Report on behalf of her sister, who said she saw a UFO at Holborn Station.
10 Aug 09	22:13 Northampton	Northamptonshire	Bright red orange ball, no sound, moved faster than an aircraft. Could not find a camera in time to take photos, slowly and disappeared into the clouds. Sighting lasted 2-3 minutes. Object was similar to a hot air balloon but had no outline or shape.
8 Aug 09	09:45 Stockport	Cheshire	
7 Aug 09	10:00 Cardiff	Wales	Unusual lights above Cardiff travelling silently.
7 Aug 09	22:45 Newport	Shropshire	Two yellow lights, one above the other in the sky. On arriving home five minutes later watched the lights disappear behind a narrow cloud bank.
11 Aug 09	23:00 Thorpe-le-Soken	Essex	Saw a meteor shower which contained something he could not explain.
6 Aug 09	22:00 Eastcote	Middx	Big circular orange lights.
9 Aug 09	13:30 Huddersfield	Yorkshire	One object seen in the sky in the day time.

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11 Aug 09	10:46 Rayleigh	Essex	disappearing. Object was a dull brown colour, with a magnitude of 3.5 to 5 and resembled a slightly luminous brown paper bag. No sound was heard.
11 Jan 09	00:10 London W9	Greater London	Strange white light, got smaller and turned green. Pulsated in brightness
16 Aug 09	23:00 Westmuir	Moray	One light, joined by another, hovering over the village. No noise. One light no longer there, the other disappeared. Like a lightbulb with an orange top
17 Aug 09	03:30 Langport	Somerset	Very bright light, stops and spins slowly, moves right and left, as if looking for something or taking photos, long beams of light. No sound
15 Aug 09	20:00 Billericay	Essex	No flashing lights, orange looking object. Looked like it was hovering, flew towards observer's car and faded slowly into the distance
17 Aug 09	21:19 Newport	Gwent	Bright orange light, definitely not a plane
17 Aug 09	21:25 Altrincham	Lancs	Two bright orange lights. Witnessed for about five minutes.
15 Aug 09	23:50 Wimborne	Dorset	Pair of "lanterns" directly overhead, slightly faster than a plane, faster than a satellite, slower than a meteor
19 Aug 09	Exmouth	Devon	A bright orange object. Above cloud level. Travelling at a high rate of knots. Came inland from the coast over Exmouth and headed off towards Woodbury and Taunton
19 Aug 09	23:44 Withington	Lancashire	3 red lights in the shape of a triangle with the nose moving forward, not a usual aircraft, suspect it was a UFO
17 Aug 09	23:00 Wythall	Birmingham	sound. After 10 mins light became dimmer and appeared to gain height, light now size as normal aircraft light and disappeared.
19 Aug 09	21:00 Northampton	Northamptonshire	Was carrying a camera, as is her usual practice, saw a pinpoint, a silver dot that was clearly a UFO.
20 Aug 09	23:00 Shebbear	Devon	Circular shape in with a mixture of stars, one was getting brighter and then dimmer and disappearing for a short number of minutes. Another red light hovered around the object. Camera on phone would not pick anything up.
20 Aug 09	11:45 Cliftonville	Kent	Three orange orbs and two red orbs.
22 Aug 09	16:56 N/A	N/A	UFO at the back of the sky
22 Aug 09	13:40 N/A	N/A	Five orange globe balls.
22 Aug 09	Mansfield	Nottinghamshire	Saw a UFO - can you call me back.
22 Aug 09	20:35 Harpenden	Herts	Tall and thin, like a pencil, square, blue black.
22 Aug 09	22:00 Stevenage	Hertfordshire	2 orbs, flickering lights, sliding across the sky
22 Aug 09	N/A	N/A	Saw something strange. Can you phone me back.
20 Aug 09	14:00 Herne Bay	Kent	Wish to report a UFO - can you call me back.
24 Aug 09	03:30 Swindon	Wiltshire	3 lights in formation, forming an isosceles triangle. Two lights visible at first, then joined by a third. Light lasted for 2-3 minutes. No sound
24 Aug 09	05:30 Lewes	East Sussex	Report of a UFO. Can you call me back.
24 Aug 09	Derby	Derbyshire	Saw a UFO - can you call me.
24 Aug 09	23:30 Glasgow	Strathclyde	Strange lights over G62 0TD. Two big white lights.
24 Aug 09	00:00 Tunbridge Wells	Kent	Bright orange lights, lasted for two minutes, went out, then four more. Could have been a meteorological balloon. A very bright light.
22 Aug 09	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Lights in sky
13 Aug 09	16:30 Preston	Lancashire	Dog wanted to go out, went out and I saw a UFO.
25 Aug 09	21:45 Derby	Derbyshire	Seven aircraft over Derby.
27 Aug 2009	20:30 Dronfield	Derbyshire	Round shape - lightening then darkening with a dark shape behind it. No engine noise.

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27 Aug 2009	21:29 Manor Park	London	Saw a bright light heading towards Essex - bright light standing still
29 Aug 2009	Kings Lynn	Norfolk	Terrestrials seen coming from King's Lynn towards Swaffham, Norfolk
29 Aug 2009	21:40 Lyneham	Wiltshire	Orange lights following each other in same direction. No noise, no flashing lights, same trajectory, in vicinity of Lyneham radar. Some lights disappeared
29 Aug 2009	05:20 Gloucester	Gloucestershire	Two UFOs flying overhead.
28 Aug 2009	21:30 N/A	N/A	Orange ball going in a straight line. No visible trail. No smoke or noise. Appeared to be getting smaller burning itself up
29 Aug 2009	22:05 Smethwick	West Midlands	Saw strange lights in the sky, in three's then one, then two's, then three's - Fifteen in all.

EXP 14 SEP

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

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txtinfo: Please can you provide all details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD since the start of this year, 2009.



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**Section 40**

Our Ref:  
 03-09-2009-124742-001

16 September 2009

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 August 2009 asking for complete printed UFO sightings in the UK for the period 1997 onwards.

Details of sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 are already available to the general public via the MoD website [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk). They can be located by searching under the phrase *UFO Reports*. I appreciate that you do not have your own computer, however, your local Public Library should have internet facilities for you to use and I am sure they will be willing to help you if you need assistance in locating the documents.

Details of sightings for the calendar year 2009 will be placed in the public domain early next year, but I enclose a paper copy of the details for the period January-August 2009. \*

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

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

*Yours sincerely*

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EXD 16 SEP

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txtinforequest: I formally request complete printed UFO sightings in the UK from 1997 to the present day. I do not have access to a computer (I am writing this around a friend of mine) or a printer, so this would be much appreciated. Thank you for your time.



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**Section 40**

Our Ref:  
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15 September 2009

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request regarding UFOs. You asked how far back the Ministry of Defence has known about UFOs and for a list of UFOs reported in the UK and for any true videos or film of UFOs.

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

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

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

Details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2008 can be found on our website at [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk) by searching under *UFO Reports*. I appreciate that you do not have the internet, but your local public library should have internet capability and they should be able to assist you. I attach details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period January-August 2009.

You may also wish to know that since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1995, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives,



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DATE OF SIGHTING	TIME OF SIGHTING	TOWN OF SIGHTING	AREA OF SIGHTING	DESCRIPTION	OCCUPATION
Jan 09		Warwick	Warwickshire	An orange glowing object with a red light on the right-hand side.	Air Traffic Control employee
Feb 09		Swadlincote	Derbyshire	15 fireballs in the sky. Not aircraft.	N/A
Jan 09		N/A	North Yorkshire	Very curious. A very bright light, 4 times that of a star.	N/A
Jan 09		Carterton	Oxfordshire	A very bright constant red light.	Air Traffic Control employee
Jan 09	01:30	N/A	N/A	Over my house. It was massive. Unbelievable. The noise was incredible. I thought we were under nuclear attack.	N/A
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A cloud coloured, oval shaped, object shooting across the sky. Had been outside the individuals house for some nights and then one night. (Message received 21 Jan 09)	N/A
Jan 09		Sawtry	Cambridgeshire	A UFO	N/A
Jan 09		Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan	Witness in back garden. A diamond shaped red light came towards him from the sea. Rear end of diamond was a blue light. It was incredibly hot as it passed overhead. No sound	N/A
Jan 09		Halifax	West Yorkshire	A silver disc shaped light seen for two minutes. Witness was in his lounge	N/A
Jan 09		High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	A bright object travelling very fast overhead. Not a plane.	N/A
Jan 09		Colington	Edinburgh	Lights in the sky.	N/A
Jan 09		Llundudno	Clwyd	A bright orange light.	N/A
1 Jan 09		Chippenham	Wiltshire	A UFO	N/A
Jan 09		St Albans	Hertfordshire	Something lit up the sky. There was smoke in the sky afterwards	N/A
1 Jan 09		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	2 round, bright, orange lights/objects. Hovered and glided soundlessly. One flashed and disappeared a minute later. Same happened to 2nd one.	N/A
1 Jan 09	00:10	Blairgowrie	Perthshire	Four bright orange lights in a group.	N/A
1 Jan 09		Streatham Hill	London	Two bright lights/objects moving through the sky	N/A
2 Jan 09	17:00	Nuneaton	Warwickshire	5 yellow/orange objects in formation. Moving east to west. Slow but straight flight.	N/A
4 Jan 09		Haslingdale/Rossendale	Lancashire	4 or more moving bright solid orange lights. Followed by a further 8 identical objects. Rose vertically over the side on the valley. Made no sound.	N/A
3-4 Jan 09		Sandbach	Cheshire	A UFO. An orange/yellow light	N/A
5 Jan 09	19:00	Malvern	Worcestershire	A V shaped formation similar to how birds fly of 7 lights. Moved rapidly across the sky rotated slightly then the lights split up and vanished. Lights were size and brightness of stars. No noise and no visible trails in sky.	N/A

6 Jan 09		Cardigan	Cardiganshire	Five rather big orange things flew over the witness. He was terrified.	N/A
6 Jan 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Strange lights. Eleven in total.	N/A
8 Jan 09	04:40	Blackpool	Lancashire	A green light with a white light on the outer rim. Flew over the hills and disappeared once it passed the motorway.	N/A
9 Jan 09		Exeter	Devon	An object in the sky over Exeter	N/A
12 Jan 09		Old Coulson	Surrey	Saw a large shape in the sky. It didn't look like a helicopter but sounded like one and was very loud. It hovered for an hour. Then headed towards caterham where a friend saw it	N/A
13 Jan 09	20:15	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	Strange burning objects in the sky	N/A
13 Jan 09		Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)	N/A
14 Jan 09		Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)	N/A
18 Jan 09		Leyton	London	Object that moved quickly through the sky. He has photographs (On 3 Days)	N/A
18 Jan 09	19:44	Lichfield	Staffordshire	A bright yellow light. It vanished for a few seconds then reappeared.	Air Traffic Control employee
19 Jan 09		Tarland	Aberdeenshire	A bright steady light in the sky. It then just moved and disappeared	N/A
23 Jan 09	20:40	Anlaby	Hull	A very large ball (looked like a fireball). The object was small, but rather far away	N/A
23 Jan 09	20:58	Undy	Newport	Object had a large light on the front & a smaller red and green light on either side, as if on the ends of a planes wings. Base was a perfect square and black in colour. It made a quiet humming sound.	N/A
23 Jan 09	21:40	West Cross	Swansea	Large ball of light. Light did not diminish. Very strange. Made no sound. Very strange.	N/A
24 Jan 09	23:05	Henleaze	Bristol	Large spherical object, bright orange in colour. Much bigger than any plane or helicopter. Glowed brightly all over. Was completely soundless.	N/A
25 Jan 09	23:25	Sittingbourne	Kent	A strange ball of bright orange light. Light faded out.	N/A
25 Jan 09	19:00	Livingston	West Lothian	An extremely bright blue circular light. After diving down at steep angle, rising then diving again, it vanished.	N/A
25 Jan 09	18:00	Perton	West Midlands	Star shaped and very bright, brilliant white. Changing shape. No noise.	N/A
26 Jan 09	17:15	Northholt	Middlesex	A bright oval orange in the sky. Thought at first it was an aircraft on fire. After five minutes the bright glow petered out and then became totally black. Lived in the area all her life but had never seen anything like it before.	N/A
26 Jan 09	21:45	Tarring	West Sussex	Four orange lights. At first mistook them for stars. Faded one by one	N/A
26 Jan 09	18:15	Bromley	Kent	Three orange lights in horizontal line above the opposite side of the hill. Stopped car but saw only four lights, two separate at the top & two close together at the bottom. Top two rose and disappeared. 2nd two moved higher then also vanished	N/A

28 Jan 09	22:10	Grimsby	Lincolnshire	Light in the sky. Other lights falling or dripping from it to the ground. At first thought it was fireworks. Made no noise and was the size of a helicopter.	N/A
29 Jan 09		Colchester	Essex	We keep getting flown over by aliens galore. They are dropping germs and we keep getting colds. Please send the RAF or USAF to stop them.	N/A
Feb 09		East Kilbride	Lanarkshire	Five orange lights high in the sky over the house. Disappeared into the atmosphere	N/A
3 Feb 09	01:00	N/A	Thames Estuary	Same as the UFO seen over the House of Commons in Feb. 08. Matches description The Sun gave.	N/A
3 Feb 09	10:10	West Row	Suffolk	Bright clear light shooting across sky. There were blue lights almost in line with the clear light. They were evenly spaced.	N/A
4 Feb 09	18:32	Chesterton	Newcastle Under Lyme	A dullish orange light low in the sky. Circular in shape with no defined edge. Surface had texture of the Sun's surface but not as bright. It reduced in size as it backed away from the witness. An aircraft flew in its direction whilst giving it a wide berth.	N/A
5 Feb 09		Portslade	Sussex	Six red or orange lights in a large oval shape moving slowly towards Brighton. They made no noise	N/A
5 Feb 09	06:30	Cropwell Bishop	Nottinghamshire	Series of UFO Sightings. Three orange lights arranged vertically in the sky. No way they could be aircraft. Four sets of them	N/A
6 Feb 09		Rosendale	Lancashire	A blue and purple flashing light over the moors for 30 minutes	
6 Feb 09	17:30	Mealrigg	Cumbria	A clearly defined, shiny silvery metallic cylinder with rounded ends. Estimated 50ft in length. Small protrusion on upper rear body. Object made no sound nor visible emissions. Between Mealrigg and Langrigg	N/A
6 Feb 09	20:10	Near Edinburgh Airport	Edinburgh	White on outer edges. 7-800ft long. Moving very fast from North to South.	N/A
7 Feb 09		Gorseinon	Swansea	Strange object seen when he developed photographs he had taken	N/A
7 Feb 09	20:05	N/A	N/A	Six lights, some red, some orange and some white all travelling in the same direction. It was either one big object or six single objects. All travelling in the same direction.	N/A
7 Feb 09	19:30	Between Norwich/Lenwade	Norfolk	10 orange orbs. Orbs had slightly pulsating orange lights. Not like navigation lights. Made no noise.	N/A
7 Feb. 09	22:05	Fowey	Cornwall	Strange object in the sky. Bright orange in colour with intensity of fire. Like a huge hanglider.	N/A
7 Feb 09	23:10	Basingstoke	Hampshire	A bright orange light travelling very fast from North to South east. Too large and bright to be a plane. In view for one minute then disappeared behind a cloud. Noticed no noise or tail.	N/A
8 Feb 09	21:00	Sutton	Surrey	5 UFOs. Bright round orange lights. Made no noise. Disappeared in direction on London.	N/A
8 Feb 09	20:00	Ashingdon	Essex	Lights in the sky. Definitely not a plane. Very strange.	N/A
9 Feb 09		Romsley	Shropshire	A peculiar bright light. The object was spherical shaped like a satellite. It moved West to East very quickly. Definitely not a satellite, helicopter or light aircraft	N/A
10 Feb 09	21:00	N/A	Somerset	Bright orange lights continuously going up and down on the horizon. Heading East in the direction of Froome or Wiltshire	N/A
10 Feb 09	22:45	Western-super-Mare	Somerset	An orange/yellow object moving NW to SE. Followed by 3 more. No navigation lights and they made no sound. Not that high up. Disappeared into the distance quicker than they arrived.	N/A

13 Feb 09	23:12	Bradford-on-Avon	Wiltshire	An brightly glowing orange ball. It seemed to be a controlled craft. It hovered for a couple of minutes then the light seemed to deliberately fade. It was a few hundred feet up and a quarter of a mile from the house.	N/A
14 Feb 09	20:10	Roxwell	Essex	A bright orange object. The top was rounded like the top of a balloon and was a brighter orange towards the bottom. It appeared to be stationary.	N/A
15 Feb 09	06:30	Bennech	Anglesey	Strange lights seen over the bay.	N/A
15 Feb 09		Aberford	Leeds	Witness saw a long light flashing like a laser. Sometimes there were two lights crossing over. This is the third time they have been seen over six weeks.	N/A
15 Feb 09	00:15	Winwick	Warrington	Two orange lights in the sky that hovered over the old hospital site. The lights were not together but were stationary. They made no noise. They then moved off in a southerly direction.	Police Officer
16 Feb 09	19:00	Colchester	Essex	A bright light that went straight up in the sky above the A12 near Colchester.	N/A
16 Feb 09	19:19	Leigh	Greater Manchester	A dome shaped orange ball of light. It suddenly took off from a field. It was organic like a jellyfish. Transparent, and you could see its internal workings. It departed swaying left to right and made a droning noise. 150-200ft in the air	N/A
19 Feb 09	19:50	Gravesend	Kent	A ball of light with a few lights inside. It hovered over Gravesend for some 30 minutes. Too static for a helicopter.	N/A
20 Feb 09	21:45	Bradford	West Yorkshire	Two strange lights behind the clouds that appeared to be playing with each other, pretending to crash into each other. Then they were joined by a third light that hovered underneath them, going back and forth.	N/A
21 Feb 09	22:45	Arundel	West Sussex	Five bright orange lights in the sky. One was in the lead the other four in a loose rectangular formation. Disappeared behind trees then were seen in a line with long gaps between them. Heard no engine noise. Headed south for two miles before vanishing.	N/A
22 Feb 09	19:30	Swindon	Wiltshire	80 bright lights over the top of Queen's Hill in Swindon	N/A
22 Feb 09	19:00	Oxted	Surrey	Object came in trajectory into back garden. It was like the upper part of an egg, glowing bright orange like hot steel. On bottom it had something like a root structure. It looked like it was having some trouble but righted itself, and gently flew off.	N/A
22 Feb 09	19:30	Bedford	Bedfordshire	A sizeable, silent, flickering orange light. Difficult to judge height and speed but much slower than any meteorite and much faster than the prevailing wind which was negligible.	N/A
22 Feb 09		South East London	London	An object with a white and alternating red lights at an angle. Came from South East London towards Canary Wharf. It stopped in mid air and an alternating sequence of red lights flashed at 180 degrees. Lights switched side instantly.	N/A
22 Feb 09	01:10	Chepstow	Gwent	A single object the size of a large car. Silver with flames flickering from the underside. Then moved up and away	N/A
23 Feb 09	19:17	New Ash Green	Kent	A ball of light in the clouds, moving slowly and falling apart. Had other white lights coming off it. Made no sound.	N/A
23 Feb 09	22:52	South East London	London	It was the flashing of a huge object with one normal and two green lights. It was flying low. Only saw it for 4 seconds than it vanished from site.	N/A
24 Feb 09	18:45	Hartlepool	Cleveland	Saw 4 spaceships that flew over the house into the sky. They had a bright light that faded and was then gone. They returned to the same spot they had come from.	N/A
25 Feb 09	18:30	Oldham	Manchester	A very bright object that glows red and bright.	N/A
26 Feb 09	19:15	Malmesbury	Wiltshire	Two lights above the cloud with beams of light coming out from them horizontally. Dotting about like two fireflies. The beams are coming from the lights, not the ground. Seen to the north. The lights are very round and flying in a small area.	N/A
27 Feb 09	21:00	Lelant	Cornwall	Two orange lights over Hayle Estuary moving at the speed of a helicopter but had no aircraft navigation lights.	N/A

27 Feb 09	18:15	Central London	London	One white light to the south east that flashes red, green and an off yellow at about 8-10000ft. Another across central London at 10-15000ft with the same colours. Objects are identical and 3-4 miles apart on the approach path to Heathrow or London City.	N/A
27 Feb 09	23:00	Newquay	Cornwall	Bright orange object travelling west to east across the sky.	N/A
28 Feb 09	21:50	Mary Tavy near Dartmoor	Devon	Orange lights in the sky. Like fairy lights. Made no sound	N/A
28 Feb 09	04:30	Portlethen	Aberdeenshire	A big yellow glow in the sky to the south of Aberdeen. About 2500ft high but not aircraft landing lights.	N/A
1 Mar 09	20:15	West Bridgford	Nottingham	A swarm of about 100 flashing white lights, high in the sky moving from the NE to SE. Very quick and keeping equidistant and of equal speed. Disappeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. The swarm moved in an arc of 40 degrees in about 10 seconds.	N/A
1 Mar 09	19:00	Waringham	Surrey	Three very bright orange lights in triangular formation. They were circular with no tails. Travelling at speed towards the east. Made no sound. Could not tell height. Visible for 4-5 minutes before fading away one by one.	N/A
1 Mar 09	18:45	Bishopsmill	Morayshire	Lights like little stars in a half moon shape. A bright light at the centre was moving very slightly.	N/A
4 Mar 09	22:50	Swindon	Wiltshire	Various different lights in a star shape.	N/A
5 Mar 09		Selby	North Yorkshire	Two sphere like objects orange/red in colour. The first object ran parallel to the witness, dropped then disappeared. The second object moved straight across the sky line then disappeared.	N/A
7 Mar 09	05:00	Cottingham	Humberside	An object in the sky changing colour	N/A
8 Mar 09	01:30	Bolton	Lancashire	A large fireball but with an oblong shape. Thought it was a crashing airliner but it stopped and hovered. It then came towards Dascar, stopped and headed in a SE direction towards Bury. It hovered in the distance for a minute before disappearing.	N/A
9 Mar 09	21:15	Hayes	Middlesex	An object hovering in the sky. The object had bright lights.	N/A
9 Mar 09	23:10	Holland on Sea	Essex	An emerald green object that was like a torchlight or a large grapefruit. It flitted up, down and around outside the landing window. The beam of light narrowed and it came back as a ball shape. It was still for 90 seconds then vanished.	N/A
10 Mar 09	18:15	A3 South of M25	A3 South of M25	A long cylinder of gold light. It looked like a very bright shooting star. Observed it for 3 seconds.	N/A
10 Mar 09	22:10	Spalding	Lincolnshire	Strange orange lights in the sky	N/A
10 Mar 09	18:50	Barrow-in-Furness	Cumbria	The whole object was glowing like hot metal and there was no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a fighter or a satellite, from NW to SE. It looked to be flying quite low.	N/A
14 Mar 09	20:40	King's Lynn	Norfolk	Object was travelling east/southeast. An extremely bright, constant red/orange light shining down. The shape of the object was obscured by the light. It made no sound. Cannot determine speed, but was visible for two minutes. May have speeded up.	N/A
14 Mar 09	20:30	Harlyn Bay	Cornwall	Five strange orange lights in formation, moving very quickly	N/A
14 Mar 09	20:15	Flitwick	Bedfordshire	Two UFOs. Orange globes that moved near together then separated and very gradually disappeared	N/A
14 Mar 09	18:50	Bugbrooke	Northamptonshire	A big bright red ball of fire travelling at a terrific speed.	N/A
17 Mar 09		Croydon	London	A bright orange light, the size of a helicopter. It looked like a flame or a flare but made no sound. It was moving very slowly.	N/A

17 Mar 09	20:30	Heywood	Lancashire	Three orange lights, evenly spaced and moving at the same speed. Gradually disappeared after five minutes. Heading from SE to NW	N/A
17 Mar 09	21:02	Bromsgrove	Worcestershire	A red fire ball travelling at extreme speed. It made no sound. Heading from Coventry to Leominster	N/A
17 Mar 09	05:35	Portsmouth	Hampshire	A wide pear drop shaped translucent green light with a small tail of light. Moved in NW direction. Made no noise and vanished after a few seconds.	MoD Guard Service
17 Mar 09	00:35	N/A	N/A	The shape of a rectangle. It had a dull green glow with no other lights showing.	N/A
18 Mar 09	22:00	Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	Two very bright glowing orange lights moving at very high speed.	N/A
19 Mar 09		N/A	West Sussex	A constant light travelling West to East. Very erratic, wobbling off course then just disappeared.	N/A
20 Mar 09	18:50	Exton	Rutland	Large bright light seen to the east of Exton, moving south to north at high speed- at first mistaken for a planet	N/A
22 Mar 09	20:00	Adfa	Powys	Looked like a satellite crashing or a star. It was fairly pacy and then slowed to a halt. It moved off after 20 seconds and gathered speed. It became a dot and vanished.	N/A
22 Mar 09	19:55	Newtimber	West Sussex	A bright diamond shaped light. Definitely not an aircraft. Faster than an aircraft. Headed east for one minute before moving upwards and disappearing.	N/A
24 Mar 09	05:17	Bridgend	Glamorgan	Four UFOs flying beneath two aircraft. They moved much faster than the aircraft. Greyish in colour with a dome on top and bottom. Flew over the Waterton Industrial Estate.	N/A
25 Mar 09	20:25	Godlming	Surrey	A very bright spherical object. Size of a full moon. Yellow/orange in colour. Object seemed wrapped in a bright glowing cloud of light. It made no noise. It moved towards Hascombe. Performed a series of erratic moves.	N/A
27 Mar 09	16:10	Walthamstow	London	Three objects in the sky. They were circling and dipping in and out of the clouds. They could have been light sources or just reflecting light. A possible tail of light at a slight angle away from the direction of travel on each of the objects	N/A
28 Mar 09	08:45	Torquay	Devon	A group of very bright orange objects heading NW to SE at a consistent speed and low altitude. There was a group of 15 followed by groups of 2-3 and 3-4 over a 5 minute period. They made no noise.	N/A
29 Mar 09	20:45	Preston	Lancashire	Three bright lights heading in the same direction some 2 minutes apart. The 3rd light disintegrated and spilt up.	N/A
4 Apr 09		Swindon	Wiltshire	A massive orange thing. Going so fast it passed a plane going towards RAF Lyneham.	N/A
6 Apr 09		Hessel	Humberside	Very bright white light. Its trail followed it for half an hour heading towards Brough	N/A
4 Apr 09	23:15	Leyland	Lancashire	Object seen for 6-7 minutes	N/A
4 Apr 09	10:30	Harrogate	North Yorkshire	It was square with orange lights	N/A
4 Apr 09	21:02	Abergavenny	Gwent	Two UFOs	N/A
4 Apr 09	00:30	Saddleworth	Lancashire	A bright orange ball of fire. It was quite high up in the sky over the house. It was changing colour and disappeared straight into the sky.	N/A
5 Apr 09	09:00	Swindon	Wiltshire	Something peculiar	N/A

8 Apr 09		Leeds	West Yorkshire	A ball of fire	N/A
8 Apr 09	01:00	Brighton	Sussex	Looked like a squashed balloon and had no wings. Rounder at the front and pointed at the back. It had no lights at the front but 2-3 at the back, 1 red, 1 red and flashing and 1 white/green. Witness heard the noise first which grew louder.	N/A
9 Apr 09	21:26	N/A	Liverpool	Two parallel lights . Red or orange lights in the sky.	N/A
11 Apr 09	21:40	Goole	Humberside	A Light. Moved past very slowly then shot off at phenomenal speed. It was round but twice it changed into a cone shape. 300-400ft up.	N/A
11 April 09	21:05	Harrow	London	A big ball of fire, like a star. It decreased in size over two minutes.	N/A
11 Apr 09	20:30	Bromley	Kent	A UFO	N/A
11 Apr 09	21:35	Ellon	Aberdeenshire	A very bright orange glow. Moved about the speed of an airliner, heading south to north	N/A
11 Apr 09	21:20	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Several orange lights, same colour and brightness of street lights. Three were close together and the others were in a horizontal line	N/A
12 Apr 09		Swindon	Wiltshire	Four glowing objects coming from southwest and then turned north. They were glowing duller and brighter, then disappeared.	N/A
12 Apr 09	23:10	Linlithgow	West Lothian	A UFO	N/A
13 Apr 09		Farnborough	Hampshire	A ball of glowing red light. After 30 seconds the light dimmed slightly and then just disappeared.	N/A
13 Apr 09	21:30	Derby	Derbyshire	Two orange lights in the sky moving towards each other. Then a ball of light approached the other lights. All three were stationary for a while before disappearing into the distance. Another light then hovered where the others had been	N/A
13 Apr 09	21:00	Moelfre	Anglesey	Looked like a Chinese lantern	N/A
14 Apr 09	22:00	Smalley	Derbyshire	A round yellow ball. It looked like it had a parachute on top, the shape of a helmet	N/A
14 Apr 09	21:45	Strathspey	Highland District	A bright orange light approached at low level and then remained stationary for 10 minutes. Then it turned red.	N/A
14 Apr 09	22:45	Wallington	Surrey	Nine green lights in the sky	N/A
15 Apr 09	20:30	Dover	Kent	Two objects, five minutes apart heading East to West. They looked like orange fiery balls but made no sound. They travelled at the speed of a plane. They had no tail.	N/A
18 Apr 09	22:22	Brandon	Suffolk	Two yellow objects like giant sparklers heading North to South	N/A
18 Apr 09		Oswestry	Shropshire	A UFO	N/A
19 Apr 09	10:00	Maghull	Merseyside	A orange ball in the sky, travelling very quickly then stopped and faded away.	N/A
19 Apr 09	20:40	Snodlands	Kent	An oval shaped glowing red object, in two dimensions. It spun in one direction then reversed and swung in the other.	N/A

19 Apr 09	21:23	N/A	Liverpool	A UFO Southwest of Liverpool	N/A
21 Apr 09	22:03	Pendleton	Manchester	A bright orange object moving at a steady pace	N/A
21 Apr 09	21:34	Maidstone	Kent	Lights rising from the ground into the sky, much like debris from a fire. However lights were too intense to be a fire. Seen in the direction of the North Downs from Maidstone	N/A
21 Apr 09	22:55	Brighton	Sussex	A bright flaming object, about a quarter of the size of the moon. It was like a special effect. It was silent and went from horizon to horizon, starting in the North.	N/A
22 Apr 09	15:10	Basingstoke	Hampshire	Like a large black parachute with nothing suspended from it. It changed shape and gradually got smaller as it went into the distance. Observed for 10-20 minutes.	N/A
24 Apr 09	01:22	Harrow	London	A long shaped vehicle with a red light at the front and 2 gold lights either side. Hovered above the house and then moved off to the right at tremendous speed before returning. It then drifted slowly away. It was louder than a plane or helicopter.	N/A
25 Apr 09	20:30	Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk	A large black ball with a light underneath. Travelling South over western Bury St Edmunds at 3000ft at 200 miles an hour	Former Air Traffic Controller
25 Apr 09	10:15	Croydon	London	A bright red light over the house.	N/A
26 Apr 09		Holmfirth/Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	A black spherical object 12m in diameter. It was 500ft up and travelling at 500 mph. It made no sound. It had a light on but switched it off when the witness shone a torch at it	N/A
26 Apr 09	00:50	Hackney	London	Two bright lights heading towards the city. Like a white octopus shaped kite. It was like they were propelled but travelling on their own.	N/A
26 Apr 09	18:15	Regents Park	London	A spherical object with a red flashing light underneath. It was stationary in the sky for 10 minutes and then just faded away. It had made no movement at all.	N/A
26 Apr 09	18:30	Central London	London	Single small white orb shortly joined by two others. Changed into a dull flat circular shape. They were hovering over Central London at 15-20,000 ft but not blown by the wind. Objects disappeared but one reappeared for 5 minutes	N/A
26 Apr 09	22:05	Grimsby	Lincolnshire	Looked like a star or satellite. Saw 3 within 20 minutes. Came from the south. Its speed increased and then slowed down. Finally headed East over the North Sea	N/A
28 Apr 09	21:48	South Woodham Ferrers	Essex	A sighting	N/A
28 Apr 09		Tywyn	Gwynedd	A big bright orange light. It turned white and then disappeared very quickly. It made no noise.	N/A
29 Apr 09	23:10	Nottingham	Nottinghamshire	Two orange lights flying in a parallel formation in an arc. One slowed and went behind the other then they both gradually faded away. Far too fast to be aircraft. They had no flashing lights and made no sound.	N/A
29 Apr 09	23:44	Caterham	Surrey	A very small white light with no flashing lights or smoke trail. Headed North then did a sharp turn to the East and then was just gone pof.	N/A
30 Apr 09	20:30	Sutton	Surrey	A bright green light that whizzed about the sky for an hour. It was very fast and a few planes got in its way.	N/A
2 May 09	22:00	Burbage	Wiltshire	Initially one then five pitch black hot air balloon shaped objects with continual flames underneath.	N/A
2 May 09	23:00	Long Eaton	Nottinghamshire	A large bright yellow object hovering in the sky. Too bright to be an aircraft and the wrong colour. It didn't move for ages and then disappeared in the blink of an eye.	N/A
2 May 09	23:55	Southampton	Hampshire	Six bright white & orange lights, 2 single and 2 in 2 object formation. Lower and faster than a satellite. Witness contacted local police who had no other reports.	N/A

2 May 09	21:50	Upper Norwood	London	Six very bright orange lights flying in formation passed by in 15 minutes. Heading from Upper Norwood towards Crystal Palace	N/A
2 May 09	23:30	Buckhurst Hill	Essex	A slow moving, silent, orangey/red light. Does not think it was a helicopter or aircraft. Flew at same height as a helicopter	N/A
2 May 09	21:36	Chorley	Lancashire	Saw orange lights that looked like flames. They were heading South to North towards Preston. Police said it was the open rear of an aircraft undertaking parachute training.	N/A
3 May 09		Darlington	County Durham	Two bright orangey/red lights moving towards Durham/Tees Valley Airport. The objects flew steady, level and straight.	N/A
3 May 09	21:30	Ammanford	Dyfed	Seven orange orbs that suddenly disappeared. They were on a North-South trajectory. Witness contacted Cardiff ATC who had nothing on radar.	Pilot
3 May 09	15:50	Otmoor	Oxfordshire	A shiny black flying cylinder, 20-30ft long at about 4700ft which was 200ft above the pilots aircraft. Although the pilot sighted the object, it was ATC that forwarded details to the UFO Desk	Pilot
4 May 09	00:20	Barton near A6	Lancashire	Nine bright orange lights moving at slow speed and at 2000ft. They made no sound.	N/A
5 May 09	22:10	Road	Northampton	An orange flash and a loud bang	N/A
7 May 09	22:25	High Peak	Derbyshire	Three bright small lights very close together travelling in a straight line. They were flashing rapidly but made no noise and looked like they were on fire but clearly were not. Speed of 100-150mph at 1000ft. Came back 8 minutes later.	N/A
9 May 09	22:10	Northwich	Cheshire	Four big lights in a line formation. Two dropped down and the other two moved off quickly into the distance	N/A
9 May 09	22:00	Harlow	Essex	a diamond shaped orange light. If you held out your hand it would have been the size of a 20p coin. It was totally silent. The object carried on in the distance and then another one appeared and followed the same path	N/A
9 May 09	17:55	St Helens	Merseyside	A UFO over the witnesses house. It was at 30,000ft and he has seen it before.	N/A
9 May 09	22:50	Central London	London	Twenty orange balls heading north.	N/A
11 May 09		Tomintoul	Banffshire	Like a star, but jumping all over the sky. It was 70 degrees above the horizon. It was a blue/white colour and occasionally red and left a light trail.	N/A
11 May 09	21:38	Southampton	Hampshire	A very bright light. It made no sound but was very low.	N/A
14 May 09	22:00	Nenthead	Cumbria	A bright orange light. Too bright for a Chinese lantern. The light looked electrical not a flame. Travelled in a straight line at a steady speed. Travelled East to West with the wind. Made no noise. It was about the size of a quarter moon.	N/A
16 May 09	22:00	Deeside	Flintshire	Seven bright orange lights in the sky. Silent. Travelling towards the Wirral.	N/A
16 May 09	00:20	Bedford	Bedfordshire	A strange blue light near the Cardington Hangers. Flew straight past the witness.	N/A
16 May 09	21:50	Petts Wood	Kent	8-10 bright red lights. They were hovering. They moved independently into the distance and disappeared when a light aircraft appeared.	N/A
16 May 09		Brandon	Suffolk	Four flaming balloons that disappeared over the horizon fairly quickly. Was not very high.	N/A
19 May 09	22:15	Long Eaton	Nottingham	An ellipse shaped object the size of a commercial plane. It was on fire. It glowed bright orange. It moved South East to North and then returned and hovered for at least a minute. Moved further away at supersonic speed.	N/A

19 May 09	21:30	Bexhill-on-Sea	East Sussex	A series of orange balls of fire.	N/A
19 May 09	10:00	Redruth	Cornwall	A big bright light. Came from west Cornwall towards Plymouth.	N/A
21 May 09		N/A	N/A	A very bright blue light flew behind the house.	N/A
21 May 09	23:40	King's Lynn	Norfolk	Very strange circular objects without definite shape. They stayed around for about 5 minutes. They were 8-9 of them.	N/A
23 May 09	22:10	Dudley	West Midlands	A big bright light. Thought it was a helicopter at first. Within seconds followed by 3 others and then a further 3. Flew low but made no sound.	N/A
23 May 09	22:00	Penzance	Cornwall	Ten orange lights in a line with intermittent gaps. They made no sound and flew at helicopter height.	N/A
23 May 09	22:10	Bodiam	East Sussex	A strange sighting	N/A
23 May 09	23:00	Hove	East Sussex	A very big red light moving slowly. It then faded away.	N/A
23 May 09	23:00	Winsford	Cheshire	An orange light travelling from the south. It was followed by 2 more orange lights on the same path, then 5 more and then 2 more. They made no noise but were at the height of a helicopter.	N/A
24 May 09	13:42	Wakefield	West Yorkshire	A white object with a silver beam coming from it, over Pugneys Country Park. It looked square but changed shape as it moved about. Witness saw it through binoculars. An aircraft flew very close to it.	N/A
24 May 09	22:15	Solihull	West Midlands	Three objects like fireballs falling to earth. They were glowing and orange. There was 1 large object and 2 smaller ones which converged together and rose into the atmosphere until they faded away.	N/A
24 May 09	00:00	Llandaff City	Cardiff	Seven bright red lights	N/A
25 May 09	12:00	Swansea	West Glamorgan	Three small yellow orbs travelling quite slow	N/A
25 May 09	23:00	Bracknell	Berkshire	A UFO. It was a "glowing ball of something or other". Definitely not a plane.	N/A
30 May 09	22:30	Tunstall to Butley Road	Suffolk	Two clusters of bright lights. They were stationary for a while then the first group of 15 headed towards Woodbridge followed by the second cluster of 6-7 lights. They were very high up. They made no sound.	N/A
30 May 09		Spilsby	Lincolnshire	A sighting	N/A
30 May 09	02:47	Folkestone	Kent	A bright circular amber light, the size of a 2p coin. It was moving very slowly in a straight line but once it flew over the witnesses house it accelerated away very very quickly into the distance. It made no noise and left no vapour trail.	N/A
30 May 09	23:30	Ballynahinch	County Down	Three distinct sets of green, orange and white lights. Don't match any constellation and are in the wrong place. Static to the eye but with binoculars are moving at speed and at random	N/A
31 May 09	00:30	Chapel-en-le-Frith	Derbyshire	Was watching shooting stars when the witness saw two bright luminous orange objects like birds or swans. Does not think they were birds as they moved too fast.	N/A
2 Jun 09	22:50	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	A sighting	N/A
6 Jun 09		Lewes	East Sussex	Eleven bright star like objects heading North East	N/A

7 Jun 09	00:15	Ripon	North Yorkshire	Bright orange lights. A single light followed by a group of three and then another single light. On a North East to South West track.	Air Traffic Controller
9 Jun 09		Bradford	West Yorkshire	Different coloured pulsating lights. Police checked with Air Traffic Control who said they had nothing. Police suspect Chinese lanterns.	N/A
12 Jun 09	23:10	Shoreham	Kent	Initially 2 UFOs increasing to 6. Bright orange. Last 4 were bigger and brighter than the first 2.	N/A
13 Jun 09		Porthcawl	Mid Glamorgan	A very bright orange circular shape. Got smaller as it moved away. Moving South West to South	N/A
14 Jun 09	19:30	Wroughton	Wiltshire	Black disc shaped objects hovering over crop circles near Barbury Castle. They cast shadows on the ground.	N/A
14 Jun 09		Cardiff	Cardiff	A UFO	N/A
18 Jun 09	23:20	Stevenage	Hertfordshire	Two huge lights chasing each other like cat and mouse. It was broken cloud and the lights would never leave the clouds, just go to the edge. It looked like a strong light was coming from above the clouds. They both shot off to the North.	N/A
20 Jun 09		Abingdon	Oxfordshire	A UFO	N/A
20 Jun 09	23:30	Angmering	West Sussex	Ten orange lights moving at a sedate pace West to East. Went from horizon to horizon in two minutes	N/A
20 Jun 09		Angmering	West Sussex	A large orange glowing ball in the sky. It was stationary and not very high up	N/A
20 Jun 09	22:45	N/A	Norfolk	11-12 objects in the sky. Witness thinks they may be Chinese lanterns.	N/A
20 Jun 09	22:00	Chelmsford	Essex	Two objects the size of light aircraft but perfectly spherical and glowing bright orange. They were solid and made no sound. They headed NW to SE.	N/A
21 Jun 09	21:45	N/A	On the A3	50-100 objects moving together in the same direction. They were helicopter sized but made no noise.	N/A
23 Jun 09	19:06	Hull	Humberside	A light at about 1000ft. It split in two and flew away.	N/A
23 Jun 09	19:09	Rotherham	South Yorkshire	A circular object, metallic in colour. It was following a plane. It shot downwards several times and then back up again to the same level as the plane	N/A
24 Jun 09	22:05	Swansea Bay	West Glamorgan	A bright circle of fire travelling South Westerly. It was only a few hundred feet up moving silently across the sky at 30mph and then after 4 minutes, vanished	N/A
25 Jun 09	16:22	Milnathort	Fife	Witness was watching two helicopters (one a Chinook) coming from the Edinburgh area when she saw an orb shaped object through her binoculars glistening in the sun. The orb was quite high above the helicopters	N/A
25 Jun 09	01:00	Minehead	Somerset	Looked like a highly lit aeroplane with wings. It was heading NNW to SSE. It was visible for 20 seconds then changed direction quickly and dropped out of the sky or disappeared.	N/A
25 Jun 09	23:00	Bridport	Dorset	Three orange lights south of Bridport coming from the East. They were the size of a two thirds moon. Moved away to the West rapidly diminishing	N/A
26 Jun 09	22:35	Morton-in-Marsh	Gloucestershire	Six round brilliant objects in pairs, apart from the last 2 which were in line. Travelling South to East	N/A
26 Jun 09	22:25	Rotherham	South Yorkshire	Object approached from the direction of Doncaster. It was a bright orange ball in the sky. It kept a level flight path then stopped. It then zigzagged a few times before shooting off at tremendous speed, vanishing in a few seconds.	N/A

26 Jun 09	22:45	Welwyn Garden City	Hertfordshire	A UFO	N/A
26 Jun 09	22:20	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Twelve bright lights in the sky. Moving slowly.	N/A
27 Jun 09	22:45	Swindon	Wiltshire	An orange light. Light(s) travelled in formation like a mis-shaped diamond. There were 12-13 of them. They travelled left to right	N/A
27 Jun 09	23:59	Pulborough	West Sussex	Up to 20 orange and red glowing lights. They appeared to be in formation and under some form of control. They came from the Eastern horizon. They moved upwards, were then stationary, moved side to side and then disappeared upwards. Seen for 20 minutes.	N/A
27 Jun 09	22:30	Looe	Cornwall	Two orange balls of light travelling North in parallel to each other. Then a further ball of light was seen, heading North. The lights made no noise. They faded and then disappeared.	N/A
27 Jun 09	22:45	Redruth	Cornwall	Two brown objects like balls of fire. Appeared to be in convoy heading towards Portreath	N/A
27 Jun 09	00:05	Bow	London	Nine objects like golden globes. They hovered for a bit and were joined by 3 others before shooting off.	N/A
27 Jun 09	23:20	Stafford	Staffordshire	Four UFOs flying North. They were silent. A plane was flying in the opposite direction.	N/A
27 Jun 09		Hope Valley	Derbyshire	Red objects moving slowly. They were not high and were silent. Might have been going over Bakewell.	N/A
30 Jun 09	02:41	Hayes	Middlesex	A roundish glowing shape. Flying at a steady speed with no noise. It was a clear night. Filmed it but the camera died.	N/A
1 Jul 09	18:45	Swansea	West Glamorgan	Seemed like a rather large disc or round in appearance. It was dark in colour but bounced sunlight off its surface. It was floating or bobbing up and down. Other aircraft were at the same altitude and could be heard. the object made no noise. Weather very	N/A
29 Jun-2 Jul 09	16:00	Harlow	Essex	Several sightings over the period. A bright orb that travelled in a straight line. As a helicopter approached it the orb slowed down and vanished. Helicopter reacted as if pilot was startled. Saw several other orbs, but the main one was half the size	N/A
2 Jul 09	22:20	Blackwood	Gwent	A bright orange light seen through the tree line. It turned and cleared the tree line. The other side of the object appeared to be a large rectangle shape of fire red/orange. It was silent. The object slowly climbed in the direction of Gloucester.	Ex test engineer for Hawker Siddeley
2 Jul 09	00:30	Queens Park	London	Two UFOs	N/A
3 Jul 09	22:45	10 miles South of Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Six bright orange/red lights in formation. They climbed like balloons and made no sound. A sphere like a balloon appeared at the side and then another.	N/A
Jul 09		Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Something strange	N/A
4 Jul 09	00:15	Brighton	Sussex	A red light followed by 7 others. They came from the West, flew overhead and disappeared. Definitely not aircraft.	N/A
4 Jul 09	22:30	Bideford on Avon	Warwickshire	A round orange light	N/A
4 Jul 09	23:30	Marston Green	Birmingham	Some 30 orange lights heading from Birmingham Airport towards Coleshill.	N/A
4 Jul 09	23:30	Lichfield	Staffordshire	Eight alien aircraft seen just above helicopter height travelling SW to NE. There was a humming sound. They looked like they were "eyeing the place up".	N/A
4 Jul 09	23:00	Teignmouth	Devon	A bright yellowy orange object, travelling SE to NW in a straight line. It made no noise. At a 50 degree angle of elevation.	N/A

4 Jul 09		West Grinstead	West Sussex	12-15 objects. Not like normal fixed wing aircraft, more like bright orange lights. Moving West at indeterminate height. Objects entered cloud then turned around.	Part Time Pilot
5 Jul 09	01:35	Stratford upon Avon	Warwickshire	A dormant blue light which changed colour many times over the hour it was witnessed. At first it was moving steadily and then it stopped in mid air. Then started moving from left to right. A white beam could be seen shining down from it. It had red lights	N/A
5 Jul 09		N/A	N/A	Three very bright orange lights. Fairly large and moving much faster than an aircraft. They disappeared. Then 2 lights appeared from the South. The lights appeared co-ordinated. They were not aircraft.	N/A
5 Jul 09	14:32	Bedford	Bedfordshire	A UFO. Witness photographed it	N/A
5 Jul 09	02:00	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Two objects, one with a brighter light. The second one was behind it and had a dimmer light. No navigation lights. Not normal. Reluctant to say it was a UFO - perhaps it is a plane.	N/A
7 Jul 09	22:25	Pagham	West Sussex	5 orange bright lights. Half a mile distance between each one. Took photos.	N/A
10 Jul 09	00:30	Glasgow	Strathclyde	2 sightings. First at 12:30 (bright light), second at 01:30 (flashing green)	N/A
10 Jul 09	00:20	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Fast, shiny discs. Lower and faster than a plane, not a plane or helicopter. Sphere, brilliant light	N/A
12 Jul 09	01:07	Perivale	Middlesex	Bright light, rising behind a fence, went up into sky	N/A
12 Jul 09		Oswestry	Shropshire	A UFO	N/A
12 Jul 09	23:16	Shrewsbury	Shropshire	N/A	N/A
12 Jul 09	01:07	Perivale	Middlesex	Ball of light. No noise.	N/A
12 Jul 09	01:39	Stoke on Trent	Staffordshire	Huge red light, moving through sky	N/A
13 Jul 09	23:01	Worthing	West Sussex	A large bright silver/white ball/sphere. Moving slowly W to E. the object was much bigger and brighter than an aircraft. It appeared to stop still several times as it went into the distance. The light did not dim as it moved further away.	N/A
14 Jul 09	00:20	W1	London	Very bright, very big, not a satellite, not a plane, stationary. Light disappeared	N/A
14 Jul 09	01:00	Taunton	Somerset	Bright star, went from bright yellow to bright red. Did not look like a shooting star or plane. Moved no more than 2-3 feet.	N/A
14 Jul 09	23:39	Woking	Surrey	A UFO	N/A
15 Jul 09	23:30	Trimley St Mary	Suffolk	A very bright white light like a star. It moved south then double backed on itself and was joined by another light. The lights danced round each other then split and moved off in different directions. The light suddenly disappeared.	N/A
15 Jul 09	22:40	N/A	N/A	A round white object. Not like a ball. Very bright but not casting a beam of light. It was rising vertically. The higher it went the smaller it became. It started the size of a pound coin and ended as a pin head. Witness observed the object for 2 minutes	N/A
16 Jul 09	00:15	Weston Super Mare	Somerset	A UFO	N/A
17 Jul 09	22:00	Westonbirt	Gloucestershire	A ball of light the size of a small car, 26 metres above the ground. It pulsed every 5-8 seconds but then shot off. Definitely not an aircraft or a Chinese Lantern.	N/A

18 Jul 09	22:23	Littleborough	Lancashire	An orb like object at 120 degrees from North. Oragne in clour moving in a NE direction. Visible for 10 minutes. It had no aircraft type navigation lights.	Has pilot's licence
18 Jul 09	22:30	Ruislip	Middlesex	Three bright orange lights, not flashing. Very big, high up, set equally apart. Reported it to RAF Northolt. Never saw anything like this before.	N/A
18 Jul 09	22:00	Rotherham	Yorkshire	Has a video of UFO on his mobile phone	N/A
18 Jul 09	01:50	Cheshunt	Herts	A bright orange light, which hovered in one place. It became more pink, than red and then it disappeared.	N/A
18 Jul 09	09:45	N/A	Lincolnshire	Saw an object like a ball of fire.	N/A
18 Jul 09	22:35	River Severn	Gloucestershire	A UFO of orangy/red colour. It hovered and moved slightly in the direction of Stroud, then suddenly dropped downwards.	N/A
18 Jul 09	02:35	Weston Super Mare	Somerset	A metallic aircraft shaped like a missile. One quarter was white, another green/blue and another red. Was circling. It had no wings and was moving diagonally. It made a sound like a motorbike.	N/A
19 July 09	23:00	N/A	Cornwall	Video footage in Cornwall near an Air Station (possilby Culdrose). Five minute sighting	N/A
19 Jul 09	01:22	Newport	Gwent	A bright, reddish light travelling W to E, below cloud level. It made no sound. It was moving in a straight line but too slow to be a meteorite. It had no navigation type lights.	N/A
19 Jul 09	14:58	Leigh	Lancashire	A UFO	N/A
19 Jul 09		London	Greater London	10-15 circular objects	N/A
19 Jul 09	09:01	N/A	N/A	10-12 bright orange objects, silent. Has a phote of them saved on his mobile.	N/A
19 Jul 09	22:30	Sheffield	Yorkshire	Six yellow lights, stationary at first then moved off.	N/A
12 Jul 09	10:30	London	Greater London	A UFO	N/A
19 Jul 09	22:55	Nottingham	Nottinghamshire	Four-five orange lights, fluctuating lights. Lives under flightpath of Donnington airfield. Objects moved in a line. Lights faded. Returned 10 minutes later.	Ex-police
23 Jul 09	12:48	Hitchin	Hertfordshire	Large round object. Two planes flew round it. Could be something natural, such as an eclipse	N/A
25 Jul 09	10:45	Henley on Thames	Oxfordshire	Six orange, with fire around, UFOs in formation (One behind the other across horizon to horizon).	N/A
24 Jul 09	10:03	Newmarket	Suffolk	15 to 20 orange and red lights looked as though they were coming down to land but then went over head and 'went out'.	N/A
25 Jul 09	12:10	Newquay	Cornwall	Triangular shaped object	N/A
25 Jul 09	10:22	Twyford	Berkshire	Orange light, with 'some sort of flame' in the sky. Moved from driveway to over the front of the house. Then changed direction towards Wallgrave, direction changed again towards Reading then back in the direction of Wallgrave.	N/A
24 Jul 09	23:57	Bradford	Yorkshire	Large balloon shape, with 'shimmer fire' effect underneath it.	N/A

25 Jul 09	10:45	Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk	15 Red/Orangey lights in sky, which gradually started fading out and then disappearing.	N/A
25 Jul 09		Downham Market	Norfolk	UFO seen with another one circling it. There was one main light and no sound.	N/A
25 Jul 09	11:25	Goring by Sea	West Sussex	3 orange lights high in the sky over the sea. There was an explosion and the centre light then dropped into the sea. No sound heard from the lights.	N/A
24 Jul 09	11:00	Edinburgh	Scotland	Saw through the clouds flashing pale blue lights odd shapes but mostly circles. Movement continued for 25 minutes. A small red light was on outside parameter of blue lights which disappeared/amalgamated into one large blue light which speedily disappeared.	N/A
25 Jul 09	09:57	Kettering	Northamptonshire	Big and very bright red/yellow/orange ball seen flying past backend of garden, just under cloud cover. Then went through cloud cover and lit cloud cover up.	N/A
25 Jul 09	11:00	Plymouth	Devon	Six orange/white lights, lying astern. Thought they were aircraft navigation lights but were evenly spaced out. No noise but moved with speed of a passing helicopter. Changed into a 'hammer head' shape.	N/A
24 Jul 09	23:20	Barking	Essex	Bright, oval shaped object with red and green lights. No noise.	N/A
25 Jul 09	22:45	Barnsley	South Yorkshire	Two bright orange lights, three to four minutes a part and no sound heard. Lights then went into clouds.	
25 Jul 09	11:30	Doncaster	Yorkshire	Seven bright orange lights in a straight line. Only two lights were in view at any time. As the last two came a white moon ball flew over at double the speed of the orange lights. Thirty minutes later six white balls in a triangle formation were seen.	N/A
03 Jul 09	11:15	Cawood	Yorkshire	Two very bright orange lights that appeared to get closer to the car then just hung in the sky. Five minutes later a second bright orange light with red glow seen then disappeared. A third light then hung in the sky and disappeared after five minutes.	N/A
26 Jul 09	21:30	Brighton	East Sussex	A bright orange light travelling in a straight line from Brighton Centre. Which then passed over the house.	N/A
25 Jul 09	23:39	Rochdale	Lancashire	Five, really bright orange flame ball type objects seen flying across the sky, moving irregularly. One moving faster than a plane and one zig-zagged down towards the ground then reappeared after the other four had moved across the sky and had gone.	N/A
24 Jul 09		Ashburton	Devon	Light seen in sky also above this was a large round shape which looked rocky and was blue and pink in colour.	N/A
25 Jul 09	11:00	Dumfries	Scotland	Six or seven bright lights which were in the sky for approximately 10 minutes. They were spaced out and one by flew away and disappeared very quickly.	N/A
26 Jul 09	00:20	Hoddesdon	Hertfordshire	First saw three orange objects. Forty minutes later, looking North saw an orange glowing object travelling slowly from SW to NE. It was at an angle to the ground of about 30-40 deg.	N/A
28 Jul 09	09:30	Bromley	Kent	Saw an orange, yellow object in the sky, with the shape similar to a hot air balloon.	N/A
10 Jul 09	12:15	Finaghy	Belfast	Observed fifty golden balls moving slowly SSE.	N/A
31 Jul 09	00:50	N/A	N/A	Saw a UFO	N/A
31 Jul 09	21:30	Bedford	Bedfordshire	Went to get cat off wall, saw UFO higher than eye level, bright orange object, not plane shaped, no engine noise	N/A
31 Jul 09		Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Three bright orange lights and one dimmer one. Faded after being static	N/A
31 Jul 09		N/A	Jersey	Has a UFO report in their office (ATC)	Air Traffic Control

1 Aug 09	03:42	Preston	Lancs	Bright object in sky, very large	Police
1 Aug 09	22:57	Michell Coldon		17 UFO's above village. Red and green lights, no sound	Police
1 Aug 09	22:30	Elgin	Moray	Lights moving slowly. One light lead a group of 5, with one light acting as tail ender	N/A
1 Aug 09	12:13	Upminster	Essex	Clusters of UFOs, orange lights in distance. Zoomed off when they got closer, big and round.	N/A
1 Aug 09	10:00	Croydon	Greater London	60-70 lights, suddenly disappearing	N/A
1 Aug 09	23:20	York	Yorkshire	Orange lights in sky	N/A
2 Aug 09	21:45	Kingsbridge	Devon	Low bright light	N/A
2 Aug 09	21:45	Aylesford	Kent	Large orange glow in sky, moving slowly than disappeared. Reappeared after 5 minutes. Knows a bit about astronomy	N/A
1 Aug 09	10:30	New Mills, High Peak	Derbyshire	Nine bright orange circular shapes glide across sky. Sighting lasted a couple of minutes.	N/A
2 Aug 09	21:30	N/A	N/A	Red object, looked like a clod, went over the roof and vanished. No noise/engine. Big orange colour lower than a plane. Gliding straight.	N/A
2 Aug 09	04:00	Preston	Lancs	Bright light	N/A
2 Aug 09		N/A	Nottinghamshire	Looked like aeroplane on fire	N/A
2 Aug 09		N/A	N/A	Scary sighting	N/A
2 Aug 09	00:22	Shirley	Croydon	Orange point of light in the sky. No haze or smoke visible around the object. Object was flickering slightly. Lasted about 60 secs.	N/A
25 Jul 09	22:30	Coningsby	Lincolnshire	Three huge orange lights. First and second objects moving at speed of an aircraft. Third object moving much faster as if trying to catch up	N/A
4 Aug 09	22:30	Seaford	East Sussex	Large bright light. Looked like a ball of fire or a hot air balloon.	N/A
4 Aug 09	00:15	Woburn Sands	Bucks	Saw orange ball in distance, no flashing lights, no engine noise. Left suddenly.	N/A
4 Aug 09	04:01	Formby	Merseyside	Large oval craft seen, very low and could not make out any distinguishing features. It had on it a number of red, orange and green lights. Sighting lasted only 5-10 seconds.	N/A
4 Aug 09	09:50	Poole	Dorset	A bright white fire ball, size of a football flew into the kitchen and landed in a plastic carrier bag on the table, immediately disappeared but seemed to cause almosr blinding white , sheet lightning	N/A
8 Aug 09		N/A	N/A	Two sightings observed. One in summer 2008 single bright yellow/white light moving fast. Second sighting in daylight single bright yellow/white 2009 moving fast	N/A
4 Aug 09	10:00	Brighton	East Sussex	Saw an orange light rising from the SE - looked like the tail from a rocket launch like when the shuttle goes up.Object then moved north before disappearing behind clouds.Happened three times over a period of 30 minutes.Third time bright flash.	N/A

6 Aug 09	21:25	Chester	Cheshire	Orb shape, glowing on underside only. Orange colour. Orange faded and object looked like a black shadow.	N/A
5 Aug 09		Mitcham	Surrey	Saw four strange orange lights in the sky following each other. Lights then just disappeared. Lights then seen again moving across the night sky. Went inside and saw the same lights in a three prong triangle.	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:18	Coningsby	Lincolnshire	4 wavering lights, hovering, taken on a video camera and photographed	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:09	Wirral	Merseyside	Eight orange, non-flashing lights, made no sound. Round shapes.	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:00	Barnston	Merseyside	6-7 bright orange lights, moving down Wirral peninsula from Birkenhead to Ellesmere Port. No noise. Saw a second UFO five minutes later	N/A
7 Aug 09	23:24	Nuneaton	Staffs	5-6 objects	N/A
June 2009		Baswich Tixall	Stafford	Two objects seen. Photograph taken in June a week after the mystery hot air balloon search	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:00	Cardiff	Cardiff	Unusual lights travelling silently from West to East	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:00	Ullswater	Lake District	Six balloons of fire over Ullswater. These UFOs moved at different speeds to each other and in different directions before burning out.	N/A
8 Aug 09	00:05	East Kilbride	Lanarkshire	Bright orange bulb. Stayed for 10 minutes, came towards him like a tornado then disappeared.	N/A
8 Aug 09	20:45	N/A	N/A	Bright light from the northwest - lights went out, turned towards the south	N/A
8 Aug 09	09:40	Saltcoats	Ayrshire	Very large bright light, no sound	N/A
8 Aug 09	22:50	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Lights coming towards me. 40-50 lights.	N/A
9 Aug 09	17:16	N/A	N/A	Report received by from Psychic Control Centre, ref: PO255401	N/A
10 Aug 09	17:15	London	Greater London	Report on behalf of her sister, who said she saw a UFO at Holborn Station	N/A
10 Aug 09	22:13	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Bright red orange ball, no sound, moved faster than an aircraft. Could not find a camera in time to take photos.	N/A
8 Aug 09	09:45	Stockport	Cheshire	Bright orange object which looked as though it was on fire. Moving at a steady pace, slowed then gained altitude slowly and disappeared into the clouds. Sighting lasted 2-3 minutes. Object was similar to a hot air balloon but had no outline or shape	N/A
7 Aug 09	10:00	Cardiff	Wales	Unusual lights above Cardiff travelling silently.	N/A
7 Aug 09	22:45	Newport	Shropshire	Two yellow lights one above the other in the sky. On arriving home five minutes later watched the lights disappear behind a narrow cloud bank	Sqn Ldr (Ret'd)
11 Aug 09	23:00	Thorpe-le-Soken	Essex	Saw a meteor shower which contained something he could not explain.	Amateur astronomer
6 Aug 09	22:00	Eastcote	Middx	Big circular orange lights	N/A

9 Aug 09	13:30	Huddersfield	Yorkshire	One object seen in the sky in the day time.	N/A
11 Aug 09	10:46	Rayleigh	Essex	UFO visible for 6-7 second.Changed direction by approx 60 degs downward towards the horizon before disappearing. Object was a dull brown colour, with a magnitude of 3.5 to 5 and resembled a slightly luminous brown paper bag.No sound was heard.	N/A
11 Jan 09	00:10	London W9	Greater London	Strange white light, got smaller and turned green. Pulsated in brightness	N/A
16 Aug 09	23:00	Westmuir	Moray	One light, joined by another, hovering over the village. No noise. One light no longer there, the other disappeared. Like a lightbulb with an orange top	N/A
17 Aug 09	03:30	Langport	Somerset	Very bright light, stops and spins slowly, moves right and left, as if looking for something or taking photos, long beams of light. No sound	N/A
15 Aug 09	20:00	Billericay	Essex	No flashing lights, orange looking object. Looked like it was hovering, flew towards observer's car and faded slowly into the distance	N/A
17 Aug 09	21:19	Newport	Gwent	Bright orange light, definitely not a plane	N/A
17 Aug 09	21:25	Altrincham	Lancs	Two bright orange lights. Witnessed for about five minutes.	N/A
15 Aug 09	23:50	Wimborne	Dorset	Pair of "lanterns" directly overhead, slightly faster than a plane, faster than a satellite, slower than a meteor	N/A
19 Aug 09		Exmouth	Devon	A bright orange object. Above cloud level. Travelling at a high rate of knots. Came inland from the coast over Exmouth and headed off towards Woodbury and Taunton	N/A
19 Aug 09	23:44	Withington	Lancashire	3 red lights in the shape of a triangle with the nose moving forward, not a usual aircraft, suspect it was a UFO	N/A
17 Aug 09	23:00	Wythall	Birmingham	Emitting a large bright orange light much larger than normal lights on a plane/helicopter, travelling in an arc with no sound.After 10 mins light became dimmer and appeared to gain height, light now size as normal aircraft light and disappeared.	N/A
19 Aug 09	21:00	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Was carrying a camera, as is her usual practice, saw a pinpoint, a silver dot that was clearly a UFO.	N/A
20 Aug 09	23:00	Shebbear	Devon	Circular shape in with a mixture of stars, one was getting brighter and then dimmer and disappearing for a short number of minutes. Another red light hovered around the object. Camera on phone would not pick anything up.	N/A
20 Aug 09	11:45	Cliftonville	Kent	Three orange robs and two red orbs.	N/A
22 Aug 09	16:56	N/A	N/A	UFO at the back of the sky	N/A
22 Aug 09	13:40	N/A	N/A	Five orange globe balls.	N/A
22 Aug 09		Mansfield	Nottinghamshire	Saw a UFO - can you call me back.	N/A
22 Aug 09	20:35	Harpenden	Herts	Tall and thin, like a pencil, square, blue black.	N/A
22 Aug 09	22:00	Stevenage	Hertfordshire	2 orbs, flickering lights, sliding across the sky.	N/A
22 Aug 09		N/A	N/A	Saw something strange.	N/A

20 Aug 09	14:00	Herne Bay	Kent	Wish to report a UFO - can you call me back.	N/A
24 Aug 09	03:30	Swindon	Wiltshire	3 lights in formation, forming an isosceles triangle. Two lights visible at first, then joined by a third. Light lasted for 2-3 minutes. No sound.	N/A
24 Aug 09	05:30	Lewes	East Sussex	Report of a UFO.	N/A
24 Aug 09		Derby	Derbyshire	Saw a UFO	N/A
24 Aug 09	23:30	Glasgow	Strathclyde	Strange lights over G62 OTD. Two big white lights.	N/A
24 Aug 09	00:00	Tunbridge Wells	Kent	Bright orange lights, lasted for two minutes, went out, than four more. Could have been a meteorological balloon. A very bright light.	N/A
22 Aug 09		Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Lights in sky	N/A
13 Aug 09	16:30	Preston	Lancashire	Dog wanted to go out, went out and I saw a UFO.'	N/A
25 Aug 09	21:45	Derby	Derbyshire	Seven aircraft over Derby.	N/A
27 Aug 2009	20:30	Dronfield	Derbyshire	Round shape - lightening then darkening with a dark shape behind it. No engine noise.	N/A
27 Aug 2009	21:29	Manor Park	London	Saw a bright light heading towards Essex - bright light standing still	N/A
29 Aug 2009		Kings Lynn	Norfolk	Terrestrials seen coming from King's Lynn towards Swaffham, Norfolk	N/A
29 Aug 2009	21:40	Lyneham	Wiltshire	Orange lights following each other in same direction. No noise, no flashing lights, same trajectory. In vicinity of Lyneham radar. Some lights disappeared	N/A
29 Aug 2009	05:20	Gloucester	Gloucestershire	Two UFOs flying overhead.	N/A
28 Aug 2009	21:30	N/A	N/A	Orange ball going in a straight line. No visible trail. No smoke or noise. Appeared to be getting smaller burning itself up.	N/A
29 Aug 2009	22:05	Smethwick	West Midlands	Saw strange lights in the sky, in three's then one, then two's, then three's - Fifteen in all.	N/A
29 Aug 09	22:05	Telford	Shropshire	Twenty-two lights. No noise, same speed.	N/A
29 Aug 2009	21:35	Yeovil	Somerset	Seven lights over Yeovil. No noise.	N/A
29 Aug 2009	21:09	Plymouth	Devon	One object rising in the sky. Semi circle outline. Flames glowing orange/red. Flickering round the edge. At first thought it was a firework, then it disappeared.	N/A

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13-07-09

UFO Sightings since 1996 -2009

Dear Sir

On the above heading is what I've seen, spotted over the years some I've taken photo's as well as videos of some from 2007 1<sup>st</sup> June 07 & 2008 plus others in the past few weeks which I've made it public in the local paper.

Some of the UFO'S which you can just make their shape out, but the one I took in 2007 when videoed it took less than 6<sup>th</sup> of second to enter & disappear when it buzzed this old ww11 tempest plane in the area of Dornock town & Eastriggs, the other outside my back garden when I videoed an RAF jet circling the area several times before I went out with my camera which was a cold cloudy day, when I started to video the jet at the same time this UFO just popped out from behind a cloud going all over the place & back into the clouds then there were others doing the same but only two of them just kept popping in & out of the clouds while the rest just stayed behind thin layers of the clouds I could just make out.

All the others were taken by different cameras I have & one that struck me the most of all when I did not have my camera then but I watched it for about 20 minutes it was all black, no port windows, no strobe lights, no sign of where the engines were as one would on any air craft, no sound at all very quiet, but underneath was what struck me most of all?

This UFO, would be about 40/60 feet circular the height from the bottom of the UFO to the top part about 15/20 if no more? Underneath this craft had two different shaped type boxes then all the area of it had earth military type camouflage we use on all vehicles & planes, it was about 500/1000feet above me & it just look likes a giant Frisbee! This was August 1996 Sunday A very clear blue sky it was 1:15pm, once I got home I made a model of it and made a rough birds eye view of it's path as it went over the Solway cost over into England towards the East coast?. I keep a kind of record of them so that I can keep track & numbers I've seen & caught on my cameras over the years.

I'm not on the internet or other nets, as I can't afford the cost or a decent PC, but do my best with I have, though I have been interested in UFO'S since my school days & would like to know how far back the UK M.O.D., has known of

\* these space crafts that keep popping in & out of our planet buzzing our aircrafts or just floating over at a slow speed which you can pick out all the details but don't disappear or change shape.

I had two silver orbs on video one taken at the solway coast & above my house the latest I got was the last week of May 2009 while photographing two jets going in different directions when I saw 3 large space ships but managed to get all on my SLR camera but 2 of them when blown up look like battle ships from Star Wars Film its un cunning with the shape they are! To me they are the mother of all space crafts I've ever seen.

\* What I hope if possible of a list of these crafts since seen & reported in our country to date plus any true videos/films & photos of these crafts as I would like to remake all my cuttings & information of magazines in order of date & time of year.

I'm X- RAF, 4RTR & R.O.C.

Look forward to hearing from

Yours faithfully

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*Received 17 Aug 09*

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Our Ref:

10-08-2009-135528-001

27 August 2009

Dear Section 40

Further to my letter of 21 August I am now in a position to confirm that a check of our records for the area adjacent to Alton Barnes around 1400 on 26 June this year, shows that a few aircraft were operating in that area at that time. Unfortunately, these records do not distinguish whether the aircraft were military or civilian. Whilst two aircraft in particular could be observed, it is not possible to identify these aircraft, however it is possible that one was a military Gazelle aircraft operating out of Middle Wallop.

I hope this is helpful and please accept my apologies for the earlier confusion.

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*Your sincerely*

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Dear Section 40

Our Ref:

07-08-2009-100014-002

27 August 2009

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 28 Jul 2009 asking whether there had been any military activity over Edinburgh at about 00:36 hours on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and whether any reports that lights had been seen on that date over Edinburgh had been received.

The MoD has no central record of aircraft flying over Edinburgh on the date and time in question. In order for us to accurately answer your question, we would need to check with every flying station in the UK whether they had any aircraft in the area, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with this element of your request at this time.

However, I can confirm that we have received no other reports of UFO sightings over Edinburgh for 19 or 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

It is of course possible that military aircraft may have been transiting the area, and that Edinburgh's civilian Air Traffic Control may have some record.

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*Ben Worthy*

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<b>ESTIMASTE COST ANALYSIS</b>		
<b>Task (What you are permitted to take into account)</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
How long to determine if we hold information	30	750
How long to retrieve the information or documents	0	0
How long to extract and edit/redact the information	0	0
<b>Total estimate</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>£750</b>

**FOI Number 07-08-2009-100014-002**

No central record of flights kept.

No Radar tape for ScaATCC Edinburgh

Only way to confirm if military aircraft was over Edinburgh is to contact all the flying stations in UK and check flight records

30 Flying Stations

1 hour per flying station

30 hours

30 Hours @£25

£750

**Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13** Section 40

**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40

**Sent:** 13 August 2009 09:34

**To:** Section 40 Sgt

**Subject:** FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 07-08-2009-100014-002 EDINBURGH 20 JULY 2009

Sgt Section 40

I have an FOI request from people interested in UFOs, raising specific questions about whether there were any military aircraft in a specific area and you may be able to help. (My apologies, but for my sins in a previous life I now deal with UFO matters!)

Were there any military aircraft over Edinburgh at about 00:36 (I would go no more than 5 minutes either way on this) on Sunday 20 July 2009?

I am aware that this must be a pain for you to have to deal with and is not really a particularly valuable use of MoD resources, but under FOI, I don't think we have much room for manoeuvre. I would also be grateful if you could give me some indication of how much time you have to spend on each of these to provide me with an answer.

A response by 21 July 2009 would be greatly appreciated.

Obviously I am happy to discuss.

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**From:** Air CmdSecCS-RAFBusSec13 Section 40  
**Sent:** 18 August 2009 07:31  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: 20090818-Section 40 Edinburgh Sighting-U

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 August 2009.

I can confirm that we received your letter and are looking into the matter.

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**From:** **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 17 August 2009 15:39  
**To:** Air CmdSecCS-UFO Desk1  
**Subject:** Edinburgh UFO Sighting

Dear Sirs, I wrote to you on 28/07/09 regarding a lady who lives in Edinburgh. On th 20th July 09 she reported seeing a bright red object in the skies over Edinburgh at 00.36hrs. I asked you if you could let me know if any one else had reported seeing this to you or if there had been any military activity in the area. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards

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Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 **Section 40**

From: **Section 40**  
Sent: 10 August 2009 13:30  
To: Air CmdSecCS-RAFBUSec13 **Section 40**  
Subject: RE: Air Activity

TEL CON:  
TAPED NO  
LAWSON  
HOLLY  
26/8/09

**Section 40**

We will look into the events on 25/26 Jun, but will not be able to see over Edinburgh due to us lacking access to the radar coverage from our location. I recommend you speak to ScATCC D&D **Section 40** and speak to a Flt Lt **Section 40** or Sgt **Section 40**. Unlike us they perform radar replays as a side to their main job at the air traffic unit and the shifts they work mean they may not be on today, but will be able to help in due course.

As for the response date, we appreciate that FOI requests have certain time constraints but could you please confirm the date you need a response by as 21 Jul 09 might be a bit hard for us to make. We will take it as 21 Aug unless we hear back from you.

Regards,

**Section 40**

Cpl  
RAC Assistant  
Swanwick

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My response  
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**Section 40**

I have two FOI requests from people interested in UFOs, raising specific questions about whether there were any military aircraft in a specific area and you may be able to help. (My apologies!)

Firstly, were there any military aircraft over Edinburgh at about 00:36 (I would go no more than 5 minutes either way on this) on Sunday 20 July 2009.

Secondly, are we aware of any military helicopters near the Golden Ball Hill near Alton Barnes in Wiltshire at around 14:30 on both 25 and 26 June 2009. The story is that two helicopters were chasing a UFO! Again, I would not go much more than 5 minutes either way.

I am aware that this must be a pain for you to have to deal with and is not really a particularly valuable use of MoD resources, but under FOI, I don't think we have much room for manoeuvre. I would also be grateful if you could give me some indication of how much time you have to spend on each of these to provide me with an answer.

A response by 21 July 2009 would be greatly appreciated.

Obviously I am happy to discuss.

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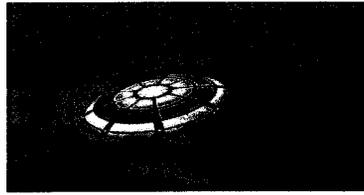
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Dear Sirs,

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July a lady who lives in Edinburgh reported seeing to me a bright red object in the skies over the Muirhouse area of the city.

She saw this object at around 36mins after midnight, can you tell me if anyone else reported seeing lights in the sky to you on that date also was there any military activity in the area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Section 40

Director of E2WUFOS