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**Section 40**

Eston  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland **Section 40**



Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

11 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 4 September 2008, the details of which you passed to the Low Flying Complaints Cell. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFO’s.

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a ‘UFO’ sighting for the 4 September 2008, and that was from Guildford in Surrey. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying military aircraft in the area, I enquired, and have been informed that there was a Tornado in the vicinity at 21.00 at 250 ft, but that was only there for one minute as it flew by, on the way to RAF Marham.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
Sent: 05 September 2008 11:30  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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69/12/28E43

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: eston  
txttowncity: middlesbrough  
txtstatecountry: cleveland  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 10.40pm 04/09.2008  
txtrequest: Me and a friend were heading up the A19 north bound, going just past borrowby between mt grace, i noticed some brignt green lights with a blue light moving very quickly through the trees and once we came past the trees the craft cut across the motoway in what can only be described as a very unusual large and silent craft moving very fast wich then changed direction and headed towards the back of the car and shot out of site very quickly. I have seen low flying fighter jets before and i know they have quite a loud distinct noise and shape when flying. The craft that we saw was silent, moving extremely fast, very large and had multiple bright lights on it not to mention its unusual shape. Please if you can shed some light on the matter and did have low flying air crafts in this area let me know as i thought we were both going mad.



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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 09 September 2008 12:48  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 8 September 2008, the details of which you passed to us on the das-ufo-office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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09/09/2008

**Section 40**

**From:** **Section 40** on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office  
**Sent:** 09 September 2008 09:12  
**To:** **Section 40**  
**Subject:** FW: UFO SIGHTING NEAR BLACKPOOL

Please deal



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**From:** **Section 40** to **Section 40**  
**Sent:** 09 September 2008 01:59  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** UFO SIGHTING NEAR BLACKPOOL

08 September 2008 00.10 hrs*nr. Blackpool, Lancashire.*

Just got into the hot tub to relax and looking at the stars and clouds, Suddenly I spotted something moving in the sky. It was at an altitude of approximately 500 feet heading in a north /north east direction at about 30-40 miles an hour (slower than a light aircraft). best way to describe the shape would be a chewing gum pack that was about 150 feet long 50 feet wide and about the same in height . It came right over where I was and passed over my house

It was black in colour and had 3 circles of lights/ exhausts underneath it emitting a dull orange light, similar to embers in a fire. I could see it quite clearly as it was visible by the ambient light and the cloud that was above it. It made no noise whatsoever and the only variation to the shape was a slight ridge around where the lights/ exhausts were. The lights were spread out the length of the object similar to traffic lights, one in the center and the others at about 10 feet from each end the diameter of the lights were all the same at approximately 30 feet, leaving 10 feet on each edge.

Just wish I had my camera handy!

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**Section 40**

Bury  
Greater Manchester

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

9 September 2008

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your address and didn't hear your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can't confirm whether we had any other sighting reports on the day of your sighting, as you did not leave a date and time on our answerphone. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 (Couldn't understand his surname on the answerphone).  Section 40  Bury Greater Manchester Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	5 September 2008 11.25L

No reply,  
as full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 23.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Powys Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon. Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire South West Wales
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 September 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Basildon  
Essex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 6 September 2008, the details of which you passed to Low Flying Complaints. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 08 September 2008 10:33  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 06 September 2008 20:22  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Basildon  
txtstatecountry: Essex  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 20.03.06/09/2008  
txtrequest: This is not a complaint, but rather an observation for your attention:

I was walking along in Laindon, Essex when I saw two large orange lights in the sky flying in my direction (east) rather quickly. At first I thought they were conventional commercial airlines, but one of the lights flew around the other one and both moved away (north) at a higher speed (than I have previously observed) and with the agility of a helicopter. I discounted that they were a helicopters due to the fact that there was no sound.



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**Section 40**

Guildford  
Surrey

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 4 September 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 4 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	4 September 2008 22.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A big, red diamond shaped object. There was no sound.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of his house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying over Guildford in Surrey heading towards London.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Guildford Surrey Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 said that there were quite a few outside watching.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	5 September 2008 12.15L



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**Section 40**

Spilsby  
Lincolnshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
8 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 22.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Exceedingly large light in the sky. Then a group of lights appeared in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was seen over Little Steeping, Spilsby in Lincolnshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far away and very high up above the clouds.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving back and forth across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Just a few clouds.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Spilsby Lincolnshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she lives near the flight path at Conningsby and that this was definitely not a normal plane. That for the last two weeks in August, Section 40 had seen quite a few lights in the sky. They always stayed there for a long time.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	5 September 2008 12.00L



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**Section 40**

Plymouth  
Devon

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
5 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 September 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 3 September 2008, and that was from Urmston in Greater Manchester. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	3 September 2008 20.20L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A large, bright pink light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside the front of his house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. Then it was captured on a digital camera, and is now on a video.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying South West over the witnesses apartment in Mannamead, Plymouth in Devon.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was about a kilometre away.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was floating towards the left and then excellerated slowly and disappeared.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Plymouth Devon Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 said that when he was outside, a lot of other people were outside in the area and they were also looking up at the sky and looking at the light.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that when he first looked at the object, it looked like a small point of it came away and fell to the ground. He started filming it and saw a second piece of the object fall to the ground. Then the object moved away and disappeared.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 September 2008 11.45L



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**Section 40**

Manchester  
Greater Manchester

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 3 September 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a UFO sighting for the 3 September 2008, and that was from Plymouth in Devon. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	3 September 2008 21.45L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were four separate lights. One of the lights was huge, and it had different lights on it.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	In the house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving over Urmston, Manchester in Greater Manchester.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Manchester Greater Manchester Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Her son came in and she pointed out of the window to the objects that she could see.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she saw a plane following one of the lights. It was a clear sighting. She informed her local Police and the local paper. She would like us to get back to her to explain what it could have been that she saw. Plus, if there were any other sightings on the day she saw the lights. The lights were not Chinese lanterns or anything like that.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 September 2008 11.30L



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**Section 40**

Littlebourne  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

4 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 31 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the MOD by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 31 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, with regard to there being any low flying military aircraft flights in the area, I enquired, and have been informed that there was not, at the time of your sighting and on that day.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

LFA18

**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 01 September 2008 12:45  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress1: [REDACTED]  
txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Littlebourne  
txtstatecountry: Kent  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 21.35 31/08/08  
txtrequest: Coming down St Stephens Hill towards Canterbury, a bright red light passed very quickly behind my car in the rear view mirror. I put it down as a low flying helicopter. As I came down the hill I saw people stopping to look at the sky. Further down a couple were stopped and were pointing at the sky to the East. I saw three very low, very bright lights travelling in formation then breaking off and doing acrobatics seen in sky over Canterbury. The lights were distant (probably a couple of miles) but large globe-like, travelling very fast and then coming to an almost immediate stop, changing direction in an instant, and changing colour in a pulsating way (not the flashing lights of a plane or helicopter), ranging through bright white light through red, green, blue, and orange. The incident was so strange I pulled the car over in the St Stephens Road area (just before the railway crossing) as dozens of people had come out of their houses and were pointing and staring at the sky. One commented that "they flew really low over our house and then shot off really fast, a few miles in a second".

I watched them for a few more minutes as they again reformed into a formation and travelled East towards Sturry / Broad Oak. One broke off and headed rapidly back towards my position before stopping and following the others. I jumped in my car and drove onto the Broad Oak Road to follow them, but could not see them in the sky any more. I did see some bright red lights stationary on the hill above the Broad Oak Road but could not ascertain what they were in the dark (I know there are pylons there so although unusually bright they could have been the hazard warning lights on those).

East of Canterbury is Manston International Airport, but this is not a usual flightpath and most significantly these lights were accompanied by no sound (indeed I could say they seemed to be accompanied by a silent stillness).

They looked and behaved like no plane or helicopter I have seen.

Were there any low flying military flights in this area at this time? Were any objects detected on radar in the area at this time.

If not, can you register my concerns over what I saw?

Thank you

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REF = 11/9/08)



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 04 September 2008 14:40

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting - TO04023/2008.

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on the 29 and the 30 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Minister's Office, by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that for the 29 August 2008, we received one other sighting report and that was from Keighley in West Yorkshire. For the 30 August 2008, we received three other sighting reports, and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire, Holmfirth in West Yorkshire and Whitburn in Tyne and Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
Sent: 30 August 2008 23:35  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: Section 40  
txtsubject: UFO Sightings  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: Section 40  
txttowncity: Scarborough  
txtstatecountry: North Yorkshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtrequest: Hi.

Reporting UFO Sightings in Scarborough one

Date of Sighting: Friday 29th August 2008 on Westborough

Time of Sighting: about 11:55am

Description: Black rectangular wobbly-

UFO Sighting 2: I saw it coming from Grosvenor Road towards Westwood College and Tesco's I watched it and decided to go after it on foot lost sight of it.

Date of Sighting: Saturday 30th August 2008.

Sighted about 11:00pm.

Description: Orange circular shape-

I've seen quite a lot of UFO sightings in Scarborough North Yorkshire UK.

Am a believer in UFOs and Aliens always have had interest in them.

I live by my self.

Had just come from my friend's place and wasn't looking for UFOs nor Aliens.

Thanks.

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 02 September 2008 11:10  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04023/2008  
**Attachments:** TO04023 2008 - 20080902110749 - Section 40

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**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 02 September 2008 11:08  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying ✓  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO04023/2008

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

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO04023/2008  
**Due Date:** 22 September 2008  
**Correspondent:** Section 40  
**Additional Advice:**

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

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

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even though the Act is not specifically mentioned. You should inform Parliamentary Branch, who will close the case down on the Parliamentary Toolkit. The correspondence should then be logged on the Access to Information Toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the

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guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic>

**It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:**

**[http://pt/\\_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx](http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx). Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.**

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

Regards,

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Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

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**Section 40**

Leeds  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
3 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 September 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry, I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	1 September 2008 20.44L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orb shaped object, with a disc shape underneath was in the sky for about ten to fifteen minutes.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witness was looking out of the loft bedroom window.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and then binoculars.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was moving over Rothwell, Leeds in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	There were a few clouds, but it was not raining.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to <b>Section 40</b> <b>Section 40</b> Supervisor at Leeds Police Stn in West Yorkshire, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Leeds West Yorkshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that the Police went to the area of the sighting, but couldn't see anything. There were no press enquiries.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	2 September 2008 14.25L



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**Section 40**

Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
2 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 August 2008, and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire and Holmfirth in West Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**From:** no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
**Sent:** 31 August 2008 19:03  
**To:** Low Flying  
**Subject:** Low Flying Complaints

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txtaddress2: [REDACTED]  
txttowncity: Sunderland  
txtstatecountry: England  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 2220 300808  
txtrequest: 2220- 2240hrs sat 30th Aug 08 Whitburn, South Tyneside. Sighting of sodium coloured lights travelling north west. Initially 4 circular bright lights travelling in convoy, equally spaced at constant velocity (appeared slow). Front 2 made sudden vertical change of direction and eventually out of sight. Convoy was joined by 3 further lights. The last light (detached from convoy) had appearance of bright orange orb with a duller outer circumference. The brightness dissipated and it took on form of rest of lights and followed convoy after hovering over raised hilly area (known as Cleadon Hills).  
Several other motorists (myself/wife as one) had stopped and one dog walker witnessed events. I made report to my colleagues at Southern area communication centre, Northumbria Police, who confirmed several other concurrent reports.  
This is the first sighting I have made of unexplained flying objects. I know these were not flares (adjacent to coastal area) and they were not after burners of military aircraft.  
Submitted for your information and attention.



No reply, as  
no house number  
and name of  
witness.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 22.10L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Four UFOs in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside of the house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The four UFOs flew over the witnesses' house in Reigate, Surrey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite near, as above the house.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Surrey Police, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Anon Section 40 Reigate Surrey Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 September 2008 11.20L



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**Section 40**

Holmfirth  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a 'UFO' sighting for 30 August 2008 and they were from Stroud in Gloucestershire and Sunderland in Tyne & Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	30 August 2008 21.41L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a sighting of lights in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Scholes in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Huddersfield Police Stn in West Yorkshire, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Holmfirth West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 September 2008 11.05L



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**Section 40**

Southport  
Merseyside

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 23.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Flying objects. They looked like bright lights.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen hovering over Southport in Merseyside.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	There were a big group of lights and they were in a half circle formation.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Southport Merseyside Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that the sighting was very unusual, and had never seen anything like it before.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 September 2008 10.25L

No reply, as  
full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	29 August 2008 22.41L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen flying over Oakworth, Keighley in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Was quite far away and too high to be a plane.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to West Yorkshire Police Communications, who then in turn left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	A female <b>Section 40</b> Keighley West Yorkshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 September 2008 10.20L



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(Fax) **Section 40**

**Section 40**

Stroud  
Gloucestershire

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
1 September 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of a ‘UFO’ sighting for 30 August 2008 and they were from Huddersfield in West Yorkshire and Sunderland in Tyne & Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	30 August 2008 17.40L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Six orb shaped objects that were red and orange in colour. They initially formed a 'V' shape.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Stroud in Gloucestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The objects were floating around, and then a central one zoomed off like the Captain Kirk Enterprise.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Kent Police who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Stroud Gloucestershire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that she was out walking her dog and noticed the objects.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	1 September 2008 10.15L



Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 29 August 2008 14:24  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 August 2008, the details of which you passed to us on the das-ufo-office e.mail address. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 15 August 2008, and that was from Hinckley in Leicestershire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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29/08/2008

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office  
**Sent:** 29 August 2008 09:13  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Sighting South wales.

Section 40

Please deal.



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**From:** Section 40 [mailto:Section 40]  
**Sent:** 28 August 2008 20:43  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:** Sighting South wales.

**Hi, i would like to report a sighting of a flying saucer i've seen.**  
**On the 15/08/08 at 9:10pm while riding home on my motorcycle, i spotted three bright orange lights in the sky about a mile away, i pulled over to look and noticed that the lights were heading towards me. The lights switched off one by one but i could still see one of the objects, i lost sight of the other two, this object was black and disc shaped, it also moved quick and was silent.**

**My location - Argoed South Wales.**

**The lights were first spotted south of me near Blackwood and one saucer was observed heading north.**

**The saucer was in clear view over head at one point.**

**I've also been told that there was a sighting about the same in Bargoed.**

**I'm not the best at typing so i've kept it short but if theres any details you think i've missed out or any question, just ask. Thank** Section 40



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**Section 40**

Cheshunt  
Hertfordshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Cheshunt Hertfordshire Section 40 Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Could the lights have had anything to do with the RAF?
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 August 2008 11.05L



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**Section 40**

Darlington  
County Durham

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 August 2008 21.56L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two objects that both had two lights on them. Each object was moving independently from the other. There was no sound.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	<b>Section 40</b> was looking out of the window in her house.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects moved over Darlington in County Durham.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Couldn't identify the altitude.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to County Durham Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Darlington County Durham Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 August 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Lewes  
East Sussex

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 24 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Sussex Police Contact Centre. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 24 August 2008, and that was from Emsworth in Hampshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	24 August 2008 21.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Fifty nine lights in the sky that formed a 'V' shape. There were a few lights on their own. They were bright red and very big. They were silent.  
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were moving over Lewes in East Sussex.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the Sussex Police Contact Centre, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Lewes East Sussex Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 August 2008 10.50L



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**Section 40**

Emsworth  
Hampshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
28 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 24 August 2008, and that was from Lewes in East Sussex. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	24 August 2008 21.00
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a bright yellow light in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. A picture was taken of the sighting too, but it came out very dark.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Emsworth in Hampshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was approximately 12,000 ft up.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Emsworth Hampshire</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED] asked if we could call him back so that he could talk about his sighting and could we explain what it was that he saw.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 August 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Larkhall  
Lanarkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
19 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 11 August 2008, the details of which you passed to Glasgow Airport Information Desk. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 11 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

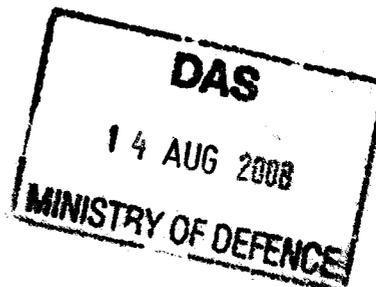
Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT**

- a. Date/Time And Duration Of Sighting** (Local times to be quoted)  
11/08/08, 2205hrs, approx 50secs
- b. Description Of Object** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).  
1 single round light, orange/red colour, no sound at all
- c. Exact Position Observed** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).  
Larkhall, Lanarkshire (approx 18nm SE of Glasgow). Observed initially from indoors then reporter moved outdoors.
- d. How Observed** (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).  
  
Naked eye
- e. Direction In Which Object Was First Seen** (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).  
  
South east following the normal flight path of a/c inbound to Glasgow
- f. Angle Of Sight** (Estimated heights are unreliable).  
  
Lower than normal a/c inbound to Glasgow. Estimated 1000-4000ft
- g. Distance** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).  
  
Not known
- h. Movements** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).  
  
Tracked SE to NW
- i. Meteorological Conditions During Observations** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)  
  
Dry and clear with some stratus clouds
- j. Nearby Objects** (Telephone lines, Spires Etc.)  
N/A
- k. To Whom Reported** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).  
Glasgow Airport Information desk who passed it on to ATC



1. Name And Address Of Informant

Section 40

Larkhall  
Lanarkshire

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m. Any Background On The Informant That May Be Volunteered

Section 40 was previously a Met Observer at both Stansted and Heathrow  
Airports

n. Other Witnesses

N/A

o. Date And Time Of Receipt

11/08/08 2230hrs

The above details are to be faxed immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC  
on 7-144-3031 (01895-423031)

The completed form is to be despatched to:

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

DAS

14 AUG 2008

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

NATS

Please find enclosed a 'Report of an Unidentified Flying Object' received by Glasgow Air Traffic Control on 11th August. Information was passed to D&D and to AIS (Military). If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at **Section 40** or call OAH 840 8029.

With compliments

**Section 40**

Deputy Watch Mgr, A Watch.



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

Glen Loch Steading  
Highlands

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
19 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

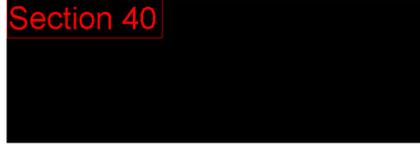
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from Scotland so far in August 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> Glen Loch Steading Highlands <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> said that the lights went different ways.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	18 August 2008 10.30L



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**Section 40**

Hinckley  
Leicestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
19 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	15 August 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two bright lights.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	In a car.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen near the car, flying over Burbage in Leicestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite close.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [Redacted] Hinckley Leicestershire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that it looked like a spectrum of light shone through the car. Said that she saw the same sighting about two weeks before, and has that on video.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	18 August 2008 10.15L



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**Section 40**

Bromsgrove  
Worcs

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
12 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in 1987/1988, the details of which you passed to the Low Flying Complaints Cell. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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

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

Finally, with regard to your particular observation in 1987/1988, the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. The files for those years are in The National Archives. They can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, telephone 0208 876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information on the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
Sent: 11 August 2008 14:43  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

Section 40

Directorate of Airstaff (Lower Airspace) Complaints & Enquiries Unit Floor 5, Zone H  
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 11 August 2008 14:41  
To: Low Flying  
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtaddress1:  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: bromsgrove  
txtstatecountry: worcs  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txttelephone: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtincident: 1987/1988

txtrequest: hi im wondering if you can help me. my memory isnt what it was but a few years ago well i think it was 1987/1988 i was walking in catshill, bromsgrove, worcs and noticed a huge black object in the sky above what looked like another area of bromsgrove which is called lickey end. a few days after i saw this there was an article in the local newspaper regarding an UFO being spotted around the same time i saw this "UFO" could you please verify if you have ever had any record of this because i have been in contact with my local paper but their resources only stretch back to the early 1990's. your assistance in this matter is much appreciated. my life has changed considerably since this "specticle" if thats what you call it. im looking for answers to this so i can maybe find answers to other things that have happened in my life

thank you and regards 

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**Section 40**

Ascot  
Berkshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
12 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 20 July 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 20 July 2008, and that was from Redruth in Cornwall. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	20 July 2008 00.50L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	It resembled a white light, and was travelling at low speed. Was about two to three times bigger than Venus. Sometimes it looked like a spotlight, but there was no silhouette or shadow of an aircraft. There was no noise.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was travelling from West to East and moved across and above the witnesses' house in Ascot, Berkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	It wasn't too far away.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It travelled slowly across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Ascot Berkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he didn't think the light was an aircraft or a satellite. But, that we would know those details more.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	11 August 2008 12.30L



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**Section 40**

Swansea  
Dyfed

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

13 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise for the address above, but could not decipher the street name on the answerphone.

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

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

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

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

Sorry I could be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40  Swansea Dyfed Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	11 August 2008 12.30L

No reply,  
as address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	7 August 2008 22.25L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A bright red object.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Buckinghamshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Thames Valley Police, who in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name passed on.  Buckinghamshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 August 2008 15.30L



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**Section 40**

Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
11 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Aylesbury Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he would like us to get back to him.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 August 2008 15.00L



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**Section 40**

Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
11 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 7 August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 7 August 2008, and that was also from Buckinghamshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	7 August 2008 22.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A red light was seen slow moving in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors, in the back garden.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Brill, Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The object was not terribly high up.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving slowly across the sky.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Aylesbury Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 wife and a friend.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that at 22.30, his dog went beserk, and that's when he went outside to investigate.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	8 August 2008 14.45L



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

Barry  
Vale of Glamorgan

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
8 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting on the 23 June 2008, and that was from Lincoln in Lincolnshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 June 2008 23.10L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Eleven objects in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen over Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Barry Vale of Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Her husband Section 40
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	7 August 2008 15.30L

no reply,  
could not  
decipher -  
st. name.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	3 August 2008 22.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Three UFOs or something!
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFOs were seen over Barry in Glamorgan.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Barry Glamorgan Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	7 August 2008 14.30L



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 August 2008 15:09

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Sir,

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 30 July 2008, and that was from Gateshead in Tyne and Wear. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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

06/08/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 05 August 2008 15:17  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: 20080805-HIVE\_Form\_Results\_LandHIVE\_IM-U

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

From: LANDHIVEGM [mailto:LANDHIVEGM@land.mod.uk]  
Sent: 05 August 2008 15:00  
To: Section 40  
Subject: 20080805-HIVE\_Form\_Results\_LandHIVE\_IM-U

Dear Section 40

I am sending you this report from Section 40 a sighting of a "space craft" in Somerset. I do hope that you can help to direct this report to the correct desk - I'm afraid your email address was the only one I found that had any connection to UFO literature on defence intranet.

Best wishes,

Section 40

Information Manager

HIVE UK & Overseas

Tel: Section 40

Mil:

www.hive.mod.uk

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 31 July 2008 00:25  
To: LANDHIVEGM  
Subject: HIVE Form Results

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

txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtcontacttelephone: Section 40

txtlocation: somerset

txtrequest: i was out walking the dogs. i noticed a distinct humming sound which went quieter then louder.20 to 30 ft above the houses where i was stood, the dogs stopped and looked as did i only to see a space craft, about 5,6 plane spans wide hovering, there was three lights on each point of a perfect triangular stone looking object at the back was a bright molten looking fire ball, firing off the front nose cone was a blue light (what looked like a welders tool)oxy acetelene. i tried to video it on my mobile phone but the screen went red blue green and black flashing,my battery(which i have charged today and was on full when i went out) totally emptied and my phone turned off,the dogs then started barking loudly as the object dissapeared into the clouds, faster than ive seen a military or public airline craft take off. luckily for me a man on a pushbike riding past was looking at the craft at the same time,but he peddled off rather quickly and i was unable to get his details but i have a description of him. i have logged and written out what i have seen,and drawn a rough picture. could these details be passed to the correct department please.THANKYOU VERY MUCH.



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**Section 40**

West Kilbride  
Ayrshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

6 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

other Spheres. and it lit up with an intense light and zoomed down, Halfway  
down, it suddenly stopped as it is now in lower Air Space. The intense light  
was  and the sphere then continued on South. The sphere was Right above me  
I know it wasted space to write. I definitely know there are Solid craft  
Guided. = Stok as well. as he is Par. Have Had very close Sightings of Saucers ETC.  
And there more & more being witnessed by other towns near Bay & they are not  
Chinese Lanterns. He on 10 of 124. Not exactly Stuffed. If I'd been good  
at math I would have been Hilar.

What I feel about all this going on is, you whiteball. That one taking us for fools.  
He kept Quizz about all this, He told me he talked to a cleft is Priest.  
Dr Michael Fallon my cousin in law in Edenburg, he's one scored. So  
I understood. for he had the very daylight flight with a sphere that  
shot Right down when I was alerted by Louis Bellowing 10.30 as night <sup>2004</sup> my son  
was there too. He is now. They are still about & I don't think Ministry of Defence  
is in control. Sorry to feel so. I think were on a Right Path here. Yours Sincerely Mrs Norma Donnelly

Tele Section 40

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Ref. D/DAS/64/2

28<sup>th</sup> July 08.

West Kilbride

Ayrshire

Section 40

Ministry of Defence.

My last letter to you was November 2004 your Reply 2 Dec 2004.

I reported 25 groups of 5 craft Golden Spheres Bullying against a Storm at 9.30 PM  
November 26<sup>th</sup> <sup>2004</sup> difference between these spheres were, they all had 2 ft Uapocar  
Tails, which other spheres witnessed here in Par. - present class.!

We been keepy track since 2004, Quite a lot of Action 2006. I kept notes  
Tonight Pully Rabbit out in Bin 28<sup>th</sup> July 08. 2 spheres Passed Rapidly By  
1 Soy North 23-05 PM. And one 23-17 PM the one came from W-to S/East  
definitely lower Air Space. extremely Bright Soy faster than the normal Pandemon  
action spheres. definitely Guided. we are not Stuffed. were used to Aircraft here  
and know the difference there are not "twinkly Stars" they do not "twinkle", Golden  
Spheres. extremely Bright when lower. more on straight course. there is no noise from  
such. 2 month ago I witnessed 2 spheres Pass each other one west on North to



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**Section 40**

Shirley  
West Midlands

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
TO03527-2008

Date:  
6 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 27 July 2008, and they were from Helston in Cornwall, Pontypridd in Wales and Scunthorpe in Humberside. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

T003527 2008 - 20080801115813 - Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk  
Sent: 27 July 2008 23:55  
To: Ministers  
Subject: Ask a Minister

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

txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname: [REDACTED]  
txtsubject: strange thing in the sky  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2: shirley  
txttowncity: shirley  
txtstatecountry: west midlands  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: sorry to trouble you, but i was sitting in my garden and i saw this starnge thing in the sky, it looked triangle shape but not sure it never made a noise, ot had three white lights and a red one, iv never seen anythink like it before, i live in shirley near solihull uk, i was just wondering if you could shed any light on to what it is, i typed it into google, it comes up saying its a ufo thing but i dnt belive in ufos or anythink like it. but just intested in to knowing what it was, any info would be great kind regards Section 40

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 04 August 2008 08:46  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO03527/2008  
**Attachments:** TO03527 2008 - 20080801115813 - Section 40

Section 40

Directorate of Airstaff (Lower Airspace)  
Complaints & Enquiries Unit  
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**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 01 August 2008 11:59  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO03527/2008

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

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO03527/2008  
**Due Date:** 21 August 2008  
**Correspondent:** Section 40  
**Additional Advice:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: **Section 40**

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**Section 40**

Torpoint  
Cornwall

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

5 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 31 May 2008, the details of which you passed to us by letter, dated 30 July 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 31 May 2008, and they were from Stranraer in Scotland and Leeds in West Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

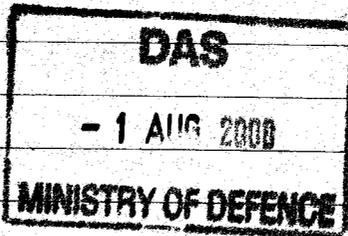
Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Telephone

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Joppaint  
Cornwall

Section 40

30/7/08

Dear Sir or Madam

On May 31st this year I went out side my house with my husband at 11.20pm to have a smoke. all of a sudden I became aware of a very bright light above our heads, we watched it zig zag across the sky Southwards until it vanished into cloud. I did mention it to several locals at the time but did not know who to report it to until recently. I know it was not a plane or helicopter I am quite used to seeing those. I would be quite interested to know what it was a thought perhaps

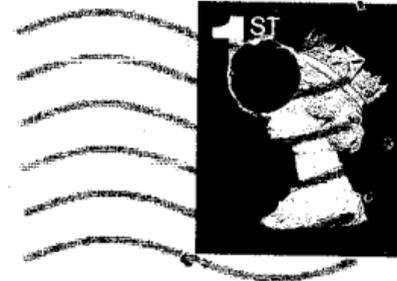
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you might know. I also know it was  
not a mistake. Looking forward to  
your response.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

30.07.08 Plymouth 02:31 pm 12900148

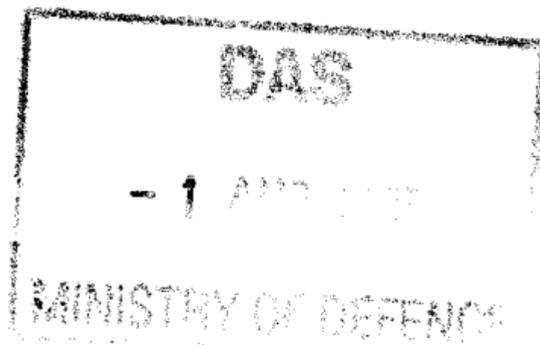


M.O.D.

UFO investigations.

Whitehall

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**Section 40**

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Date:

5 August 2008

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 31 July 2008, and that was from Godalming in Surrey. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, thank you for the offer of being on your mailing list, but we decline the offer.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40  


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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	31 July 2008 01.15L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Bodmin Moor in Cornwall.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Bodmin Cornwall Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said would we like to be on his mailing list for all things regarding UFOs!
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 14.30L

No reply,  
as full  
address not  
given.

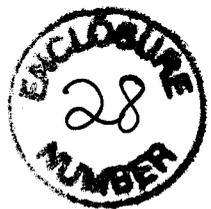


**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	29 July 2008 00.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over South Croydon in Surrey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 (couldn't understand the surname on the answerphone).  Full address not given. Section 40 South Croydon Surrey Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 that she informed the Police of her sighting too.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 14.00L

No reply  
as no full  
address.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	31 July 2008 No time given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen over Witley, Godalming in Surrey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 No street name or number given. Section 40 Godalming Surrey Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 husband.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 12.30L



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**Section 40**

Northampton  
Northamptonshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can’t confirm whether we received any other ‘UFO’ reports on the day you had your sighting, as you did not forward this office a date of your sighting. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 23.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An unusual sighting.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The sighting was seen over Northampton in Northamptonshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Northampton Northamptonshire Section 40 Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Wants us to ring her and talk about the sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 23.00L



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**Section 40**  
Winchmore Hill  
London  
**Section 40**

Your Reference:

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 2 August 2008, the details of which you passed to the Met Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise for not putting your name, the Met Police did not pass that information on to this office.

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

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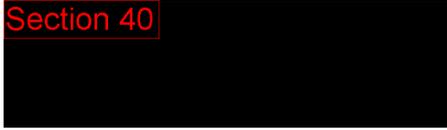
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 2 August 2008, and that was from Bridgewater in Somerset. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	2 August 2008 22.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Lights in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Winchmore Hill in London.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the Met Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name given. Section 40 Winchmore Hill London Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 11.50L



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**Section 40**

Leeds  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for Morley so far for 2008, either from members of the public or from any newspapers. No sighting report was sent to this office, regarding that area of West Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Leeds West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 said there must have been lots of other witnesses, because her sighting (that other people had reported), was in the local paper and had been on the television.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she would like us to get back to her, to explain to her, what it was that she could have seen. Did we get sent any of the sighting reports that were shown in the local paper.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 11.15L



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**Section 40**

Chard  
Somerset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Chard Somerset Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Wants us to get in touch with her, so she can explain her sighting.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 11.05L



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**Section 40**

Gateshead  
Tyne and Wear

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 30 July 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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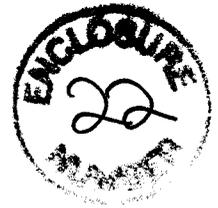
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	30 July 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Ten orange/amber orb shaped ships. Some were in clusters and some were scattered.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	<b>Section 40</b> was in a car on the A1 road, North of Darlington.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were flying over Gateshead in Tyne and Wear.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Gateshead Tyne and Wear Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Section 40 and three friends.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that some of the lights seemed to form a band shape.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Loughborough  
Leicestershire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 August 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	1 August 2008 22.30L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Twenty to twenty five lights were moving across the sky. They were in a uniformed lighting formation.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outdoors in the back garden.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye and also the sighting was recorded on video.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were moving over Loughborough in Leicestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Loughborough Leicestershire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	About twenty people witnessed the sighting. Section 40 family and a few neighbours that were altogether in the garden.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 doesn't want an explanation, but thought that she had better report this, and that the MOD should do something about this.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 10.35L



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**Section 40**

Bridgewater  
Somerset

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
4 August 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 2 August 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. Sorry if I have misspelt your address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 2 August 2008, and that was from Winchmore Hill in London. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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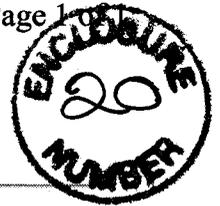


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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	2 August 2008 23.45L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Just said there was a strange sighting.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Bridgewater in Somerset.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Bridgewater Somerset Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that she wanted us to ring her back.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	4 August 2008 10.30L



Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 31 July 2008 15:43  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e.mail (including your photograph), dated 28 July 2008, for which you sent to the das-ufo office e.mail address, regarding your sighting on 27 July 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 27 July 2008, and they were from Cornwall and Mid Glamorgan in Wales. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Finally, your sighting details will be logged and your photograph and e.mail will be placed on our files.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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31/07/2008

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of DAS-UFO-Office  
**Sent:** 28 July 2008 10:37  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** P1010233.JPG

For you!!!!!!!!!!!!

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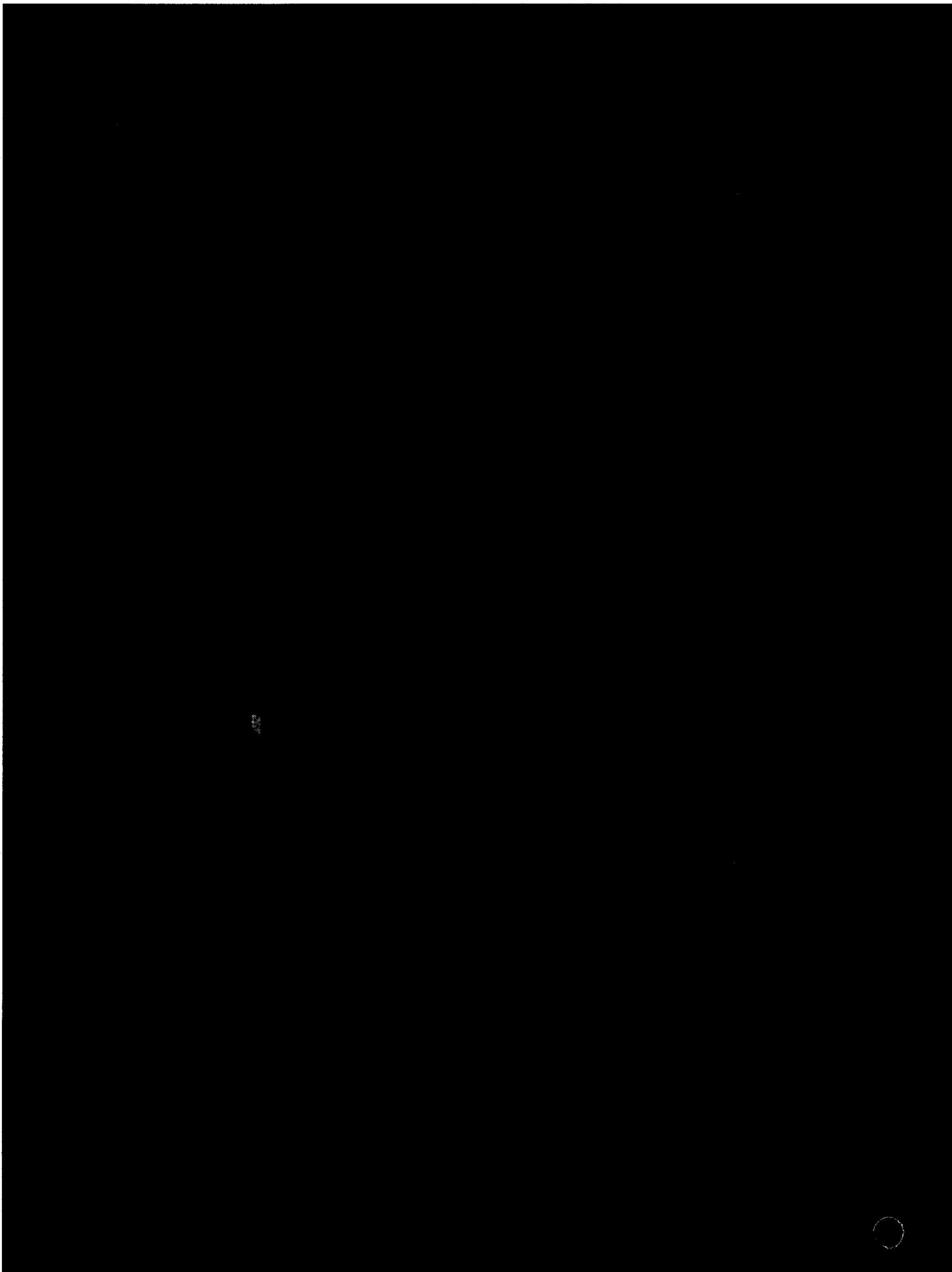
**From:** Section 40 [mailto:Section 40]  
**Sent:** 28 July 2008 09:58  
**To:** DAS-UFO-Office  
**Subject:**

27/7/08 .  
Hi nick pope has given me this address to post you this picture taken on sunday morning around 2 am i have sent the raw image you will have to zoom in it moved slowly about 2000 feet stopped raised vertically then moved slowly away from sight this picture featured in the sun today my dad took the picture he sat on the doorstep last night in the rain waiting for another sight , i know i will never know what this is but im interested to hear waht you may think . thank you Section 40

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28/07/2008





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

Pontypridd  
Mid Glamorgan

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

31 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 27 July 2008, and they were from Cornwall and Humberside. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 29 July 2008 08:20  
To: Section 40  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: FOI written request

We will take this as normal business.

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

From: Section 40  
Sent: 29 July 2008 07:31  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request

Section 40

Can I interest you with this request?

Do you want it logged as FOI or do you wish to deal with as normal business?

Regards

Section 40

FOI Helpdesk

Section 40

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

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 28 July 2008 18:10  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI written request

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

txttitle: Section 40  
txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtoccupation: Operations Manager  
txtorganisation: Document Management Solutions Ltd  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Pontypridd *Mid-Glamorgan*  
txtstatecountry: RCT  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: United Kingdom  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txttelephone:  
txtinforequest: Could information please be supplied to give an explanation for an unusual sight.

Sunday afternoon 27th July approx. 4.30pm. Clear sky.

Whilst working in our front garden my wife noticed an object travelling at high speed in the sky. She pointed it out to me. Appeared almost as a football or balloon, ie "round". Travelling in approx. S.East to N.East direction. There was no sound, no lights. We are quite happy it was not an aeroplane.

We often enjoy sitting in our garden late into a summers evening and are well used to observing satellites and/or space debris in the night sky. This was much lower than that. If air traffic is passing over South Wales at approx. 30,000ft my guess would be that this object was at 10 to 15,000 feet. (possibly lower). The speed was considerably faster than an aircraft or satellite, yet not so fast that it disappeared in an instant. My wife had time once seeing it to call my attention to it before it disappeared. We would describe it as silver \ white in colour.

We are of the opinion that there is a totally reasonable explanation for what we saw. However we are at a complete loss as what it was and can offer no intelligent suggestion.

Your thoughts and opinions will be appreciated.

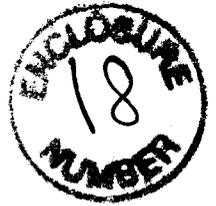
Thank you

Jards

**Section 40**



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

Gosport  
Hampshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
31 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 26 July 2008, and they were from Surrey, Avon and Northamptonshire. As to your question of there being a flyover around the area, between the times of 10-10.30pm on 26 July 2008, I have been informed that there was not, due to the fact that it was a Saturday, and at the times you stated, was too late for a flyover. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40  
Sent: 28 July 2008 10:32  
To: Section 40  
Cc:  
Subject: FW: FOI written request

Section 40

Please treat this as ordinary business.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----  
From: Section 40  
Sent: 28 July 2008 07:14  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: FOI written request

Section 40

Can I interest you with this request?

Do you want it logged as FOI or deal with as normal business?

Regards

Section 40  
FOI Helpdesk  
Section 40

-----Original Message-----  
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]  
Sent: 26 July 2008 22:50  
To: Info-Access-Office  
Subject: FOI written request

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

txttitle: Section 40  
txtfirstname: Section 40  
txtlastname:  
txtoccupation: Student teacher  
txtaddress1: Section 40  
txtaddress2:  
txttowncity: Gosport  
txtstatecountry: Hampshire  
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40  
txtcountry: UK  
txtemailAddress: Section 40  
txtinforequest: I know this may sound weird to ask, but were there any flyover exercises happening over hampshire or the surrounding area around 10-10:30pm tonight, as me and my father witnessed a silent aircraft pass over.

I was a bit concerned to report this as it may sound like some weirdo reporting a UFO, but the sight worried me slightly, as it was clearly visible like a shooting star, but with a very smoothly curving course.

I just wanted to check whether it was infact a navy flyover, as i know that these are going on in the area.

Many thanks  
Section 40



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**Section 40**

Stroud  
Gloucestershire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
30 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 April 2008, for which you mentioned on our answerphone. I apologise that you did not receive a response, it's just that this Department never received your letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 April 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	15 April 2008 No time given
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Bisley in Gloucestershire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	Letter for which we never received, so <b>Section 40</b> <b>Section 40</b> DAS answerphone and mentioned her sighting.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<b>Section 40</b>  Stroud Gloucestershire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<b>Section 40</b> was annoyed we had not replied to her letter, but we never received it!
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	30 July 2008 14.15L



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**Section 40**

Bristol  
Avon

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

30 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received three other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 26 July 2008, and they were from Surrey, Hampshire and Northamptonshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	26 July 2008 No time given
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A group of lights in a cluster. More lights gradually joined them. There was absolutely no noise.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, didn't say where.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. Section 40 son also videoed the sighting.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Bristol in Avon.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	The lights were about 2,000 ft above some trees in the distance.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Several lights were moving across the sky. They suddenly disappeared, then more odd lights joined them, and they suddenly disappeared too.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Bristol Avon Section 40</p>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	<p>Section 40 wife and son saw the lights Also, someone in a car stopped and asked if Section 40 and his family could see the lights too.</p>
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	<p>Section 40 said that they were definitely not balloons or aircraft. He said he imagined that it would be like this, if he ever saw something unexplained. That he certainly didn't imagine all this, as with him, there were four witnesses to this sighting with the man in the car too.</p>
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	<p>29 July 2008 14.15L</p>

No reply  
as fully  
address  
not given.



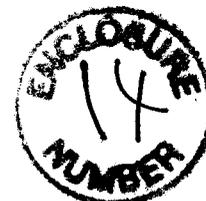
**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	26 July 2008 No time given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were eight strange lights in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen over Northampton in Northamptonshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to another area (the PRIDE project) in the MOD.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Female, but did not give her name. Northampton Northamptonshire <b>Section 40</b>
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	The lady asked to be rung back.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	26 July 2008 22.32L



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**Section 40**

Gravesend  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2

Date:  
30 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen in 2008, the details of which you passed to the Rt Hon Des Browne MP. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFOs.’

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

T003292 2008 - 20080718123012 - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk  
Sent: 16 July 2008 23:29  
To: Ministers  
Subject: unidentified flying object

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 23:29:00

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firstname: Section 40  
lastname:   
address1: Section 40 gravesend , kent , DA12 4JY  
address2: Address line 2  
towncity: kent  
statecounty: United Kingdom  
postzipcode: Section 40  
country: UK  
e-mail: Section 40

informationrequest: i saw a light hovering then it was there for 10 mins showing off a very bright white light , another object joined it , then that showed the light went dim then the other one showed the light then they both went dim and dissapeared.

submit: Send Form

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Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying  
**Sent:** 18 July 2008 14:38  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO03292/2008  
**Attachments:** TO03292 2008 - 20080718123012 - S - Section 40

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Section 40

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**From:** Parli Branch-Treat-Official  
**Sent:** 18 July 2008 14:36  
**To:** DAS-Sec; Low Flying  
**Subject:** Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO03292/2008

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

**To:** DAS Sec  
**Copy To:**  
**Our Reference:** TO03292/2008  
**Due Date:** 07 August 2008  
**Correspondent:** Jenkins  
**Additional Advice:**

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

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

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

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apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformation>)

**It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List:**

**<http://pt/Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx>. Lead Branches without access to the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via [ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk](mailto:ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk)) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.**

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

Regards,

**MOD Parliamentary Branch  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

t: **Section 40**

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



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**Section 40**

Helston  
Cornwall

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
29 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 27 July 2008, and that was from Scunthorpe in Humberside. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

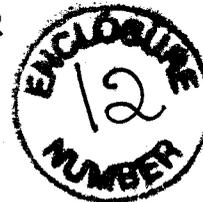
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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	27 July 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a mysterious sight in the night sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The sighting was witnessed over Helston in Cornwall.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Helston Cornwall Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 12.45L

No reply,  
as full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	27 July 2008 No time given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was an oval shaped weird light in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Scunthorpe in Humberside.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object moved from right to left and was moving in a Westerly direction.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Humberside Police, who then in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name given. Scunthorpe Humberside
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 12.15L

No reply,  
as full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	25 July 2008 Time not given.
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen going over Telford in Shropshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to West Mercia Police who then in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name given.  Telford Shropshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 12.05L

No reply,  
as full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 22.25L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a light similar to a street lamp. It was yellow and the size of a football.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen going over Godalming in Surrey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	It was flying through the sky at varying speed.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Surrey Police, who then in turn, left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Name not given.  Godalming Surrey
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 12.00L

No reply, as  
full address  
not given.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	24 July 2008 22.15L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A really bright, burning orange light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The light was seen over Wellington in Shropshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was going at the speed of a helicopter.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Shropshire Police by e.mail, who then in turn, left a message on the DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	No name given.  Wellington Shropshire
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 11.35L



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**Section 40**

Newport  
Gwent  
South Wales **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

28 July 2008

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 01.45L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A single object was seen.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen over Newport, Gwent in South Wales.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [Redacted] Gwent South Wales Section 40 [Redacted] Section 40 [Redacted]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that it is hard to explain these type things.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 11.30L



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**Section 40**

Thorndon  
Eye  
Suffolk **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

28 July 2008

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 21.21L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two UFOs were in the sky.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFOs were seen over Thorndon in Suffolk.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Quite far away and high up.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The UFOs were going quite fast and looked like they were tracking a passenger jet.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Thorndon Eye Suffolk Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Section 40 said that he was unable to get pictures of the objects on his camera.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 11.20L



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**Section 40**

Dorking  
Surrey

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

28 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 July 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 26 July 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	26 July 2008 No time given
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were two, red round lights.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen flying over Farnham in Surrey.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The objects were moving across the sky in different directions and then just disappeared.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [Redacted] Dorking Surrey Section 40 [Redacted]
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 11.00L



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**Section 40**

Oxford  
Oxfordshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
D/DAS/64/2  
Date:  
28 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

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

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to ATC Swanwick and the Oxfordshire Police. Swanwick left the message on DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40  Oxford Oxfordshire Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	28 July 2008 10.45L



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**Section 40**

Keighley  
West Yorkshire

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

25 July 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	23 July 2008 21.00L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two bright balls of light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were going over Sutton-In- Craven, Keighley in West Yorkshire.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	One of the balls of light looked like it was chasing and trying to overtake an aircraft. The other ball of light just burst as it was moving and disappeared.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 [REDACTED] Keighley West Yorkshire Section 40 Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Not given.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	24 July 2008 12.10L

No reply,  
as no house  
number.



**REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING**

1.	<b>Date and time of sighting.</b> (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 00.20L
2.	<b>Description of object.</b> (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a silent orange light.
3.	<b>Exact position of observer.</b> <b>Geographical location.</b> (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	<b>How object was observed.</b> (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	<b>Direction in which object was first seen.</b> (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was moving over Ipswich in Suffolk.
6.	<b>Approximate distance.</b>	Not given.
7.	<b>Movements and speed.</b> (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The light was moving faster than a helicopter from North East to South West.
8.	<b>Weather conditions during observation.</b> (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	<b>To whom reported.</b> (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	<b>Name, address and telephone no of informant.</b>	Section 40 Ipswich Suffolk Section 40
11.	<b>Other witnesses.</b>	Not given.
12.	<b>Remarks.</b>	Mr Perry said that the light flickered, stopped and seemed to go out, then came back again. The sighting was seen for about 25-30 seconds.
13.	<b>Date and time of receipt.</b>	24 July 2008 12.00L

# RESTRICTED/UNCLASSIFIED MINISTRY OF DEFENCE TEMPORARY ENCLOSURE JACKET

REGISTERED FILE No. <b>D / DAS / 64 / 2</b>		DIVISION / DIRECTORATE / BRANCH:	
Enclosure Jacket No .....			
DATE OPENED (Date of First Enclosure) ..... <b>25 JUN 08</b> .....			
SUBJECT: <b>POLICE HELICOPTER 8 JUNE 08</b>			
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**Subject:** FW: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

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**From:** Section 40 Wg Cdr  
**Sent:** 01 July 2008 08:51  
**To:** Section 40 Wg Cdr; Section 40  
**Subject:** Release-authorized: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

Thanks Section 40

Section 40, FYI.

Section 40

Wg Cdr  
ATC COS

Section 40

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**From:** Section 40 [mailto:Section 40]  
**Sent:** 01 July 2008 08:43  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

Section 40

No reports from Swanwick, but there was something reported at Cardiff. Police were dealing with it so no formal action taken

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**From:** Section 40 Wg Cdr [mailto:Section 40]  
**Sent:** 25 June 2008 08:57  
**To:** Section 40; OC ScATCC(Mil); Section 40  
**Cc:** Section 40  
**Subject:** UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

Section 40

A request from our colleagues in the MOD. Do you have a point of contact for dealing with unusual incidents such as UFO sightings?

Chaps,

As below. Any UFO sightings recently?

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**From:** Section 40 Wg Cdr  
**Sent:** 25 June 2008 08:45  
**To:** Section 40 Wg Cdr  
**Subject:** FW: UFO SIGHTING 7-8 JUNE

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Any report from Prestwick or Swanwick? Who deals with such report on your side or is it a NATS thing?

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REGISTERED FILE No. <i>D</i> / <i>DAS/64/2</i>		DIVISION / DIRECTORATE / BRANCH:  <i>DAS-FOI</i>	
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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 26 June 2008 14:29  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** TERN HILL SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008

The Sun has reported a UFO sighting over Ternhill Barracks in Shropshire at about 11pm on 7 June 2008. It appears that a number of soldiers saw lights in the sky and made a video which they have passed to the newspaper. They have not made a formal written report on the matter, although they did inform their superiors.

The MoD in London became involved when the press office was contacted by the newspaper on 24<sup>th</sup> June. On 25<sup>th</sup> June I requested a copy of the video from Media Ops at HQ 5 Div where it had been passed by the unit concerned. It shows a number of lights in the sky. As reported in the paper, the lights change colour and appear square, but this looks like the pixels showing up as the photographer zoomed in. They do not appear to be moving very quickly.

The BBC has reported that at the same time as the alleged incident, a local hotel was letting off Chinese lanterns and, apparently, the hotel manager thinks the whole UFO story is "highly hilarious".

I do not intend to investigate any further as I think we have our answer and, as I suspect there might be copyright issues surrounding the video, do not intend to retain a copy on our files.

I will inform the soldiers of my decision through their 2ic.

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 01 July 2008 15:33  
**To:** 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr Section 40  
**Subject:** UFO SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008 TERN HILL BARRACKS

Dear Capt. Section 40

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

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

Given the reports of the nearby hotel setting off Chinese Lanterns around the time of the sighting at Tern Hill and the above policy, I do not intend to investigate the matter any further.

I should however, be grateful if you would pass this decision on to the soldier that reported the sighting. I assume he has retained a copy of the video. If not, I shall return my copy to him, otherwise, it will be destroyed.

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment

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### NOTES/COMMENTS:

### FOI REQUEST IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS

- As per our telecom of 3 Jul 08, please find enclosed two letter from Section 40. The first is the FOI request in response to the story reported in The Sun newspaper on 25 Jun 08, "Army spot UFOs over Shropshire". The second letter is a request to interview the soldier who sent the information to the newspaper, Cpl Section 40
- Please provide guidance on how we respond to this request which arrived in our post bunk on 27 Jun and I saw on 31 Jun 08.
- Cpl Section 40 does not wish to have anything further to do with this issue and evidence has since come out that the UFOs may in fact have been Chinese Lanterns set loose by a restaurant.

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1 R IRISH  
Section 40

NOTE: SPOKE WITH  
Section 40 143 BRIGADE  
SEC. WE WILL ANSWER  
THE FOI REQUEST THAT  
WILL DEAL WITH THE  
INTERVIEW REQUEST.

PLM  
4/7/08

# UFO DATA

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Reply to: Section 40 Pontefract, West Yorkshire, Section 40

Section 40  
Tele: Section 40 . Email: Section 40

Date: 26th June 2008.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a Freedom of Information Act request. I would like to request copies of all documentation either written or electronic relating to the alleged UFO sighting by Corporal Section 40 and colleagues over Tern Hill barracks near Market Drayton in Shropshire on June 7th 2008.

I understand that Corporal Section 40 reported the incidents in question to his commanding officers. I would therefore like to request a copy of this report either written or electronic and any other reports submitted by any other military personnel at Tern Hill barracks on the night in question (June 7th 2008).

I would also respectfully like to request a copy of the video film footage taken by Corporal Section 40 and any other such footage that may have been taken by other military personnel at the times.

Yours sincerely,

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Reply to: Section 40 Pontefract, West Yorkshire, Section 40

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Tele: Section 40 Email: Section 40

Date: 26th June 2008.

Dear Sir,

I am acting as a consultant for a TV show called UFO HUNTERS which is broadcast on the HISTORY CHANNEL in the USA (<http://www.history.com/minisites/ufohunters>). The production company in question will be in the UK filming this coming August.

We would therefore like to seek your permission to interview Corporal Section 40, 1st Battalion, Irish regiment, and his colleagues concerning the alleged sighting and filming of unidentified flying objects over Tern Hill barracks on June 7th.

The UFO HUNTERS series is in its second season and takes an unbiased and practical approach at this phenomenon. We would treat Corporal Section 40 and his colleagues with respect and act in a professional manner at all times.

We are planning our schedules now for filming in August and we would like to include these interviews if at all possible.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation with this request and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Features Editor.



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 24 June 2008 12:47

To: Section 40

Cc: Section 40

Subject: UFOs at Tern Hill

Section 40

Capt Section 40 tells me that after Cpl Section 40 emailed The Sun a copy of the video – they emailed him back a contract – which he has NOT signed.

Capt Section 40 seems to think because Cpl Section 40 did not sign the contract The Sun will not use the images – but I am not sure this is necessarily the case – though it may be correct.

Capt Section 40 is trying to send me a copy of the video but is having some difficulties. If and when I receive, I will forward to you.

Section 40

Senior Information Officer C1  
Media Ops  
HQ 5 Div

Section 40

E-MAIL:

Please forward official correspondence to 5Div -G2G3-G3 MediaOps Group (Mailbox)



From: Section 40  
Sent: 24 June 2008 12:35  
To: Section 40  
Subject: FW: release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill  
Di,

Sorry, forgot to copy you in.

Section 40

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 24 June 2008 12:27  
To: Section 40  
Cc: Section 40  
Subject: release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

Section 40

We spoke, but the following is the basic story:

I took a call this morning from the 2IC rear party at 1 Royal Irish at Tern Hill Capt Section 40 on Section 40  
Section 40

A soldier who was part of a fire picket stagg on at the camp on 7 June took video footage with a camera on a mobile phone of what he says were "UFOs" in the sky above the camp – which they have emailed to The Sun – and which The Sun is apparently planning on splashing – probably tomorrow.

I don't have all the details/timings but what I do have is the following:

1. Soldier is Cpl Section 40 who the phone belongs to – he was accompanied by Pte Section 40 who also witnessed the "UFOs".
2. The footage was taken on 7 June at 23.03hrs – with a 5 megapixel camera on the phone.
3. 2IC rear party says the video images are very good.
4. The 2IC says the images could not have been anything to do with nearby RAF Shawbury.
5. They show lots of multi-coloured dots and zoom in on a cube shaped object which then flattens.
6. The Sun has already interviewed Cpl Section 40 he has explained to them what he saw.
7. There is some suggestion of payment being offered – though I think a discussion about that has still to happen.
8. I have reminded all, the 2IC and Cpl Section 40 about their responsibilities ref the DIN on communicating with the media.
9. Cpl Section 40 spoke to Section 40 an editor at The Sun (?)
10. Cpl Section 40 mobile number is Section 40
11. I spoke to the CRO at RAF Shawbury who said he was not aware – Sqn Ldr Section 40

Section 40

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From: Section 40  
Sent: 25 June 2008 08:48  
To: Section 40 C1 - SIO; 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr Section 40; 143X-G2G3-MediaOpsSO2  
Cc: Section 40

Subject: RE: Release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

Cols All

The UFO story is front page this morning in the Sun and has a double page spread inside. I alerted SIO 5 Div and AD Def PR(A) at 2300hrs last night so that those key figures below me and above me were aware.

To demonstrate why we have protocols in place to ensure that engagement with the media is controlled and supervised the effect of the splash was that it was discussed in the broadcast paper reviews last night on TV. CDS also has a front page article on his comments that we cannot go on fighting wars on two fronts. The comment from the broadcasters was along the lines of *'the Services cannot fight two wars but it seems there are soldiers who have time to go UFO spotting'*. End result is that we look foolish.

Also and of more note is that sat alongside that article on the front page is a small sidebar that reports the latest death in Afghanistan. In my opinion it completely undervalues and ridicules the ultimate sacrifice that someone has paid. The soldiers involved in the release may just like to ponder that.

I reiterate the point from my previous E mail that these soldiers must be dealt with under the Defence Instructional Notice for unauthorised engagement with the media but that is Chain of Command business.

Media Enquiries - The Way Forward. The MOD Line currently is: **The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported.** We have no reason to change that line and anything else we say will only give the story legs. Therefore I believe we should not say anything more or do anything more on this. I cannot see any opportunities here especially when contrasted with the recent deaths and the funerals that are taking place. There should therefore be no further release of the video or comments made and then the story will hopefully die quickly.

For 2ic Rear Party, 1 R IRISH - Please ensure everyone is briefed and please include your Regimental HQ element (Regtl Sec etc and other peripheral organisations that may have websites and therefore be susceptible to being contacted by the media to make comment) because the media will try it on with them. All enquiries should be directed to Section 40 143 Bde on Section 40

Here to assist further as required.

Section 40

SO1 D News Army

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03/07/2008

**From:** Section 40 [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 June 2008 10:29

**To:** 1RIRISH-HQ-OC Section 40 [REDACTED]

**Cc:** 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr Section 40 [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: UFOs at Ternhill

Section 40 [REDACTED]

Thanks.

My advice for Cpl Section 40 [REDACTED] action against the Sun is that unless he has hard evidence that they did something he had asked them not to then he will be wasting his time (and money). Telephone conversations are not substantial or sufficient I would offer.

Regards

Section 40 [REDACTED]

**SO1 D News Army**

Section 40 [REDACTED]

**From:** 1RIRISH-HQ-OC [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2008 09:37  
**To:** DGMC-DNews ArmySO1  
**Cc:** 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: UFOs at Ternhill

Sir,

I have spoken with theatre and the CO agrees that this matter should be investigated and disciplinary action follow. We have ascertained that Pte [Section 40] was merely present but has not been in contact with the press and was surprised when his name was mentioned. The case against is being put together and sent to 5XX Legal for formal legal advice, once we have this disciplinary action will be conducted. Cpl [Section 40] has been warned that disciplinary action may follow.

5XX COS has now spoken to us on two occasions (both before the news broke and after the explanation for the 'UFOs' came out) and GOC 5XX is well aware of the issue. COS is satisfied that unless legal advice says otherwise, we the unit will deal with disciplinary action.

Cpl [Section 40] his part has shown genuine remorse and did come to us as soon as he realised what he had done. He had attempted to keep what he said from the Sun and is himself seeking legal advice against the Sun for publishing details he specifically asked them not to publish. In addition, the Sun have misrepresented him and his video footage, showing a street light in the still picture but not explaining that this was a street light.

The DIN has again been published on Part 1 Os, in addition, the Rear Party has been briefed on Media Contact so that they are aware of more than the G1, G2, Operational G3, and G4 aspects of our current Op tour. I don't expect legal advice to come back until the week after next.

Regards,

[Section 40]

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**1 R IRISH**

**Office Mil:** [Section 40]

**Office Civ:** [Section 40]

**Duty Mobile:** [Section 40]

**From:** 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [Section 40]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2008 9:09 AM  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** FW: UFOs at Ternhill

As requested

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**From:** [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2008 08:33  
**To:** 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr [Section 40]  
**Subject:** RE: UFOs at Ternhill

[Section 40]

Here is what looks like the explanation for the 'UFOs'. Looks pretty sound as an explanation to me.

Can you update me as to what is happening to the two soldiers pse?

Thanks

[Section 40]

SO1 D News Army

[Section 40]

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**From:** [Section 40]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2008 08:24  
**To:** [Section 40]  
**Cc:** [Section 40]  
**Subject:** UFOs at Ternhill

Dear all,

Please see link below to our local BBC website which gives a possible explanation for the UFOs at Ternhill.

The same story was also reported on BBC Mids Today last night.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7474160.stm>

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Also and of more note is that sat alongside that article on the front page is a small sidebar that reports the latest death in Afghanistan. In my opinion it completely undervalues and ridicules the ultimate sacrifice that someone has paid. The soldiers involved in the release may just like to ponder that.

I reiterate the point from my previous E mail that these soldiers must be dealt with under the Defence Instructional Notice for unauthorised engagement with the media but that is Chain of Command business.

Media Enquiries - The Way Forward. The MOD Line currently is: **The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported.** We have no reason to change that line and anything else we say will only give the story legs. Therefore I believe we should not say anything more or do anything more on this. I cannot see any opportunities here especially when contrasted with the recent deaths and the funerals that are taking place. There should therefore be no further release of the video or comments made and then the story will hopefully die quickly.

For 2ic Rear Party, 1 R IRISH – Please ensure everyone is briefed and please include your Regimental HQ element (Regtl Sec etc and other peripheral organisations that may have websites and therefore be susceptible to being contacted by the media to make comment) because the media will try it on with them. All enquiries should be directed to Section 40 Bde on Section 40

Here to assist further as required.

Section 40

SO1 D News Army

Section 40

**From:** Section 40

**Sent:** 24 June 2008 13:02

**To:** Section 40 - SIO; 1RIRISH-Trg-Offr Section 40

**Cc:** Section 40

**Subject:** Release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

Cols, All

The Sun have not approached us in London about this yet but probably will do in due course.

Handling. I have agreed with SIO 5 Div that we are not putting the soldiers up for further interviews. There is no opportunity to get our messages out and there is nothing reputation enhancing in this story and risk that it will be revealed as a fake and the soldiers/Bn will look stupid. Cpl Section 40 already given enough to the Sun when he spoke to them and they have his video. He has been sent a contract which I suggest SIO 5 Div needs to see to ascertain whether or not we can stop publication of the video. I suspect we will not be able to. It may be that we meet the Sun half way and get them to run it without saying who passed it to them but that is a very very long shot.

DIN Breach. I have just explained to Capt Section 40 that while it is a Chain of Command issue the soldiers have breached the DIN on engagement with the media and should be disciplined for that. To hear that a Cpl is claiming that he is unaware of the rules I find somewhat incredulous. I have made it clear to Capt Section 40 that the soldiers need it explaining very clearly to them that they are to have nothing more to do with the media even if called by them about this or anything else. For example, the scenario of a death in theatre from the Bn and them then being called to give comment is very credible.

The Future. Any oxygen given to the story will simply incur lots of work subsequently and if it is printed in the Sun tomorrow there will then be lots of subsequent regional interest As explained to Capt Section 40 instead of dealing with the huge interest in the recent 9 fatalities and helping prevent aggressive media intrusion with the families I am now spending time on this (avoidable) incident. If it runs tomorrow then the unit will be approached by regional outlets who will want a piece of the action preventing the unit from getting on with supporting those on ops and those remaining behind. The soldiers may just wish to ponder the subsequent effects of what they have done!!



Regards

Section 40

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Section 40

**From:** Section 40 - SIO  
**Sent:** 24 June 2008 12:47  
**To:** Section 40  
**Cc:** Section 40

**Subject:** UFOs at Tern Hill

Section 40

Capt Section 40 now tells me that after Cpl Section 40 emailed The Sun a copy of the video – they emailed him back a contract – which he has NOT signed.

Capt Section 40 seems to think because Cpl Section 40 did not sign the contract The Sun will not use the images – but I am not sure this is necessarily the case – though it may be correct.

Capt Section 40 is trying to send me a copy of the video but is having some difficulties. If and when I receive, I will forward to you.

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Senior Information Officer C1  
Media Ops  
HQ 5 Div

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E-MAIL Section 40

Please forward official correspondence to 5Div -G2G3-G3 MediaOps Group (Mailbox)



From: Section 40 - SIO [mailto:Section 40]

Sent: 24 June 2008 12:27

To: Section 40

Cc: Section 40

Section 40

Subject: release-authorized: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

Section 40

We spoke, but the following is the basic story:

I took a call this morning from the 2IC rear party at 1 Royal Irish at Tern Hill  
Capt Section 40 on Section 40

A soldier who was part of a fire picket staggng on at the camp on 7 June took video footage with a camera on a mobile phone of what he says were "UFOs" in the sky above the camp – which they have emailed to The Sun – and which The Sun is apparently planning on splashing – probably tomorrow.

I don't have all the details/timings but what I do have is the following:

1. Soldier is Cpl Section 40 who the phone belongs to – he was accompanied by Pte Section 40 who also witnessed the "UFOs".
2. The footage was taken on 7 June at 23.03hrs – with a 5 megapixel camera on the phone.
3. 2IC rear party says the video images are very good.
4. The 2IC says the images could not have been anything to do with nearby RAF Shawbury.
5. They show lots of multi-coloured dots and zoom in on a cube shaped object which then flattens.
6. The Sun has already interviewed Cpl Section 40 he has explained to them what he saw.
7. There is some suggestion of payment being offered – though I think a discussion about that has still to happen.
8. I have reminded all, the 2IC and Cpl Section 40 about their responsibilities ref the DIN on communicating with the media.
9. Cpl Section 40 spoke to Section 40 an editor at The Sun (?)
10. Cpl Section 40 mobile number is Section 40
11. I spoke to the CRO at RAF Shawbury who said he was not aware –  
Sqn Ldr Section 40

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 25 June 2008 09:23  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** RE: Forecast  
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Thanks – any news on what we're doing on this **specific** incident? Does this not count as "may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity"?

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Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State

Mil: Section 40 Civ: Section 40

DII: SofS-Private Office

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 25 June 2008 08:58  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FW: Forecast

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**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 24 June 2008 17:47  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** Forecast

**Sun:** UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers. **LTT:** The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported. "

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**From:** Section 40  
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**Sun: UFO sightings video sent in by soldiers.**

**Generic LTT: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."**

**Have asked for more specifics w.r.t. this particular incident.**

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