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FILE TITLE: (Main Heading - Secondary Heading - Tertiary Heading etc)
**INFORMATION MANAGEMENT -
 DEFENCE INFORMATION MGT.
 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. FOOD**

Reference:
(Prefix and Number): **010AS/1028/13.**
 Part: **B**

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): **b**

Date of last enclosure: **8 MARCH 2005**

Date closed: **25 / 07 / 07**

PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION
(To be completed when the file is closed)

Destroy after _____ years

Forward to INFO(EXP)-R after _____ years

No recommendation

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Date of 1st review Date of 2nd review Forward Destruction Date

Reviewer's Signature: _____ Reviewer's Signature: _____

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(To be fully completed at time of file closure)
(Delete as appropriate)

a. Of no further administrative value and not worthy of permanent preservation. DESTROY IMMEDIATELY (Remember that TOP SECRET and Codeword material cannot be destroyed locally and must be forwarded to INFO(EXP)-R.)

b. (i) To be retained until the end of the year _____ for the following reason(s):

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FINANCE/AUDIT <input type="checkbox"/>	MAJOR EQUIPMENT PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> [_____]
DIRECTORATE POLICY <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>

(ii) Key enclosures which support the recommendation are:

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Destroyed

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PERMANENT RETENTION

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PART 3. BRANCH REVIEWING OFFICER (not below C2 equivalent)

Signature: _____

Name: _____

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: *GRADE 7* Date: *25/07/07*

Branch Title and Full Address:

*M00
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITETALL,
LONDON.*

Tel No:

PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

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Name: _____

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Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET* and SECRET only)

Signature: _____

Name: _____

(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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Dear [REDACTED] 40



I am writing concerning your request for released information, on UFOs and UFO sightings. Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived from 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. They can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. In addition, The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

8/3/05

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31 January 05

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Request: [Redacted] 26-01-2005-091014-003

Received: 25 Jan 05
Expiry Date: [Redacted] 05
Status: Open

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Days Left: 17

Workflow Options

AIT Main

View

Audit Trail

Comments Log

Saved Search Result

Contact Details

Documents

Actions

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 25 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title:	<input type="text" value="tion 40"/>	Other:	<input type="text"/>
First Name:	<input type="text" value="h 40"/>	*Surname:	<input type="text" value="h 40"/>
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>		
Applicant Type:	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>	Other:	<input type="text"/>

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line2:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		
Address Line3:	<input type="text"/>		
Town/City:	<input type="text" value="Oxford"/>		
Postcode:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Country:	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Fax:	<input type="text"/>

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31 January 05

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Request: [redacted] 26-01-2005-091014-003
Days Left: 17

Received: 25 Jan 05
Expiry Date: 22 Feb 05
Status: Open

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Workflow Options

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Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: Language Requested Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Please could you send me the information that you have released on UFO and UFO sightings meny thanks [redacted] n 40

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

To be held by the help desk until allocation.

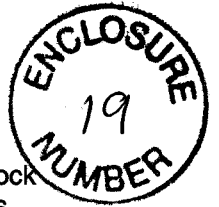
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Dear [REDACTED] 40



I am writing concerning your request for information about an alleged "UFO crash" in Cannock Chase, Staffordshire in January 1974. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

I hope this will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

8/3/05



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16 February 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: [Redacted] 15-02-2005-121415-013 #

Received: 15 Feb 05

Expiry Date: [Redacted] 05

Status: Internal Transfer

All sources

Days Left: 20

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

Audit Trail

Comments Log

Saved Search Result

Contact Details

Documents

Actions

Assign Within My Group

Change Alert Settings

Edit Request Details

Upload Document

Close Case

Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search. The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

I am a reporter for the Birmingham Evening Mail and would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Files, photographs, witness statements, officers accounts and descriptions and correspondence relating to an incident/air crash/suspected UFO crash in Cannock Chase, South Staffordshire in January 1974.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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Request: [Redacted] 15-02-2005-121415-013
Days Left: 20

Received: 15 Feb 05
Expiry Date: 15 Mar 05
Status: Internal Transfer

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Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
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Date request received: 15 February 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] on 40 Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] on 40 *Surname: [Redacted] 40

Organisation: Birmingham Evening Ma

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: PO Box 78

Address Line2: Weaman Street

Address Line3: Birmingham

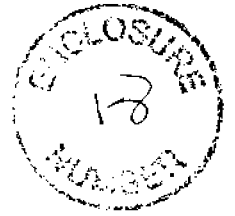
Town/City: West Midlands

Postcode: B4 6AY Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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



Dear [REDACTED] 0

I am writing concerning your request for information about "recently released files relating to UFOs held by S-4". Your message has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

I believe you are referring to records that were released at The National Archives in January 2005 which include UFO sighting reports and correspondence sent to the predecessor of this branch (S4(Air)) in the mid 1970s. These records are no longer held by the Ministry of Defence, but details of how to access records at The National Archives and for their on line catalogue, please go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk .

I hope this is helpful.

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8th March 2005

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23 February 05

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Request: [Redacted] 17-02-2005-101649-002
Days Left: 16

Received: 16 Feb 05
Expiry Date: 16 Mar 05
Status: Internal Transfer

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Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Date request received: 16 February 2005

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] on 40 ▾ Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] 40 *Surname: [Redacted] 40

Organisation: TOYOTA

Applicant Type: Businesses ▾ Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: BRAMPTON

Town/City: ONTARIO

Postcode: [Redacted] 40 Country: Canada ▾

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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23 February 05

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Request: [Redacted] 17-02-2005-101649-002
Days Left: 16

Received: 16 Feb 05
 Expiry Date: 16 Mar 05
 Status: Internal Transfer

🔍 All sources

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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 The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested Welsh

***Enter the request for information:**

recently released files relating to UFO's held by S-4

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

To be held by help desk until allocated

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning your request for information about the alleged UFO incident in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980. Your message has been passed to me as this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

All the documents the Ministry of Defence holds on the events at Rendlesham Forest have already been released to the public and can be seen on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under "Rendlesham Forest" will take you directly to these documents. Alternatively if you wish to see all the classes of information on UFOs in the Scheme, please search on "UFO". There is also further released information available at The National Archives and details can be found on their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

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8th March 2005

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07 March 05

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Request: [Redacted] 28-02-2005-103357-008
Days Left: 16

Received: 28 Feb 05
Expiry Date: 30 Mar 05
Status: Internal Transfer

🔍 All sources

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
The new search results will be saved and will replace the existing save search results.

Date request received: 28 February 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] tion 40

Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted] n 40

*Surname: [Redacted]

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted] 40

Address Line3: Glasgow

Town/City: [Redacted]

Postcode: [Redacted] 0

Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

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07 March 05

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Request: **[Redacted]** 28-02-2005-103357-008
Days Left: 16

Received: 28 Feb 05
Expiry Date: 30 Mar 05
Status: Internal Transfer

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

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Actions

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- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
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- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

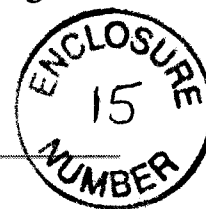
Language Requested Welsh

***Enter the request for information:**

I am looking to study the subject of UFO's. I am looking to request all files/reports on the Rendelsham Forrest incident of December 1980.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

email held with info access helpdesk



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2005 09:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Internet-authorized:Request for Information about UFOs
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED] 0

I am writing concerning your enquiry regarding information the Ministry of Defence has released about 'unidentified flying objects'. Your message has been passed to me because this department is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence about UFOs.

It is likely that the documentary you saw was referring to UFO records which were released in January 2005 in The National Archives. These contain UFO sighting reports and correspondence received by the MOD in the mid 1970s and would normally have been closed to the public for up to a further five years. With the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on 1 January 2005 The National Archives, in consultation with all the Government Departments for which they hold records, secured the early release of some 100,000 closed records that they were holding and among these records there were a small number of UFO files.

Details of how to access records at The National Archives, including their on line catalogue (PROCAT) can be seen at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

In addition you may wish to look at the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme where there is also some information on UFOs. The Scheme can be accessed on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under "UFO" will take you directly to all the classes of information on UFOs in the Scheme. The Scheme also contains a Reading Room where some of the answers to recent Freedom of Information requests can be seen.

I hope this is helpful.

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08/03/2005

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07 March 05

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Request: ██████████ 25-02-2005-101957-005,
Days Left: 14

Received: 24 Feb 05
Expiry Date: ██████████ 05,
Status: Internal Transfer

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Workflow Options
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View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Date request received: 24 February 2005

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Applicant Details

Title:	██████████ ion 40	Other:	████████████████████
First Name:	██████████ on 40	*Surname:	██████████ 40
Organisation:	████████████████████		
Applicant Type:	Not Specified	Other:	████████████████████

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	████████████████████		
Address Line2:	████████████████████		
Address Line3:	████████████████████		
Town/City:	████████████████████		
Postcode:	████████████████	Country:	United Kingdom
Email:	██		
Telephone:	████████████████	Fax:	████████████████

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07 March 05

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Request: [redacted] 25-02-2005-101957-005 Received: 24 Feb 05
Days Left: 14 Expiry Date: 24 Mar 05

Status: Internal Transfer

Workflow Options

Internal Transfer

View

- Audit Trail
- Comments Log
- Saved Search Result
- Contact Details
- Documents

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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Request Details

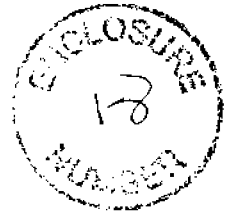
Response Format Requested: Language Requested Welsh

***Enter the request for information:**

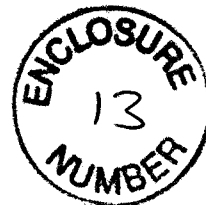
hi, i recently watched a documentary about UFO's and paranormal activity, at the end of which it said that the ministry was releasing several files under the freedom of information act. i have searched for quite a while but with no results. please if i could have the addres for these files, i would greatly appreciate it.
 your kind regars
 [redacted]

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

email held with info access helpdesk



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



Dear [REDACTED] 40

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'UFO incidents' in the Berwyn Mountains in Wales, and Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. Your request has been passed to this Department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

The alleged events at the Berwyn Mountains took place on 24 January 1974 and the Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU. Details of how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. A quick look at the archives catalogue (PROCAT) has revealed two files for this period that might hold relevant information. These are AIR 2/18873 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1973-74) and AIR 2/18874 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1974-75).

All of the Ministry of Defence records about the Rendlesham Forest Incident have been included in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed at www.foi.mod.uk. A search under "Rendlesham Forest" will take you directly to scanned images of these records.

I hope this is helpful.

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2nd March 2005

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01 February 05

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Request: [Redacted] 140405-008
Days Left: 18

Received: 27 Jan 05
Expiry Date: [Redacted]
Status: Internal Transfer

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- Audit Trail
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- Documents

Actions

- Assign Within My Group
- Change Alert Settings
- Edit Request Details
- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

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Date request received: 27 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] ion 40 Other: [Redacted]
 First Name: [Redacted] 40 *Surname: [Redacted] 40
 Organisation: [Redacted]
 Applicant Type: Private Individuals Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]
 Address Line2: [Redacted]
 Address Line3: [Redacted]
 Town/City: Manchester
 Postcode: [Redacted] 40 Country: United Kingdom
 Email: [Redacted]
 Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

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01 February 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

Request: [Redacted] 07-01-2005-140405-008

Received: 27 Jan 05
Expiry Date: 24 Feb 05
Status: Internal Transfer

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Days Left: 18

Workflow Options

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Actions

- Assign Within My Group
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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

I wish for any current and updated information into the two following incidents which occurred and where classed as 'UFO incidents'. These are the Berwyin Mountain Crash in Wales. I am not sure of exact date. The second one is on the Rendlesham Forest incident in Dec/Jan 1980/1981.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

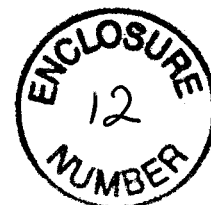
Email held with Info Access Helpdesk

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Dear [redacted] 40

I am writing concerning your request for information about 'unidentified flying objects'. Your request has been passed to this department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs. I will answer your questions / requests in the same order as your message.

(1 & 2). The link to The Independent articles mentioned in your message is not working, but I am aware that the newspaper has produced two articles concerning the release of UFO information. The first of these refers to the incidents you mention in paragraph 1 and 2 of your message and was written following the release of information at The National Archives in January. This information is no longer held by the MOD as it is now open for public viewing at The National Archives. Details of how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

(3). The second article in The Independent followed a Freedom of Information request for a list of UFO reports received by the MOD. I attach a copy of the information given to the newspaper which you may find useful. Personal details about the people who made these reports was withheld in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. With regard to your request for all the paperwork about these reports, I should inform you that this information is not held electronically, but these basic details were extracted from paper files in order to answer this request. Before copies of these reports could be released, they would have to be copied and all personal data would have to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We estimate that to conduct this exercise for all of the reports listed here would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, you wish to be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you further. In the meantime you may wish to be aware that we are compiling a database of all the UFO reports we hold and we intend to publish it at the end of June in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, which can be found at www.foi.mod.uk.

(4 to 6). The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

(7). As you will see from the attached list, the UFO sighting reports we receive describe objects of various shapes and colours.

(8). This is a hypothetical question as the MOD knows of no evidence of the existence of such phenomena.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact this department in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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1st March 2005

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TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

To DAS (LA) POP
cc.

TO Ref No 823 /2005

Date 25-1-05

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The Prime Minister/SofS/Min(AF)/Min(DP)/USofS/MOD* 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 above date**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

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

It is vital that branches ensure they have simple systems to record and track correspondence received from members of the public. This information should be regularly monitored and reviewed against the targets for answering correspondence published in the Spending Review 2000 Service Delivery Agreement for the Ministry of Defence.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

Ministerial Correspondence Unit

Floor 5, Zone A, Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB

f: [redacted] DII: Ministerial Correspondence; e: Ministerial-Correspondence@mod.uk.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ministers
Sent: 24 January 2005 12:41
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request

Advance Treat Official Correspondence

The MCU has received the message below, which obviously requires urgent attention. We will now allocate it a number, log it on to our database, and send it to you in hard copy. But in the meantime, we thought you might wish to start work on preparing an answer now.

Regards,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2005 11:49
To: public@ministers.mod.uk
Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Freedom of Information Officer
Ministry of Defence

Dear Sir/Madam ,

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<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/story.jsp?story=603470>

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I understand that under the act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours,

[REDACTED]
Islington
London [REDACTED]

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Brief: MOD Northwood



Uncovered at last: the sightings of strange flying objects found in Britain's 'X-Files'

BY ROBERT VERKAIK

THEY CONTAIN Britain's very own X-Files: thousands of classified documents detailing credible observations of unidentified flying objects reported by RAF personnel, British Airways pilots and senior police officers.

Now under the Freedom of Information laws, files previously held by the Ministry of Defence's special UFO department, known as SF4, are being released to the public.

Among the most credible reports of a possible visit by extraterrestrial life-forms is one made by an RAF pilot and two NCOs at RAF Boulmer in Northumberland.

In July 1977 Flt Lt A M Wood reported "bright objects hanging over the sea". The MoD document adds that the RAF officer said the closest object was "luminous, round and four to five times larger than a Whirlwind helicopter". The UFOs were reported to be three miles out to sea at a height of about 5,000ft.

The officer, whose report is supported by Cpl Torrington and Sgt Graham, said: "The objects separated. Then one went west of the other, as it manoeuvred it changed shape to become body-shaped with projections like arms and legs." The men who were positioned at the picket post at the RAF station were able to observe the strange objects for an hour and 40 minutes.

At the same time a radar station detected the objects in exactly the same position as the men had observed them. It registered them to be between 30 to 35 degrees before they disappeared from the screen.

The report describes Flt Lt Wood as "reliable and sober".

It adds: "Two contacts were noted on radar, both T84 and T85, at RAF Boulmer. They were also seen on the Staxton Wold radar picture which is relayed to West Drayton... On seeing the objects on radar the duty controller checked with the SRO at RAF West Drayton as to whether he could see the objects on radar supplied from RAF Staxton Wold."

This account was deemed so sensitive to the national interest that the MoD had delayed its release for an extra three years. But under the Freedom of Information Act, which came into force on 1 January, the file has been reviewed and declassified.

Some of the other reports are equally compelling. A British Airways Tri-Star on a return flight from Portugal in July 1976 was involved in an incident which led to the scrambling of fighter jets.

The MoD report says that the Tri-Star captain reported "four objects - two round brilliant white, two cigar-shaped" 13 miles north of Faro. The captain was so alarmed by what he and the passengers had seen that he reported the sighting to air traffic controllers at Lisbon and Heathrow. The report says that fighters were immediately scrambled from Lisbon.

Shortly afterwards another Tri-Star crew on the same flight path reported a similar unexplained-sighting. This time they said there was a "bright object with two contrails" between Fatima and Faro. It remained stationary before moving north and then "changing in length".

In another incident in the same month two Tri-Star co-pi-

lots and five of their cabin crew reported "passing underneath a bright white circular object".

The files also contain reports compiled by police officers of their first-hand experiences of observing UFOs. On 8 April 1977, Superintendent Cooper of West Yorkshire Police described a sighting while on duty in a patrol car in Laisterdyke. He said: "I looked to my right and through the side window of the car I saw a bright silver light. At first I thought this was a bright star. It was low in the sky, a long distance away... then I thought that this light was moving. The light was visible just over the rooftops of the houses on Ferrand Avenue at the junction with Hambledon Avenue."

Superintendent Cooper continued to observe the object as it moved along the rooftops until the light "suddenly vanished". He said: "The light went out and I could see nothing whatsoever in the sky where the light had been. I then contacted Operations who reported no other sightings recorded."

MoD officers working at the UFO unit have often made reference to the credibility of the person making the reports. Observations made by former servicemen appear to be taken more seriously than others. An MoD report sent from RAF Cosford on 14 July 1976 noted that the 66-year-old woman from Wolverhampton, who claimed to have seen a "white, bar-shaped" object in the night sky, was married to a retired RAF pilot but later the report added dismissively: "He did not observe anything from his seated position."

But the veracity of the reports

is brought into question as soon as there is any suspicion of alcohol influencing the observations. Several sightings between 2 and 5 September 1977 are dismissed even though the informants are adamant they saw a "pulsating bright light, emitting a vapour trail" near Derby. The file ends: "Four witnesses had been imbibing at the local hostelry and their sightings were discounted."

Scepticism creeps into the MoD reports if it emerges that it is not the first time a person has seen a UFO. Between 7 and 8 August 1976, a Rotherham man reported four sightings to his local radar station. The comment on the UFO file reads: "He evidently runs a UFO sightings club and has been logging UFOs for three years."

British UFO hunters will no doubt use these sorts of comments to help support the theory that the Government has been suppressing evidence of a visit by extraterrestrial life.

However, some of the sightings strike a rather salutary note. A white, bright light that caught the attention of a woman in Tenterden in September 1977 was immediately reported to Ashford police station and her observations duly noted.

But in the MoD file, the officers find a more mundane explanation for her experience. The officers says: "She saw a long white light in the front with a flashing red light at the rear. The informant states: 'like a jumbo jet'."

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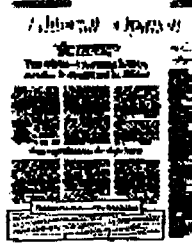
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Dubious encounters of the British kind

BRITAIN'S "X-FILES" are open at last. *The Independent*, with help from the new Freedom of Information Act, has accessed documents which hitherto lay hidden deep within the Ministry of Defence's special UFO department, known as SF4.

The testimonies from three decades ago are fascinating but, sadly, barely enough to make even the most credulous conspiracy theorist's mouth water.

Consider the details of this sighting near Newcastle-under-Lyme in July 1977: "Bright, objects hanging over the sea. Luminous, round and four to five times larger than a Whirlwind helicopter." It's not

exactly *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

But there is enough there for those who cling to the idea that alien life-forms have visited us from outer space. After all, for all the popularity of LSD in the 1970s, the witnesses are sober folk such as RAF personnel and senior police officers. So we cynics in the media should put aside our scepticism and accept that ET may have made a trip to check out the denizens of Staffordshire.

We demand a crack team of Mulder and Scullys to get to the bottom of the mysteries raised by these files. After all, the truth is out there.

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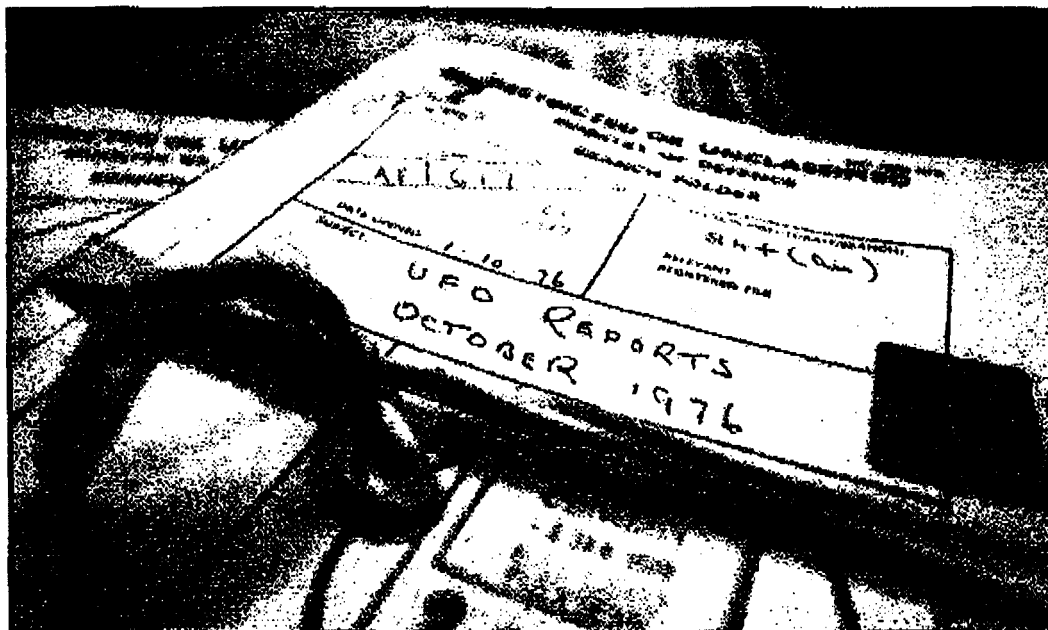
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The formerly secret reports. They are now available at the National Archive

Timothy Allen



UFO 'SIGHTINGS'

**Chief Superintendent
Holmes, Manchester
Police, 3 July 1976**

Routine traffic patrol on
A62, Manchester Road.
"We watched the light for
about two minutes. I then
followed in a police
vehicle along the A62."

**Flight Lieutenant A M
Wood, Corporal
Torrington, SACs
Hughes, Goddard and
Graham, July 1977**

RAP Boumer: "Two bright
objects hanging over the
sea. As it manoeuvred
object changed shape to
become body shaped."

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Police release details of 'aliens in forest'

A close encounter with Britain's X-files

OUT OF THIS WORLD: But are UFOs simply the work of clever hoaxers?

By Glen Owen

SECRET police details of one of Britain's most celebrated 'close encounters' with a UFO have been released under new Freedom of Information measures.

Suffolk police have placed on the internet all their internal memos relating to the 'Unusual Lights' incident in Rendlesham Forest on Boxing Day, 1980, which has since been claimed to be a hoax.

American airmen at RAF Woodbridge reported a strange 'metallic craft' with glowing lights and 'hieroglyphic markings'. The next day, landing marks were allegedly found on the ground, burns seen on nearby trees and 'radiation traces' recorded.

Conspiracy theorists insist that it remains a mystery - despite the confession in 2003 by Kevin Conde, an air-

man at the base, that he had turned a battered American police car into a 'spacecraft' by sticking red and green lenses on it, and driving round in circles in the fog with a PA loudspeaker going and the lights flashing.

He said he was bored and wanted to play a practical joke on a friend in a sentry box. But UFO enthusiasts claim he is 'retrospectively trying to write himself into the story'.

Suffolk Constabulary has put the documents on its website, under the Freedom of Information Act, which came into effect this month.

They include a message from the airbase to the constabulary's command desk reporting a 'sighting of some unusual lights in the sky... [we] have sent some unarmed troops to investigate, we are terming it as a UFO at present... reports received of aerial

phenomena over southern England during the night'.

The following day, the desk received a second report from officers at the scene who 'found a place where a craft of some sort seems to have landed... there were three marks which did not follow a set pattern'.

In a separate move, the Ministry of Defence has released thousands of classified documents from its special UFO department, known as SF4.

They include an account, dated July 1977, from Flt Lt AM Wood, a pilot at RAF Boulmer, who saw 'bright objects hanging over the sea', including an object which was 'luminous, round and four to five times larger than a helicopter'.

The UFOs were said to be three miles out at a height of 5,000ft.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ministers
Sent: 24 January 2005 12:41
To: DAS-FOI
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request

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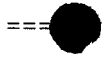
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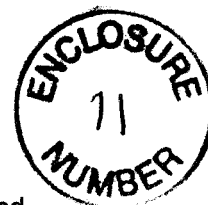
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[REDACTED]

Islington
London [redacted] 40



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Dear [REDACTED] n 40

I am writing concerning your request for information for "Unidentified Flying Objects reported by the Flying Saucer Working Party". Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

The Flying Saucer Working Party was set up in August 1950 and dissolved in June 1951. All the surviving papers are now open to the public at The National Archives. You can contact The National Archives at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, by telephone on +44 20 8876 34444 or via their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party has also been included in the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk. Please search under 'UFO' and then use the link for 'Reports' which will allow you to view an image of the document.

I hope this is helpful.

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First Name: [Redacted] 40

***Surname:** [Redacted] on 40

Organisation: KRX (Korea Exchange)

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: [Redacted]

Address Line3: Busan

Town/City: Korea

Postcode: [Redacted]

Country: Korea, Republic of (South)

Email: [Redacted]

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [REDACTED] Legal Affairs Correspondent, The Independent

Case Number: 04-01-2005-095844-003

Expiry: 2 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Original request was for a full list of unexplained sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in this country. The request was then refined to a two year period of the most recent UFO documents.

Since his last request [REDACTED] has also requested details about the people making the reports, (sex, occupation and age), the circumstances in which the sighting was made and what the MOD said about the alleged sighting.

Case for release of information

The requested information for 2005 and 2004 was sent to [REDACTED] on 31 January 2005. The records for 2003 had to be retrieved from the TNT archives so there has been a delay in completing this request. This has now been compiled for release to [REDACTED] in a similar manner to the information previously released. Personal data about those making the reports has not been included in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

With regard to [REDACTED] further enquiries, the MOD does not ask people for their sex, age or occupation when they make a report. Although it may be obvious from their name, what sex they are, no statistics are kept on this and could only be compiled by examining every report again. Occupations are sometimes given and where available [REDACTED] has been informed of those for the period covered by his request. Witnesses very rarely give their age and again no statistics are held. In answer to [REDACTED] question about the circumstances in which sightings are made and what the MOD has said about them, he has been informed of the MOD's limited interest, how reports are handled and that none have been considered of defence concern.

A draft response to [REDACTED] is attached.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: 

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 15/05.....

Date: 28/2/05

DRAFT RESPONSE TO [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail message of 1 February, please find attached the remaining information which you requested concerning UFO sighting reports the MOD received for sightings in 2003. I apologise for the delay in sending this information.

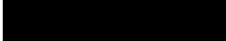

With regard to your subsequent e-mail in which you requested further details about those who made these reports, I should inform you that we do not request information about the sex, occupation or age of those reporting these sightings. Often it is obvious what sex the witness is by their name, but we do not keep statistics on how many reports are received from men and how many from women. Some people will give details of their occupation if they think it may be relevant and where these have been supplied for the reports made in 2003, I have included them in the attached table. For those reports supplied with my last e-mail, only one gave their occupation and that was for 19 July 2004 from Wellford, Berkshire which was supplied by staff working for a Newspaper. With regard to the ages of witnesses, it is very unusual for people to give their age when making a report.

You also asked about the circumstances in which the sightings were made and what the MOD said about them. It may be helpful if I explain that the MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Reports of 'UFO' sightings we receive are examined 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, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit. None of the reports received during the period of your request for information have been considered to be of defence concern.

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Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of sighting	Occupation
04-Jan-03	21:15	St Clares, Nr Carmarthen	Dyfed	White object with vivid flashing green, blue and red lights.	
04-Jan-03	19:20	Nr Benbecula Airport		One object with a very bright light like an aircraft's landing light, with a smaller dimmer light on top of the bright light.	Senior Air Traffic Controller
06-Jan-03	15:00	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	Three silver or white balls in the sky, joined by another two. Quite large. Travelling in a line.	
07-Jan-03	21:26	Blackpool	Lancashire	One bright white object, hovering at first, then moving quickly.	
08-Jan-03	22:00	Coaltown of Balgonie	Fife	Changing shape. Strong blue, green and red lights pulsating lights. Jumbo Jet sized.	
10-Jan-03	03:00	Brighton	Sussex	Looked like a satellite re-entering, moving across the sky, then shot off like a shooting star.	
10-Jan-03		Stirling	Scotland	Two aircraft type objects flying next to each other. Both had vapour trails.	
10-Jan-03	01:00	East Dulwich	London	Lights, that were formed in a worm shape, wriggling around in the sky.	
11-Jan-03	23:45	Bridgnorth	Salop	Oblong in shape with three vertical flashing lights, red, yellow and green, all flashing at the same time.	
13-Jan-03	07:40	Dunkeld	Tayside	Distant object moving from side to side. Bright light, brighter than any star. Went dim from time to time.	
15-Jan-03	22:10	Cowbridge	South Glamorgan	A large round disc, slightly smaller than the moon. Creamy white then changed green.	
19-Jan-03	18:03	Stonehaven	Grampian	Three bright lights forming a triangle. Hovering not moving.	
25-Jan-03	19:08	Chester	Cheshire	Twelve bright lights moving from side to side.	
29-Jan-03	18:15	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	Two triangular shaped objects, flying in perfect synchronisation. Low humming noise - not like a normal commercial airliner.	RAF Personnel
03-Feb-03		Leyland	Lancashire	Bright light lit up the curtains, and for a split second appeared to be heading for the window. Followed by a loud bang.	
16-Feb-03	17:20	Birmingham	West Midlands	Object seen. Static.	
19-Feb-03	18:30	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire	Like a shooting star falling to the ground.	
21-Feb-03	10:30	Penryn	Cornwall	A circular bright light - three arms on the object, (not rotating), in the middle of it was a red light.	

25-Feb-03	23:00	Southfields	London	Object, not a plane, not on flight path and not a star.	
01-Mar-03		Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two large white objects, close together, looked like jets or refuelling planes. Going at jet speed.	
02-Mar-03	15:54	Pontypridd	Mid-Glamorgan	Strange object, silver and shaped like a dart.	
11-Mar-03	21:50	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	An object high up in the sky.	
30-Mar-03	20:00	Aldershot	Hampshire	A very large delta shaped formation of steady red lights - no noise.	
30-Mar-03		Glastonbury	Somerset	Lights in the sky.	
31-Mar-03	09:20		London	Two silver objects that were stationary in the sky. One seemed to be closer than the other.	
05-Apr-03	03:58			Massive object, about the size of two football pitches, triangular shape. Took off very fast.	
07-Apr-03	02:30	Falmouth	Cornwall	One craft with three yellow lights on portside and three red lights on starboard side. Shape was between circular and triangular or Delta wing size.	
11-Apr-03	22:21	Stansted Airport	Essex	A ball of fire, very bright, with no colour.	A Captain & a First Officer of a civilian aircraft.
23-Apr-03	18:15	Heathrow Airport	London	A ball of light, with no colour, passed under an aircraft, front to back, very fast.	
24-Apr-03		Shepherds Bush	London	Crafts coming down from behind the clouds.	
05-May-03	18:30			Saw a black triangle flying quite fast and silently, through the sky in a single direction.	
13-May-03	17:45	Belfast	Northern Ireland	Two objects that looked like stars.	
25-May-03	23:00	Sandyford	Lanarkshire	The object was high and bright and had no anti-collision lights.	
25-May-03	23:05	Kilmacolm	Strathclyde	Large bright light.	
25-May-03	23:20	St. Leonards	East Kilbride	Huge white ball that was glowing. Looked like a flying jellyfish.	
28-May-03	07:50	Great Yarmouth	Norfolk	The object was saucer shaped.	
30-May-03	23:25	Kingston-upon-Hull	Humberside	A bright light in the sky.	
31-May-03	21:00	Gateshead	Tyne and Wear	Black orb with five or six tassels underneath it.	
08-Jun-03	17:00	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	White cylindrical object moving very fast up into the sky.	
09-Jun-03	06:40	Isleworth	London	Silver object as bright as a star, changed from a cylinder to a crescent moon shape, with red and silver stripes.	

14-Jun-03	21:35	Llandrindod Wells	Powys	Very big red light balls hovering. One red light hung smaller and then dropped out.	
14-Jun-03	15:39	Walthamstow	London	Cylinder shaped object, with faint stars around it. Thought it was metal, as light was shining off of it.	
14-Jun-03	06:00	Girton	Cambridgeshire	Small circular object. Blue and white translucent.	
20-Jun-03	08:35		Kent	A string of two sets of two lights.	
21-Jun-03	16:43	Richmond	London	A doughnut shaped object was spotted moving from left to right, side to side. One side was shiny and reflective, and the other black.	
21-Jun-03	12:32	Wimbledon	London	Just said something was seen for three seconds. (Didn't specify).	
26-Jun-03	16:28	Melksham	Wiltshire	The object was a silvery white colour and non reflective in the sunshine.	
28-Jun-03	23:22	Glastonbury	Somerset	Orange lights moving as a group in a circular motion. Moved slowly along.	
08-Jul-03	20:00	Hereford	Herefordshire	A stationary triangular object was seen. The object remained stationary for about 30 minutes at quite a height.	MOD Police
12-Jul-03	22:05	Rhonda	Mid-Glamorgan	Two round objects with legs, which were black and spinning.	
13-Jul-03		Wellingborough	Northants	Saw a ball of light in the sky.	
13-Jul-03	20:30	Winterley	Cheshire	Appeared like a star, possibly a balloon.	
14-Jul-03	21:30		Northamptonshire	Saw the biggest white light that the witness had ever seen before. It shot off across the sky and then disappeared.	
15-Jul-03	03:25	Bermondsey	London	Assumed object to be a shooting star at first. No trail behind.	
15-Jul-03	21:40	Galston on Sea	Norfolk	Disc like object, moving in the sky slowly, poised once and headed in a NE direction.	
15-Jul-03	00:30	Malvern	Worcestershire	One light was seen. Erratic movement and stationary.	
20-Jul-03	23:05	Bridlington	East Yorkshire	Bright white star like light. Moved from side to side, up and down and in circles.	
22-Jul-03		Bridlington	East Yorkshire	Silver or white object. Moved at an unbelievable speed.	
27-Jul-03	18:00	Gravesend	Kent	Silver ball up in the sky for about an hour. Disappeared and then returned again about an hour later.	
04-Aug-03	21:00	Wellingborough	Northants	A brilliant orange ball of light seen 2000ft up in the sky.	
08-Aug-03	22:35	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	A star shaped object. Witness watched for a few minutes,	

				then it dropped from the sky like a bomb.	
10-Aug-03	23:15	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Could see a few round spheres.	
13-Aug-03	22:55	Maesteg	Mid-Glamorgan	Round football shaped. Flashing lights-multi coloured. The lights were on top then moved around the object.	
14-Aug-03	18:00	Southfleet	Kent	Unusual object, with flashing lights but not like aircraft lights, more like reflections from the sun. No trail.	
14-Aug-03	23:57	Worcester	Worcestershire	Very bright white light, bigger than a star, but quickly diminishing in size until it completely disappeared.	
14-Aug-03	23:09	Newport	Gwent	Orange circular object seen. Stayed stationary.	
16-Aug-03	21:00	Amesbury	Wiltshire	Flying saucer shaped object.	
17-Aug-03	23:45	Bonnybridge	Central	Just a sighting. No details given.	
19-Aug-03	23:30	St Seithins	Perthshire	Object with two white lights with one red and one orange in the middle, both flashing.	
21-Aug-03	14:00	Lincoln	Lincolnshire	Cigar shaped, grey in colour with domed ends, was silent and very slow.	
27-Aug-03	23:00	Worcester	Worcestershire	A helium type balloon, size of a moon, with flashing blue and red lights, moving north along the line of the A38 over the area south of Worcester.	
03-Sep-03	21:35	Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	An orange ball seen about 2000ft up in the sky.	
04-Sep-03	23:40	Todmorden	West Yorkshire	Six lights that split, at one point becoming eight lights. Orange and red in colour.	
13-Sep-03	21:40	Heckmondwike	West Yorkshire	Two circular objects, about half the apparent size of the moon. Very dull yellow.	Senior Curator/Royal Armouries Museum
13-Sep-03	22:40	Manchester	Greater Manchester	Round, white lights in the sky.	
13-Sep-03	20:15	Great Yarmouth	Norfolk	Bright as Mars. White light. Dim. Moved in a South East direction.	
17-Sep-03	20:45	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two small, star size objects, much darker orange or rust colour, followed by another two doing manoeuvres.	
17-Sep-03	21:00	Northolt	London	One object. White brilliant light, flickering yellow and red. Extremely brighter than other stars around it. Moving from side to side.	
18-Sep-03	03:00	Wimbledon	London	Triangular object, copper coloured. Hovered over the house for about a minute then disappeared.	

19-Sep-03	22:30	Ashby De La Launde, Nr Digby	Lincolnshire	A object spinning above a house.	
22-Sep-03		Hove	East Sussex	A red unidentified flying object, definitely not an aeroplane.	
24-Sep-03	19:25	Barry	South Glamorgan	An unusual object, falling from a cloud, like it was burning, Very fast. Was viewed for five minutes.	
24-Sep-03	20:45	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Two pairs of objects that were not recognisable as aircraft and were purple in colour.	
14-Oct-03	06:56	Whitney	Oxfordshire	Very large object with flashing lights.	
26-Oct-03	21:06	North Wirral	Merseyside	Two objects travelling side by side overhead. Dull red in colour.	
05-Nov-03	16:30	Southbound on the A11		Two bright lights in the sky.	Assistant Secretary/RAF Dependants Fund
17-Nov-03	02:25	Bromley	Kent	There were 20-30 red flashing lights in the sky accompanied by a whirring noise.	Police Officers/Police helicopter crew
25-Nov-03	14:25	Wem	Shropshire	A strange bright orange/red light in the sky.	
01-Dec-03		Woodbridge	Suffolk	An unusual aircraft, but with strange lights.	
02-Dec-03	01:20	Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire	Nothing was seen, but a loud noise was heard, like a balloon letting out air.	
02-Dec-03	01:30	Thame	Oxfordshire	A loud noise like a hot air balloon was heard, but nothing was seen.	Newspaper Editor
17-Dec-03	19:15	Wokingham	Berkshire	The object was black/dark with lights along the side and a weird strobe light. Was about 60 ft across. Very high in the sky.	
29-Dec-03	01:50	Nr Barnton Park	Edinburgh	A steady bright light in the sky resembling the front of a helicopter.	
		Ashburton	Devon	(Seen for six weeks - Feb/March 2003). Two strange lights in the sky.	
		Wellingborough	Northamptonshire	(Seen for three weeks in Feb 2003). Very bright white light with five other lights around it, that were moving. Looked like a barrage balloon from World War 2.	
		Wigan	Lancashire	(Seen 2003). 17 spaceships. V shaped, oblong, wings and different colours. Could see green aliens with cream coloured bellies.	

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From: [REDACTED]@independent.co.uk
Sent: 01 February 2005 11:51
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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear [REDACTED], the reports from before 1977 now held at the national archive give much more detail. For example, can I have more detail about the person making the report (sex, occupation and age) the circumstances in which the sighting was made and what the MOD have said about the alleged sighting. I believe the MOD's S4F department have fuller information. If there is a resource issue concerning this information I would only require further details of sightings for this year and if possible 2004 .

Thank you for your help, [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request about UFO sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence. Thank you for refining your request to a two year period of the most recent sightings.

Please see attached details of UFO sightings received for 2004 and those received to date in 2005, as requested. Personal data about the people who reported these sightings has not been included in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We have recalled our files from Archives which contain the reports for 2003 and I will send you similar details as soon as these arrive.

I hope this information is helpful. I will write to you again as soon as possible with the outstanding information.

Yours sincerely,

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UFO sighting reports received by the MOD



2005

Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of Sighting
14-Jan-05	00:24	Leeds	West Yorkshire	Two bright lights, round, and orange in colour.
14-Jan-05		St Clements	Cornwall	A bright light was seen heading towards the earth through the clouds.
15-Jan-05	23:15	Stoke-on-Trent	Staffordshire	Just said it was a flying saucer.
		Chatteris	Cambridgeshire	Just said that it was a sighting.
		Whitstable	Kent	Strange lights were seen in the sky.

2004

Date	Time	Town / Village	County	Brief Description of Sighting
02-Jan-04	04:30	Ayr	Strathclyde	A square red object, pinkish at the front.
09-Jan-04	14:00	Market Harborough	Leicestershire	One large black triangular aircraft with three bright lights in a triangle formation. There was a rumbling sound.
09-Jan-04	22:30	Thaxted	Essex	Strange light that was watched for one and a half hours.
12-Jan-04	16:30	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	Round object with white lights all around it.
27-Jan-04	21:00	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Four dull red lights above the house, travelling fast and low.
27-Jan-04	23:08	Retford	Nottinghamshire	One object seen over Retford Town Hall.
28-Jan-04	18:30	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Flashing green lights 1000-5000ft up in the sky.
28-Jan-04	18.15	Billingsley	Shropshire	Lights in the night sky flying in formation.
04-Feb-04	06:15	Grosmont	North Yorkshire	Object appeared to be a soundless pair of lights, one yellow, the other white. No discernable shape.
08-Feb-04	21:45	Ely	Cambridgeshire	Four lights, one brighter than the others, sometimes fading.
11-Feb-04	21:05	Holbeach	Lincolnshire	Two objects, described as a fast pair of speeding lights - very fast bright light.

18-Feb-04	16:02	Rhyl	Clwyd	Large black object over Rhyl.
01-Mar-04	20:00	Lowestoft	Suffolk	Yellow light in a circular formation. The flash shot across the sky and the lights went out.
17-Mar-04	20:20	Edinburgh	Lothian	Fast moving bright light.
25-Mar-04	22:10	Leighton Buzzard	Bedfordshire	Large ball of light. Looked like a rocket. No sound generally, but at times, a slight whirring sound.
27-Mar-04			Sri Lanka	Saw the object at 17:30 Sri Lankan time. The object looked like a ring doughnut and was orange and had other rings of colour surrounding it too.
02-Apr-04	12:30	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
09-Apr-04	17:57	Greater Chesterford	Essex	60ft long symmetrical object.
09-Apr-04	19:30	Dimchurch	Kent	Just said it was an object. That it was flying over very fast and then disappeared.
11-Apr-04	20:43	Seaforth	Merseyside	Saw a UFO, with a cluster of four bright lights in a ring shape on it. Three beams of white light shone upwards and then disappeared.
14-Apr-04	10:30	Wellingborough	Northants	A round object was flying overhead at a very fast speed.
14-Apr-04	20:27	Honley	West Yorkshire	Looked like a Jellyfish flying in the sky. May have had two bright lights on the side of the object.
15-Apr-04	22:20	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere. Very bright.
16-Apr-04	22:40	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
16-Apr-04	22:55	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Yellow sphere.
19-Apr-04	22:10	Filey	North Yorkshire	Two objects travelling together. They climbed at an incredible speed, and headed south down the coast.
22-Apr-04	16:30	Goole	East Yorkshire	The object looked like a boomerang and was stationary over a power station. An aircraft was circling the object.
22-Apr-04		Queensbury	West Yorkshire	Just said an object.
25-Apr-04	08:50	Primrose Hill	London	The object was a rectangle shape with a white light.
29-Apr-04	22:30	Derby	Derbyshire	Four bright lights, plus the outer circle of the round object, had eight lights going round in a clockwise direction.
05-May-04	23:10	Kings Lynn	Norfolk	A bright, pulsing-spider looking object.
10-May-04	22:45	Storth	Cumbria	Looked like a bright star and was moving around like a kite.

10-May-04	22:47	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Two yellow spheres, going at a tremendous speed.
14-May-04	03:10	Leeds	West Yorkshire	A very bright light and also saw strobe lights near the bright light.
15-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Two spheres.
17-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
19-May-04	23:20	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Large bright sphere.
20-May-04	09:43		Surrey	The witness had seen the object so clearly, that grooves and windows could be seen and no room for humans to fit within it.
20-May-04	11:15	Nelson	Lancashire	The object was white in colour and 'chewy mint' shaped.
20-May-04	13:30	Skipton	North Yorkshire	Looked like a light, transparent ring.
22-May-04	23:50			Two objects were both an orange colour and were disc shaped. They looked like aircraft without wings and were very silent.
25-May-04	17:00	Paignton	Devon	Long single, black cylinder type object about 200ft long.
25-May-04		West Kilbride	Ayrshire	One sphere.
30-May-04	12:15	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Five bright spheres flying beside each other.
01-Jun-04	00:00	Hamilton	Lanarkshire	The object was a bright light and it was flashing and making engine noises.
02-Jun-04	00:35	Hamilton	Lanarkshire	One object with a bright, white flashing light, and was making engine noises.
02-Jun-04	01:00	Hayes	Middlesex	Object looked like a comet at first, was quite bright and got lighter as it grew bigger.
04-Jun-04	21:07	Coventry	West Midlands	One long, black, cigar shaped object.
05-Jun-04		Wellingborough	Northants	A black 'UFO' was seen flying over a Methodist Church.
14-Jun-04	09:30	Rushden	Northants	A 'UFO' was following an airliner.
14-Jun-04	23:15	Bridgend		One object, about 70ft long, with brilliant bright lights. The object changed shape, just before the sight was lost.
21-Jun-04	17:55	Oldham	Greater Manchester	One long, black, cigar shaped object.
13-Jul-04	01:00	Winchmore Hill	London	Object was extremely large, completely circular and the lights on it were pulsating different colours.
14-Jul-04	23:10	Corby	Northants	Bright yellow light, low level, appeared from nowhere for about ten seconds.
19-Jul-04	22:20	Wellford	Berkshire	Ball of flames with a solid underneath, the flames went out and came on again, and then plummeted to earth.

28-Jul-04		Lynton nr Exmoor	Devon	The object looks like a big white triangle on the horizon.
31-Jul-04	22:45	Shepton Mallet	Somerset	Three very strange, bright orange objects, which were quite large and going in an upward direction.
07-Aug-04	04:30	Chingford	London	Strange looking object, bigger than an aircraft, it had mesh around it and red, blue, green and yellow lights around the outside.
07-Aug-04		Greenside	Newcastle upon Tyne	Only reported as alien sightings above the house.
16-Aug-04	23:35	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Five spheres spotted, flying together.
29-Aug-04	03:05	Loughton	Essex	The object was white, hazy and round, and there was no noise.
01-Sep-04	15:55	Glossop	Derbyshire	Silver disc.
02-Sep-04	23:50	Deal	Kent	The object was very bright and was of large proportions. Large in velocity.
04-Sep-04	14:30	White Hill	East Hampshire	The object was a black cylinder rectangle shape and was the size of a house. One minute the colour was black and then changed to a silver colour.
05-Sep-04	10:24	Birmingham	West Midlands	An object was seen the size of a ten pence piece. It had a domed top and bottom. Was metallic in appearance.
05-Sep-04	15:20	Barry	South Glamorgan	The object was a bright light at first and then looked like a box kite. There was no sound, wings or fuselage.
07-Sep-04	11:30	Holywell	Flintshire	Two silvery objects, they were pulling apart and moving together and they left vapour trails as they were moving.
08-Sep-04	20:15	Cardiff	South Glamorgan	Large flash of light which turned into a grey object descending over Cardiff bay, with trailing smoke behind it.
09-Sep-04	23:20	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Spotted strange lights over the town.
16-Sep-04	03:50	Iwerne Minster	Somerset	The object looked like a great bright light and was really intense, like a big ball of fire, rapidly moving towards the ground.
20-Sep-04	22:00	Lutterworth	Leicestershire	Flashing lights.
24-Sep-04	06:30	Devizes	Wiltshire	Looked like a big ball of fire coming down from the sky with a tail and sparks coming off of the end of it.
24-Sep-04	06:30	Newport	Dyfed/South Wales	One object that looked like a disc, with a tail and was shiny.
24-Sep-04		Swindon	Wiltshire	Saw a big orange disc going from East to West. Said the object was totally silent and moving quite slowly.

30-Sep-04	21:10	Porchester	Hampshire	Just mentioned a sighting.
10-Oct-04	10:15	Strath Bongo/Glasgow	Strathclyde	The object looked like a wide test tube shape, that moved from the South East.
10-Oct-04	22:15	Colchester	Essex	Bright orange/red colour object, rapidly and randomly changing direction, from East to West.
11-Oct-04	02:35	Preston	Lancashire	The object was a round sphere like the moon and it had green and red flashing lights and was very noisy.
12-Oct-04	20:07	Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Strange lights over the town.
18-Oct-04		Wimbledon	London	A few objects.
06-Nov-04	21:25	Driffield	East Yorkshire	The object had three to four different colour lights.
09-Nov-04		Warrington	Northants	The object was very bright like the sun, and it looked like the size of a space hopper! Had flames coming off of it, so it could have been a meteorite! Now says probably was!
11-Nov-04	14:15	Ilford	Essex	The object was the size of a round beach ball and black. Looked disc shaped when it became stationary in the sky. Had no wings.
19-Nov-04	08:02	Douglas	Isle of Man	The object was a silver disc, with solar panels, but turned out to be an ATR 42 - twin propeller, Euromanx aeroplane.
26-Nov-04	21:00	West Kilbride	Ayrshire	Witnessed at least 25 yellow spheres, flying in groups of five, flying North over West Kilbride.
29-Nov-04	17:15	Wellingborough	Northants	A group of lights were seen and then a buzzing noise was heard.
10-Dec-04	17:25	Broxburn/Edinburgh	Lothian	Ball of fire, with a tail five to seven times the diameter of the ball. Bright orange with a weaker orange tail. Meteorite?
15-Dec-04	08:30	Lisburn/Belfast	County Antrim	Three bright lights moving in the sky.
27-Dec-04	17:15	Wellingborough	Northants	A 'UFO' was seen, and then it changed into a bright light.
		Leicester	Leicestershire	Three to four discs, that looked oval shape when the discs moved to the side. Moved in a triangular formation across the sky.
		Letchworth	Bedfordshire	Two objects flying around the sky for about two hours, and that they were going quite slow. (Seen in December '04).

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [REDACTED], Legal Affairs Correspondent, The Independent

Case Number: 04-01-2005-095844-003 Expiry: 2 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please publish a full list of unexplained sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in this country.

The request was refined to the following:

A two year period of the most recent UFO documents.

Case for release of information

[REDACTED] was informed that we are compiling a database for publication in June 2005. We have finished the database for 2004 and made entries to date in 2005. We can supply this information immediately. Personal data about the people who reported these sightings has not been included in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The records for 2003 are contained in files at TNT. We have requested that these be returned to us urgently and will supply similar information for 2003 as soon as they arrive.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: [REDACTED]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 07/05.....

Date: 31/1/05

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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear [REDACTED] 40

Thank you for your response to my FOI request and helping me to understand the cost implications of such a wide inquiry. Therefore may I take your advice to refine my request to a two year period of the most recent UFO documents. Please don't hesitate to offer more guidance on how my new request could be made more manageable.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28/01/05 08:33 am

To: [REDACTED]@independent.co.uk>
cc:
Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Dear [REDACTED] 0

Reference: 04-01-2005-095844-003

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for a full list of unexplained sightings of UFOs in this country. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

This department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contains sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. In order to gather the information you are seeking a manual search of the whole 25 year period of records would be required. It has been assessed that the cost of such an exercise would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

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Yours sincerely,


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FAX MESSAGE

TO: URGENT REQUEST FOR FILES

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DATE: 28th January 2005

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These files were sent to Hayes on 28/6/2004.

Our UIN number is F6208A.

**Please telephone me to confirm that you have received this request.
Please also let me know immediately if there is any problem or delays
with retrieving these files.**



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Our UIN number is F6208A.

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference: 04-01-2005-095844-003

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Awaiting Clarification

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28 Feb 2005

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2005 10:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: freedom of information request

[REDACTED] 40

This is the FOI request I had from the Independent journalist that I just called about. I have logged it on the AIT and internally transferred it to DAS on the AIT system, in case that doesn't work here's the original request.

Section 40

From: [REDACTED]@independent.co.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@independent.co.uk]
Sent: 03 January 2005 12:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: freedom of information request

Please publish a full list of unexplained sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in this country.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO:FAO [REDACTED] ENTC Archive Services

SUBJECT: Request for retrieval of an archived file

DATE:9 February 2005

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[REDACTED] on 40

Please could you arrange for the following file to be returned to me urgently to answer a Freedom of Information request from a journalist. This file was originally requested on 28th January but has yet to be sent to me. I have already faxed to you a copy of the receipt we received when the file was archived. It is now critical that we are sent this file asap.

D/DAS/64/3 Part AA – UFOs Public Correspondence and Requests for Information.

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**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO
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Lewes
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/10/2/8/13 B
Date
24th February 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing concerning the two requests for information you made for "any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on UFO sightings since July 1 2004" and "any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on research and studies relating to crop circles". Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

With regard to your first request I should inform you that the records we hold of reports of UFO sightings and correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. If we were to process copies of all the records relevant to your request the costs would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you. In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that we are compiling a database of UFO sighting reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. If you wish to look at the Publication Scheme, it can be found on the internet at www.foi.mod.uk.

As for your request concerning information about research and studies relating to crop circles, I am unable to provide any information as there is no evidence to suggest that these phenomena are caused by anything of military concern and the MOD does not therefore investigate reported sightings or carry out any research into them.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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20 January 05

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Days Left: 21

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Status: Open

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- Upload Document
- Close Case
- Take Ownership

Editing the request details will initiate a new search.
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Date request received: 20 January 2005

Applicant Details

Title:	[Redacted] 40 [Dropdown]	Other:	[Redacted]
First Name:	[Redacted]	*Surname:	[Redacted]
Organisation:	[Redacted]		
Applicant Type:	Not Specified [Dropdown]	Other:	[Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:	[Redacted]		
Address Line2:	Lewes		
Address Line3:	[Redacted]		
Town/City:	East Sussex		
Postcode:	[Redacted]	Country:	United Kingdom [Dropdown]
Email:	[Redacted]		
Telephone:	[Redacted]	Fax:	[Redacted]

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20 January 05

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Request: [Redacted] 20-01-2005-112440-003

Received: 20 Jan 05
Expiry Date: 17 Feb 05
Status: Open

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Days Left: 21

Workflow Options

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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

Any documentation, correspondence or the contents of any files you hold on research and studies relating to crop circles.

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

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20 January 05

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Request: [Redacted] 20-01-2005-112840-004
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Expiry Date: 20 Feb 05
Status: Open

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Take Ownership

Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] 40

Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted]

*Surname: [Redacted]

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: Lewes

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: East Sussex

Postcode: [Redacted]

Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

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20 January 05

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Request: [Redacted] 20-01-2005-112840-004
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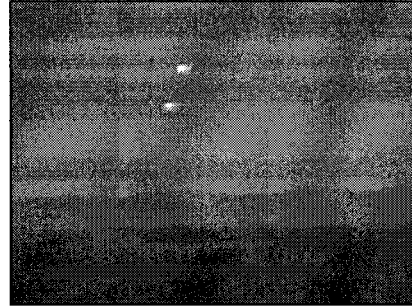
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Search for family who 'saw UFOs'

Fresh reports of UFO sightings over Derbyshire have emerged with the release of government documents under the new Freedom of Information Act.



The lights were spotted over Derbyshire in 1994

The papers reveal a family from Crich claim they saw strange lights in the sky 11 years ago and made a report to the RAF.

A Cardiff researcher is trying to trace that family in an effort to shed some light on the subject.

But Chris Fowler said the identity of the eyewitnesses remains a mystery.

He said they made an official report, which he has seen under the new act, but their names have been blanked out.

“ The helicopters circle around and after the UFO reappears after they fly off ”

Chris Fowler, UFO hunter

Mr Fowler said there is video coverage of the alleged sighting in August 1994 as well.

"It was videotaped and after a few minutes you can see helicopters approaching and as one of them gets quite close, the UFO disappears," he said.

"Then the helicopters circle around and after the UFO reappears after they fly off."

The sighting was independently witnessed by the family who reported it to the RAF - and it was forwarded to the Ministry of Defence.

The video was shot by another person in Derbyshire and shown on ITV on 1995.

The MOD have said they did not have a helicopter in the area at the time.

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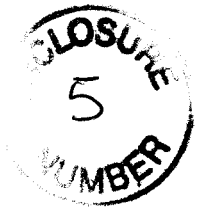
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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 13-01-2005-090951-002

Expiry: 9 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Documented information on the following UFO sighting reports:

1. UFO sighting at RAF Lyneham during May 1994. The UFO was captured on video by [REDACTED] of Pinehurst, Swindon. The footage was featured on BBC's programme 'Fortean Review of 1994'. The commentary said that Air Traffic Controllers at nearby RAF Lyneham admitted the mystery vessel did appear on their radar screens. In a letter dated 3rd April 1997, Squadron Leader [REDACTED] Air Traffic Control RAF Lyneham said he believed 2 of his controllers were involved in a TV programme on the subject.
2. Sighting reported to the MOD of two lights in the sky by a witness at Crick, Matlock at around 2330 hrs on 23rd August 1994. The UFO was recorded on video by another member of the public and featured on the ITV programme 'Schofield's Quest'. [REDACTED] Secretariat (Air Staff)2a stated in a letter dated 14th December 1995 that "there were no military aircraft booked in to Night Low Flying training sector 3A on the evening in question".
3. UFO sighting over Cardiff on 11th May 1996, reported to RAF St Athan.

Case for release of information

1. A search of our UFO reports, correspondence and policy files for the whole of 1994 has revealed no record of this sighting. It is possible that staff at RAF Lyneham became involved with the TV programme and never passed the report to us. Enquiries at RAF Lyneham by the Station Navigation Officer, Flt Lt [REDACTED] has not revealed any relevant surviving information.
2. We have a report from a family in Crick, Matlock who reported lights over Crick on 23 August 1994 at 2130 hrs and again on 24 August 1994 at 2100 hrs. There are also two file notes on our policy file concerning a request for information from Schofield's Quest and a trace of the night low flying sector. A copy of these can be supplied to [REDACTED] but as we do not know if these people appeared on Schofield's Quest, I have removed their personal information in accordance with DPA98.
3. The only report we received on 11th May 1996 from RAF St Athan was the one [REDACTED] reported himself. We can supply a copy. No DPA98 redaction required.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: [REDACTED]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 12/05.....

Date: 23/2/05

Dear [REDACTED]

I have now examined the files we hold for the period of interest to you and I should be able to send copies of those documents which are relevant to your request within the next few days.

With regard to your question about reports from the armed forces, I should advise you that UFO sighting reports are all filed together in the order in which they are received regardless of who made the report. We very occasionally receive reports from military personnel but no separate records are kept of these.

I will write to you again very soon regarding your request for information.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
DAS-FOI

18 February 2005

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 17 February 2005 16:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for Information about UFOs

Dear [REDACTED]

thank your for your e-mail in reply to my FOIA request with the MoD. I look forward to your proper reply sometime soon. I take it that the requested files you mention cover reports made by civilians to the MoD etc. Are reports made by people in the armed forces kept in different files?

Thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Original Message:


From: [REDACTED]@mod.uk
Date: Wed, 9 Feb 2005 09:15:56 -0000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Information about UFOs

Dear [REDACTED]


I am writing concerning your request for information about three UFO sightings between May 1994 and April 1997. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence concerning UFOs.

The records we hold of the sighting reports and correspondence we receive are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. This means that in order to see if there are any documents relevant to your request a search of all the files of the period is necessary. We have identified 12 files which hold information received between the dates you gave and we have requested that these files be returned to us from our archives outside of London. We expect to receive these documents in the next few days and once we have been able to examine them I will be able to answer your request in full. In the meantime, if you wish to contact this department directly, please use the e-mail or postal addresses at the end of this message.

Yours sincerely,


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[REDACTED]
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Cardiff
[REDACTED]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/10/2/8/13
Date
24 February 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail message of 9 February concerning your request for information about three UFO sightings, I am now in a position to give you a substantive reply. I apologise for the delay, which was due to the need to retrieve and search a large amount of material held in Archives.

With regard to your first request, a search of our records for the whole of 1994 has revealed no documents relating to the alleged incident near RAF Lyneham in May 1994. It is possible that RAF Lyneham handled this incident and subsequent press interest locally. I have contacted RAF Lyneham on your behalf, but they have been unable to locate any relevant surviving information about these events.

For your second request I have located documents concerning a report from a family in Crick, Matlock who reported lights seen over Crick on 23 August 1994 at 2130 hours and again on 24 August 1994 at 2100 hours. There are also two file notes concerning a request for information from Schofield's Quest. Copies of these documents are enclosed for your information. Personal data has been removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The only UFO sighting report we received relevant to your third request was the one you made to RAF St Athan on 11th May 1996. I enclose a copy for your information.

I hope this is helpful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

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Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

24 Aug 94 - [REDACTED]

Copied to D55c

ENCLOSURE
1311

On the evening of the 24 Aug 94 at approx 2100hrs [REDACTED] decided to look to see if she could see the lights again. This time she thought she could see 3 lights - One bright large one and 2 smaller lights. They appeared stationary for a time and then began to move around.

- a) up
- b) down
- c) side to side
- d) Spiralling

12 SEP 1994

The speed was variable from looking like a shooting star to slowing completely down. An aircraft went by and they appeared to move out of the way. I believe it disappeared and came back again. This was seen with the naked eye. This was continued to 22.25hrs. The evening was again clear but not as bright.

24 Aug 94 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then came onto the telephone and informed me that he had observed this evening's sights through binoculars. He believed that it was not one light but a cluster of lights. When on the move it appeared to adopt a figure 'A' or an arrow head. It seemed to change shape. He went outside and there did not appear to be any noise coming from it but he could not give me a distance.

24 Aug 94
10.25 hrs
(evening)

UFO SIGHTING - CHECKLIST

Name / Address of Informant: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Crich
Matlock
Derbyshire

[REDACTED]

Other Witnesses: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

23 Aug 94

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Orderly Officer

3 Oct 95

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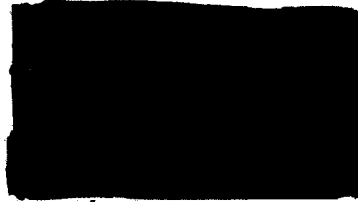
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Resubmitted to
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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

4 Oct 95



FILE NOTE

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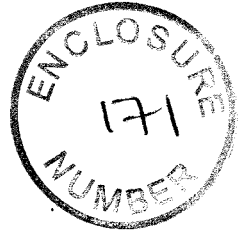
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No military aircraft were booked into Night Low Flying training sector 3A on the evening in question.



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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT



a. Name and address of informant:

[REDACTED]
Cardiff
[REDACTED]

b. Telephone:

[REDACTED]

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11 May 96 12.45 hrs L for less than one minute

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Naked eye

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Came from behind trees and went towards Newport Road - west

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Above tree line

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p. Is a reply requested?

No

q. Date and time of receipt of report: 13 May 96 at 1030L by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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18 January 05

Home My Cases Log New Request Policy Guidance Help

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Received: 12 Jan 05
Expiry Date: 09 Feb 05
Status: Open

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Title: [Redacted] 0

Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted]

*Surname: [Redacted]

Organisation: [Redacted]

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: Rumney

Address Line3: [Redacted]

Town/City: Cardiff

Postcode: [Redacted]

Country: United Kingdom

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Info-Access-Office
Sent: 26 January 2005 13:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST 13-01-2005-090951-002

Categories: FOI Request

You requested the full text of this request.

[REDACTED]

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

From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 12 January 2005 16:37
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI INFORMATION REQUEST 13-01-2005-090951-002

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 16:36:52

FirstName: [REDACTED]

LastName: [REDACTED]

occupation: enter your occupation

Company: your company/organisation

Address1: [REDACTED]

Address2: Rumney

City: Cardiff

State: S.Wales

Zip: [REDACTED]

Country: United Kingdom

e-mail: [REDACTED]

telephone: enter your telephone number

preferred format: hardcopy

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submit: Send Form

24 Aug 94 - [REDACTED]

Copied to USSC



On the evening of the 24 Aug 94 at approx 2100hrs [REDACTED] decided to look to see if she could see the lights again. This time she thought she could see 3 lights - One bright large one and 2 smaller lights. They appeared stationary for a time and then began to move around.

- a) up
- b) down
- c) side to side
- d) Spiralling

Request 2

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Part N.

The speed was variable from looking like a shooting star to slowing completely down. An aircraft went by and they appeared to move out of the way. I believe it disappeared and came back again. This was seen with the naked eye. This was continued to 22.25hrs. The evening was again clear but not as bright.

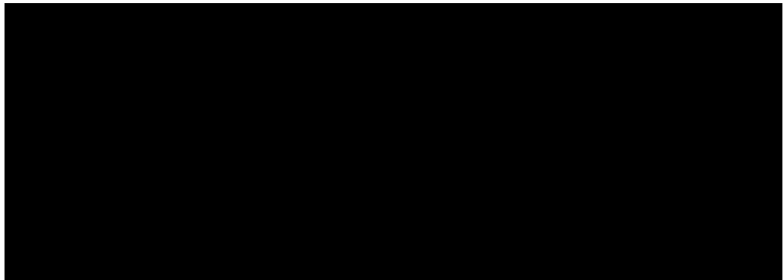
24 Aug 94 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then came onto the telephone and informed me that he had observed this evening's sights through binoculars. He believed that it was not one light but a cluster of lights. When on the move it appeared to adopt a figure 'A' or an arrow head. It seemed to change shape. He went outside and there did not appear to be any noise coming from it but he could not give me a distance.

24 Aug 94
10.25 hrs
(evening)

UFO SIGHTING - CHECKLIST

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12 SEP 1994

Matlock
Derbyshire



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Orderly Officer

3 Oct 95

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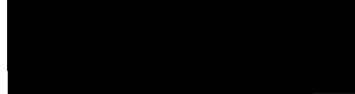


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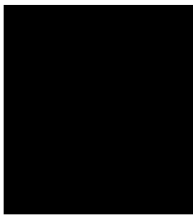
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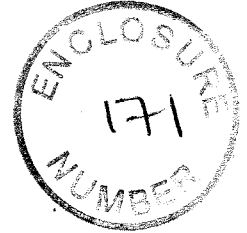
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Request 3
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Pt B.

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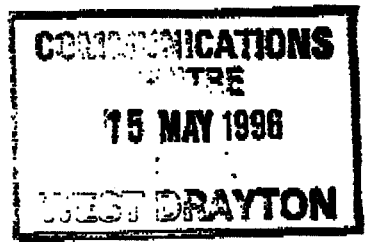
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No

q. Date and time of receipt of report: 13 May 96 at 1030L by [redacted]

[redacted]
DPRO [redacted]
[redacted]



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I hope these help.

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My UIN is F6208A

Regards



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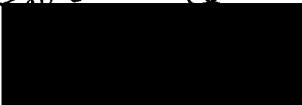
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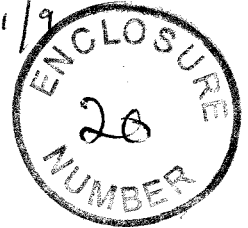
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Date
16 May 1996



Dear [redacted]

1. I refer to your letter of 15 April concerning the subject of "alien" abductions and "UFO/flying saucers". The MOD's position with regards to the subject of reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings and "alien" abductions has been explained to you in numerous letters and there is little more that I can add.

2. The MOD is often misquoted as saying that it does not believe "UFO/flying saucers" to be a threat; this is a distortion of the MOD's stated position which is that to date we have seen nothing which could be classed as proof that extraterrestrial life exists. As previously stated the MOD's only purpose in looking at reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings is to establish the presence of a matter which is of defence importance, such as unauthorised or hostile military aircraft in UK airspace. To date no "UFO" report has thrown up such evidence. You will wish to be aware that having assessed the sighting which you observed on 11 May, which you reported to RAF St Athan on 13 May, I can confirm that we are content that the sighting was not of defence concern.

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4. Balmoral - 28 Feb 96. Following the News of the World Article, you may be interested to know that I was able to establish that two Harrier aircraft from No 4 Squadron, which were on detachment at RAF Leuchars from RAF Laarbruch in Germany, were conducting routine Night Vision Goggle training in the Balmoral area at the time the sighting was reported. There is no question that they were sent up to intercept "UFO/flying saucers".

5. Manchester - 6 Jan 95. I can confirm that as a matter of routine the MOD was notified by the Civil Aviation Authority about the British Airways pilots' report of 6 Jan 95 shortly after the incident occurred. At the time I discussed the matter with Departmental air defence experts who confirmed that they were not aware of anything which would indicate a matter of defence relevance associated with the sighting. Furthermore there was no evidence to suggest that the UK's air defence have been compromised. As is usual with airmiss incidents involving civil aircraft, the CAA Joint Airmiss Working Party (which is a joint Civil/Military body which has complete access to all sources of civil and military information available) investigated the report. The Group were not able to determine the precisely what the pilots saw, but ruled out any military aircraft activity. However there is no suggestion in the report that what the pilots observed was extraterrestrial in origin. Without any evidence to suggest that the incident was of defence relevance MOD interest in this sighting has long since concluded.

6. If I may now turn to your comments concerning "UFO" reports files held in our archives under the 30 year rule. Under the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967, all Government files are to remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the date of the last action on the file. This Act of Parliament, relates to all Government and MOD files, and not just the MOD's "UFO" files. The files contain references to individuals who are still serving, and they also contain information about witnesses who have approached the MOD in complete confidence. Most would wish their confidence to be respected and would not want to be approached by over-zealous "Ufologists". All such information would have to be sanitized to preserve witness confidentiality and as the MOD has received over 8,500 reports over the last 30 years it would require a considerable amount of effort to delete witness details thus diverting resources established for defence purposes.

Yours sincerely,



Answered

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Cardiff,
S. Wales,
[Redacted]

Monday 15th April 1996

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of April 9th in reply to my letter.

1. Regarding your statement that we seem to be going around in circles with the argument referring to abduction by aliens; there is evidence which is available by qualified professional doctors and psychiatrists which can lend credibility to the abduction scenario. When you refer to there being no evidence, I do not know if you are speaking from a personal viewpoint or from an official viewpoint determined by a ruling on the issue. I suspect that you are speaking from an official standpoint, and if this is the case, can you cite your information source which claims that there is no good evidence. If it is a case of the MoD making assumptions that there is no evidence, we will have to supply you with some. If it is a case that there has been an investigation into the possibility of alien abduction, then can you please tell us where this information came from, and who was involved in the study.

The circularity of our recent conversation seems to be based on the premise that UFOs either do not exist, or do not represent a threat to national security, and as such are of no defence significance. On many occasions, in our correspondence, you specifically refer to there being no defence significance. To have come to this conclusion, somebody in the MoD, at some point, must have investigated the matter. This has to be the case, otherwise you would not be able to make this statement. It may be indeed that investigations into UFOs are not undertaken currently, but for this we only have your word. However, it is a certainty that in the past UFOs have been investigated by the MoD (as the evidence from the public records office shows), and these investigation are of interest to ufologists for their subsequent conclusions.

If the MoD has quite reasonably been able to state that there really is no defence significance to UFOs after a detailed study, then surely, if such a study report was released, the public would see it the same way. As the MoD does not wish to admit to having done a study, we are in the position where you will not accept the concept or possibility of UFOs, so will not then allow yourself to speak on the subject of alien abduction. I must stress, however, that my interpretation of why you will not tackle the alien abduction scenario is because it seems connected with UFOs.

Let us be scientific and remove ourselves from the possibility of there being a connection between aliens and UFOs. If you take each subject separately and remove the preconceived ideas about the origins of both alien abduction and UFOs, then there may still be a defence interest in the alien abduction scenario because we do not know how

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aliens arrive in our country, and we do not know for certain that they represent some foreign government operation, which has been misperceived as an alien/extraterrestrial phenomena.

To give you an example, in some alien abduction events there have been reports of humans being present whilst the abduction takes place. Indeed, some of the humans have been dressed in military uniforms. If the witnesses are to be taken seriously (and in many cases they should!), then a foreign military power manipulating British subjects in the guise of aliens under an abduction guise would be seen by any defence organisation as a threat. It may also be taken as an act of war. Before the subject is again dismissed, please avail yourself of the information which exists from public sector sources, relating to alien abduction and if necessary then pass this information (which must be taken seriously due to the professional credentials of the originators, and the investigators such as police, doctors and psychiatrists) and pass this on to the relevant departments in the MoD so it can be studied.

With regards to your anticipated response regarding the "No Defence Significance" issue, I really do need to know which department or organisation, with the reports that make this conclusion, have not properly released this to the public records office (if date depletion allows this).

2. On the subject of ongoing research and investigation of airspace incursions by " 'unexplained' aerial sightings " (your words) - if something unusual was sighted over an airbase, or found to be intruding into UK airspace without authority, who exactly would be the person or organisation to properly investigate this matter. Then could you please be specific in the internal workings of the department, i.e.: who gets the report and where does it go - point by point. (Both you and [REDACTED] have intimated that there is still a mechanism for such investigation of unexplained aerial sightings or incursions.) This is great interest to ufologists because we could then assume that the same people are in probability investigating the UFO phenomena proper.

3. I have included a copy of the programme which featured the footage of a UFO filmed over Swindon (Fortean Review of 94), which stated that RAF Lyneham admitted that the UFO turned up on their RADAR screens. As well as this, I have included some other UFO video footage that has been taken in the UK, as well as other interesting items taken in other countries.

I have also included some photocopied articles relating to some of the footage that has been taken in Gulf Breeze, Florida during 1993. I hope you can take time to study the video footage and welcome both your personal opinions and those of the MoD as to whether this footage is genuine and represents something worthy of study.

Most importantly there is a segment of footage on the tape which you should make special effort to watch, because it refers to an incident which took place in Byelokoroviche in the Ukraine on Oct 4th 1982. It was featured on an American ABC prime-time live

news report about the Soviet governments investigations into UFO phenomena. The segment explains that a Nuclear silo had become activated whilst a UFO hovered overhead. The conclusion is that nothing was wrong with the equipment at the silo; the UFO may in some way have been the cause of the unauthorised and unexpected activation of the nuclear silo systems for a period of 14 seconds; control had been lost of the nuclear weapons launch systems, which could have resulted in a launch and subsequent war situation.

Whilst I understand that sometimes there is a tendency in news media circles to exaggerate UFO stories, I would be grateful if you could respond as to the MoD's interest in this matter. The MoD will have obviously been alerted to this event - through intelligence channels - and will have made conclusions as to it's authenticity. Can you please tell me what conclusions have been made in respect of this event. I do not mind if you respond separately to this question as I realise that it may involve a time consuming back investigation to uncover further details.

4. Can you please tell me the MoD's position regarding verbal and written witness testimony of UFO events. I can refer to many hundreds of credible witness testimonies, some of which have additional backup by secondary sources such as police reports, RADAR operator testimony and RADAR tapes, and other forms of evidence, and my questions are as follows:

a) Seeing that some individuals who are considered sane, competent and qualified are making statements relating to UFO's and threats to public safety, would the MoD like to comment as to how they interpret these peoples statements.

b) Bearing in mind that if there were a legal case presented in a Court of Law, these witnesses would have to be taken seriously, this would lead to an embarrassing situation whereby UFO's would have to be officially acknowledged. My question is would the MoD like to comment on the defence significance standing of recent disclosures such as the UFO spotted over Balmoral (with subsequent Jet fighter scramble), and the UFO sighted near Manchester airport which nearly caused a collision with a 737 trying to land.

c) I am eager to hear if the events referred to in section (b) are considered of defence significance.

5. In relation to the matter of MoD funding for private investigation of UFO's being supplied. I would like to point out that there is a growing concern in the area of UFO phenomena in the public mind. If the MoD does not take the subject seriously soon, then the public masses will demand for the MoD to do so through parliamentary pressure. This is already happening in the United States, where congressional hearings have been undertaken in respect of the Roswell story. Additional pressure is being sought at the moment for full congressional hearings on the subject of UFOs and will make use of

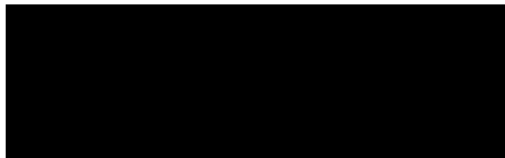
credible witnesses who range from political figures, through to astronauts and government employees who have top secret clearances. Before congressional hearings can take place, immunity for breaking security oaths has to be given by presidential authority for some witnesses. This too is being sought.

In the United Kingdom a group known as Operation Right to Know has been active in seeking political movement in respect to British UFO cases, specifically Bentwaters UFO incident of Dec 1980.

Whilst you feel there is no significance in UFOs at present, and no need for funding of research via outside organisations, I would put it to you that quite soon through growing pressure the situation may arise where funding will be granted, or military involvement in investigation will be sought.

Due to the decline of the offer of outside investigation help, and MoD funding, would the MoD like to make a gesture of good will in respect of the UFO subject, and allow greater access to records of unusual sightings ahead of release to the public records office, with related time release protocols. This to be done before public pressure forces it to happen... Costs and resources for investigation of the MoD's files will be supplied by the organisations that I am connected with, under their research funds allocations. I ask this in the spirit of the new open government initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Australian Visitors Join Local Team

by Bland Pugh
May 12, 1993

The Gulf Breeze UFO made a visit on Friday evening about 9:00 p.m. I would guess there were between thirty to thirty five people at Shoreline Park during the sighting.

I arrived somewhat late and walked out onto the pier, a friend walked out to speak to me and as we were talking he asked me if that was an airplane just above the Bob Sikes Bridge. I looked at it and confirmed that, yes, it was an airplane but in my peripheral vision I saw something, that wasn't an airplane. It appeared brighter than any star in the sky at the time

and was pulsing. The object appeared to be directly over the Slide/Water Tower area at Pensacola Beach. It began to move to the West at a steady speed, pulsing and glowing as it went.

Several people began to walk out onto the pier with us and asked what they were seeing. When I told them they seemed completely awed by the Gulf Breeze UFO. One couple talked to each other as they walked on further out onto the pier saying "See honey, I told you we'd see the UFO if we came to Pensacola."

The UFO remained visible

for approximately four and a half minutes and seemed to be moving towards the WNW slowly, covering some 20 degrees in movement. It also appeared to be moving towards us or climbing. At night and without a second angle it is very difficult to make that determination.

We had visitors from as far away as Australia skywatching. They seemed pretty excited about the UFO. Most people probably don't understand what skywatching is all about, let me briefly explain it to you. You get some friends together, pull out

your favorite beach chair, you know the one that the bottom is sagging in, you get the old binoculars out, fix a cooler of your favorite beverage (non-alcoholic please) turn off that stupid TV set and drive to Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze at sundown to enjoy the Real World. You don't have to be into UFOs, there's plenty of other things up there that will keep your mind busier than a re-run of Murphy Brown or some other garbage that you might have subjected yourself to. Who knows you might even learn what some of those things are that we call

stars, constellations, nebula, planets, etc.

RE: article written back in January about the hand markings. I asked for people to please write to me if they had experienced anything similar. Well folks, the letters have been coming in and it will amaze you. I will write an article on it one day. *The Islander* UFO articles are picked up by Lucius Farish's Newsclipping service. They are then distributed all over the world. I have heard from people as far away as Germany, England, and South Africa. All have read *Islander* articles.

Physicist Analyzes Daylight Video

By Bland Pugh
May 19, 1993

Again, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, optical physicist for the Naval defense lab in Maryland was asked to help investigate a local UFO sighting. This time he is being called upon to analyze the daytime photo and video taken on Pensacola Beach by Martin Allen.

When scientists take up an investigation they do so with a thoroughness not usually found with layman investigators. Such is the case with Bruce Maccabee, a physicist with a Ph. D. from American University in Washington D.C. As a researcher for the United States Navy in underwater sound, high power lasers, and weapons lasers, he has the training and resources to get to the

heart of questions about the UFO phenomenon.

First interested in 1965 by a book, "Flying Saucers -- Serious Business." Dr. Maccabee attended a lecture sponsored by NICAP and offered to join in order to help with their work.

Dr. Maccabee is also on the Executive Committee of the Fund for UFO Research Inc., as well as a scientific consultant to MUFON. After examining the photo and video taken on Pensacola Beach, Dr. Maccabee made the following statement concerning the case:

This is his assessment of the March 24 sighting. "A frame by frame analysis shows that the object moved so fast it traveled several times its own length in each

frame, making rectangular images on the screen. It only took about one second to cross the nearly 30 degree field of view of the camera. Unfortunately, the actual speed cannot be determined because the distances are not known, but estimates range from several hundred to several thousand mph corresponding to distance estimates of 1,000 to 10,000 ft."

The following refers to the video of March 31. "The Video shows a compact image with a bright area which may be the sun glint from a metal surface. As he tracked the object it suddenly disappeared from his viewfinder. When viewing the video at normal playback speed the object

appears to streak to the right off the screen, almost too fast to see. Frame-by-frame analysis shows that the object accelerated at a tremendous rate. The actual acceleration cannot be calculated because, again, the distance is not known. However, if the assumed distances are only 1,000 ft., then the videotape shows that it accelerated at about 500 g's (500 times the acceleration of gravity, which is 32 feet per second per second; this is about 100 times greater than a jet) and reached a speed twice that of sound before it passed out of view of the camera. Yet there was no sound! At an assumed 1,000 ft. distance the size of the object was a bit less than 10 feet. For other assumed

distances the size, acceleration and departing speed are proportional to the distance."

About the photo taken on April 2, Dr. Maccabee said "This photo shows a circular object to the south at an angular elevation of 60 to 79 degrees. The sun in the east made a shiny glint at the left side. In the perspective view from below the object appears like a layer cake with the upper layer having a larger diameter than the lower layer. The bottom of the inside image is too small and at the wrong angle to reveal any windows in the side of either layer. There is a slight hint of a protuberance at the top, but this might be a photographic artifact.

Expert Presents Validation Techniques

Bland Pugh

The principal investigators in the Martin Allen case all agreed. We wanted these videos and photographs validated or rejected prior to any press releases for many obvious reasons. Our decision was easy. Jeffrey Sainio is a relative newcomer to MUFON. He is manager of Imaging Research and Development at the Quad/Tech Division of Quad/Graphics in Wisconsin. Sainio has also been instrumental in the investigation of the most prominent UFO cases over the past couple of years. In a presentation to the MUFON symposium in Albuquerque, NM in 1992, Sainio had made the following statements thus paving the way to our recent decision:

There are three basic techniques, said Sainio, the first being the most obvious (and sometimes overlooked), which is simple visual inspection of the photographs itself. Do all the elements

fit together and make sense? For example, are all the pictured objects (UFO, trees and buildings) illuminated by the same angle of sunlight? Secondly, Sainio advises trying to replicate the original picture as closely as possible, including the use of the same equipment under similar conditions. "Many Monday-morning quarterbacks," he said, "frequently hypothesize how a particular photograph might be replicated but fail to test their ideas using this simple but often time-consuming process."

The third approach involves sophisticated computer analysis that can often be carried out, at increasingly affordable prices, on a desktop home computer, preferably either a 386-based PC or 68020-based Macintosh (or higher) system. Images can be digitally enhanced by computer and various picture elements ana-

lyzed for edge-sharpness, color contrast and density and so on.

Sainio further stated: "Despite lower resolution (or less information) than still film, videos are harder to fake and they "often add another dimension, time, to the record of events," along with sound, or a lack of same, and a better sense of distance.

On April 12, 1993 the video tapes were sent to Jeffrey for analysis, after several calls for additional information such as weather reports, conditions, etc. and approximately two weeks of intensive test and studies the results were returned to the investigative team, Bland Pugh, Gary Watson, and Charles Flannigan State Director of MUFON. Those results were as we suspected, Positive.

The UFO speed in relation to its size eliminates all aircraft as a cause, since known airplanes can't

move this fast. A 100-foot long fighter jet would need to move 300 feet, 3 times its own length, in 1/30 second, or 9,000 feet/second or about 6,000 mph, over Mach 9, below clouds at 7,000 feet. To stay below the sound barrier, a plane length of 10 feet would be required, Sainio said of the first video of the UFO.

Of the second video he said: A few days later, he filmed his quarry float motionless over the water, then flash toward the southwest. MUFON photo analysts' initial calculations show the UFO accelerated, slowed 20%, then surpassed 2,000 mph, all in under 1/10th of a second.

A possible answer to the "Red Light" that has been reported in the area over past years; As to the inevitable question of whether the red bottom might be the nocturnal red light that has been seen in this area hundreds of times, this is

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difficult to say. Videos have shown that the red light is limited to downwards only, and the UFO photographed would have this property. The problem is that nighttime lighting is so far different from daytime, that the dim red spot seen here cannot be determined to be glowing. Full moonlight is about one million times dimmer than full sunlight, so a sub-noticeable glow in daytime might be a brilliant light at night.

Sainio said about the color of the UFO: The lack of blue in the UFO bottom and shiny spot indicates the UFO simply doesn't reflect blue. It is yellow. I suspect the UFO would look more greenish on a cloudy day, since the dark close side is lacking in red, and is mostly green.

The photo taken by Thomas "Bryant" is being sent to Jeff Sainio for initial analysis.

Martin "Allen" Videotapes UFO Daytime Visits

by Bland Pugh

June 9, 1993

On March 25, Martin "Allen," was getting out of his vehicle, for some reason he looked up and saw something coming out of the northwest at a tremendous rate of speed. The object was moving to the southeast. His first reaction was, "It must be some type of aircraft he'd never seen before." Later as he was walking to his mailbox the object reappeared, again moving towards him from the same direction. Thinking to himself that if this thing had come over his house twice from the same direction then maybe it would come back. So he set up his camcorder on his sun deck facing the southeast (the direction the object had gone in both times). That evening he reviewed the tape to only find several helicopters on the screen.

The next day, Allen decided to set up the video camera again, this time with his video camera set up pointing towards the south. He then went into the house to get an apple. Walking back outside, he was amazed to see the UFO coming at him from the southeast. On this occasion, the camera recorded the UFO as it sped across the screen.

Allen called me because he had read the many UFO articles I had written over the past year or so for *The Islander* Newspaper. We talked at great length about the sighting, he said "I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw that round silver thing racing across the sky. But, when it shot overhead a second time I knew it wasn't a normal airplane. By God, I knew it was the UFO that I read about in the newspaper. It was round and kind of crown shaped with a lower level and a dark red circle in the bottom center." At that point we reviewed the video together, he has put one of the helicopter sequences and the UFO on a tape so that we could get an idea of the speed and size of the UFO. I must admit I didn't know what the heck it was, the helicopter took 4 seconds to cross the screen and the UFO took only one short second.

At that time I decided to involve another MUFON investigator, I called Gary Watson a seasoned investigator with many investigations under his belt.

Less than a week later, on March 31, I received another call from Allen. He'd videoed the UFO hovering over the Gulf of Mexico just south of his home. On this occasion Allen grabbed his camcorder, ran onto his deck, squatted beside a railing and began to video the UFO. After being recorded for approximately 40 to 45 seconds, the UFO made an

extraordinary exit to the southwest. "It was fast, real fast. I video taped it. I couldn't believe this was happening and that it was happening in broad daylight."

Later that evening, he and I reviewed that tape and I must tell you I couldn't believe my eyes, hovering with the sun reflecting off of it and the clouds moving behind it, sat a UFO, the object was silver in color and reflected the light of the sun.

Again, I called Watson, we examined this tape as well. Both of us were completely astonished. The first one had just about blown us away, but this second one was even more awesome. It was apparent that we had a major sighting on our hands. Gary and I decided it was time to have the video tapes analyzed. I called Charles Flannigan and informed him of the sighting (at the time Art Hufford, President Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON, Inc., was on vacation).

On April 2, I received another call from Allen, he'd photographed the UFO with his Polaroid camera (at approximately 10:30 a.m.). The UFO had been hovering over the beach to the south of his home. Again, he called me at work and told me about the picture, I didn't even put the phone down, before I called Watson.

On Monday, I met with Charles Flannigan, Florida State Director of MUFON, after showing him the picture we made the decision to forward the videos and the picture to Jeffrey Sainio, Photo Analyst and manager of Imaging Research and Development at the Quad/Tech division of Quad/Graphics in Wisconsin.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee was also brought into the analysis of both videos and photo (both Sainio and Maccabee were given the original of the photo for analysis). The following are portions of Jeff Sainio's findings of the Allen tapes and picture:

Two videos and photos taken over the Gulf of Mexico will surely heat up the smoldering UFO debate. The witness reported something "crown shaped with a bottom layer" zip overhead twice in one day in late March. He left his camcorder running aimed over the Gulf, hoping to catch it. He succeeded the next day, recording a wingless object moving an estimated several thousand miles per hour.

Five days later, he filmed his quarry aloft motionless over the water, then flash toward the southwest. MUFON photo analysis initial calculations show the UFO accelerated, slowed 20%, then

surpassed 2,000 mph, all in under 1/10 second. Several aspects of the videos make fakery quite difficult.

A few days later, the witness saw the UFO almost overhead, and with his camcorder batteries dead, got a Polaroid shot. Focus measurements of the UFO indicate the UFO was a distant object. The UFO appears metallic, round with a smaller round bottom, and a red spot at the base.

Cloud motion, sun angles,

and sky brightness agree with the weather service data for the reported times and camera angles.

On Friday, April 21, I received a color slide and map from a gentleman named Thomas "Bryant", the map pointed to a location I am familiar with, called the Sugar Bowl in the Big Sabine area, the slide showed a beach scene, sand dunes, sea oats and shrub bushes, but most importantly it showed what appears to be the same UFO that Allen had

photographed. This map contained a hand written note "April 2" and the time "2:30."

Both Sainio and Maccabee will have the opportunity to analyze it. At first blush there seems to be no doubt it is the same craft. One of the most significant parts about the slide is the date.

This is an ongoing investigation, all of the principal investigators are in agreement that it will probably remain an open book for quite sometime.

MUFON Documents Four Daylight Sightings Object On Film Appears To Be Similar To Ed Walters' UFO Photos

by Bland Pugh

For the past year and a half I have written articles for *The Islander* about local UFO sightings. People have asked me over and over again, "Why don't we ever see them in the daytime?" Well folks here it is!

On March 26, 31 and April 2, four daylight UFO sightings were witnessed and have now been documented by a MUFON investigation (conducted by Bland Pugh and Gary Watson) and photo analysis. The witnesses' video taped and photographed what they described as "unbelievable."

A visiting elected official from Alabama, Thomas "Bryant" said, "At first I told myself that what I saw had to be something from the military, but I know of nothing that can suddenly appear, hover and disappear like it did." Mr. Bryant, who withheld his name for political reasons, was at the east end of Pensacola Beach near the area, locally called the "Sugar Bowl," where at about 2:30 p.m. on April 2, he saw and photographed the UFO.

On that same day Martin "Allen," a local resident, saw the UFO. One week earlier, he caught the UFO with his video camera. Martin said, "I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw that round silver thing racing across the sky. But, when it shot overhead a second time I knew it wasn't a normal airplane. By God, I

knew it was the UFO that I read about in the newspaper. It was round and kind of crown shaped with a lower level and a dark red circle in the bottom center."

Mr. Martin's video tape and photograph were sent to Jeffrey Sainio, photo analyst and manager of Imaging Research and Development at the Quad/Tech division of Quad/Graphics in Wisconsin. At the same time, to confirm the sighting, an investigation was conducted by MUFON to verify the sighting location, weather reports, wind velocity, cloud elevation, wind directions, etc.

Mr. Sainio verified the video tape and the photographs are consistent with the field investigation. He said, "A frame-by-frame analysis shows that the object seen in the first video tape moved so fast it traveled several times its own length in each frame, making rectangular images on the screen. It only took about one second to cross the nearly thirty degree field of view of the camera. Unfortunately the actual speed cannot be determined because the distance is not known, but estimates range from several hundred to several thousand mph corresponding to distance estimates of 1,000 to 10,000 ft."

Mr. Sainio continues, "The initial calculations on the second tape show the UFO accelerated,

slowed 20%, then surpassed 2,000 mph, all in under 1/10 of a second." When asked about the still photograph, Mr. Sainio said, "Focus measurements of the image indicate the UFO was a distant object. The UFO appears metallic, round with smaller round bottom, and a red spot at the base."

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist, conducted another examination of the photograph and the two UFO videos. He said, "My conclusions agree with Mr. Sainio. The object in the second video accelerated at a tremendous rate. If the assumed distance to the object is only 1,000 feet, then the video tapes show it accelerated at about 500 g's (500 times the acceleration of gravity) and reached a speed twice that of sound before it passed out of view of the camera. Yet there was no sound! At an assumed 1,000 ft. distance, the size of the object was a bit less than 10 feet."

Both experts also agreed that, "The overall shape of the object resembles, but is not identical to, the shape of objects photographed by Ed Walters in 1987 and 1988, and which were published in the book *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, in 1990. (Wm. Morrow Press, New York).

There it is folks, a daytime sighting, video taped, photographed and authenticated. It's pretty obvious that something is out there.

Local Photos Significant In Research

By Bland Pugh
July 21, 1993

Two weeks ago, I sent Jeffrey Sainio copies of the Thomas "Bryant" slide and the "Philip" video for analysis. Wednesday evening, he called to say that he'd just enough time to do a couple of preliminary tests on the two samples that I'd sent. I knew Jeff had been extremely busy, in that he has been analyzing my photos and tapes, plus others that have been sent to him from around the globe. Jeff was in Richmond, VA, at the MUFON International symposium over the 4th of July holiday weekend, where he showed the "Allen & Philip" video tapes and picture (slide). Those seeing this presentation were just a little more than excited. Both the "Allen" and the "Philip" tapes are highly significant in UFO research, as both show a UFO disappear. Accounts have been coming in for over 45 years from people saying they were observ-

ing a UFO when suddenly it would vanish. Now, the phenomenon has been captured on video tape. Jeff has said he feels that the UFO accelerated, then slowed as it exited the screen. He went on to say, it looked as if it were "cruising," just as you'd punch the accelerator on your car and then coast.

For those of you who have not seen this tape, let me attempt to paint a picture for you. The UFO is hovering in one spot for approximately ten to twelve seconds. It then darts to your left so fast that it becomes an elongated line. I'm sure many of you have tried to take a picture of the Blue Angels and when you have gotten your pictures back you probably were disappointed that they were streaked. This is caused by several things, camera movement, or the object moving faster than the film could absorb the image,

thus causing a streak. If that explanation doesn't work for you, try setting your camera at 1/2 to 3/4 of a second, then take a picture of a car passing by several feet from you at about 55 m.p.h. while you hold the camera on one spot. I think you'll see what I mean.

A footnote to the "Philip" case...Sainio has requested more information concerning this video. Since I received this tape through the mail with a written note only, I have no way of knowing how to get in touch with "Philip." I would appreciate "Philip" contacting me again at: P.O. Box 6111, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. I will know how to validate "Philip." We have need of more information as this will help authenticate this video and contribute to the solutions that the scientific community seeks in this phenomenon.

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I had a call this week from

Holt, FL., a gentlemen there told me he saw four to six lights revolving in a clockwise motion for quite a long time. He, his wife and sister-in-law were sitting in their living room one evening last week when his sister-in-law began to hear something that sounded like a bug or buzzing sound outside the window. He went out to investigate and saw a group of lights moving around just above the tree line. He and the others watched this phenomenon for about thirty minutes when they decided to call a neighbor that lived down the way. The neighbor and his wife drove up to the house and watched the anomaly for quite sometime. After they had left a C-130 flew over, it had no bearing on the lights and did not disturb their pattern. After watching for quite a while longer, the man decided to go back into the house. He

came back out thirty to forty minutes later and discovered that the lights had disappeared.

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While on skywatch this weekend, someone asked me what I meant by "my drift" in last week's article. I had written the following: "As many times as I have been in this area of the beach on skywatches it just never occurred to me that I was that far away from the Sound. My point about this marsh area is; it sure would be a good spot to put something you didn't want anyone to see, if you get my drift and I am not talking about a golf course!" "My drift" simply meant, dear hearts, if I were a UFO driver that swamp would be one heck of a place to park a UFO if I didn't want someone to see me. Dig?

That about wraps up the UFO update for this week, remember to keep looking up and behind you.

Expert Impressed With Film Quality

by Bland Pugh

It has been quite sometime since the Gulf Breeze UFO "red light" made an appearance. This has been a disappointment for some summer vacationers, as we last saw the UFO around June 10. There have been some anomalies seen and a few objects that have been confused as the UFO, but nothing that could be confirmed has been sighted.

I continue to receive reports from Jeffrey Sainio on the "Philip" tape, he seems to be extremely impressed with its quality. The

following is an excerpt of a letter I received from Jeff:

A hovering spherical UFO is seen through a window for some 10 seconds, until the UFO zips leftward off-screen. The camera is presumably hand-held, and bouncy, but the windowsill (visible most of the time) is useful as a reference. Focus is proper for the duration. The video quality is good; color is stable, exposure is OK, and the magnification is unchanging.

The photo published here

shows a sub-pixel-resolved image derived from expanding and averaging 8 frames of the UFO while it hovered. The image verifies what seems apparent on the video; A bright spot, presumably sun-reflection, is consistent with the claimed direction, time, and sun position. There are presumed artifacts to the right, typical for video; the bright upper spot on the UFO causes a dark spot to its right, while the dark lower spot generates a light spot to its right. This is perfectly typical of

camcorders and should not be assumed to be part of the UFO....in an additional paragraph Sainio says; The UFO moves about 90 times its own diameter per second.

One more tid bit...Rebecca and Sotty Williams of Channel 12, Chattanooga, TN sent Gary Watson and me a copy of the broadcast she did on the evening news, Rebecca is the News Anchor for that station. Her report was a three part series. The first,

was based on the current sightings occurring in the Chattanooga area. She then reported on the cattle mutilations and UFO sightings in Fyffe, AL. Third, Rebecca covered the Gulf Breeze sightings, showing the Martin "Allen, Philip, and Bryant" pictures & videos. Let me tell you something folks; the quality of that broadcast was amazing, it was totally void of sarcasm and cutesy remarks, only factual reporting and fair coverage were presented. What a breath of fresh air that was!

July 28, 1993

Humming Sounds Defy Explanation

By Bland Pugh

Parts of this report came from The Taos News...by Sherry Robinson...also credit portions to The Ufologists...Terry and Frances Ecker.

There is a phenomenon in Taos, New Mexico that has many people there saying "What is that sound? It's driving me crazy." Some have even left their homes and gone to other areas of the country hoping they can escape this mysterious noise. The sound seems to resemble a car idling or even a diesel engine idling, such as a large generator, a throbbing or droning hum.

Scientists and engineers from the University of New Mexico have measured acoustical, electromagnetic signals and seismic signals -- all the known energy sources of sounds or vibrations,

additionally a team was formed from Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories, Phillips Laboratory. They took measurements in four locations where hearers sense the hum strongly -- the home of Bob and Catanya Saltzman south of Ranchos de Taos and, at a later date, sites near Lumberton and El Rito.

"There was nothing unusual," said Joe Mullins, a UNM mechanical engineer professor. "There were no large signals we don't see other places, nothing out of the ordinary."

The team specifically looked for electromagnetic signals that might indicate radar, ELF (extremely low frequency) radio transmissions or other Department of Defense activities -- and found

none. The report completed. It didn't say much. Scientists and engineers investigating the "Taos Hum" did not detect the source of the mysterious and annoying sound heard by many Taos residents.

A report is also coming from Hueytown, AL, just to the west of Birmingham and Bessemer, AL. Residents have been complaining of the same type noise as the Taos hum. The underground area around Birmingham and the Bessemer area is riddled with old abandoned iron ore and coal mines, however there are many active coal mines currently in operations today. Jim Walters Mining Co. recently installed a 3500 hp, seven million dollar, ventilation fan with twelve foot blades. After the installation in

1991, people began to hear the hum. Jim Walters Resources, Inc. denies there is any evidence of the new fan being the culprit...The "hum" has been reported all over the country, Penn. Texas...we'll keep you posted.

One other interesting piece of news crossed my desk from two different directions this week, so I'll replay it for you.

Scientists trying to find intelligent life in outer space have located 164 possible messages after a year's research. They expect to know within a year if anyone's out there. Using the worlds most powerful and sensitive radio telescope -- the 1000 ft. wide antenna is located in Puerto Rico, after tracking over 30 trillion signals they have isolated 164 possible. After

September 15, 1993

a complete and through investigation and analysis Dr. Charles Donnelly of the University of California says "We will be left with about 75 truly unexplainable signals that seem to have some kind of pattern to them."

"At that point we turn the telescope back around and try to find them again. They will be truly interesting if they are still there."

"If any of them are still coming in, we may have found something."

....If you remember I wrote about this about 19 months ago, at the time there was quite a large contingent of Nay-Sayers, all exclaiming that 10 million tax dollars was too much to spend on this project that there was nothing out there. I wonder, I wonder.

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Class this RFI as complete?

From: [redacted]@yahoo.com]
Sent: 22 February 2005 09:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR INFOMRATION

22/2/05.

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your response. FS4 may not be correct, I obtained the information over the internet, not the most reliable source for info regarding the world of Ufology as I am sure you are aware. I will contact the National Archives as advised. Thank you again.

[redacted]

[redacted]@mod.uk> wrote:

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I hope this is helpful.

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To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com'
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Received: 24 Jan 05
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Date request received: 24 January 2005

Applicant Details

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First Name:	<input type="text"/>	*Surname:	<input type="text"/>
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>		
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Email:	<input type="text" value="[Redacted]@yahoo.com"/>		
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Request Details

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested Welsh

***Enter the request for information:**

Could you advise on how I can obtain the FS4 (Unidentified Flying Objects)reports to date.
Many thanks
[redacted]

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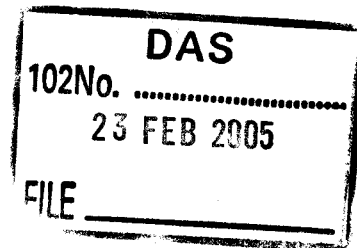
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Monday, 21 February 2005

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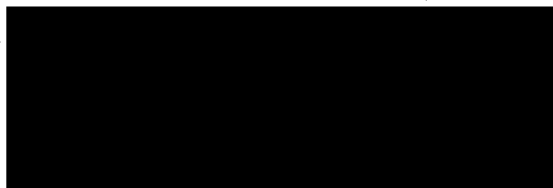
Dear ██████████ 40

Many thanks for your response to my request under your reference number above.

The information contained within your answer will be instrumental in my research.

Thank you again for your prompt and complete response.

Kind Regards,



LANCASTER
LANCASHIRE
██████████
UNITED KINGDOM



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



Dear [REDACTED]

Reference:03-02-2005-143505-024

I am writing concerning your request for information about a UFO sighting in Heywood on 24 February 1973. Your request has been passed to this Department, as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

The Ministry of Defence records which cover UFO sighting reports and correspondence in 1973 have been released in The National Archives and are now open for public viewing. They can be found in classes AIR 2/18872 to 18873 and AIR 20/12544 to 12555. Details of how to access records at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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15th February 2005



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Received: 03 Feb 05
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Applicant Details

Title: [Redacted] ▾

Other: [Redacted]

First Name: [Redacted]

*Surname: [Redacted] 40

Organisation: Heywood Advertiser

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists ▾

Other: [Redacted]

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [Redacted]

Address Line2: Heywood Advertiser

Address Line3: 28 Bridge Street

Town/City: Heywood Lancs

Postcode: OL10 1JB

Country: United Kingdom ▾

Email: heywoodadvertiser@gmm-wm.co.uk

Telephone: [Redacted]

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