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Defence Information Management
-The Freedom of Information Act 2000
-Requests for Information.
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RECORD OF KEYWORDS:

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Signatur[redacted]

Name: [redacted]
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: C2 Date: 21 7 10

Branch Title and Full Address:

Business Secretariat
HQ Air Comd
RAF High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire
HP14 4UE

Tel No:

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Name: _____
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8	UFOs		04-07-2005-091842-004
9	Military Aircraft Accident		22-08-2005-094446-003
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11	Military Aircraft Accident (Mull of Kintyre		21-04-2005-095717-001
12	UFOs		**20-09-2005-**091135-004 090445-002 **19-09-2005-**175937-018 175447-017



AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number:	20-09-2005-091135-004	**Expiry**:	17 October 2005
	20-09-2005-090445-002		17 October 2005
	19-09-2005-175937-018		17 October 2005
	19-09-2005-175447-017		17 October 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:
This applicant made 27 individual FOI requests on the same day about UFO incidents spanning 1950 to 1980. The MOD files for the period covered by 23 of these are already open for viewing at The National Archives and the applicant has been advised. This response covers the 4 remaining requests for which the files are still held by the MOD.

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. I request all information / documents with regard to the following sightings;

1). 26 January 1979 at 2045. Location- Denbigh, North Wales. Two uniformed officers, PC Berwyn Jones and PC Neville Hughes observed a UFO at low altitude along with several members of the public over Denbigh.

2). Late 1979 – Dumfries, Scotland. Five uniformed officers including PS Bill McDavid and PC James Smith observed a UFO over the above location. Seen by several members of the public. Reported in the press.

3). 29 November 1980 at 0400. Location-Moors Keighley / Todmorden area, West Yorkshire. Four uniformed officers including PC John Porter, PC Howard Turnpenny and PC Julie Baxter observed blue UFO over valley in the above area. Officially reported to WYP HQ at Wakefield.

4). 29 November 1980 at 0500-0550. Location-Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Famous case involving PC Alan Godfrey who sees detailed UFO above the road in Todmorden. Experiences missing time. Later videotaped under hypnosis revealing alleged alien abduction experience. Officially reported. Also seen by a member of the public minutes prior to PC Godfrey's sighting.

Case for release of information
A search of all the known surviving UFO report and correspondence files for 1979 and 1980 has revealed the following documents relevant to these requests.

1). UFO report made by PC Hughes and PC Berwyn Jones on 26 January 1979. A member of the public also made a report about the same incident and this was received by the MOD from two sources. Copies of these are attached. The name and address of the member of the public has been removed as it is not relevant to the request.

2). There were no UFO reports matching the details given by the applicant in "late 1979" but there was one made on 30 August 1980. A copy is attached. The personal details of a member of the public has been removed because it is not relevant to the request.

3). UFO report made by PCs Porter, Turnpenny and Baxter on 21 November 1980. This is not the date specified by the applicant but the report is identical in all other details and I believe this is the one he is seeking. A copy is attached. The name of the individual at West Yorkshire Police who sent the report to the MOD has been removed as it is not relevant to the request.

4). We have no UFO report from PC Alan Godfrey on 29 November 1980.

These papers consist of all the known available documents on these incidents. The files for this period have been prepared for release to The National Archives and although we can not be sure when TNA will decide to collect them, it is likely to be only a few months before they will be fully open at TNA. I see no reason not to release copies of these documents to [redacted]

A draft letter is attached.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

Date: 29/9/05

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) [redacted]
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

[redacted]
The PRUFOs Police Database
[redacted]
Wakefield
West Yorkshire
[redacted]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/10/2/8/13
Date
29th September 2005

Dear [redacted]

Further to my e-mails of 21st and 22nd September, I am now in a position to give you a substantive reply to your remaining four Freedom of Information requests about 'unidentified flying object' sightings reported in 1979 and 1980. I have examined our surviving UFO report and correspondence files for this period and attached to this letter are copies of all the documents I have been able to locate which are relevant to your requests. Where appropriate information which is not relevant to your requests has been removed.

26 January 1979 – 2045 Denbigh, North Wales
UFO sighting report made by PC Hughes and witnessed by PC Berwyn Jones on 26 January 1979 at 2033. Also two further reports from a member of the public around the same time. Please note these two reports are essentially the same report which was originally made to Denbigh Police and copied to the London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military).

Late 1979 – Dumfries, Scotland
We have no UFO sighting reports relevant to your request in late 1979. I have however, located a report received from a member of the public from Dumfries and witnessed by PC Smith, plus five other PCs on 30 August 1980. I have included a copy for your information.

29 November 1980 - 0400 Moors Keighley, Todmorden Area, West Yorkshire
UFO sighting reported by PC Porter, PC Turnpenny and PW Baxter at 0449 on 21 November 1980. Although the date of this report does not match your request, the report matches your description in all other aspects and I believe this might be the report you are seeking.

29 November 1980 – 0500-0550 Todmorden, West Yorkshire
We have no record of having received such a report from PC Alan Godfrey.

I hope this is useful. If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of these requests, 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Date request received: 19 September 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] n 40
First Name: [redacted]
Organisation:
Applicant Type: Not Specified
Other:
*Surname: [redacted]
Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA
Address Line2: [redacted]
Address Line3: [redacted] WAKEFIELD
Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted] hotmail.c
Telephone: [redacted]
Country: United Kingdom
Fax:

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Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

I am researching police officer sightings that have been reported to the MOD and any subsequent investigations into them. Under the FOI I request all information/documents with regard to the following sighting:

2045 HOURS. 26/01/1979. LOCATION DENBIGH, NORTH WALES. TWO UNIFORMED OFFICERS, PC BERWYN JONES AND PC NEVILLE HUGHES OBSERVED AT UFO AT LOW ALTITUDE ALONG WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OVER DENBIGH.

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ANNEX A TO
TC/276014/Sy
DATED FEB 72

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting: (Local time to be quoted)
26th JANUARY 1979. 2033 FOR 10 MINUTES.

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc) ONE WHITE LIGHT BRIGHT.
NO SOUND OR SMELL

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).
OUTDOORS GLANYWERN BRIDGE.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).
NAKED EYE.

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).
BODFARI TO RUTHIN.

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).
DIRECTLY ABOVE

D. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).
MOVED IN A HORSESHOE ARC BETWEEN BODFARI & RUTHIN.

J. Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).
CLEAR NIGHT.

K. Nearby objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).
T.V. MAST ALONG SIDE THE OBJECT AT ONE POINT.

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

RAF VALLEY

M. Name and address of informant:

P.C. 578 HUGHES.
DENBIGH POLICE STATION.

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

O. Other witnesses.

P.C. ~~BIRTW~~ BERWIN SONIE 573.
DENBIGH POLICE STATION.

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

26TH JANUARY 1979. 2130.

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ANNEX A TO
TC/276014/Sy
DATED FEB 72

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting: (Local time to be quoted)

26TH JANUARY 1979 AT 2030 HRS FOR 5-6 MINS

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc)

ONE FAIRLY LARGE EGG SHAPED SILVERY COLOURED OBJECT FLASHING A BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT.

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

OBSERVED DIRECTLY ~~AT~~ THE BROCKHAM MILL RESTAURANT DENBEIGH, OUTDOORS AT FIRST THEN INDOORS.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

NAKED EYE.

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

TOWARDS RUTHIN STOPPED FOR A FEW MOMENTS THEN MOVED UP AND DOWN CIRCLED FOR A WHILE, HOVERED THEN MOVED OFF TOWARDS WREXHAM.

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

FLYING APPROX SAME HEIGHT AS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED VALLEY AIRCRAFT.

D. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

NOT KNOWN.

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

AS E, F ~~—~~.

J. Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

CLEAR CRISP NIGHT.

K. Nearby objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

TELEPHONE LINES, TELEVISION MAST AND THE YSTRAD RIVER.

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

DENBEIGH POLICE.

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M. Name and address of informant:

Mr [redacted]

[redacted]

DENBEIGH TEL. DENBEIGH [redacted]

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

NEGATIVE.

O. Other witnesses.

Mr [redacted]

c/o [redacted]

DENBEIGH.

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

26th JANUARY AT 2152 hrs

Reported to [redacted], London Mil, West Drayton at 2245

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Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] n 40 | Other:
First Name: | *Surname: [redacted]
Organisation:
Applicant Type: Not Specified | Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA
Address Line2: [redacted]
Address Line3: [redacted] WAKEFIELD
Town/City: WEST YORKSHIRE
Postcode: [redacted] | Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted] @hotmail.c
Telephone: [redacted] | Fax:

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LATE 1979. LOCATION - DUMFRIES, SCOTLAND. FIVE UNIFORMED OFFICERS INCLUDING PS BILL MCDAVID AND PC JAMES SMITH OBSERVE A UFO OVER THE ABOVE LOCATION. SEEN BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PULIC. REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

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B. 3 PLUS 2 WHITE LIGHTS, OBLONG, NONE, NONE
C. DUMFRIES ALSO SHAWHEAD AREA
D. NAKED EYE
E. EAST
F. 3Ø DEGS
G. 2 MLS, VARYING
H. CHANGING
J. LOW CLOUD AND RA IN
K. NONE
L. POLICE
M. MR [redacted], DUMFRIES
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Address Line1: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA
Address Line2: [redacted]
Address Line3:
Town/City: WAKEFIELD WEST YORI
Postcode: [redacted] | Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted]@hotmail.c
Telephone: [redacted] | Fax:

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0400 HOURS. 29/11/80. LOCATION - MOORS KEIGHLEY/TODMORDEN AREA, WEST YORKSHIRE. FOUR UNIFORMED OFFICERS INCLUDING PC JOHN PORTER, PC HOWARD TURNPENNY AND PC JULIE BAXTER OBSERVE BLUE UFO OVER VALLEY IN THE ABOVE AREA. OFFICIALLY REPORTED TO WYP HQ AT WAKEFIELD.

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WEST YORKSHIRE METROPOLITAN POLICE

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 9 WAKEFIELD WF1 3QP
Telephone: Wakefield (0924) 75222, Extn. 2207

Our reference: A21/GSGK/JCB
Your reference:

24 November 1980

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Dear Sir

I enclose for your information a copy of a report, about an incident which occurred in the Halifax Division of this Force on 21 November 1980.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

Senior Administrative Officer

The Ministry of Defence
Dept. S 4 (Air)
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

FROM Ch. Supt. A Division (Halifax)
TO Force Control

U.F.O. SIGHTING

At 0449Hrs. 21.11.80. PC 2624 Porter Dog Section PC 4418 TURNPENNY Ovenden Police Station, Halifax and PW 5117 Baxter Halifax Police Station. Saw very bright steel blue flashing light moving from NORTH to SOUTH and then from a WESTERLY to an EASTERLY direction high in the sky.

Two different locations. (1) Oxenhope from the Withins Moor at Halifax. (2) Keighley from the direction of The Withins Public House, Halifax.

Light last seen by all three officers to go high in the sky in the general direction of Keighley from Halifax moving from left to right. Movements over a great distance and then moved towards Keighley and disappeared.

Air traffic control contacted, they have no record of aircraft in the area nor have they tracked anything at all.
All other emergency services contacted with negative result.
All other police areas contacted negative results.

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Title: [redacted] 40 Other:

First Name: *Surname: [redacted]

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: THE PRUFOS POLICE DA

Address Line2: [redacted]

Address Line3:

Town/City: WAKEFIELD, WEST YOR

Postcode: [redacted] Country: United Kingdom

Email: [redacted]@hotmail.c

Telephone: [redacted] Fax:

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0500-0550 HOURS. 29/11/1980. LOCATION - TODMORDEN, WEST YORKSHIRE. FAMOUS CASE INVOLVING PC ALAN GODFREY WHO SEES DETAILED UFO ABOVE ROAD IN TODMORDEN. EXPERIENCES MISSING TIME. LATER VIDEOTAPED UNDER HYPNOSIS REVEALING ALLEGED ALIEN ABDUCTION EXPERIENCE. OFFICIALLY REPORTED. ALSO

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 September 2005 14:47
To: [redacted]
Subject: UFO files

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I have answered 19 of the 27 UFO FOI requests I have received from [redacted] but in order to answer the remaining 8 I need to look at the UFO files for 1978-1980 which I think should be with you. Please could you arrange for the following files to be sent to me. Where known I have included the provisional TNA references but these may have now changed. As some of the earlier files seemed to have been renumbered several times, it may be possible that some of these numbers belong to the same files. Please give me a call if there are any problems.

1978
D/DS8/2/3 Part D- UFO Reports [Unedited reports] (DEFE 24/1207) – DEFE24/1208 at TNA as D/DS8/75/2/3D
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D/DS8/75/2/3 Part E- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1209) - at TNA
D/DS8/75/2/3 Part F- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1210) - at TNA
D/DS8/75/2/3 Part G- UFO Reports - DEFE24/1291 at TNA
D/DS8/75/2/3 Part H- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1211) – at TNA as D/DS 75/2/3H
D/DS8/75/2/3 Part J- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1212) – at TNA as D/DS 75/2/3J
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part C - UFO Reports & Correspondence – DEFE24/1207 at TNA
D/S4 (Air)/8/2/3 Part F- UFO Reports (June-August) – no trace
D/S4 (Air)/8/2/3 Part G- UFO Reports (November) – no trace
D/S4 (Air)/8/2/3 Part H- UFO Reports (December) – no trace

1979
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part F – UFO Reports & Correspondence - DEFE24/1552 ✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part A – UFO Reports - DEFE24/1560 ✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part B - UFO Reports - DEFE24/1561 ✓
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part D – UFO Reports - DEFE24/1562 ✓

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All four should be with [redacted]

1980
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part G – UFO Reports & Correspondence – Lost
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part H - UFO Reports & Correspondence (DEFE 24/1553) - ✓
D/DS8/75/2/5 Part A - UFO Reports DEFE24/1563 ✓
D/DS8/75/2/5 Part B - UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1564) – DEFE24/1564 ✓

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 September 2005 07:42
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: UFO files

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The first eight files in your 1978 list are open at TNA (as per catalogue), transferred to Kew March 2005.

The catalogue does show some differences in former ref against three files (see below). In the case of two pieces 1208 and 1290 - the same files (!) - one is apparently unedited reports the other edited.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 September 2005 16:24
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: UFO files

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I thought we still had the files for 1978 and have told [redacted] to go to TNA for info up to 1977 and that we would examine our records for his requests for 1978-1980.

Are the records for 1978 actually open for public viewing at TNA or have they just been transferred but not yet fully available?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 September 2005 15:15
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: UFO files

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A number are open at Kew, a number should with us and some do not exist (?) - see below

[redacted]

Those with you please forward to [redacted]40

Thanks

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D/DS8/75/2/3 Part F- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1210)
D/DS8/75/2/3 Part G- UFO Reports
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D/DS8/75/2/3 Part J- UFO Reports (DEFE 24/1212)
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D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Part F- UFO Reports (June-August)
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Part G- UFO Reports (November)
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Part H- UFO Reports (December)

1979
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part F – UFO Reports & Correspondence
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part A – UFO Reports
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part B - UFO Reports
D/DS8/75/2/4 Part D – UFO Reports

1980
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part G – UFO Reports & Correspondence
D/DS8/75/2/1 Part H - UFO Reports & Correspondence (DEFE 24/1553)
D/DS8/75/2/5 Part A - UFO Reports
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AIR 2/18115	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1967
AIR 2/18116	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1967
AIR 2/18117	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1967 – 1968
AIR 2/18183	Unidentified flying objects	1968 – 1969
AIR 2/18871	Unidentified flying objects: reports and newspaper cuttings	1972
AIR 2/18872	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1972 – 1973
AIR 2/18873	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1973 1974
AIR 2/18874	Unidentified flying objects: reports	1974 1975
AIR 20/11612	Unidentified flying objects	1967 1968

AIR 20/9320	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (Code 9): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
AIR 20/9320	RADAR AND RADIO COUNTERMEASURES (Code 61): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
AIR 20/9321	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (Code 9): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
AIR 20/9321	RADAR AND RADIO COUNTERMEASURES (Code 61): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
AIR 20/9322	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (Code 9): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
AIR 20/9322	RADAR AND RADIO COUNTERMEASURES (Code 61): Parliamentary question on unidentified flying objects	1957
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DEFE 71/4	Unidentified flying objects reports	1977 Jan 01 - 1977 Dec 31
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AIR 2/17318	UFO: reports	1963
AIR 2/17526	UFO reports	1964
AIR 2/17527	UFO reports	1964-1965
AIR 2/17982	UFO reports	1965-1966
AIR 2/17983	UFO reports	1966
AIR 2/17984	UFO reports	1966-1967
AIR 2/18564	UFO report: West Freugh 1957	1957-1971
AIR 2/18565	UFO's: reports and photographs	1970-1971
AIR 2/18920	UFO reports	1975 Jan 01-1976 Dec 31
AIR 2/18921	UFO reports	1976 Jan 01-1976 Dec 31
		1975 Aug 01

AIR 2/18949	UFO Reports: edited	- 1976 Jun 30
AIR 2/18950	UFO Reports	1974 Feb 01 - 1974 Feb 28
AIR 2/18951	UFO Reports	1974 Mar 01 - 1974 Mar 31
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AIR 2/18953	UFO Reports	1974 May 01 - 1974 May 31
AIR 2/18954	UFO Reports	1974 Jun 01 - 1974 Jun 30
AIR 2/18955	UFO Reports	1974 Jul 01 - 1974 Jul 31
AIR 2/18956	UFO Reports	1974 Aug 01 - 1974 Aug 31
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AIR 2/18961	UFO Reports	1975 Jan 01 - 1975 Jan 31
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AIR 2/18963	UFO Reports	1975 Mar 01 - 1975 Mar 31
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AIR 2/18967	UFO Reports	1975 Jul 01 - 1975 Jul 31
AIR 2/18968	UFO Reports	1975 Dec 01 - 1975 Dec 31
AIR 2/18969	UFO Reports	1976 Jan 01 - 1976 Jan 31
AIR 2/18970	UFO Reports	1976 Feb 01 - 1976 Feb 29
AIR 2/18971	UFO Reports	1976 Mar 01 - 1976 Mar 31
AIR 2/18972	UFO Reports	1976 Apr 01 - 1976 Apr 30
AIR 2/18973	UFO Reports	1976 May 01 - 1976 May 30
AIR 2/18974	UFO Reports	1976 Jun 01 - 1976 Jun 30
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AIR 2/19083	UFO reports	1974 Jan 01-1974 Feb 28
AIR 2/19086	UFO policy and policy statements	1970 May 01-1971 Aug 31
AIR 2/19117	UFO's: BBC Radio Oxford programme	1972 Jan 01-1973 Dec 31
AIR 2/19119	UFO's: 'Man Alive' programme, BBC 2 television	1971 Jan 01-1972 Dec 31
AIR 2/19125	Reported sightings of UFO's	1967 Jan 01-1973 Dec 31
AIR 2/19126	Statistical analysis of UFO's	1967 Jan 01-1973 Dec 31
AIR 20/11694	UFO's	1968 Jan

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DEFE 31/163	UFO incidents	1979 Jan 01 - 1979 Dec 31
DEFE 31/164	UFO incidents	1979 Jan 01 - 1979 Dec 31
DEFE 31/165	UFO incidents	1979 Jan 01 - 1979 Dec 31
DEFE 31/166	UFO incidents	1979 Jan 01 - 1979 Dec 31
DEFE 31/167	UFO incidents	1979 Jan 01 - 1979 Dec 31
DEFE 24/977	UFO reports: edited copies	1976 Jul 01 - 1977 Apr 03

DEFE 24/978	UFO reports: edited copies	1977 Apr 07- 1977 Sep 07
DEFE 24/979	UFO reports: edited copies	1977 Sep 07- 1977 Dec 14
DEFE 24/1205	UFO reports and correspondence: October-December 1977	1977 Jan 01 - 1977 Dec 31
DEFE 24/1206	UFO reports and correspondence: April-October 1977	1977 Jan 01 - 1977 Dec 31
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DEFE 24/1208	UFO reports and correspondence: January-March 1978	1978 Jan 01 - 1978 Dec 31
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DEFE 24/1211	UFO reports and correspondence: November 1978	1978 Jan 01 - 1978 Dec 31
DEFE 24/1212	UFO reports and correspondence: December 1978	1978 Jan 01 - 1978 Dec 31
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D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	1981	General Briefs & Reports, UFO Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/Sec(AS)12/2/1	1982 ? (Papers cover 1980-96)	UFOs Report of sighting, Rendlesham Forest, December 1981	MOD Registered file Compilation of papers from various files Sent to Hayes 28.6.04. Released under Code of Practice. Included in FOI Publication Scheme.
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D/Sec(AS)12/6	1992	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident- Crash of lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes. **A copy of the whole file was released to Chris Evers (D/DAS/64/3 Pt AB Enc 31) on 27 Jul 04**
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D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt B	1996 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt C	1996 (Mar – April)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt D	1996 (April-July)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt C	1996 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt E	1996 (July – Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec (AS) 64/3 Pt F	1996 (Aug – Oct)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt D	1996 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in

			Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt B	1996 (Sept-Nov)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt G	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt C	1996 (Nov) to 1997 (July)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt H	1997 (Jan – Feb)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt E	1997 (Jan-July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt B	1997 (Jan-Sept)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt I	1997 (March – June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt J	1997 (June-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt F	1997 (July-Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt D	1997 (July –Oct)	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt K	1997 (Aug-Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt C	1997 (Sept) to 1998 (April)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt G	1997 (Nov) to 1998 (July)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt L	1997 (Dec) to 1998 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt E	1997-1998	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/Sec(AS)64/3 Pt M	1998 (March – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt D	1998 (May) to 2000 (October)	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt N	1998 (May-Aug)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt O	1998 (Aug –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in

			Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt P	1998 (Dec) to 1999 (April)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/4 Pt F	1998-2001	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquires	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt H	1998 (July) to 1999 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/2 Pt I	1999 (Feb-Dec)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt Q	1999 (March-Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt R	1999 (Sept –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt S	1999 (November) to 2000 (June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/2 Pt J	2000 (Jan-June)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3 Pt T	2000 (June –Sept)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt k	2000 (July – Dec)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sec(AS) merged with DAS. Change of name to DAS(Sec) Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3 Pt U	2000 (Sept) to 2001 Jan)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/2 Pt L	2000 (Dec) to 2001 (March)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/1 Pt E	2000 – 2002	UFOs – Policy	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/3 Pt V	2001 (Feb – May)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Change of Branch name from DAS(Sec) to DAS(LA)Ops +Pol Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec)64/2 Pt M	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/4 Pt G	2001 (March – Oct)	UFOs –Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in

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D/DAS/64/3 Pt W	2001 (July – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS/64/2 Pt N	2001 (Oct) to 2002 (June)	UFOs _ Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS64/3 Pt X	2001 (Nov –Dec)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/4 Pt H	2001 (Dec) to 2002	UFOs – Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Y	2002 (June – Nov)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/3 Pt Z	2002 (Dec) to 2003 (June)	UFOs – Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/3 Pt AA	2003 (June – Nov)	UFOs- Public Correspondence & Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/2 Pt O	2002 (Nov) to 2003 (Oct)	UFOs- Sighting Reports	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/2 Pt P	2003 (9 Oct) to 2004 (Aug)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/3 Pt AB	2003 (Nov) to 2004 (July)	UFOs – Public Correspondence and Requests for Information	Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/3 Pt AC	2004 (July) to 2005 (March)	UFOs – Public Correspondence and Requests for Information	Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/2 Pt Q	2004 (Sept) 2005 (Feb)	UFOs – Sighting Reports	Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/2 Pt R	2005 (28 Feb)	UFO – Sighting Reports	Held in DAS
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D/Sec(AS) 64/3/1 Pt A	1996-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/1 Pt B	1999 – 2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/2 Pt A	1998-2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent – [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/DAS(Sec) 64/3/3	1997-2001	UFO Correspondence –	MOD Registered file

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D/DAS(Sec)64/3/4 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/5 Pt A	1996-2001	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Held in DAS(LA)Ops + Pol
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/6 Pt A	1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS) 64/3/7 Pt A	1994-1999	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- Councillor W F Buchanan	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec (AS)64/3/8 Pt A	1997-1998	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/3/9	1996-1998	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent – [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 30.10.2003
D/Sec(AS)64/3/10 Pt A	2000	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS(Sec)64/2/11 Pt A	1999 – 2001	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Held in DAS
D/DAS(Sec)64/3/11 Pt B	2001- 2002	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/3/11 Pt C	2002	UFOs – Public Correspondence and Requests for Information	MOD Registered file Held in DAS
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D/DAS/64/3/12	2001 – To date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
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D/DAS/64/3/14	2000 to date	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.
D/DAS/64/3/15	2000 to date	UFO Correspondence – Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Held in DAS
D/DAS/64/3/16	2003	UFO Correspondence- Persistent Correspondent- [redacted]	MOD Registered file Sent to Records 2 in Hayes 28.6.04.

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AIR 2/17318	1963	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 6
AIR 2/17528	1964	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 7
AIR 2/17527	1965	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 7
AIR 2/17982	1965-66	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 9
AIR 2/17983	1966	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 10
AIR 2/17984	1966-67	UFO Sightings, reports by members of the public	MOD registered file Open at PRO Ref AF/X59/64 Pt 11
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AIR 20/12400	1972 (January)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. Open at PRO Ref ID/48/117
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AIR 20/12402	1972 (March)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. Open at PRO Ref ID/48/119
AIR 20/12403	1972 (April)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. Open at PRO Ref ID/49/120
AIR 20/12404	1972 (May)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. Open at PRO Ref ID/48/121
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AIR 20/12406	1972 (July)	UFO Reports	MOD Unregistered papers. Open at PRO Ref ID/48/123
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AIR 2/18955	1974 (01-31 July)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/590
AIR 2/18956	1974 (01-31 August)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/591
AIR 2/18957	1974 (01-30 (Sept)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/592
AIR 2/18958	1974 (01-31 October)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/593
AIR 2/18959	1974 (01-30 Nov)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/594
AIR 2/18960	1974 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2005 Ref AF/595
AIR 2/18874	1974-75	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt III
AIR 2/18961	1975 (01-31 January)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/596

AIR 2/18962	1975 (01-28 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/597
AIR 2/18963	1975 (01-31 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/598
AIR 2/18964	1975 (01-30 April)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/599
AIR 2/18965	1975 (01-31 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/600
AIR 2/18966	1975 (01-30 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/601
AIR 2/18967	1975 (01-31 July)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/602
AIR 2/18949	1975 (01 August) to 1976 (30 June)	UFO Reports: edited	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/447 Edited very badly. Some papers duplicated in AIR 2/18968 : 18969: 18970: 18971: 18972: 18973 & 18974
AIR 2/18968	1975 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2006 Ref AF/607
AIR 2/18920	1975-76	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt IV
AIR 2/18921	1976	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/7464/72 Pt V

AIR 2/18969	1976 (1-31 January)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/608
AIR 2/18970	1976 (01-31 February)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/609
AIR 2/18971	1976 (01-28 March)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/610
AIR 2/18972	1976 (01-31 April)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/611
DEFE 24/978	1976 (April-Sept)	UFO Reports: edited	Air Ministry/MOD Registered file AT PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 PtB
AIR 2/18973	1976 (01-30 May)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/, MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/612
AIR 2/18974	1976 (01-31 June)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/613
AIR 2/18975	1976 (01-30 Sept)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/616
AIR 2/18976	1976 (01-31 Oct)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/617
AIR 2/18977	1976 (01-30 Nov)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/618
AIR 2/18978	1976 (01-31 Dec)	UFO Reports	Air Ministry/ MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2007 Ref AF/619
DEFE 24/977	1977 (April to July)	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file AT PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 PtA

D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	1977	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2008 Ref: 24/1206
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	1977	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file At PRO for release 2008 Ref to be allocated
DEFE 71/34	1977 (Jan-May)	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file. At PRO for release 2008 Ref:D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt A
DEFE 71/35	1977 (June-Sept)	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file. At PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt B
DEFE 24/979	1977(Sept-Dec)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered Files AT PRO for release 2008 Ref: D/DS8/75/2/2 PtC
DEFE 24/1205 (Provisional)	1977 (Oct-Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2008. Ref: D/DS8/2/3 PtC
D/DS8/25/3	1977-1978	UFOs: Parliamentary Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes.
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Apr – Aug)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered File. At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt E
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Aug – Oct)	UFO Reports: edited	Defence Secretariat Registered File. At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F
DEFE 24/1208 (Provisional)	1978 (Jan – Mar)	UFO Reports & Correspondence	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt D
DEFE 24/1207 (Provisional)	1978 (Jan – Mar)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/2/3 Pt D
DEFE 24/1209 (Provisional)	1978 (April-May)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt E

DEFE 24/1210 (Provisional)	1978 (June – Aug)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt F
PRO Ref to be Allocated	1978 (Sept –Oct)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt G
DEFE 24/1211 (Provisional)	1978 (November)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt H
DEFE 24/1212 (Provisional)	1978 (Dec)	UFO Reports	Defence Secretariat Registered Files At PRO for release in 2009. Ref:D/DS8/75/2/3 Pt J
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	1978	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes.
D/S4(Air)/8/2/3 Pt F	1978 (Last Enc 14/8)	UFO Reports June-August	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 13.9.1978
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt G	1978 (November)	UFO Reports – November	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 15.2.1979
D/S4(Air)8/2/3 Pt H	1978 (December)	UFO Reports- December	MOD Registered file Sent to Records Archives at Hayes 15.2.1979
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	1979	UFO Reports & Correspondence	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
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D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	1979	UFO Reports: edited	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt A	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes
D/DS8/75/2/4 Pt B	1979	UFO Reports	MOD Registered file Held at Records 2 in Hayes



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Cleared by the Clearing House

[redacted]

Case No-243

[redacted] to send me an e-mail 31/8/05.

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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ENCLOSURE 10 NUMBER

[redacted]
Hessle
East Yorkshire
[redacted]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/10/2/8/13
Date
31st August 2005

Dear [redacted]

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 August 2005 12:17
To: [redacted]dca.gsi.gov.uk'
Cc: [redacted]@dca.gsi.gov.uk'
Subject: Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information case 243
Importance: High

Dear [redacted] 40

As per my telephone conversation with [redacted] earlier today, please find attached my draft reply to [redacted] Freedom of Information request which has been referred to you under case number 243. With regard to requests numbered 3 and 4, I have cleared the documents the MOD holds which originated at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) with their FOI team and they are happy for them to be released. The information which is referred to as removed, relates to personal details such as names, addresses etc. The information in requests 1, 5 and 6 have already been released to other applicants. The information at request 2 has not been released before, but you may wish to be aware that our UFO files go to The National Archives and are then made fully available to the public. Due to the age of this material, it is likely to go to TNA in the near future.

I am going on leave shortly for almost 3 weeks so I am anxious to get a response to [redacted] before I go. I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible if you foresee any problems with this response.

Thank you

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25th August 2005

DRAFT

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Yours sincerely,

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2005 16:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request

To [redacted]@mod.uk

Dear [redacted] 40

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Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain
yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Hessle.
East Yorkshire.
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 April 2005 11:56
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request AIT Reference 26-04-05-084752-001 - [redacted]

[redacted] 40

DCA Clearing house referral in respect of the request listed below.

Many thanks

[redacted] n 40

26 April

[redacted] **26-04-2005-084752-001**

D/Sec(AS)12/5

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Placed with DAS - [redacted]

[redacted] - Press Office - UK Airprox Board. CAA/MOD - [redacted]

TNT Archives

1. D/Sec(AS)12/5 - UFOs - Close Encounter reports, Alien entities, Abductions etc.
2. UFOs, Parliamentary Correspondence D/DS8/25/3 Pt 1977-1978
   D/DS8/75/3
   D/S4(Air)8/3 Pt A
   ? [redacted] - FILE ACTIVE WITH MOD asked for where abouts 28/4/05
3. UK Airprox Board will send me some details. 27/4/2005 - UK Airprox Board confirm - No. Nearmiss with any kind of a/c on this date. Monetary Guarantee Report over the Channel.
4. D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt O - UFO Reports Jan 1995
5. D/Sec(AS)12/1 Pt A - UFO Policy - Enc 98 - Report
6. D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part I - UFO Reports 1990 ✗
   D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part J - UFO Reports 1990 ✓
   D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt G - UFO Correspondence 1989 ✗
   D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt H ? ✓
   I - 1991 ✗ Starts 5 Aug 1991

27/04/2005

26-04-2005-084752-001

Expiry: 25 May 2005

[redacted]

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Sent: 25 April 2005 16:45

To: [redacted]

Subject: FOI Request

To [redacted] c/o [redacted]@mod.uk

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[redacted] Hessle.
East Yorkshire.
[redacted]

26/04/2005

ACCESS TO INFORMATION CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE REFERRAL FORM

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Email: [redacted]@mod.uk
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TIMEFRAMES

Date request received: **25 April 2005**
Date case referred to Clearing House: **26-04-2005-084752-001**
Date Clearing House advice required:
Is there a prospect of using NCND?:

CASE SUMMARY

Department Reference Number:

Which regime is this referral being made under?: *(Please tick all that apply)*

FOI X☐ DP ☐ EIR ☐

Name of Applicant (and organisation, where appropriate [redacted]

What information has been requested? (please state the exact wording of the request):

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If the Clearing House advises that information should be released, do you think it would be suitable for simultaneous release? :

Please provide a summary of the case:

This applicant has corresponded with the MOD before about UFOs and on this occasion has requested 6 separate pieces of information. Requests 1, 2, 5 and 6 only concern the MOD and we are currently searching for the relevant information.

Requests 3 and 4 however, also request information from the Civil Aviation Authority who should be consulted about release of any information they hold on these incidents. Both of these events involved civil aircraft which reported objects flying past their aircraft. One was reported as an "air miss" (Airmiss Report 2/95) and the other was a "Mandatory Occurrence Report" (MOR 199101151). On both occasions the CAA investigated the incidents and failed to identify what was seen. Because of this, a link has been made with UFOs and the MOD have had enquiries in the past about the incident in 1995. A copy of the CAA report was obtained at the time in order to answer these enquiries and remains on our files. We are not familiar with the details of events in 1991, but the UK Airprox Board have given me the brief outline. It is not clear at this stage how much information the MOD is likely to hold on these events. The CAA regularly publish Air miss reports, but I do not know whether MOR's are published.

Case History:

The file requested at 1) has been requested from the TNT archives. When this arrives we should be able to release this information providing personal data is redacted in accordance with DPA98.

The whereabouts of the file containing the information requested at 2) is uncertain at present. It is either still with MOD or just transferred to The National Archives. Info-Records to check next week.

Regarding 3) and 4) as detailed above. We will see what information the MOD holds on these.

Regarding 5) I have located the report and the LM to DIS about the report and photographs. There is no reply from DIS on our files. The DIS policy files of the time contain no details and their other files are part of the documents stored in the asbestos contaminated archive which are currently unaccessable.

Finally, as for 6) we have sent for our files for the period from TNT and will pursue our enquiries on these when they arrive.

Please state which exemption(s)/exception(s) may apply to this request and why?:

I am currently not aware of any exemptions which may apply to this request.

Is there a possibility that a certificate under either s.23 or s.24 of the FOI Act will be issued at this stage?:

NO.

Why are you making a referral?:
The applicant has made a request for information held by the Civil Aviation Authority as well as the MOD concerning two of these requests.

Does this case need to the referred to the National Security Liaison Group (NSLG)? i.e. might s23/24 be used?;

Yes ☐ No X☐

HANDLING

As far as possible, please tell us what arrangements are in place to handle the release of information if the Clearing House advises that this information should be released:

If the Clearing House decide this information can be released, we will need to liaise with the CAA regarding information relating to the two CAA reports.

KEY CONTACTS

Please provide the contact details of the key people within your Department to contact in connection to this case:

Policy Official(s): **Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information**
Name:
Telephone Number:
Email Address: [redacted]**@mod.uk**

Departmental Lawyer:
Name:
Telephone Number:
Email Address:

Press: **DCMC-DNews ArmedForces4**
Name:
Telephone Number:
Email Address: [redacted]**@mod.uk**

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Are any other Government Departments involved?:

Yes X☐ No ☐ Possibly ☐

If so, please provide contact details:

Name: [redacted]
Department: **UK Airprox Board**
Address: **Hillingdon House**
Uxbridge
Middlesex
UB10 0RU

Email Address:
Telephone Number: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
Department: **CAA**
SDU 3
SIDD
Address:

Email Address: [redacted]**caa.co.uk**
Telephone Number: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]caa.co.uk]
Sent: 28 April 2005 15:00
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Occurrence Number 199101151 21/4/91 FOI Request

[redacted]0

Many thanks for your call. Having discussed your request we would infact need an E mail to us, officially requesting this information. This has been introduced for FOI type requests. Please send the E mail to our official E mail address which is sdd@srg.caa.co.uk.

We have talked irregularly to your section over the years and the last contact we had was [redacted] In your E mail is it possible to give us a latest contact telephone number ?

Many thanks

[redacted]
SDU3
SIDD

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29 April 05

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Organisation:
Applicant Type: Not Specified
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2005 16:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request

To [redacted]@mod.uk

Dear [redacted]n 40

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6. All papers including Defence Intelligence Staff analysis of UFO photograph taken by two members of the public at Calvine, Tayside on 4 August 1990 and passed to MOD for analysis.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain
yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]Hessle.
East Yorkshire.
[redacted]

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FOI Request – 26-04-2005-084752-001 [redacted]

Please could you retrieve the following files from TNT for the above FOI Request. I might have already asked you for some of these.

D/Sec(AS)12/6 – UFOs, Close Encounters, Alien Entities, Abductions etc
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part I UFO Reports
D/Sec(AS)12/2 Part J UFO Reports
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Part G UFO Correspondence
D/Sec(AS)12/3 Part H- UFO Correspondence

Thanks

[redacted] 40

24 April 2005

[redacted] – 26-04-2005-084752-001

1. D/Sec(AS)12/5 – Close Encounter Reports, Alien Entities, Abductions etc. *File still being sought from TNT.*

2. D/S4(Air)8/3 Pt A, D/DS8/25/3 Pt A (1977-78) D/DS8/75/3
File retrieved from Info-Records. Due to go to TNT on next pick up. Three relevant documents found on the file. UFO report files for the period open at TNA reference DEFE 71/34 (UFO Reports 1 Jan 1977 -31 May 1977) and DEFE 71/35 (UFO Reports 1 June 1977 – 30 September 1977).

3. UK Airprox Board confirm no nearmiss with any kind of aircraft on this date. There was a Mandatory Occurrence Report over the Channel. *We hold some papers on this incident. The applicant has not made a separate request to the CAA for these papers, but the CAA have sent us copies of what they hold. Everything the CAA have sent us are also on our file.*

4. There is a CAA Airmiss report for this one and we hold a copy. *CAA are going to provide anything they hold. We have also requested our UFO report file for the period D/Sec(AS)12/1 Part O to see if there is anymore we hold.*

5. We hold details of this UFO report and have released them to two applicants already. *DI55 have confirmed that their files for the period are in the asbestos contaminated archive and therefore not accessible. No one there now recalls the incident.*

6.

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your message regarding progress on your Freedom of Information request. I apologise for the delay in sending you a substantive reply and for not contacting you sooner.

I have now retrieved the relevant files from our archives and located the information you have requested in each of your requests. Some of this information was classified at the time it was created and I am currently checking with my colleagues in the relevant branch within the MOD to see if this can now be released. I expect to receive a response very shortly. As soon as I have cleared this final hurdle, I should be able to send you most (if not all) of the information you have requested.

I will send you an e-mail to inform you as soon as the information is in the post to you and in the meantime, thank you for your patience.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
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Whitehall
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e-mail:das-ufo-office@mod.uk

1st August 2005

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 July 2005 20:08
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request 8 weeks since last correspondence

Hi [redacted]n 40

Just wondering if someone finally managed to slip through your information net? It's 57 days (8 weeks) since I heard from you regarding the delay relating to an FOI enquiry/request and 86 days since making the first request! (Reposted below, our previous correspondence).

Best Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@mod.uk>

To: [redacted]

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Enquiry - Re-send

Date: 24 May 2005 16:38

Dear [redacted]

I can confirm that we have received your message and I am searching for the information you have requested. The archives where the majority of our files are held is in the process of moving location and we are currently experiencing some problems with retrieving our files. I should, however, be able to give you a substantive reply soon, but in the meantime, please accept my apologies for the delay.

[redacted]

Ministry of Defence

Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 May 2005 01:43

To: [redacted]

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Enquiry - Re-send

Dear [redacted]

Did you receive an email from me dated 25 April 2005?

If not, here is a pasted re-send.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Hessle.

East Yorkshire.

[redacted]

File copy.
of D/Sec(AS)12/5.

Request

From [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room 8245

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Letter which went to all natural UFO groups / authority release of the enclosed reports, and giving other general information.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Oxford

[redacted]

D/Sec(AS)12/3

27 July 1992

We have had a number of recent enquiries about the contents of the UFO files held by the Ministry of Defence, and I thought it would be useful if I put you in the picture on what we hold.

Our files are made up of UFO sighting reports, together with enquiries about other aspects of the UFO phenomenon, and the position of the Ministry of Defence. Virtually all of the UFO sighting reports we receive relate to lights or discs in the sky, or various ill-defined shapes or objects. In my time here I have not received a single report of any close encounter, but we have, in the past, received a very small number of letters that might fall into the category of a close encounter of the third or fourth kind. I recently had a request from a researcher to release these reports. As we receive so few, and recognising their value to researchers, I agreed that these reports could be released. I also said that I would make this material available to those UFO groups that we refer witnesses and enthusiasts to, and I therefore attach this for your information. As is usual when releasing UFO reports, I have deleted information relating to the identity of the witnesses, together with other personal information. I draw no conclusions from this material, and remain open-minded as to what may have prompted these five reports. I have not included material relating to reports that are already in the public domain, such as photocopied extracts from books such as "Above Top Secret".

I will keep you informed about any such cases in the future, and - as usual - will encourage any witness to get in touch with you. I remain of the opinion, however, that reports of close encounters are more likely to be reported to organisations such as yours than to us.

More generally, we are able to answer specific queries you may have about particular sightings which have occurred recently, and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident, and if so, what it contains. We will also do our best to answer any specific questions we are asked, and can also give general information about our files, and what they contain. However, the files that we hold only go back to 1985, with previous files having been "archived", and sent to the Public Record Office. Because these files are covered by the "30 year rule", and as, prior to 1967, UFO files were destroyed after five years, files held in this office are likely to be the only accessible UFO files at present.

I hope this is helpful.

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Bate 23.1. 91

[redacted]

BA 11 3 DL

Somerset.

Dear Sir

I am writing to tell you of what happened to me in the summer of 1989 the month of may.

[redacted]

I was sleeping at a place called FELTHAM LANE, they where building a new bypass.It was about 3 oclock in the morning i did not write the day down,

I was walking towards the railway lines when i heard the sound of a railway engine well thats what i thought the railway lines where straight in front of me,the signal was on redi i could not see the train comeing the noise became louder then i looked to the left down the bypass,A FLYING SAUCER had LANDED i still cannot belive what happened to me that morning.

When the saucer had landed TWO ALIENS CAME OUT not green men nor did they have funney heads, they are the same as us,human they where dressed in all black, the saucer had lights coming out of the top red blue and white my memory has faded a little bit but not that much.

By this time i was hiding under a earth moving machine i was terrified.The first Alien who came out knew where i was HOW, he pointed to me and shouted CAPTURE THAT MAN BEFORE HE TELLS ANYBODY ELSE, The second ALIEN was checking the engines THATS right,they have real engines they can rev up thier engines they sound like a train, but much louder.

Are we to believe that somebody on this Planet has built a fully operational flying saucer with a diesel engine, These two ALIENS can speak perfect ENGLISH.,They only use ther engines for takeing of and landing, they use the railway lines and the railway engines because they sound the same, its a cover they glide in flight.

Have the Russians biult a flying saucer are they that clever, Somebody has somewhere,

How did they get through our radar, WARMINISTER ARMY BARRACKS ARE ONLY a few miles away, WHAT WEAPONS DO THEY CARRY i didnt see any visible ones.

I was in the wrong place at the wrong time according to what the ALIEN

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Alien shouted to me. Has any body else been captured.
It was all over in about 5 minites,when the saucer had took off the train came.
A few weeks after a lady reported a flying saucer in the local paper guess where near a railway line. Looking back it seems li like a night,mare, BUT I AM AFRAID ITS ALL TRUE.
You now have a real insight into flying saucers, that they have real engines that they can rev them up, they can beat our radar,
With great respect i know that the WAR IN THE GULF is a very big problem for all of us, I also know that you need hard FACTS AND EVIEDENCE I cannot provide this, ~~i keepin~~
I keep asking myself if only i had a camera well i didnt of all th books ive read on flying saucers none of them have mentioned an engine or anything like it.
It has takeing me a long time to write this on paper the main reason is [redacted] i am being totaly honest about this [redacted]
Nothing will change what i saw nothing at all.
The main thing about this saucer is the ENGINE who made it,is,it, man made if,it,is WHAT COUNTRY MADE IT.
The next time our pilots see strange lights on the grouud it could be a flying saucer especally near a railway line.
It cannot be a diesel engine it wouldnt have enough power surly it must use some kind of fuel, why else where theh checking over the engines. Nobody else knows about this except you this letter must be treated with some air of secracy.
Nobody knows about the engine except the M.O.D. and me.
[redacted] but what i saw still remains,WISH YOU COULD HAVE been their sir it really was great fantastic.The sauucer was as big as a house even thoggh i was afraid their was an ere of excitment.There here and there human nobody knows who they are.Saddam Hussein might be a threat to world peace but he wont last long, we hope not.
Flying saucers are a bigger threat they can sneak in and out with out getting caught.We dont know how many there are or what weapons they carry.

Please do not scorn or laugh at
what ive written i didnt find it funney at
the time,nor do i now.

Yours Sincerly

[redacted]

P.S. Perhaps i was in the right place at the right time.
Because of the engine.

Tel [redacted] Home
[redacted] Business.

[redacted]
Cheshire
[redacted]

reply sent 7 April 87

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Dear Sir / Madam,

It has taken me a long time to decide to write to you. I am also quite convinced that after you have read this letter, you will probably throw it into the dustbin and have a good laugh at it. But I will go on anyway. I have tried so many times to put pen to paper and write in such a way that I will not be made to look a fool. I've thrown away so many letters that I have began. This one is going, I've finally decided. Here goes. On my way back from Southport after visiting a sick Aunt My Mother and myself were heading towards Manchester. We both noticed a bright light. I will not go into great detail about what the light did. but the culmination was that our vehicle was slowed down by an odd looking black type 1930's car that was in front of ours the driver was tall, stocky, and wearing a strange german type hat, even though his vehicle was dangerously close to ours not once did he show any movement or show any sign of involvement. My car was slowed down by this vehicle in front from 65 MPH to almost a standstill. both my Mother and I felt that something was very wrong and odd about the whole thing. I decided to open my window and look out. To my horror. Above my car was an unusually shaped craft of some kind, about 30 feet above us. The lights on this craft were huge and very dazzeling the size of the thing was roughly about the size of a double decker bus on its side twice. The strangest thing though was that (Here comes the hard bit). We both felt as though time had stood still and it was very frightening indeed. We felt nothing, heard nothing smelled nothing. it was as though we were dead, or not there. I Remember hitting my head on something, probably the window of the car and I screamed, and suddenly the car that was in front of us dissapeared and so did this odd craft. We drove like crazy

wanted to get off the Road. The object wasn't in sight at first and then it was suddenly there again in full view. I must say it was a beautiful thing all lit up we did notice a sort of dome amidst the lights. But we were very scared indeed. My car was back to normal by now. whilst the object was above us all the lights on the car (my car) went haywire. and I could smell a sweet burning some sort of odd smell.

When I dropped my Mother off home and finally got home myself. My husband was distraught. He though we had, had an accident We left Southport at 7 o'clock evening and I arrived home at 10.30 evening. The first thing my husband said was where is your coat you look freezing. It should have taken us just over an hour to get back from Southport to Manchester, just after I arrived home I had blue marks on both sides of my thighs and I was very very sick for a couple of days and also I had some terrible dreams which I would not like to go into on paper.

We worked it out that 55 minutes went missing on our time home and that dream that I had about an (alien Being) a being that was 6 feet tall, maybe taller. Blue eyes and white shoulder length hair who wore a one piece silver or white suit with no pockets or anything. He said in my dream, that he had seen me when I was thirteen years old and no matter where I go he would no where to find me, and if it was necessary he would find me. I am now thirty eight years of age. The incident I am writing about only happened a few years ago. I am frightened and I do definately believe that something is going to happen again. I can't talk to anyone about this because I don't think most people would believe me. But I swear to god it happened. Their is so much more involved that I could not put pen to paper and discuss.

Please I would be so grateful indeed if you could help me to solve or at least explain to me what happened on that Road. And why it happened to me and my Mum. I am a happily married woman who holds down

a small business. I am told I am reliable intelligent and trustworthy.
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I have read so much about UFOs since the sighting and I get the feeling that most people who have a visit from these crafts are either crazy or attention seekers. All I can do is speak for myself and my Mother. Believe me, I have had the chance of the story being plastered all over the newspapers. The Mirror tried to con me into selling the story as so did Womans World. But I did and do not want publicity. All I want to know is why they, the people on that craft, wanted or needed to contact me. I am totally confused. I understand that you have all your red tape and such to consider. I also expect you to reply to me in such a way that you will almost certainly make me out to be a fool. Well I'm not a fool and neither is my Mother. We both know a great deal about the incident and we are willing to tell you all we know, if you are willing to listen. But in return I want some long overdue answers.

One thing that does bother both my Mother and myself was not so long after the incident on the East Lancs Road. My Mother was walking home from shopping and it was daylight. Her attention was caught by a bright light which flashed her three times then disappeared. Six miles away at the same time we found out later, the same light which was enormous, did the same to me as I was driving home with a friend. It's all so strange.

If I don't get any help or advise from you I really don't know what to do next because I have a gut feeling that we have not seen the last of this craft or the occupants.

Please take this letter seriously, because we need you too. I have never written to anyone about all this I think it is about time something should be done or at least discussed

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

PS I would like to add that I know that the Ministry of

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Defence Tend to concern themselves about objects sighted in the UK airspace. This object was in the UK airspace and it did fly below free level and it was not a craft from this world believe me. If you dont want to accept this or at least investigate it Then I for one will have some serious thought provoking concern for the defence of our country to say the least.

Yours again most sincerely

[redacted]

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File

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ENCLOSURE NO. 8/1

[redacted]
Merseyside [redacted]

April 2t 1955.

Urgent - IMMEDiate pass To DEFENCE Minister or other high ~~staff~~ class, fraction Person in the govt.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you today with extraordinary news. I believe We are 'Aliens' as in extraterrestrials who are here on [redacted] awaiting for someone to grant "Landing Permission' officially. I appear to have had the honour as bearer of this historical news. I say that because I recognise who these aliens are. It is urgent you equip a terrestrial region to receive them. They are the legendary "Feathered Serpents" I last heard of in prehistory in Inca Peru. I only knew that because I am interested in South American history in a lay way.

I believe for some years now I've had a 1st hand encounter which has gone on and on and on! They are as in the legend Serpents but a curious genetic mix of 3 species. Birds, snakes (cobra Type) and Man. I have been spending time in their company believing them to be a strange new "Magpie". I should say they communicate between themselves with a call like a bird, resembling one of our own raven cum blackbird noises. They are here in peace and they've simply said "hello" to both me and my daughter. They use telepathy and that's how they'll communicate with us. Please find a telepath who can send and receive as I can. I've been on 'Duty' 6 years already and need a rest.

I would rectify my phobia about snakes is getting in the way of my continuing with them. I can't control the snakes. They are strangely beautiful and immensely powerful. I would estimate their 'length' at least 20 feet plus. With the cranial capacity of the 3 species they evolved from. Their brain power is awesome! If they use all their full capacity. They have huge heads and can fly as birds can and in the manner of tree snakes too. They're just amazing! They mean no harm and I have no idea of their future intentions at this point. It would be crazy to show ARMS at any point. I believe they could wipe us out no problem if they wanted to. If the legends are true as they appear to be. The staff at the landing should wear tinted goggles, as the landing region will be bathed in a strong glaring golden light. This explains the obsession the Peruvians and Mayans had with gold. Their scout craft produce the light. Light resembling strong sunlight at noon. Golden light! non radioactive! Now I'll explain my photos simply taken at locations generally full of tourists at the time except for the Braston shot.

Firstly the one with the benches in the middle region is Thurstaston Country park pinic area. Flying down are magpies. These are ours. Though the others appear I'm sure in the background as curled up heads apparently floating. This is a companion

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picture only.

Then look first to the Brixton shot. The number on the back is my [redacted] members one! Ignore it. In the centre can be seen a "Bird" flying between trees. Notice if you will the tail especially, then look at our Magpie. Fascinating aren't they? The colour configuration is wrong too as you can plainly see. In the background of the Brixton picture is a "craft" behind the trees with what could be rivets on! It's puzzled me for some time what is was till it dawned.

Moving to the Welsh Valle Crucis ABBey scene you will see in the big tree next to the abbey are a lot of "Birds", yet again. And close up faces in the trees. In white. Near the bay hanging down is what on first sight looks like a rippled rubber mat ending in a blob. It's head. This is the other side of their body obviously, their tail becoming a claw to keep them in position.

On the Brixton scene it looks like two tails in motion. This is probably due to the camera shutter speed which was a fixed focus one. So I couldn't improve it.

I don't know why I was chosen for this. I think they've been because of some structure damage on the houses I lived in. The roofs were also always losing slates and gutters coming loose. And leaks. They liked me so much they slept on the roof to be near me. Why they like me is an even bigger mystery. A Scout Ship does duty outside at night and does not attempt anymore to mimic stars in the sky. They are waiting for news. They are standing in the holding pattern as they say in aircraft circles!

Please hurry as they are becoming impatient to touch down.

Can you confirm there are UFO's over Perth Scotland. My sister lives there and is having roof problems too. She's also a telepath I think but doesn't realise it! I know you know they are here. Your battle cruiser the M12 was parked at Liverpool Pier then another ship took it's place in February/March with better equipment on board. It's likely a white ship parked on the welsh coast appearing to do "tourist" duty I.E. The public can walk on her sometimes, is part of that fleet. Would I be correct?

I forgot to say in this fleet is a body of Men, at least Fifty individuals well enough to fill 2 big trees anyway. There may be more than that.

You should behave as if they were a visiting royal party as they were treated by the Incas. Don't go over the top please. Don't destroy the peaceful work I have done for you.

You wonder why they chose an urban area this time round? I think they acted on a funny idea I had (before I knew them properly) after reading a Von Daniken book. I wondered what it would be like if the 'gods' did return and used an opposite geographic place to Peru and instead of remote mountain why not smack in the centre of town. It's a joke in one respect. They understand humour too.

I am not a crank, just an ordinary person. I would like my life to return to normal now, so would the aliens. I am not attention seeking, just trying to attract your attention on their behalf. Simply a message carrier. I know my work is finished now almost. Once I have handed them over to you.

Don't have a criminal record or anything and I'm not a Terrorist!

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The feathered Serpent did say in Peru at the dawn of time (as we know it) he would return. He was very spirited about it according to legend. He came to Men in Human form. This time they present in their natural shape. I can understand the awe the ancients must have felt at the original UFO landing. I feel incredible peace near them. But I am normally non-aggressive anyway so I'm not too surprised.

I was thinking of walking into RAF Sealand at Chester. But I thought the C-in-C of the base would react negatively and hold-up things. Assuming I got past the gate guard that is.

Please move quickly it's vital you do. If you want to meet them too.

yours in True sincerity,

[redacted]

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Edinburgh
8th, March, 1990

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The Air Ministry
Whitehall.
London.

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Dear Sir:

You first reaction to this letter will be one of disbelief however, let me assure you I am neither insane of a charlatan as the facts will prove.

During W.W.2., as I am sure you are aware, a crashed U.F.O. was recovered by the military somewhere in this country.
I should like to know the exact date and location of this event?
It is possible this was Passylock Warren the location of which I am as yet unable to discover. There are several options, Wistman's Wood by West Dart Devon, between Gara Point and Blackstone Point Devon, the Norfolk coast of Wenlock Edge. In fact the name Passylock Warren could be quite wrong, it just came into my mind one morning from whence I know not.

The crashed vehicle contained two males from Stectra, a planet orbiting the star Zeta Tucanae and a female from one of the two inhabited planets in the Sirius system, Amazon the planet of warrior women. That female was me. So I have a right to ask my question. (see sketch 1.)

Stectrans are very white with oriental features no hair and 'Mr. Spock' ears. They can and do interbreed with Terrans.
Although Stectra is a member of the Federation of Nine you may not know them. The people you work with are from a planet orbiting 82 Eridani. They are your 'brothers' descendants of Adam.
(This planet may be Thebal.)

I will now acquaint you with my story in brief.
I am a Wearer of the Purple, a top rank in the military. Some years ago our President, Adrasta, asked me to come to Earth, with

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Utraina, an other Weaver of the Purple, to check out what was going on.
(I was very familiar with Earth.)

This woman betrayed me and I was captured by Spectra troops.
I protested. They ignored me. I killed them - I remember them laying peacefully over the central console with its rows of small square push buttons in chalky shades of grey, blue, yellow and pink. Colours they use a lot. I cut the drive confident my death would free me from them. I was wrong. The vehicle fell like a brick (To this day I hate lifts because of that little falling feeling one gets.) When it struck the ground I must have lost consciousness for the next memory is of laying face down on the floor my head on its left side limbs spread out. A piece of cloth in front of me I think (see sketch 2.) I suppose the two also fell on the floor. A warm feeling spread through my body. It was quite nice until it stopped me from breathing easily my eyesight blurred and then blackness.

Whilst my body lay in the U.F.O. I was taken into the Spectra computer. That was a strange experience.

The parents of my present body were chosen in 1940. They saw a rocket shaped U.F.O. trailing a blue flame, and experienced a strange stillness.

Although Spectra rule me they will not tell me why I am here.

They have an other body just like this one. It lies in a bed wearing a sort of helmet from which hangs a thick cable plugged into a computer probable, behind a panel on the wall.

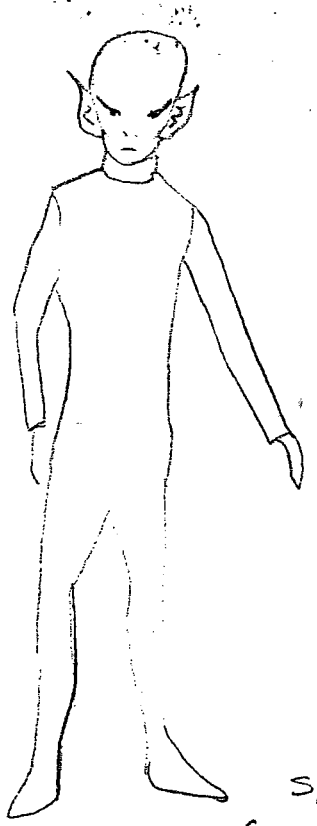
I hope you can answer this letter.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]



Me
gown
Purple.



Spectra
Garment Black
with white bands
close to cuff sometimes
showing rank.

One white band is a pilot.
Tah bears have 6 band of dull red
on each side of chest, from shoulda
to waist.



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Your Ref D/DS8/75/2/I

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Jan., 1985

Dear [redacted]

I am writing in response to the letter recieved, dated 9 March 1982. As my infomation can no longer be concidered as classified, I am now able to pass it onto you.

The letter that I sent to you, was only a small fraction, of the work that I had done on U.F.O. research. I was in fact in physical and psychic contact with an E.T. called Algar; whom I have had a relationship with since 1958, and it continued until 1981, when he was killed by another race of beings.

So to start at the beginning. I was seven years old, when I first saw traces left by a U.F.O. At the time I lived at [redacted], Glasgow. One Saturday, morning I had the impression that I should go out to the back, so much it was like an obsession(DIA 1). When I did go to the back, I found three indentations in the ground, they were in triangular formation. Each indentation was the same distance from it's partner, and they gave the impression that three large ball bearings had been dropped there. My first thought was that it was a U.F.O.; but I had never ever heard of U.F.O. or flying saucers, and yet the thought seemed normal to me, as if I used it on a regular basis. I told my father, who was rather quick at ridiculing and poo-pooing what I had told him. Anyway, a couple of months later, the first visit came from E.T.s, which was followed by a few more. They were of green gas which solidified when it came in from the passage way,which led to the toilet under, the door, and the wardrobe, which was situated against the door preventing it from opening. (DIA 2). There was one which was green and very large. that had eyes all over it, this one came three times. Then there was a woman with very sharp features, and what looked like fat worms sticking out of her head, where the hair should be. The last visit from the large green thing happenend when my father tried to get into the bedroom, as usual I was against the door, with fear. My father was at the time, fairly atheleltic and no weakling, but no matter how hard he pushed he could not get the door open; not until the large green thing had gone.

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I959, I found semi-transparent, slug like creatures crawling up the wall on the opposite side of the back. At this period of time I was in with a band, especially,the lead singer [redacted] and the drummer [redacted] Both of them saw the creatures. The end product of this was that we armed ourselves and started to shoot them, we used •22 air rifles at a range of fifty to seventy five yards. When we did kill them, they fell off the wall and took on the appearence of cement that had got damp and solidified. Quite often they would fall and appear to go through the ground leaving no trace at all. One day we found that we were unable to hit our targets, and we could see our shots pass through the targets, by the ricochete off the wall, and after that we found that it was a waste of time trying to shoot them, so we gave up as a bad job. (DIA 3).

I was stationed at [redacted] Barracks - [redacted] and Algar was with me then, even in spite of other E.T.s going away. A strong bond was forming of friendship and trust. One incident involves telepathic contact, and that occured, following an incident when I was unusually indesisive. It was when I was on guard duty, and I was asked if I would like the first tour. to which I normally said yes, but thank God I eventually declined, for the first one was critically injured with the pick elf he was carrying. It was on the basis of safety, that we were to go in pairs from then on, and it was under these conditions that I got a telepathic link with Algar. We were returning to the guard house after our patrol, and to our right was a field, which had lighting only on the road on which we were walking. Apart from the lighting mentioned, the field was totally dark. I heard only what I can describe as a whisper, and it was saying that someone was creeping about in the field, to the front and slightly right. I immediatly looked in that direction but saw nothing. But as I had heard this whisper several times before, and it had proved accurate, I decided to follow it through. I sent my partner around the camp museum, which was situated about twenty yards behind us, and I went to a lamp, and prepared to go into the field. It was at this point, when someone came out of the dark. I then called my partner and after a few heated words, I convinced the stranger who had no i.d. on him, to accompany us to the guard house. (DIA 4).

The real work began in May, I979, when my wife and I formed a team, and together we collected such data as;- what the different coloured lights on a U.F.O. means, how they manage to evade radar, what fuel they use and what it looks like, I have been to their bases which were in Wirral and Cheshire. There was a curious incident which took place over the river Mersey, by the Wallasey Town Hall. There were six U.F.O.s flying at speed up and down the river, when I noticed a black one was trying to manoeouvere the other six. Unfortunately, the black one was shot down, it hit the water in front of the Town Hall. As I was watching , the front end of the U.F.O. hit the water, then the whole U.F.O. dissapeared; leaving the water to splash, as if done by an invisible entity.

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In June, I98I, Algar, was ready to approach the goverment in person. I was over the moon with pride to be used as the medium between alien race and our own race. Unfortunately, another race of E.T. decided to attack Algar, and his team of scientists, and killed Algar and several members of his team. That of course was that. It was not until October, 24 I98I, that they sent some one to dominate me by using threats, and eventually attacking me, the E.T. died during his attack on me. Since there have been four responses to my telepathic messages sent out, but two of those contacts have been lost. But of the two who are still in contact, one is a womam, but I am unable to give you her name. The other is a male and his name is Malcben, he says he comes from the Milky Way, and that his planet is called Platone.

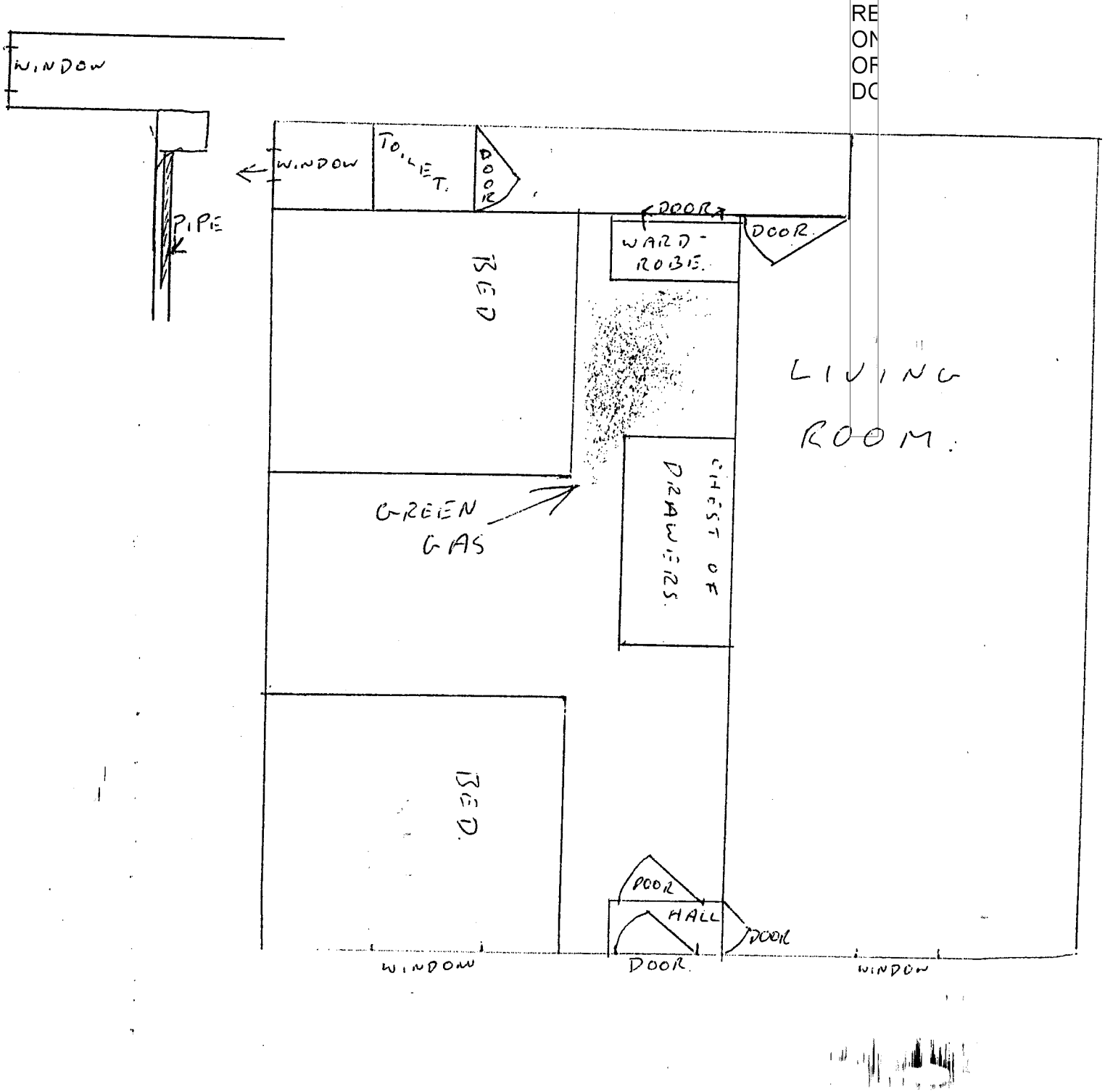
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Yours faithfully

[redacted]

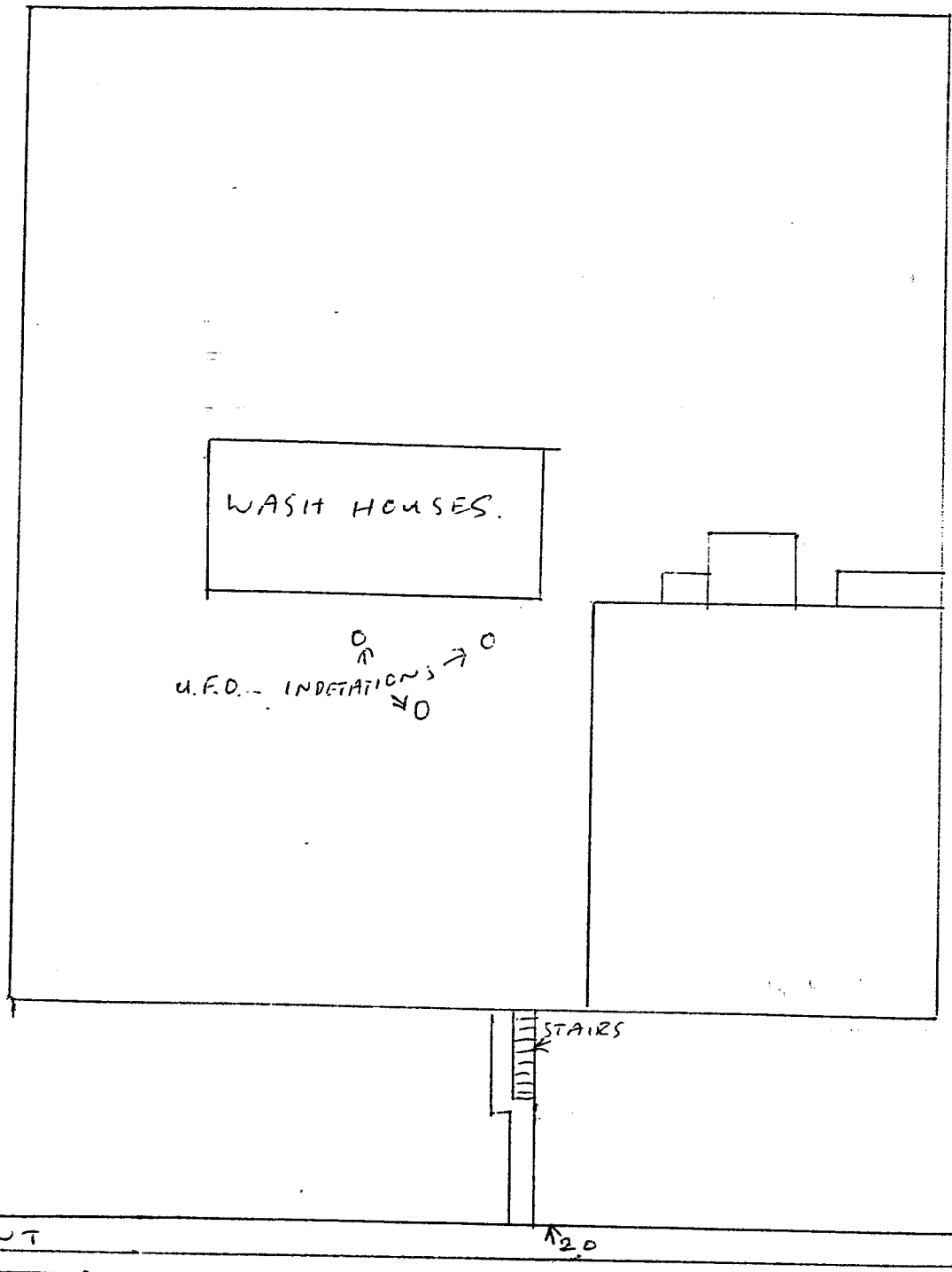
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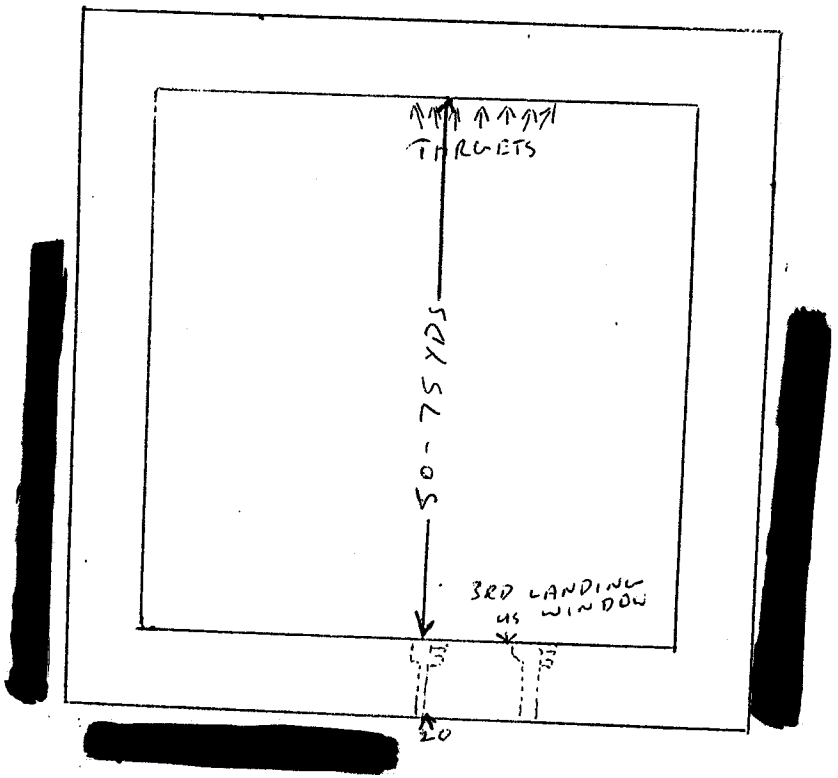
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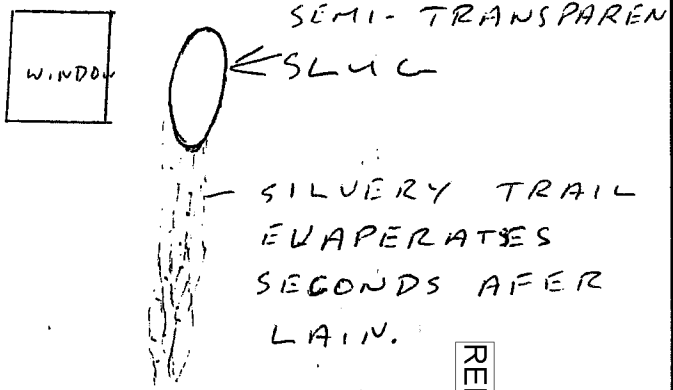


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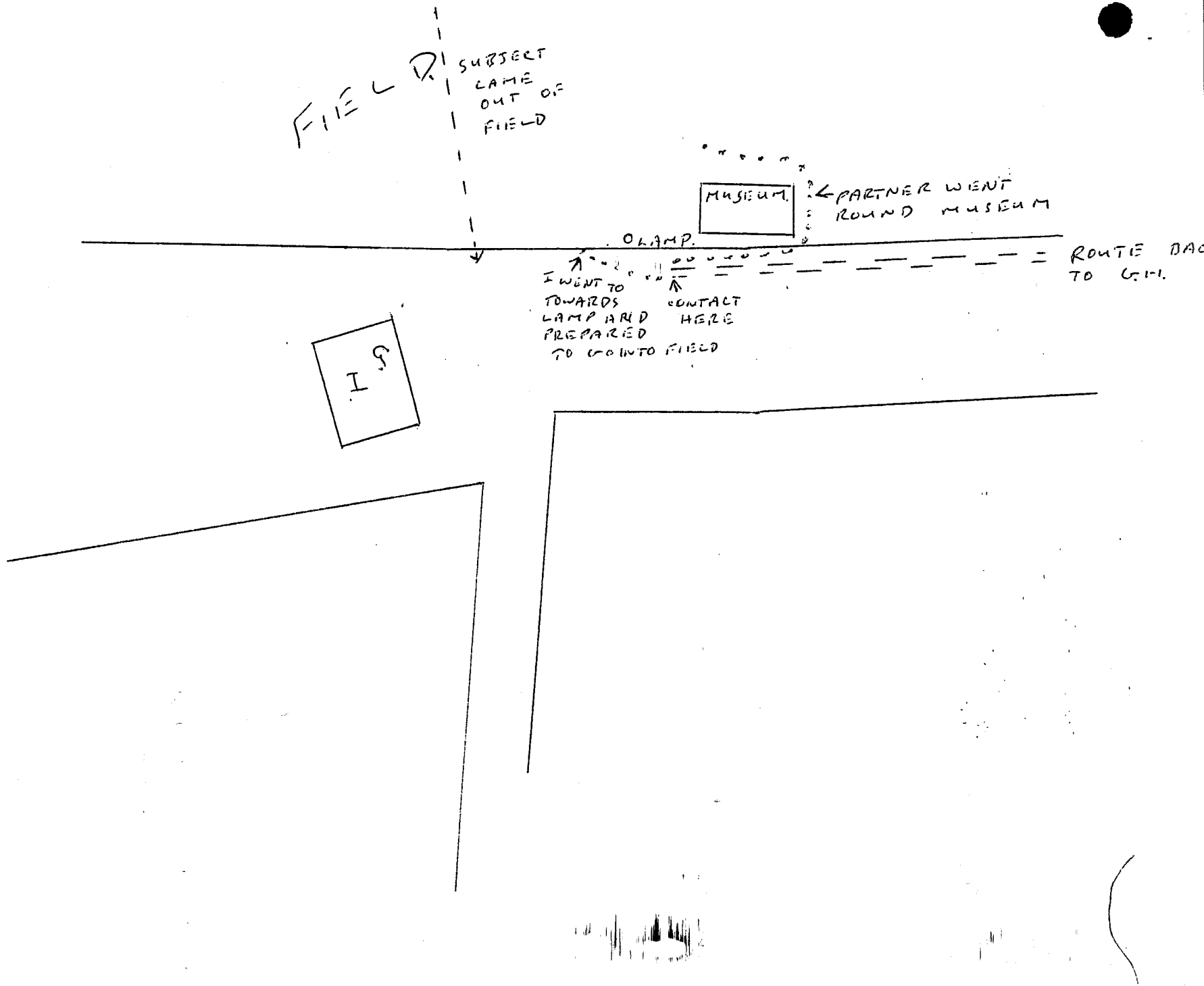
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MUSEUM.
PARTNER WENT ROUND MUSEUM
LAMP.
ROUTE BAC
TO C.P.
I WENT TO TOWARDS LAMP AND PREPARED TO GO INTO FIELD
CONTACT HERE
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43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
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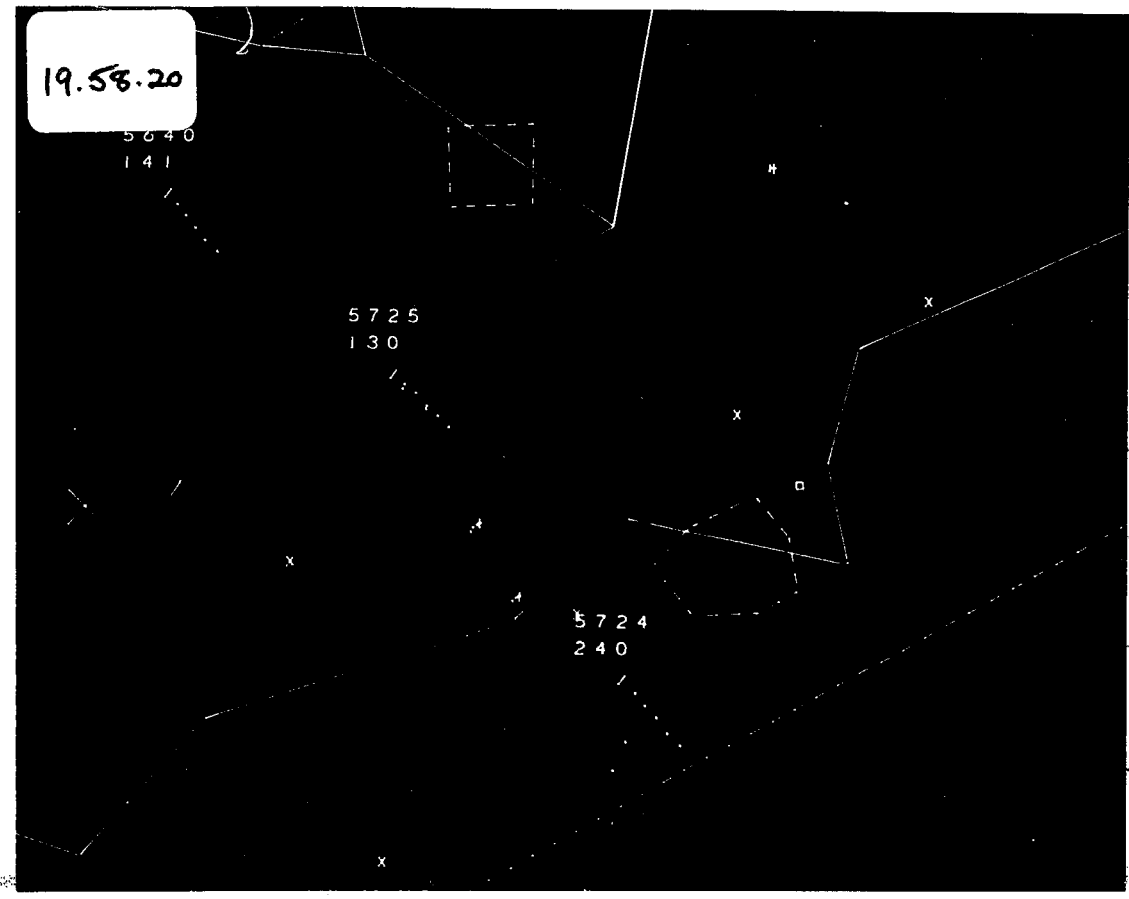
At approx 2000 the BIG controller advised that AZA284 reported sighting a missile at FL~~230~~220 about 6 miles west of LYD. In conjunction with EHOK the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information :- DoD, MAS, EHOK Dover Coast guards, Police, and via DoD the Army helicopters which were operating between LYD - DVR. At the time of the incident a primary response was observed behind the AZA284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via AZA ops and captain [redacted] said the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at FL230 and passed him in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged thro' DoD at 2130Z

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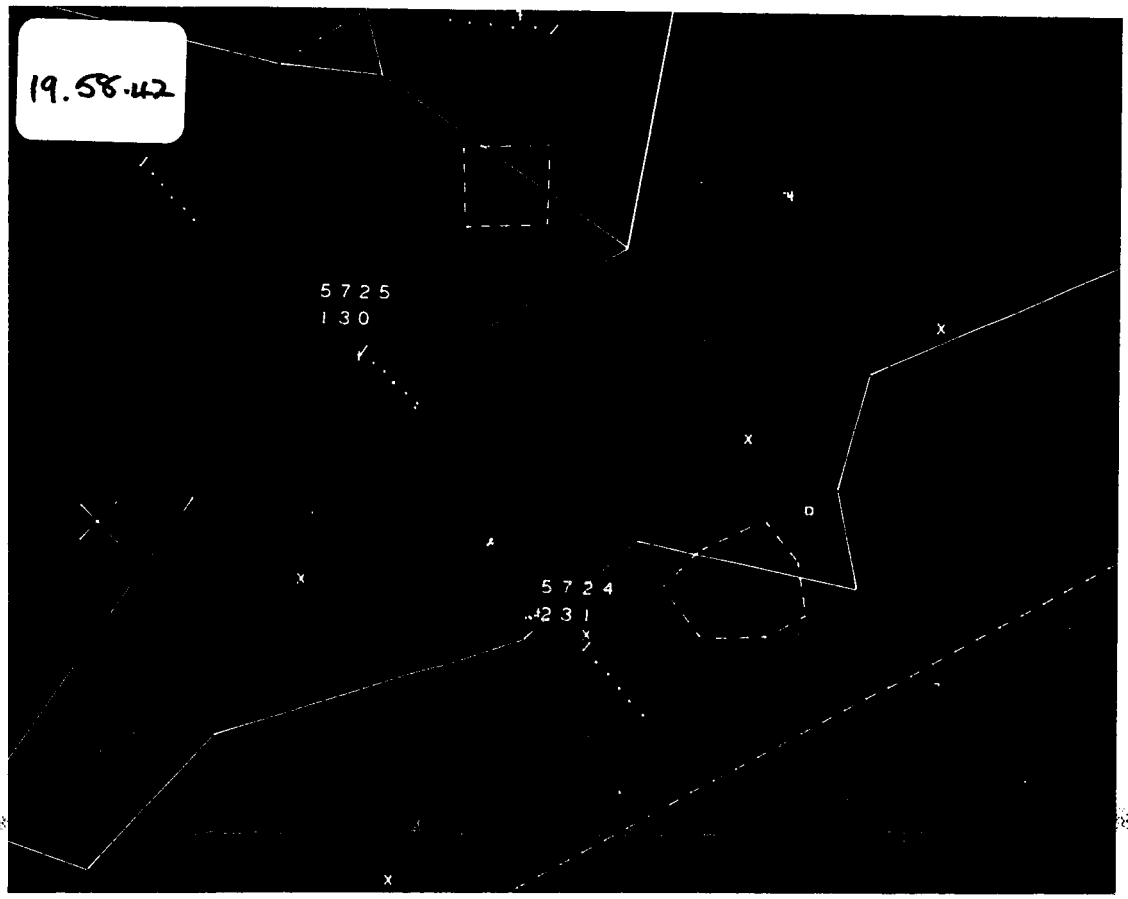
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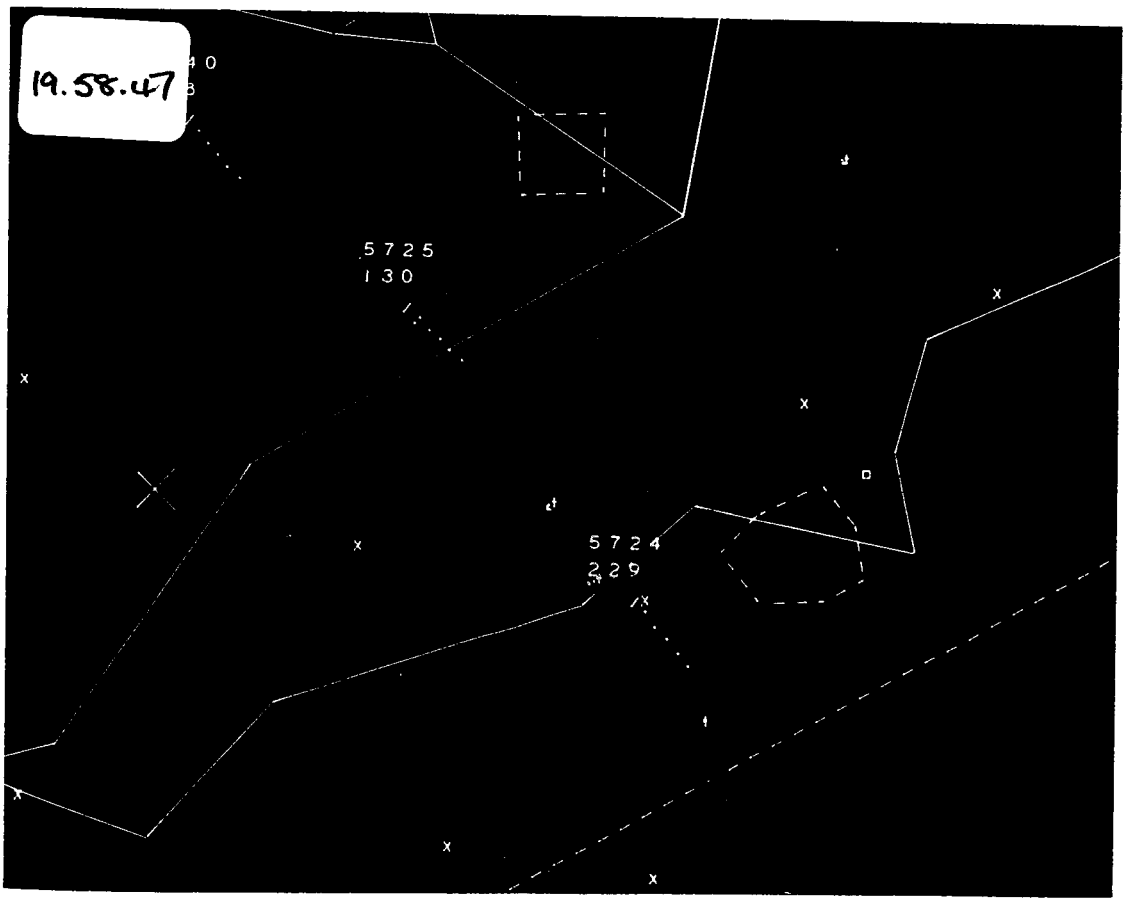
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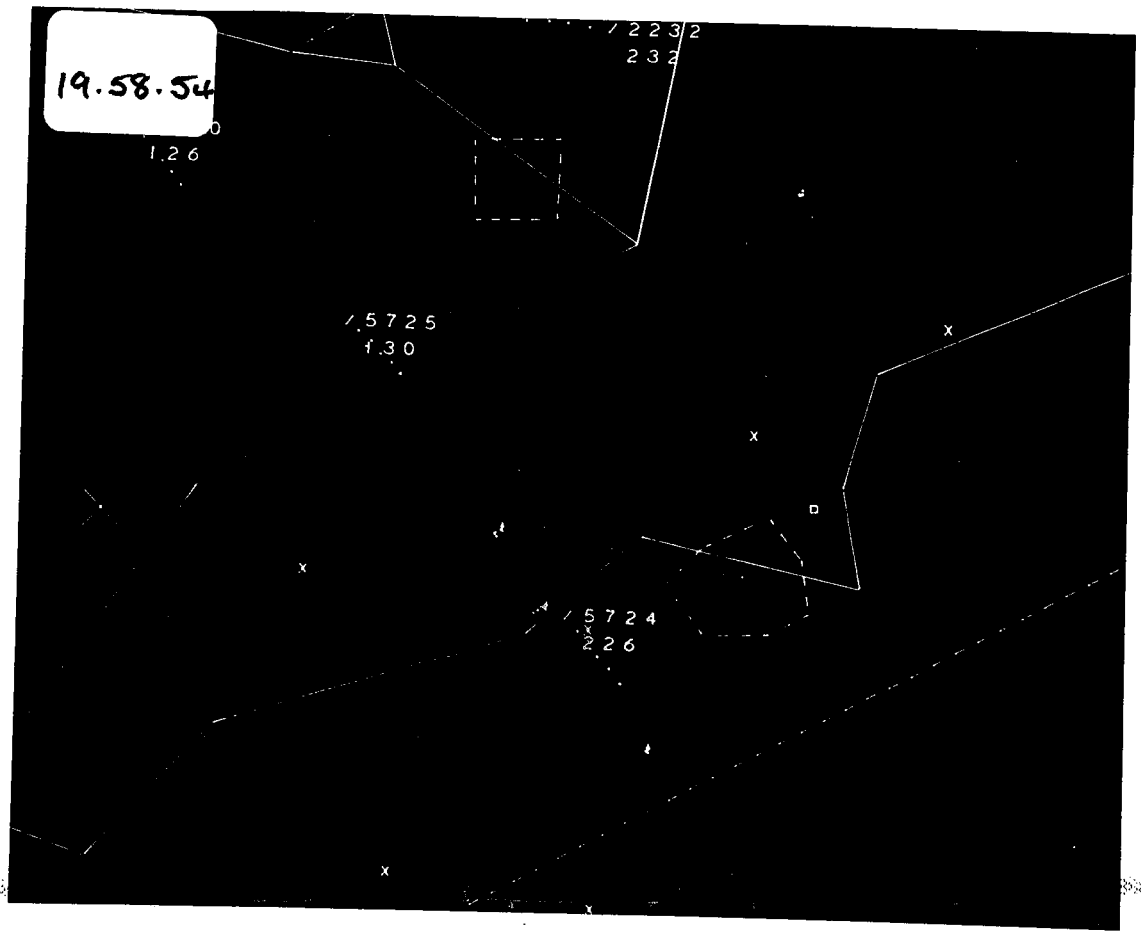
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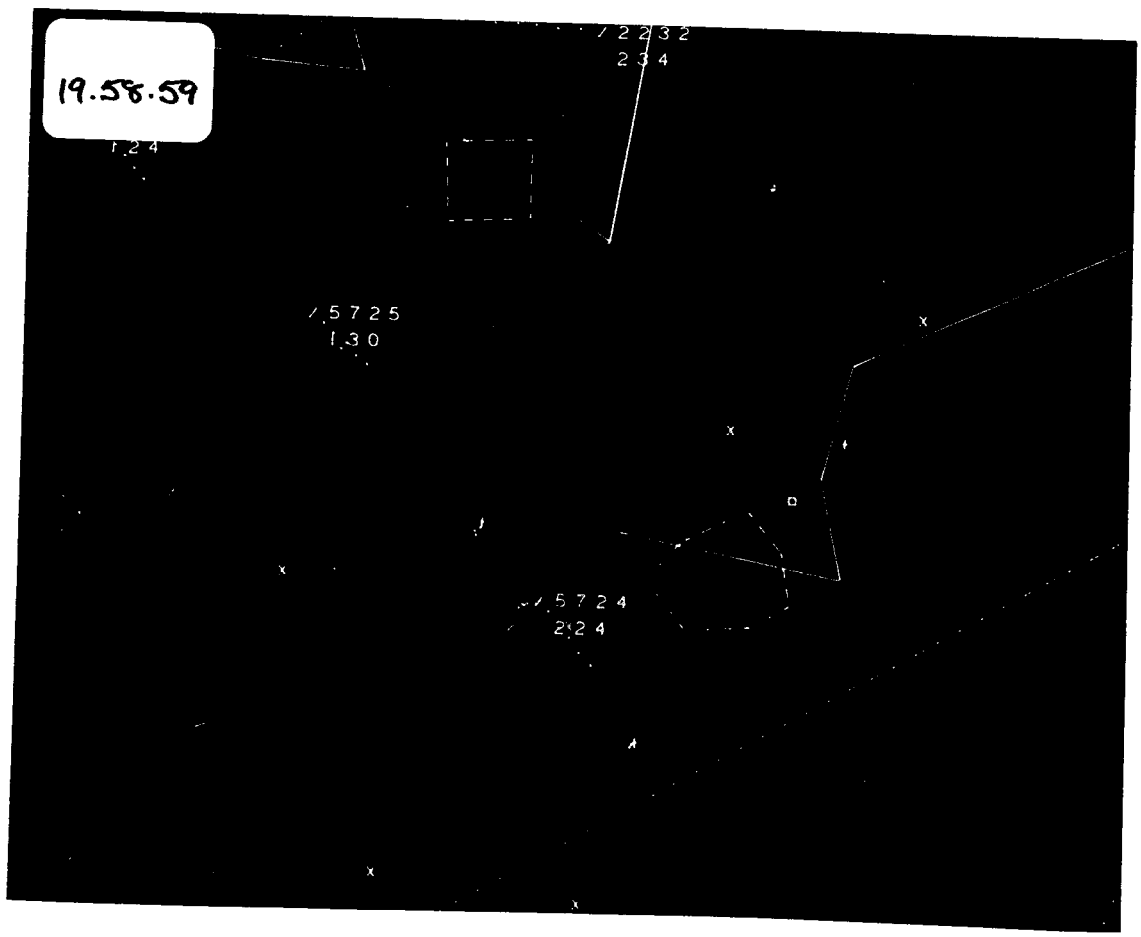

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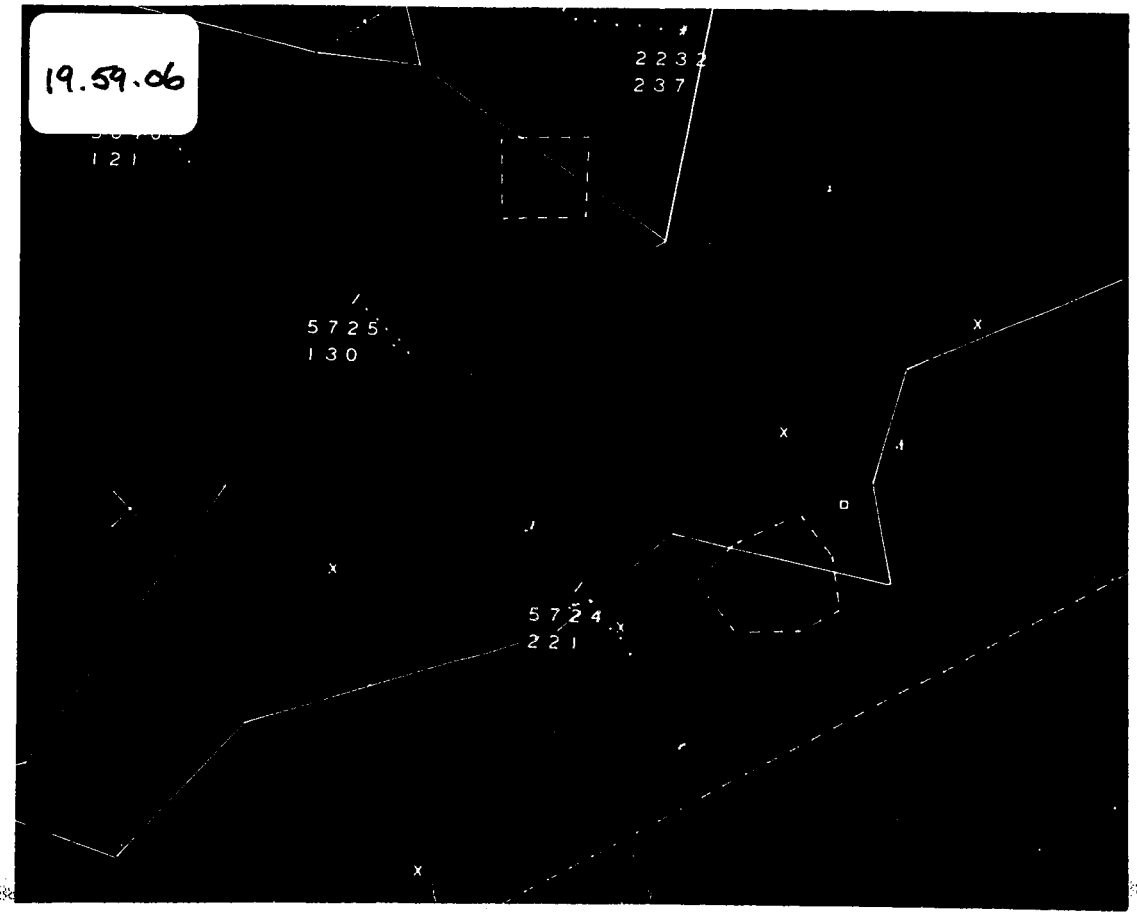

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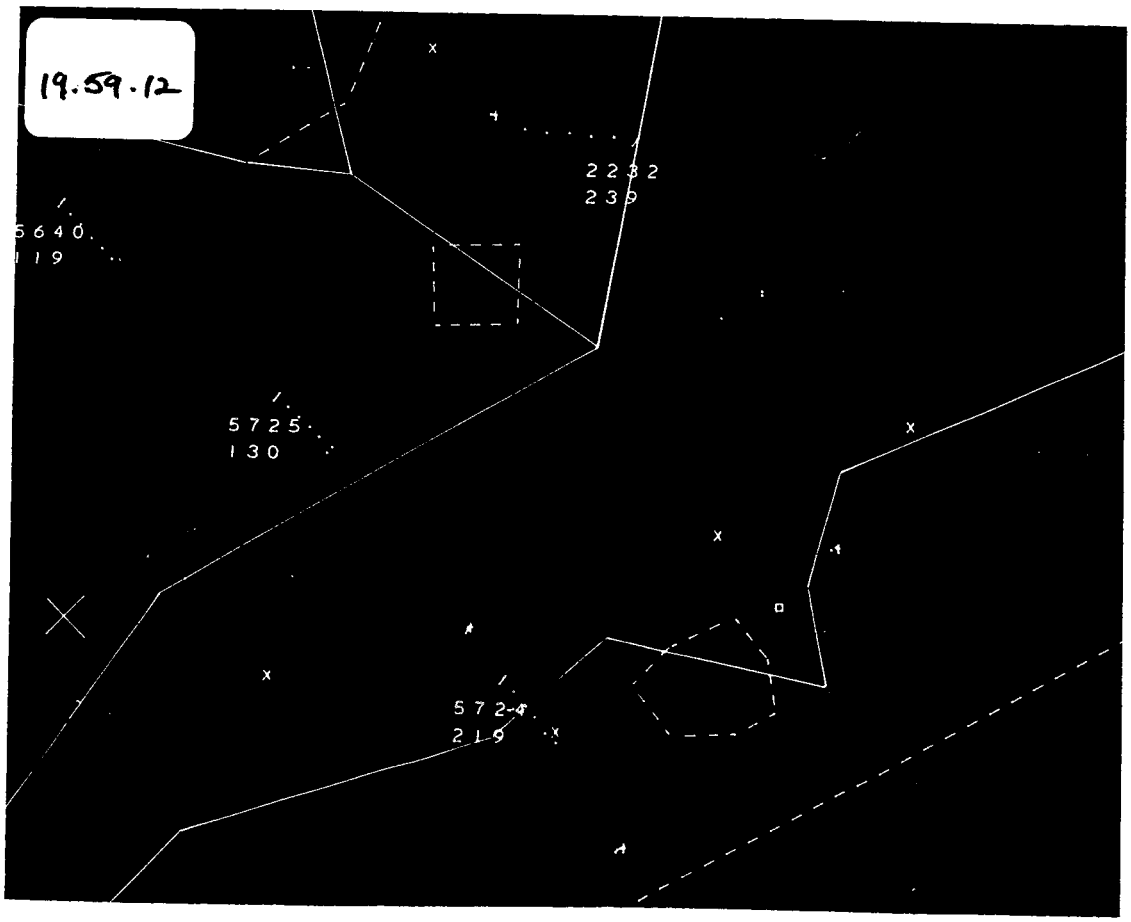

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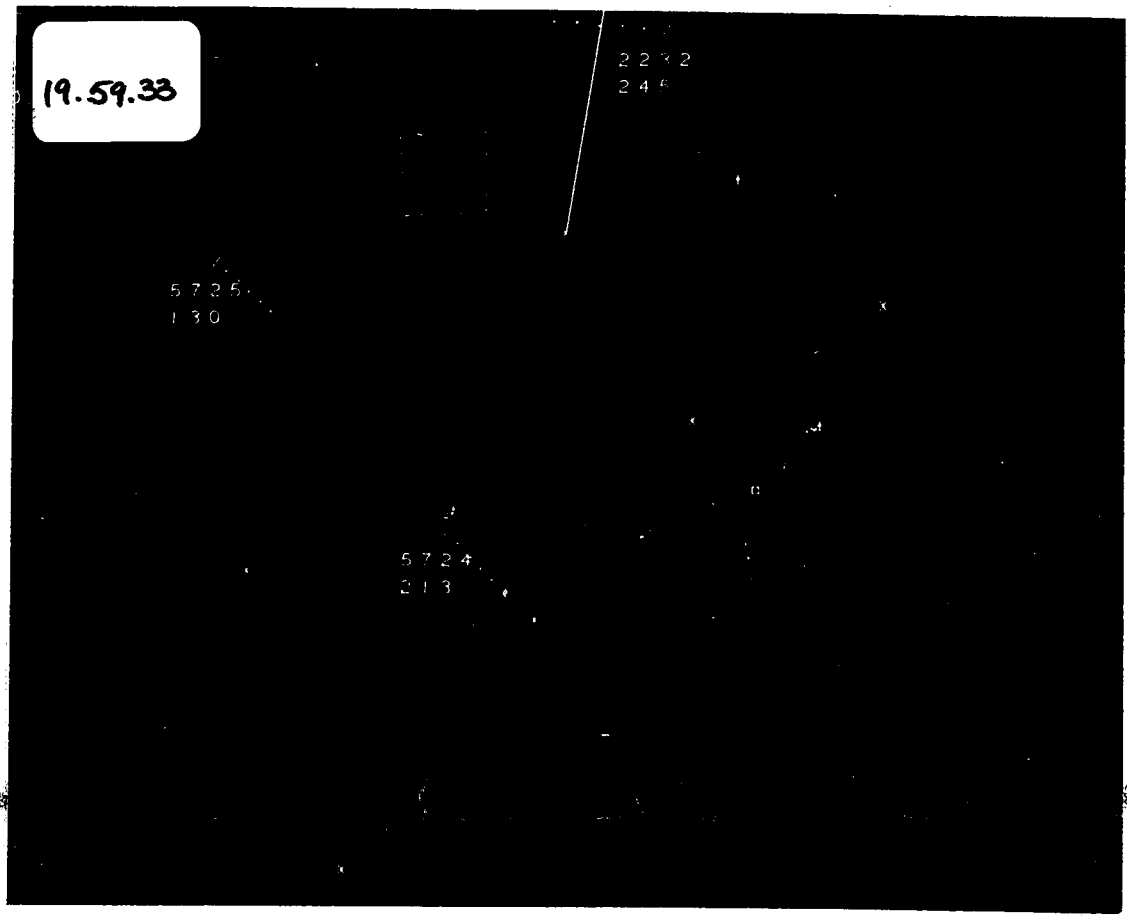

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NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1°) To be filled in printed characters and in english language.
2°) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3°) Items marked this* must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT / NEAR COLLISION / PROCEDURAL / FACILITY*
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	[redacted]
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - DAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000 Z
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	I	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT / CLIMBING / (DESCENDING) / TURNING* FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000 ft/m
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	IMC / VMC — Distance above / below cloud / fog / haze: VMC 30 Km / (NM)*
		Distance horizontally from cloud / Between cloud layers / In cloud / rain / snow, sleet / fog / haze / Flying into / out of sun / Reported / estimated flight visibility: * ____ Km / NM*
		30 Km / (NM)*
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 AFIS / TWR / APP / (ACC) / FIC* AT 04/21/91 ~ 2000 Z (date / time)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT: Type, high/low wing, N. of engines / Radio call sign, registration / Markings, colour, lighting / Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either a/c)	O	DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOURED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft. AT ONCE I SAID "LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT" TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED US I ASKED TO THE ACC/OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED "I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU" -

DATE 04/22/91 TIME 8 P.M.	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE CPT [redacted]	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE
PLACE LONDON	OF PER[redacted]	OF PERSON RECEIVING
OF COMPLETION OF FORM	REPOR[redacted]	REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER* AT ARO / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC*
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER _____ DATE / TIME GMT _____

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/2

9 May 1991

GE3(RAF)
Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:

DI55
DDPR(RAF)

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

References: A) Letter from [redacted] dated 6 May 1991
B) Article from 'The Independent' newspaper dated 6 May 1991
C) CAA Incident Report dated 25 April 1991

1. Please find attached a copy of the CAA report of an air incident reported by an AlItalia MD80 aircraft on 21 April near Lydd in Kent (Reference C). I also attach copies of References A and B.

2. Given the MoD spokesman's published denial of any UK military involvement, I believe that the radar evidence attached to the report which shows an object in the vicinity of the AlItalia aircraft should be examined (in the first instance) in the context of an air defence/air safety matter rather than as a UFO report.

3. I would be appreciative if GE3(RAF) (consulting with DI55 as appropriate) could provide the CAA with the assistance they have requested in their covering note to the report. I also believe that it would be more appropriate, in this case, for Sec(AS)1a to undertake to answer [redacted]'s letter as the questions he has posed are not strictly UFO-related.

4. I would be grateful for sight of any conclusions which GE3(RAF) may draw from his enquiries, as if no firm conclusions can be drawn, it will be necessary to reappraise our approach to this sighting.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sec(AS)2a

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[redacted]
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

6 May 1991.

Dear Sir/Madam,

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3. Is the Rapier missile only launched from Aberporth, Wales and Tain in Scotland, and is its limit around 10000 feet ?

4. Could the sighting be connected with the firing range at Lydd ?

5. Is it possible to obtain copies of any records relating to this case which may have been forwarded to the MOD? As I understand it a tracking was made at West Drayton. Is it possible to obtain copies of any final reports pertaining to this case?

Should you be able to help in any way it would be very much appreciated as this is just for my own interest. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter. I have enclosed a SAE.

Yours Faithfully,

[redacted]

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Inquiry into pilot's sighting of missile

THE CIVIL Aviation Authority has launched an investigation into a reported near-collision between a passenger airliner and a missile in civilian airspace over Kent.

But the Ministry of Defence said it could not have been a British missile. The CAA says that there were no other aircraft under its control there and that it has still failed to explain the sighting.

Captain Achille Zaghetti, pilot of the McDonnell Douglas MD80, operated by the Italian airline Alitalia, was flying from Milan to Heathrow at 22,200ft, with 57 people on board, on 21 April when he reported to British Air Traffic Control that a missile had flown less than 1,000 feet above him in the opposite direction.

It was 9pm, still light in the air, and the local air traffic controllers at Lydd airport said the visibility was exceptionally good.

Capt Zaghetti said the missile was light brown and about 3 metres long. His co-pilot confirmed the sighting. Their descriptions are consistent with a target missile used for artillery or air defence practice, but the Ministry of Defence insisted yesterday that none were in use on 21 April.

Although it has taken the report of an experienced pilot at face value, in a public statement yesterday the CAA attempted to imply that he had seen a drifting object, perhaps a stray balloon.

By Stephen Ward

The statement said: "The pilot said the object was light brown, round, 3 metres long, and did not describe any means of propulsion. The aircraft was under the control of the London air traffic control centre who had no other aircraft in the vicinity but consistent with the pilot report, a faint radar trace was observed 10 nautical miles behind the Alitalia aircraft.

"The air traffic controller submitted an occurrence report and investigatory action began immediately. Extensive inquiries have failed to provide any indication of what the sighting may have been."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday: "Whatever he might have seen might have been something that was flying, but was certainly not anything that was fired. It was a Sunday. The only ranges we have in the Kent area are Lydd and Hythe, and they are concerned with small arms only."

Asked if target missiles were used, he said: "It's absolutely in the middle of the busiest air traffic area. People just don't fire missiles there, but of course, we do have quite a few UFO reports and often people who see these things describe them as missile or cigar-shaped, or else round, and sometimes they do appear to be travelling with no means of propulsion."

'The Independent' 6 May 1991

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To GE3(RAF)
Sec(AS)1a
DI55
DDPR(RAF)

Date 13 May 1991

Your ref.

From Sec(AS)2a
Room 8245, 43
Main Building

Tel. [redacted]

Our ref. D/Sec(AS)12/2

Subject CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/2 dated 9 May 1991

1. Further to my loose minute at Reference in which I asked GE3(RAF) to examine the CAA report on the Air Incident reported by the Alitalia MD80 aircraft, I attach for your information a copy of the pilots report of the incident.

~~Rank~~/ Appointment [redacted] Name in Block Letters [redacted] Signature [redacted]

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16 MAY 1991
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ROUTINE 141700Z MAY 91

FROM SOC SOUTH NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D

[redacted]

MODUK AIR FOR GE3.
SUBJ: ALITALIA/BROWN MISSILE INCIDENT 21 APR 91. REGERT UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SUBJECT INCIDENT. VINTON RADAR RECORDING CAMERA [redacted] WAS UNSERVICEABLE ON DATE OF INCIDENT. SQN LDR OPS SENDS
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GE3

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
15 MAY 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

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Please reply to The Air Officer Commanding

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Our Reference MATO/13/4/8/RS3A

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Date 21 May 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - MISSILE? - 21 APR 91

1. Executive responsibility for the military investigation into the title Occurrence Report has recently been transferred to this Headquarters by the Civil Aviation Authority Safety Data Analysis Unit (SDAU). Copies of both the Alitalia MD 80 captain's report and the LATCC controllers' reports on the incident, which occurred at approximately 2000 hrs on Sunday 21 Apr 91, are enclosed.

2. We understand that you have already undertaken detailed inquiries on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and we would be grateful if, in due course, you could forward your findings to this Headquarters so that we can respond to the SDAU.

[redacted]

Sqn Ldr
for AOC

Enclosures:

1. Copy of the MD 80 Captain's Report.
2. Copy of the LATCC Superviser and Controller's Reports.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)8/1

21 May 1991

GS Sec 1d
Sec(NS)b
Company Secretary DRA

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Copy to:
Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

1. Please find attached a letter we have received from a member of the public about the above incident. I would be grateful for your advice on questions 2, 3 and 4.

2. Could GS Sec 1d and Sec(NS)b comment on question 2, assuming that the question actually relates to surface-to-air missiles.

3. Could GS Sec 1d and Company Secretary DRA comment on question 3. I understand that the main area for the launching of Rapier missiles is actually the RA Range Hebrides, although the Aberporth range is also used.

4. Could GS Sec 1d comment on question 4, and give a bit of background information on what activity takes place at Lydd.

5. Whilst the Air Force department is already looking into this incident, any information or suggestions that addresses are able to provide would be most welcome!

6. I would be grateful for responses by cop Wednesday 12 June.

[redacted]
Sec(AS)1a
[redacted]

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[redacted]
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

6 May 1991.

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Yours Faithfully,

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/GS Sec 14/14

7 June 1991

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Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:
Sec(NS)b

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. You asked for assistance with your reply to a letter from a member of the public on the above subject.

2. Rapier is a short range air defence missile with an operational ceiling of around 10,000 feet [redacted] It could go higher, but not as high as 22,000 feet. I don't know if Lance could get up that high but it is considerable larger than 3 metres, and I think it is safe to assume that we have not been firing tactical nuclear missiles over the Kent coast!

3. Surface to air missiles are fired at only two Army ranges in UK: Manorbier in South Wales (for low level air defence weapons only) and Benbecula in the Western Isles.

4. Lydd is one of a number of small training areas on the Kent coast that make up part of the Cinque Ports Training Area (CPTA). It [redacted] has anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges as well as limited field firing facilities.

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GS Sec 1d

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Telephone 071-21-8 (Direct Dialling)
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[redacted]
Walsall
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 2 July 1991

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 6 May 1991 regarding the sighting of an object over Kent on 21 April.

I can confirm that MoD has been asked to assist with the Civil Aviation Authority examination of the Air Incident report made by the Alitalia MD80 aircraft's pilot.

The only surface-to-air missiles that could go as high as 22,000 feet are the Bloodhound (operated by the RAF) and the Sea Dart (operated by the Royal Navy). The Rapier missile is launched from the range at Benbecula in the Western Isles and the Aberporth range in Wales. [redacted] Rapier missiles [redacted] could not go as high as 22,000 feet. The sighting in question would not be connected with the range at Lydd, as this has only anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges as well as limited field firing facilities.

It will not be possible for MoD to send you any of the correspondence relating to the Alitalia pilot's Air Incident report. However, you may wish to contact the Civil Aviation Authority separately.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.

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Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 2 July 1991

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 1991 regarding the report of an air incident on Sunday 21 April 1991. I am sorry it has taken me so long to respond.

I can confirm that the Alitalia MD80 captain's report and the LATCC controllers' report have been examined by those departments within MoD responsible for the air defence of the UK. These departments have not been able to confirm the identity of the object sighted by the Alitalia MD80 crew.

However, we have been able to rule out any possibility that what was seen was a missile from Army firing ranges in the Lydd area. Additionally, we have no reports of any space related activity which could be used to provide an explanation for what was seen, and the description of the object given by the Aliitalia captain does not correspond with what would be expected if the object had been a meteorological balloon.

In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object it is our intention to treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object and therefore we will not be undertaking any further investigation into the sighting.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.

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See Distribution Date 16 Jul 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - REPORT OF MISSILE TYPE OBJECT - 21 APR 91

Reference:

A. CAA 91/01151 dated 10 May 91.

1. At Reference you requested military comment on the title Occurrence Report.

2. All the information was passed to the MOD and was examined by the departments responsible for the air defence of the UK. We are advised that those departments have not been able to confirm the identity of the object sighted by the Alitalia MD80 crew.

3. The MOD were able to rule out the possibility that the object was a missile from the Army firing ranges in the Lydd area. Additionally, MOD has no report of any space related activity which could provide an explanation, and the description does not correspond with that expected if the object had been a meteorological balloon.

4. In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object, we are informed that MOD will treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object and therefore will not be able to undertake any further investigation into the sighting. We now propose that this Occurrence Report is closed.

[redacted]

// LtCdr RN [redacted]

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D/DRA HQ 10/4/8

5 June 1991

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991
Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. It is not our policy to comment to the public about operations at individual DRA sites. I can, however, confirm that the DRA has no missile firing facility which could possibly account for a UFO over Kent.

[redacted]

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D/COMPANY SECRETARY

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[redacted]
Pontypool,
Gwent,
[redacted]
10th June 1991.

Mr Tom King M.P.,
The Secretary of State for Defence,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall,
London.

Dear Mr King,

I refer to an incident reported in 'The Sunday Times' dated 5th May 1991, in which it was alledged that an unidentified 'missile' almost collided with an Alitalia passenger airliner en route from Milan to London. It was also reported that the near miss occurred almost directly above a Ministry of Defence firing range. I understand, however, that the Ministry of Defence has stated that the object had not originated from any British armed forces. The corollary of this statement is that some (assumedly unauthorised) agency is launching projectiles in British airspace, thereby creating a very serious threat to civilian air traffic.

I have conducted some personal research into reports of such unidentified incursions into our airspace and it appears that this is by no means an isolated incident.

I should like to know the findings of investigations into this matter carried out by the Ministry of Defence, and what actions Her Majesty's Government intend to take to ensure the safety of aircraft. I urge you to authorise a public enquiry into this and the many similar cases of such intrusions into British airspace.

A copy of this letter has been sent to my member of Parliament, Mr Paul Murphy M.P.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)8/1

10 June 1991

Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/2 dated 9 May 1991

1. In response to [redacted]'s letter dated 6 May 1991 I would suggest the following responses to his questions 2, 3 and 4, which relate to ranges and missile capabilities:

Question 2 (I assume [redacted] means surface to air missiles)

The only surface to air missiles that could go as high as 22,000 feet are the Bloodhound (operated by the RAF) and the Sea Dart (operated by the Royal Navy).

Question 3

The Rapier missile is launched from the range at Benbecula in the Western Isles and the Aberporth range in Wales. Precise details of the operational ceiling of Rapier missiles is classified, but they could not go as high as 22,000 feet.

Question 4

The sighting in question would not be connected with the range at Lydd, which only has anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges, as well as limited field firing facilities.

2. I have attached the information that I received, in case you need additional details.

[redacted]

Sec(AS)1a

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(NS)513/2/105

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23 May 1991

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CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. The Reference sought advice on a letter from a [redacted] about a UFO sighting over Kent on 21 April.

2. The only RN surface to air missile capable of reaching 22000ft is the Sea Dart. However, as there were no test firings on the day concerned, I can confirm that one of these could not have been the cause of this incident.

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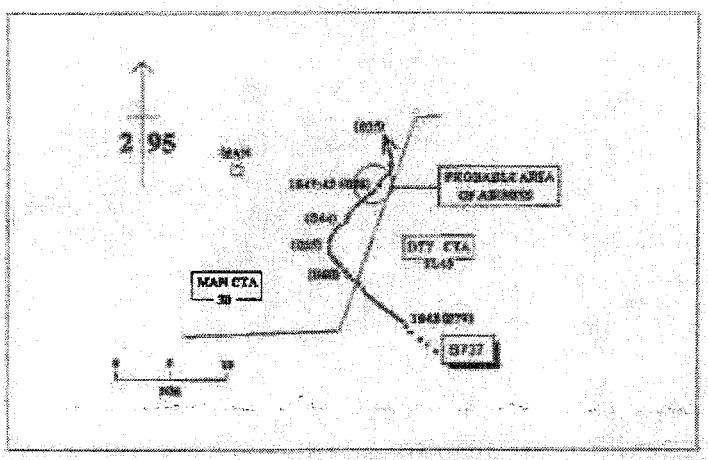
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D/Sec(AS)12/3 Pt R. Nothing on file

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AIRMISS REPORT No. 2/95

Date/Time:	061848 Jan	NIGHT
Position:	N5318 W0200 (8NM SE Manchester Apt)	
Airspace	MTMA	*Class:* A
	Reporting Aircraft	*Reported Aircraft*
Type:	B737	Untraced
Operator:	CAT	
Alt/FL:	4000 ft ↓ (QNH 1027 mb)	
Weather	VMC CLAC	
Visibility:	10 km+	



PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS

THE B737 PILOT reports that he was over the Pennines, about 8 or 9 NM SE of Manchester Airport, at 4000 ft, while being radar vectored by Manchester radar on 119.4. He was flying at 180–210 kt on a N heading and squawking 5734 with Mode C selected. Although it was dark, visibility was over 10 km with a fairly strong NW wind (340/30). While flying just above the tops of some ragged Cu both he and the first officer saw a lighted (see JAS notes) object fly down the RH side of the ac at high speed from the opposite direction. He was able to track the object through the RH windscreen and side window, having it in sight for a total of about 2 seconds. There was no apparent sound or wake. The first officer instinctively 'ducked' as it went by.

The first officer reports that his attention, initially focused on the glare shield in front of him, was diverted to something in his peripheral vision. He looked up in time to see a dark object pass down the right hand side of the ac at high speed; it was wedge-shaped with what could have been a black stripe down the side. He estimated the object's size as somewhere between that of a light ac and a Jetstream, though he emphasises that this is pure speculation. It made no attempt to deviate from its course and no sound was heard or wake felt. He felt certain that what he saw was a solid object – not a bird, balloon or kite.

MANCHESTER ATC reports that the B737 was being radar vectored from Dayne to the ILS for RW 24 when the pilot reported a lighted object passing close by above and in the opposite direction. There was no known traffic in the vicinity at the time and no radar contacts were seen.

JAS Note (1): Telephone conversations subsequently took place with both the captain and the first officer. The captain remained convinced that the object was itself lit. Although he could not determine a definite pattern, he described it as having a number of small white lights, rather like a Christmas tree. He confirmed the high speed of the object, and though unable to estimate its distance, said he felt it was very close. Following the incident, the captain and first officer independently drew what they had seen, both agreeing about the shape but differing in their opinions about the lighting aspects. The first officer felt that the object was illuminated by their landing lights, which at that stage were switched on. He was unable to assess its distance, other than to say that he involuntarily 'ducked', so it must have appeared to him to have been very close. He was entirely convinced, as was the captain, that what they had seen was a solid object and not a Met phenomenon, balloon, or any other craft with which they were familiar, or a Stealth ac, which he had himself seen and which he feels he would have recognised.

JAS Note (2): Despite exhaustive investigations the reported object remains untraced. A replay of the Clee radar shows a number of secondary contacts, including the subject B737, being radar sequenced in the Manchester TMA and zone. The B737 tracks over two almost stationary primary contacts just N of Leek on a NW heading while descending through FL 70–60. On entering the Manchester TMA, passing FL 50, it is vectored right onto about 040°, and continues to descend on a NE track along the E boundary of the Manchester TMA to within 0.75NM of the Daventry CTA, where the base of CAS is FL 45. At this point, passing 3600 Mode C, the ac is turned onto a L base for RW 24 as part of a busy sequence of inbound ac. At no time during this downwind leg is any other radar contact seen in the vicinity. An extract from the RT recording on 119.4, which shows that the B737 was given descent clearance to 4000 ft at 1845:30, follows:

From:

B737 (1848)– 'c/s we just had something go down the RHS just above us very fast.'

Manchester – 'Well, there's nothing seen on radar. Was it er an ac?'

B737 – 'Well, it had lights, it went down the starboard side very quick.'

Manchester – 'And above you?'

B737 – 'er, just slightly above us, yeah.'

Manchester – 'Keep an eye out for something, er, I can't see anything at all at the moment so,er, must have, er, been very fast or gone down very quickly after it passed you I think.'

B737 – 'OK. Well, there you go!'

The possibility that the object might have been a hang glider, paraglider or microlight was investigated, but all the operating authorities, without exception, agreed that this was an extremely unlikely explanation, for various reasons, but mainly because none of these activities takes place at night. In addition, there are the obvious hazards of flying in the dark, from high ground (the peaks in this area along the Pennine ridge range from 1600 to over 2000 ft), strong winds, and because these aircraft are unlit. JAS also explored the possibility of military activity, but could find no evidence in support of this from any official source. In any case, it seems most unlikely that such a flight would have been conducted in CAS and so close to a busy international airport. Because of the B737's proximity to uncontrolled airspace to the E of Manchester during the downwind leg, which covers the airmiss period, the possibility of unknown military or civil activity in the adjacent FIR cannot be completely discounted. However, the liklihood of such activity escaping detection is remote, as the area is well served by several radars and any movements at the levels in question would almost certainly have generated a radar response.

PART B: SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS

Information available to the Working Group included reports from the pilot of the B737, transcripts of the relevant RT frequencies, a video recording, and reports from the air traffic controllers involved.

The Group were anxious to emphasise that this report, submitted by two responsible airline pilots, was considered seriously and they wished to commend the pilots for their courage in submitting it, and their company, whose enlightened attitude made it possible. Reports such as these are often the object of derision, but the Group hopes that this example will encourage pilots who experience unusual sightings to report them without fear of ridicule. It was quickly realised by all members that, because of its unusual nature, they could only theorise on the possibilities once normal avenues of investigation had been explored. There is no doubt that the pilots both saw an object and that it was of sufficient significance to prompt an airmiss report. Unfortunately, the nature and identity of this object remains unknown. To speculate about extra-terrestrial activity, fascinating though it may be, is not within the Group's remit and must be left to those whose interest lies in that field. It is probably true to say, however, that almost all unusual sightings can be attributed to a wide range of well known

natural phenomena. There are, of course, a few which defy explanation and thus fuel the imagination of those who are convinced that there is 'something going on' out there. Usually activity of this kind is accompanied by a rash of ground sightings in the same geographic area; in this case, as far as is known, there were no other reports and therefore the incident has to be reviewed in isolation, with no other witnesses. The resources normally available when investigating airmisses are pilots' reports, corroborated by radar and RT recordings. Often these will provide all the clues necessary, but in this case there is no 'reported pilot', and radar recordings do not show any unknown contacts. The lack of a radar contact is not necessarily unusual if weather suppressors are in use on the radar, particularly if the object generates a poor radar response. In these conditions the radar can interpret a non-transponding (primary) contact as weather, and therefore disregards it. Enquiries into military activity did not reveal any ac in the area at the time, and it was considered inconceivable that such activity would take place so close to a busy airport without some sort of prior notification. Members put forward other suggestions, such as a large model aircraft or a commercially operated remotely controlled craft, such as those which are used for survey or photographic work. Considering the prevailing conditions – darkness, high ground, strong NW wind, and the proximity of a major international airport – the Group felt that this kind of activity, together with the hang glider/microlight theory, could not be regarded as a realistic possibility. As was pointed out by one member, however, the extreme actions of a foolhardy individual cannot be entirely ruled out and there remains, therefore, the possibility that someone, perhaps in a microlight ac (which most accurately fits the shape described), had defied the conditions and got airborne. Further talks with the microlight experts on this idea highlighted its extreme improbability; the strong wind, terrain and darkness would have rendered such a flight almost suicidal.

Having debated the various hypotheses at length the Group concluded that, in the absence of any firm evidence which could identify or explain this object, it was not possible to assess either the cause or the risk by any of the normal criteria applicable to airmiss reports. The incident therefore remains unresolved.

PART C: ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND CAUSE

Degree of Risk: Unassessable

Cause: Unassessable

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Your Reference

Our Reference
06-01-2005-140535-008
Date
3 February 2005

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your message dated 6 January in which you made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First you requested the findings of an MOD investigation into an alleged UFO sighting above Craigluscar Reservoir near Dunfermline, Fife. Our records show that The Scottish Daily Record contacted the MOD in February 1994 concerning a UFO sighting report and some photographs that they had been sent by a member of the public. The individual reported travelled to Craigluscar Reservoir on the afternoon of 19th February 1994 to take some photographs of the Reservoir to assist with a painting of the area. He heard a humming noise, turned towards the Reservoir and saw a disc-like object, high in the sky, moving slowly in his direction. He described the object as metallic, with several points of diffused light on its underside, inside a darker coloured rim. He took two photographs before the object moved away to the west. Air defence staff were consulted at the time and records show that there had been no unusual radar returns. There is no indication that this sighting produced anything of defence concern. The photographs are not contained in our files and we assume they were returned to the Scottish Daily Record.

You also requested a photograph of a UFO near Pitlochry, Perthshire in 1990. The MOD does not produce photographs of UFO sightings. The only photographs the MOD holds are those which members of the public very occasionally send to us with their sighting reports. If requested these are returned to the individual, or if they do not want them returned, they are filed with the report in our files. We have examined our records for 1990 and they contain no photographs relevant to your request. However, we have a record that two members of the public contacted The Scottish Daily Record to report a large diamond shape UFO hovering for about 10 minutes before ascending vertically upwards at high speed. The witnesses said that during the sighting an RAF aircraft believed to be a Harrier was in the area. The sighting was over Calvine, 20 miles north of Pitlochry at 2100 hours on 4 August 1990. A number of colour photographs were taken and passed to The Scottish Daily Record, who in turn sent the negatives to the MOD. These were considered at the time and it was concluded that the jet was a Harrier. No definite conclusions were reached regarding large diamond-shaped object. Our records show that the original negatives were returned to The Scottish Daily Record.

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28 Feb 1994

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UFO SIGHTING OVER CRAIGLUSCAR RESERVOIR

1. I was approached last week by a reporter from the Scottish Daily Record, who asked my advice with regard to some UFO photographs that had been sent in by a member of the public. I subsequently managed to acquire these photographs, together with a statement from the witness, and some sketches that he had made. I have attached this material for your consideration.

2. I have spoken to the witness, a [redacted]. The following details, which were not in his original statement, may be of use:

- He appeared genuine, and rather disappointed at the way in which the paper eventually ran the story, which he saw as frivolous (I do not have a copy of this, but believe it was printed today). He did not appear to know anything about UFOs, and aside from his own experience, expressed no interest in the subject. I do not believe that he sought or received any payment from the newspaper.

- The camera used was an old SLR model, a Chinon CS. The film used was a 200 ASA.

- The alleged incident took place at approximately 3.15pm.

- He estimated that the object was approximately the size of a jumbo jet, and came down to a height of around 300 feet AGL.

3. It seems to me that this case is either a hoax, or something very interesting indeed.

4. The Daily Record have already asked me for my views, and I have deployed the standard line that our initial consideration of the photos has produced no obvious explanation, but that we are now having a more detailed look. As word of this case spreads (Some of the UFO lobby are already aware of the story) we may come under increasing pressure.

5. I would be grateful for your views on this case, with particular reference to the photograph of the object at close range.

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NOA,

Spoke to GE3, and he asked RAF Buchan whether there had been any unusual radar traces. None found.

[redacted]

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On the afternoon of Saturday, 19th. February, 1994, I drove to Craigluscar Reservoir, just outside Dunfermline, in order to take some photographs of that area. I am an amateur artist, and wanted the photographs to assist me in producing a painting of the reservoir. I am a member of the local angling club who stock and have the fishing rights of this water. Already having taken photographs there in the summer, I wanted to have several of the landscape in winter.

I took a number of photographs as I walked along the bank of the reservoir, and was looking eastwards at the furthest point of the reservoir, and pondering whether I should take some photographs looking east, away from the water. I became aware of what I can only describe as a kind of humming noise, such as that from high voltage power lines. I also felt very uneasy, and turned slowly towards the reservoir.

Fairly high in the air, and coming slowly in my direction, was a disc-like object, which was definitely an aircraft. I was holding my camera in my hand, but felt unable to use it. I have never experienced such a feeling before; I did not THINK of taking a shot. In retrospect, it seems there must have been some kind of compulsion. I was concentrating on the craft, yet not really absorbing what was happening. At that point, I was very afraid. But I now realise that the fear passed, and was replaced by a sense of "relaxed resignation". (I don't have better words to describe it.)

I later realised that I must have been looking at whatever it was, for more than fifteen minutes. The craft came close enough for me to see that it was definitely metallic, and had several points of diffused light on its underside, inside a darker coloured "rim".

As the craft began to move away, all sense of the feelings which had stayed my hand, disappeared. I raised my camera, and took two photographs. The craft's acceleration was phenomenal - By the time I'd wound the film on between the two shots, it was a mere dot in the sky to the west. There was no noise at all, apart from the "buzzing" when it was near to me.

I know nothing at all about "U.F.O.'s", and the subject does not interest me. But nothing of what I saw or experienced, was "in my imagination". Of that, I am certain. Later that day, I telephoned R.A.F. Piteavie, to enquire as to whether there had been any unusual air activity that day. I was told there had not been. I am an aircraft enthusiast myself, and pride myself in their recognition. I know that what I saw was no conventional aircraft.

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23 February 1994

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Dear Nick

Please find enclosed prints and artist's drawings of the UFO which we talked about today. I would be grateful for your comments and assessment of these at your earliest convenience.

Thanks for your help with this.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]
Picture Editor

P.S. I will fax more information tomorrow.

[redacted]40

Daily Record

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TO: [redacted]

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DATE: 24 February 1994

PAGES: This one plus one

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Attached text as discussed this morning.

Regards

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UFO Incident : Saturday 4th August 90

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20 miles North of Pitlochry off the A9.

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Temperature 14°C. Occassional showers.

Photographic Details: (i) Confirmation of date and time, (ii) What sort of camera
(iii) What type of lens (iv) What focal length

No need to supply copy
Not relevant

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14 September 1990

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DDPR(RAF)

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IF PRESSED

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31 May 2005 14:17
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: F0000301


F0000301 Final reply documents...


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Dear [redacted]

Please find attached the information you requested:

Copies of all MOD, RAF and CAA Papers on the 21 April 1991 UFO 'nearmiss' with Alitalia jet over the North Sea.

Copies of all MOD, RAF and CAA papers on the 6 January 1995 'nearmiss' with BA jet descending into Manchester Airport.

You pointed out that you had referred this request to the DCA clearing house for co-ordination. As they have not contacted us separately we are sending this information directly to you.

I apologise for the delay in response.

Regards

[redacted]
FoI Team

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Date

Civil Aviation Authority

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT 140/91

CAA Occurrence Number: 91/0115/1 F

1 ACCIDENT ARMREG APWAZ (INCIDENT) ABANIL INFRINGEMENT

2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/Night
Man Cliff	FL 230/220	24-4-91	2000	

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C OPERATED	RELIABILITY
7 BRITAIRA	8 BZA 284	9 A320	10 LYD	11 BHX	12 5734	13 YES/NO	14 [illegible]
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies: 128.4 | 32 Radar Equipment: PSR | 33 Equipment Unserviceabilities: None | 34 Remarks in use

35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE (Class A/B/C/D/E/F/G/TMA/AWY/TSA/MATZ/ADR/RCA/RRA/SRA/ATZ/LWR/HWL/RUSSLE/OTHER)

36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/RADAR ADC/DAC/APPROACH/AREA RAS/RIS/PIS/ALS

37 SID/STAR/ROUTE

38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST? YES/NO

39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC? YES/NO

40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC? YES/NO

41 AREA BRIEF HORIZ/VERT: Not known

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

At approx 2000 the Bhx controller advised that BZA 284 reported sighting a missile at FL220 about 6 miles west of Lyd. In conjunction with Ebdu the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information:- DoD, MAS, Ebdu Down East quards, Police, and via DoD to Army helicopters which were operating between Lyd - Dvr. At the time of the incident a burning exposure was observed behind the BZA 284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via ACA OPS and [redacted] saw the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at FL220 and passed them in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged from DoD at 2130 Z.

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

43 Name	44 On duty at	45 Location	46 Time since last break	47 Short course? Why?
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

48 CA 939 ACTION YES/NO	49 Other Agencies Advised	50 Sign/Date	51 Address/Telephone
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1 ACCIDENT	AIRMISS	APHAZ	INCIDENT	ABAIL	SIFI/EMERGENCY			
2 Clearance Type: UNCD - BRITANNIA CLIFF AND LYD VOR	3 FL/Alt/Hdg: APPROX FL220	4 Date: 21ST APRIL 91	5 Time: 1958	6 Day/Night				
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7 ALITALIA	8 AZA 294	9 A300	10 LINL	11 EGLL	12 5726	13 YES/NO	14 LFR	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30	
31 RTF Frequencies: 128.4	32 Radar Equipment: RSAME			33 Equipment Unserviceabilities: NON.			34 Runway in use	
35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE: CLASS BY ICTO/TMA/ AWY/ADR/ADH/RMA/RMZ/ ATZ/ABL/FIR/PURPLE/OTHER	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE: CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/RADAR ADC/DMC/APPROACH/AREA NAS/FIS/FIS/ALR				37 SID/STAR/TRANSIT			
38 YOUR PERCEIVED SEPARATION LOST: YES/NO	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC: YES/NO	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC: YES/NO			41 MSAW/APW HORN/ALERT: NOT KNOWN			

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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

48 CA 638 ACTION: YES/NO	49 Other Agencies Advised	[redacted]	51 Address/Telephone

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LtCdr RN
for AOC

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Date 7 - IV - 88

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NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - BAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN OF COMMUNICATION WITH FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	I	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT-HEADING OR ROUTE-TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 328° TAS 380
FL ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT-ALTIMETER SETTING ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT CLIMBING (DESCENDING) TURNING* FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE LARGE
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	VMC Distance above/below cloud (eg feet) Distance horizontally from cloud Distance cloud layers In cloud/over/under cloud/in fog/haze Flying over sea or land Reported instrumental flight visibility VMC 30 Km/Miles 30 Km
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 124.1 (ATS UNIT) APP (ACC) FIC AT 04/12/88 2000 (TIME)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT Type, flight/tow wing, No. of engines Radio call sign, registration Markings, colour, lighting Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
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PLACE OF COMPLETION OF FORM LONDON
FUNC OF PE REPO
FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO/TELEPHONE/TELEPRINTER/PAT AND/ATIS/TWR/APP/ACC/FIC*
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION (Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc)	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER DATE/TIME GMT

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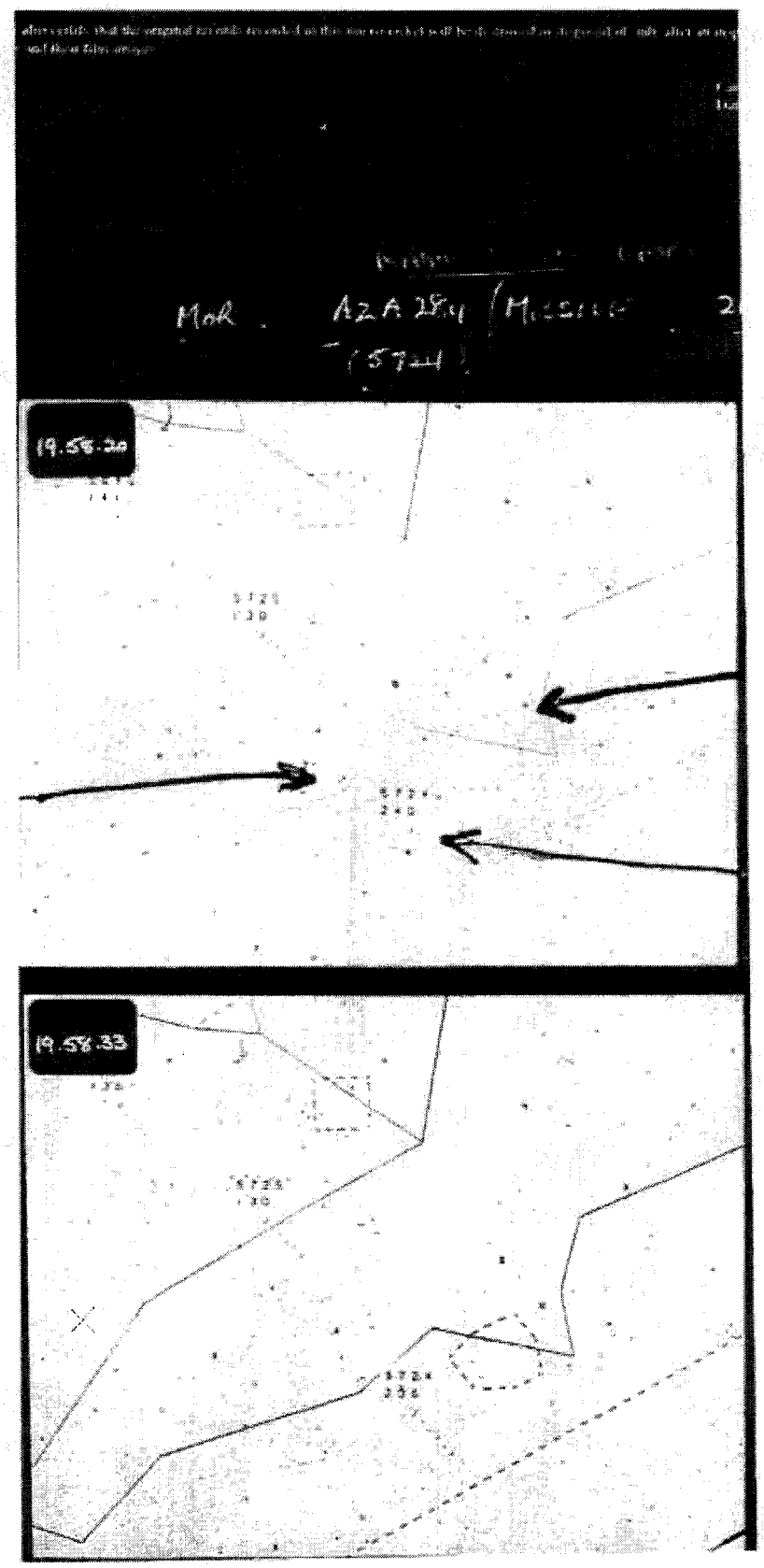
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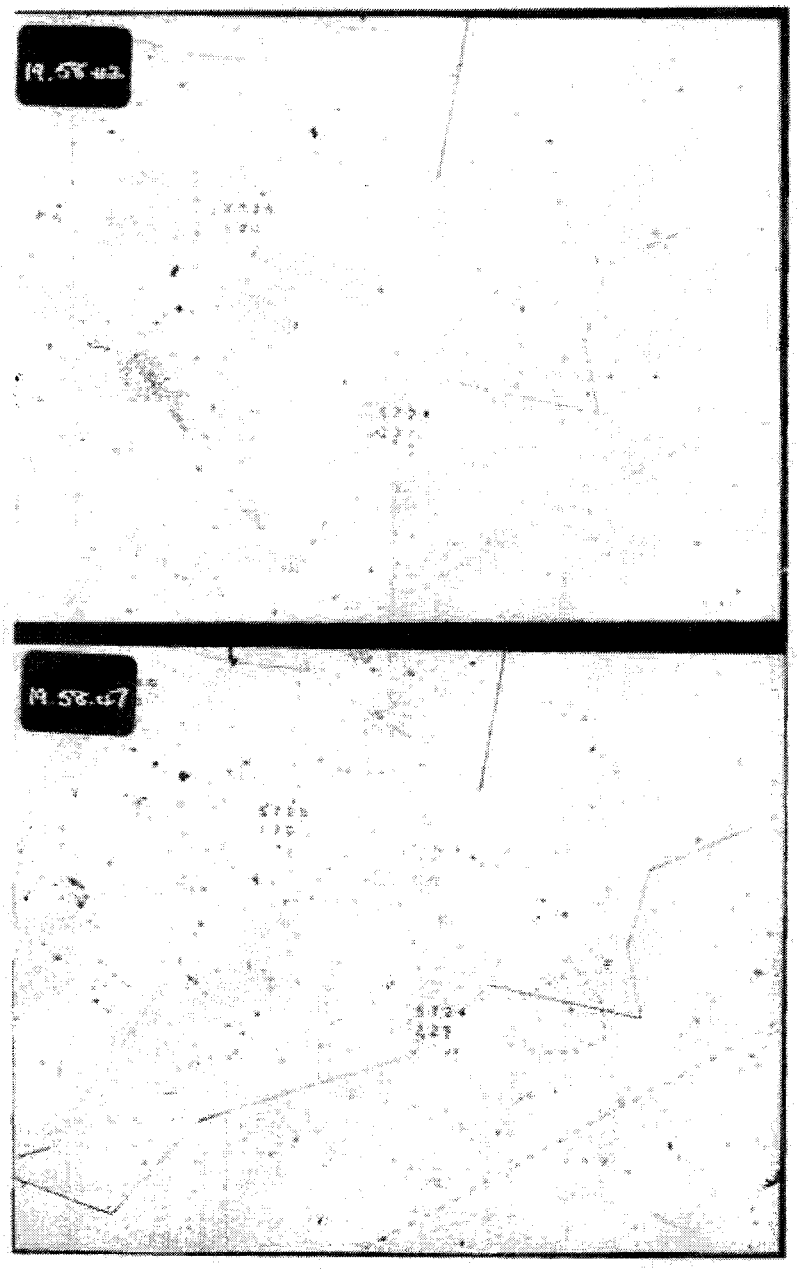
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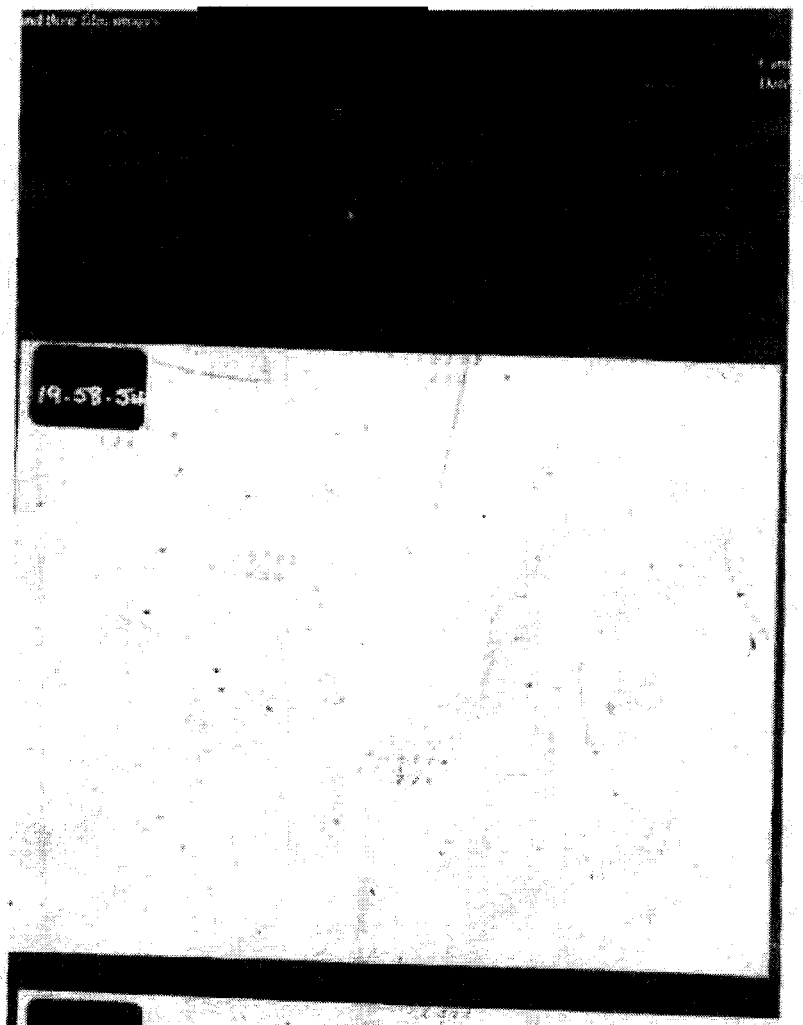
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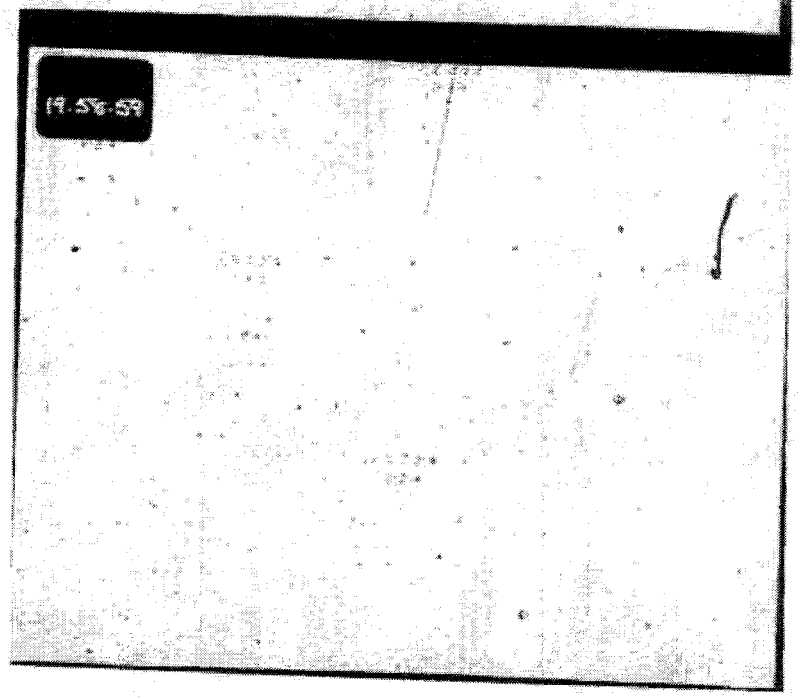
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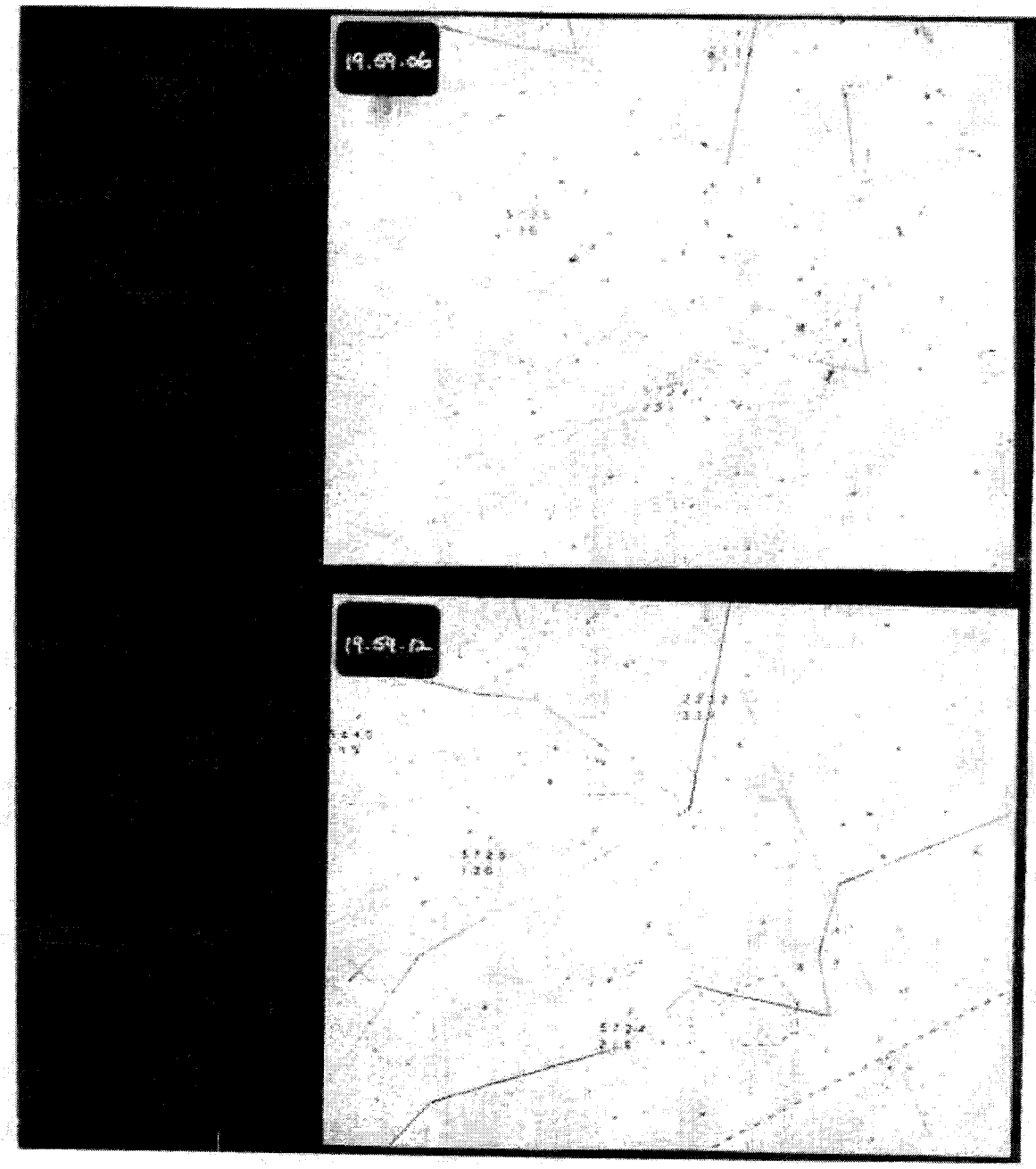

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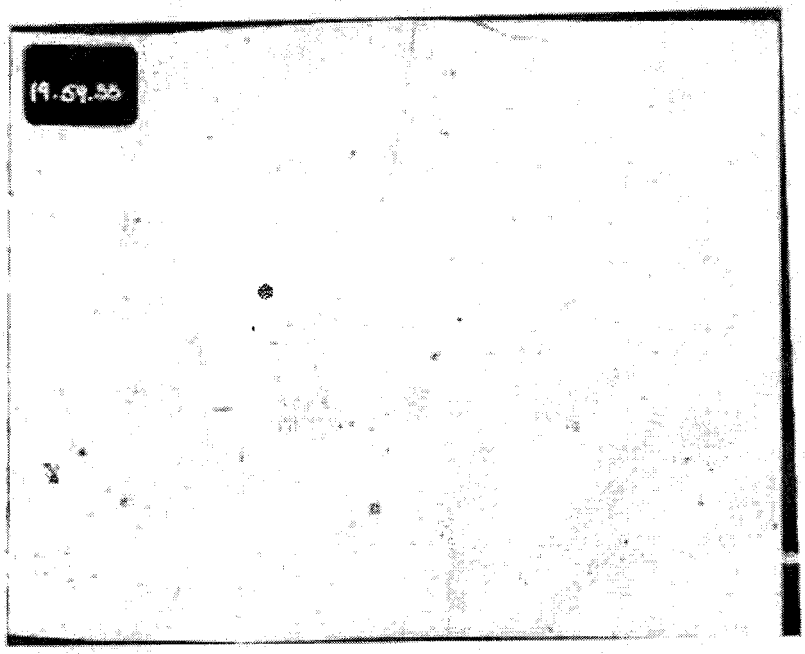


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Date

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ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT HIYO/91

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SDAU copy — white
Local investigation copy — [redacted]
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CAA Occurrence Number: 91/10151 F

1 ACCIDENT / AIRMISS / APHAZ / (INCIDENT) / ABAIRL / REFERENCE

Circle or fill in boxes 1–51 as applicable. Please use black ball-point pen.

2 Occurrence Position	3 Fl./Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/Night
Alton OLF	Fl 250/220	21-4-91	2000	

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	SID/STAR GIVEN
Military	[redacted] 284	8 Mig 29	10 Lyme	11 Alton	12 5724	13 YES/NO	14 STAR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runways in use
128.4	Mode S	None	

35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE (CLASS A/B/C/D/E/F/G, AWY/TMA/ADR/SRA/RMZ/ ATZ/LWR/FIR/RVR/OTHER)	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE (CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/RADAR, ADC/RMC/APPROACH/AREA, RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR)	37 RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR
	RADAR	

38 Was prescribed separation lost	39 Traffic Info given by ATC	40 Avoiding action given by ATC	41 Area (Base, Heavy, Visit)
YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	Not known

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

At approx 2000 the Brc controller advised that HZA284 reported sighting a missile at Fl[redacted] about 6 miles west of Lyd. In conjunction with Ellok the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information:- DoD, MAS, Ellok Down Coast quards, Police, and via DoD to Army helicopters which were operating between Lyd - Dvl. At the time of the incident a primary response was observed behind the HZA284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via ATA ops and [redacted] saw the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at Fl250 and passed him in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged [redacted] DoD at 2120 hr

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43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	50 Sign/Date	51 Address/Telephone
YES/(NO)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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ATS OCCURRENCE REPORT

CAA Occurrence Number: 91/0115/5

1 ACCIDENT	ARMREP	APHAZ	INCIDENT	ABAIL	INFRINGEMENT
			✓		

2 Departure/Destination: JACK – BATTERSEA CLIFF AND LYD VOR	3 FL/Alt/Hdg: APPROX FL220	4 Date: 21ST APRIL 91	5 Time: 1958	6 Day/Night:

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	EMERG/RVSM
7 ALITALIA.	8 AZA 284	9 A300	10 LINL	11 EGLL	12 5726	13 YES/NO	14 UR.
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38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST: (NO)	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC: (NO)	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC: (NO)

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OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
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AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN OF COMMUNICATION WITH ATS UNIT AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000
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AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	I	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL / FLIGHT CLIMBING / DESCENDING / TURNING * FL 222 - ALT 10000 - RATE 1000
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	VMC Distance above / below cloud: 30 km/NM Distance horizontally from cloud: 30 km/NM In cloud / over / above / below / level with cloud Flying over / out of sun Observed / estimated flight visibility
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 ATS / MIL / APP / ACC / FIC AT 04/05/91 ~ 2000

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DATE 04/22/91 TIME 5 P.M. FUNC OF PE RSPO
PLACE OF COMPLETION OF FORM LONDON
FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
by ATS unit concerned (not the pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER AT ARD / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC *
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION Clearance, equipment observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER DATE / TIME GMT

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[redacted] on behalf of
[redacted] Aviation Authority

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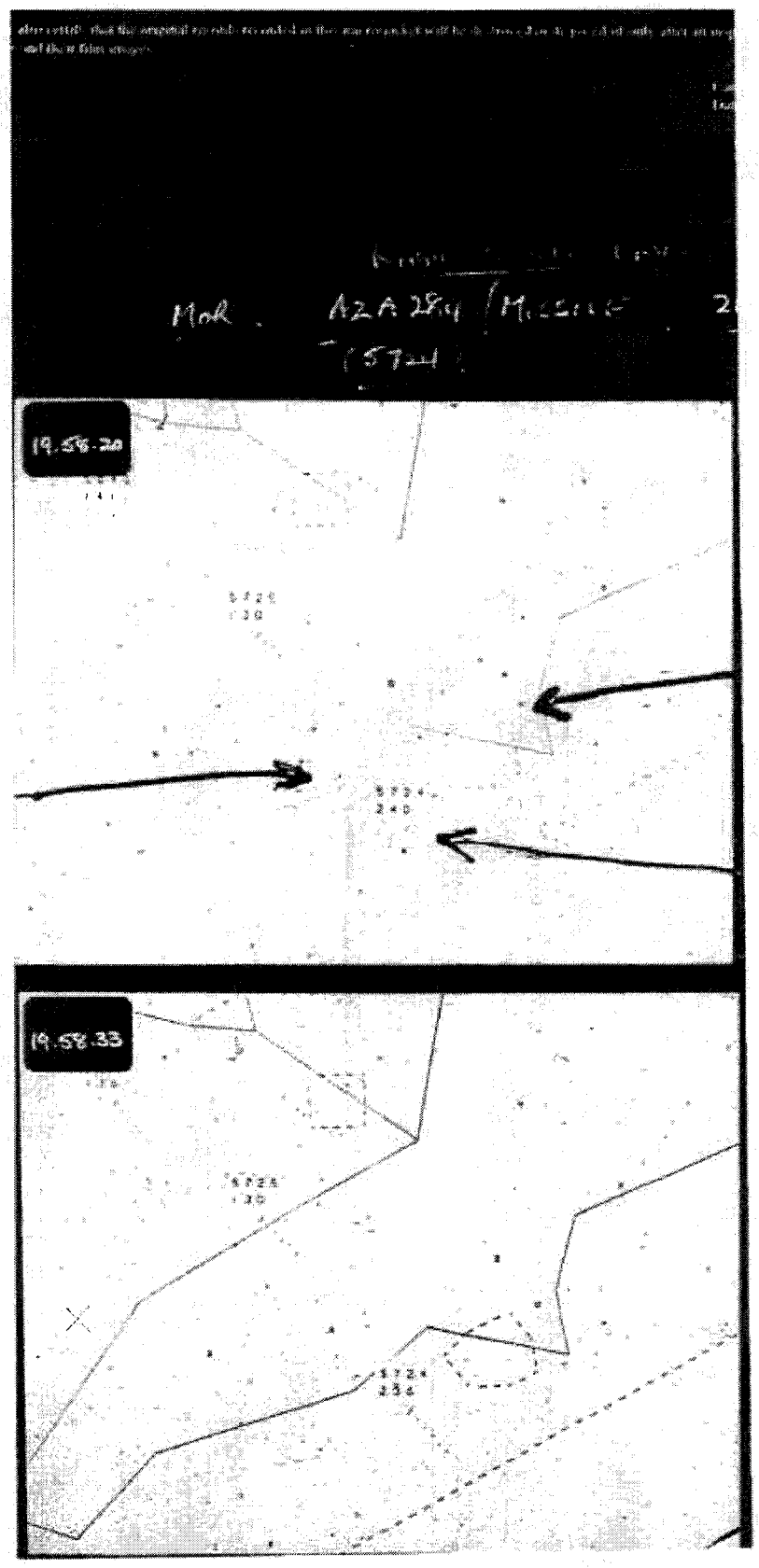
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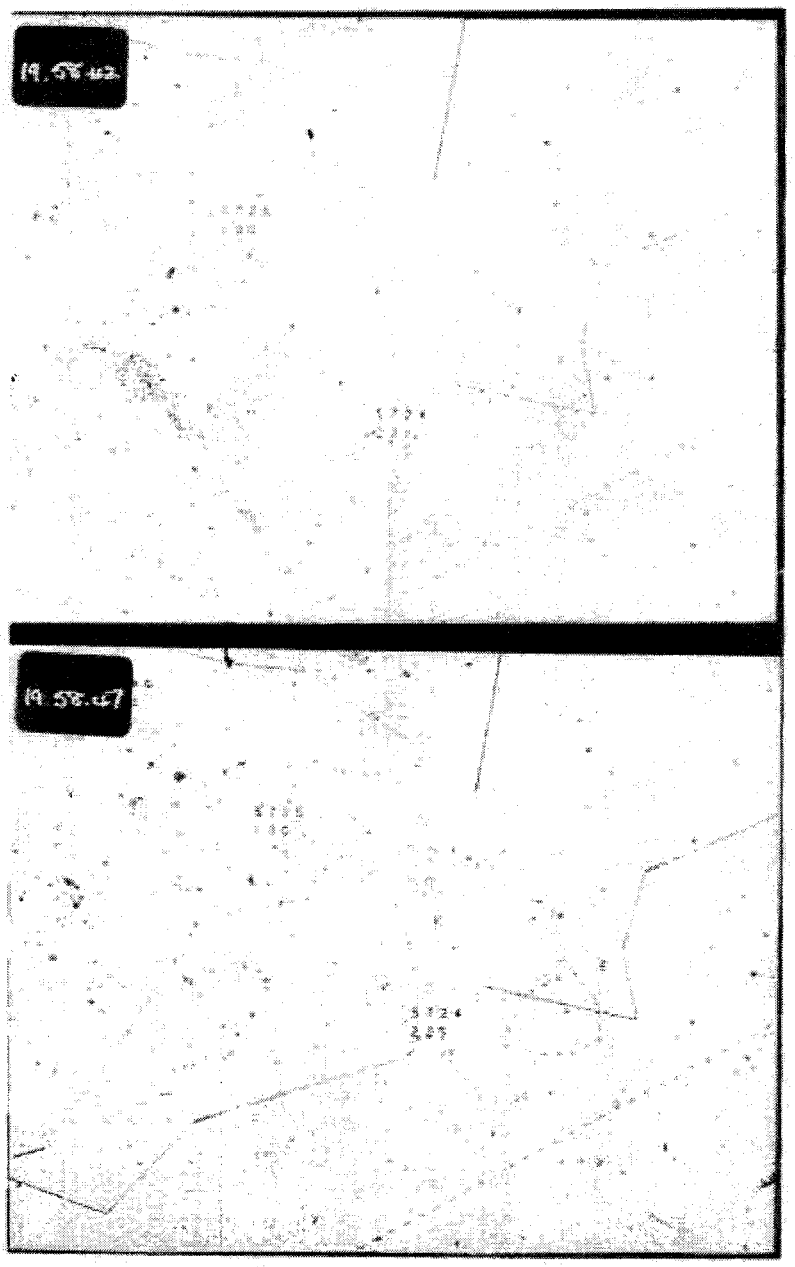
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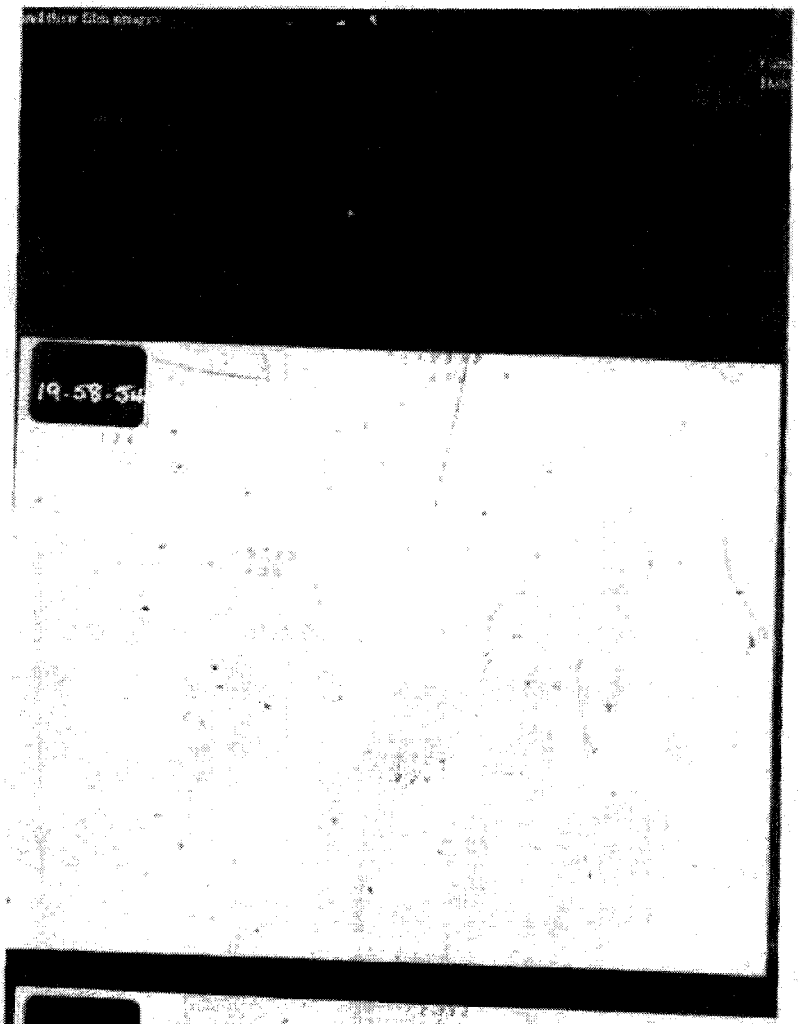
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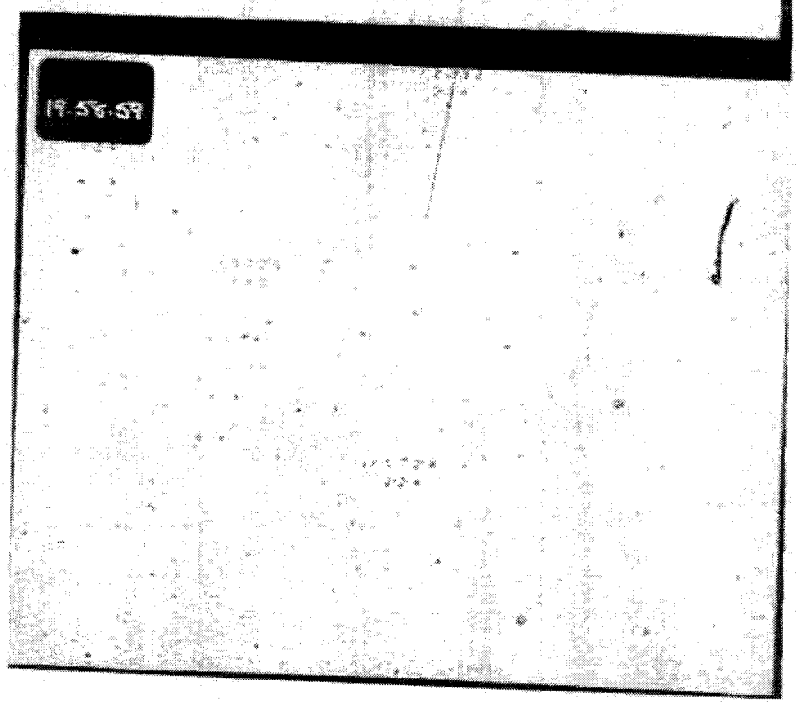
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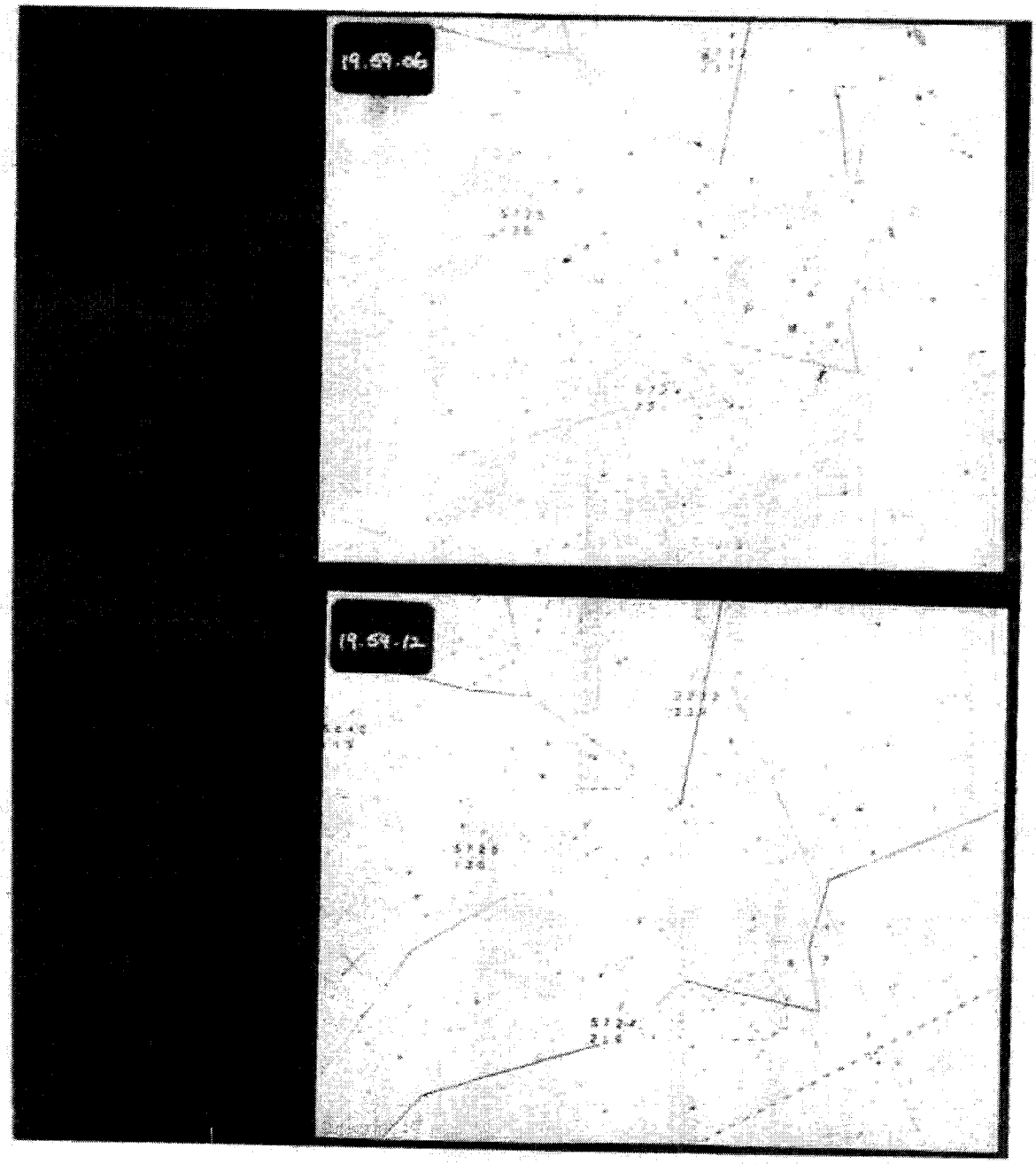
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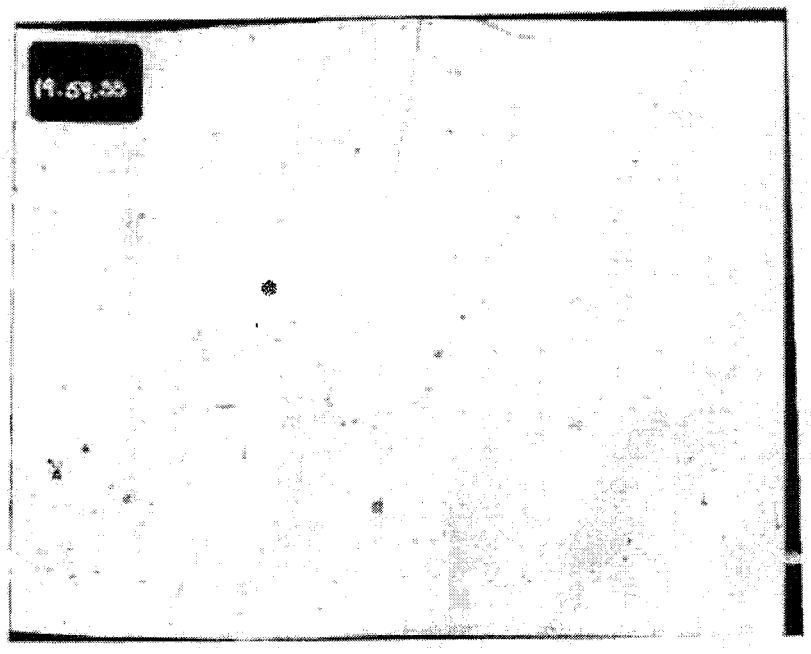

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Dear [redacted] 40

Thank you for your help.

Regards

[redacted]
MOD
DAS-FOI

From [redacted] caa.co.uk]
Sent: 09 August 2005 10:02
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: F0000301

Good Morning [redacted]

I have been given the ok from our Safety Data Department for the information you faxed to be released.

Sorry for any delay this may have caused.

Kindest regards

[redacted]
FoI & EIR Case Manager

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] @mod.uk]
Sent: 08 August 2005 16:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: F0000301

Thank you [redacted] They are on their way to you on the fax.

[redacted] n 40
MOD
DAS-FOI

From: [redacted] caa.co.uk]
Sent: 08 August 2005 16:38
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: F0000301

Dear [redacted] 40

Thank you for this email, Please could you fax the information to me as you suggest and I will ask our Safety Data Dept for clearance.

Sorry to be a bit vague with this.

Fax Number to send to is [redacted]

Thank you

[redacted]
FoI & EIR Case Manager

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]@mod.uk]
Sent: 08 August 2005 16:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: F0000301
Importance: High

Dear [redacted]n 40

The MOD holds the following additional papers concerning the Occurrence Report of the object similar to a missile which passed the Alitalia jet on 21 April 1991.

Safety data & Analysis Unit, Occurrence Report minute sheet.

Open occurrence supplementary report cover sheet for Capt Zaghetti's report, which notes that the airline agreed that it was not an airmiss, but more than just a routine incident. Also notes that CAA Rome to be kept informed of any investigation.

Brief signal message from CAA Rome to CAA requesting to be sent a copy of the result of the investigation.

Internal papers between this branch and those responsible for air defence.

Letter from this branch to HQ Military Air Traffic Operations providing the information that was later passed to SDAU on 16 July 1991.

A press cutting from The Independent newspaper, plus some correspondence with members of the public which followed, including internal MOD background papers.

We see no reason to withhold any of this information, but I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have no objections. If you wish to see any of the first three of these, please let me know. They are not held electronically, but I can fax them to you if you wish.

Regards

[redacted]
MOD
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information

Tel: [redacted]

From: [redacted]caa.co.uk]
Sent: 08 August 2005 11:02
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: F0000301

Dear [redacted] 40

As [redacted] 40 away I'm am replying on her behalf.

The information we provided earlier has been cleared to send out. However we are a little baffled as to what additional information you are referring to.

If it is only confirmation you are asking for, I can give you this now.

Kindest regards

[redacted]
FoI & EIR Case Manager

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 August 2005 10:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: F0000301
Importance: High

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]@mod.uk]
Sent: 08 August 2005 10:43
To: infoservices@caa.co.uk
Subject: F0000301
Importance: High

Dear [redacted]

You may recall that you sent me the attached information with regard to a Freedom of Information request received by the MOD. We did refer this to the DCA clearing house, but they do not contact you themselves, this seems to be up to the applicant. I am happy to handle this, but would be grateful if you could confirm that you are happy for us to release those papers that came to the MOD from the CAA, subject to the redaction of personal information as indicated on your previous e-mail. On checking our records it appears that the MOD holds the same papers on these incidents as those supplied by yourself, plus some additional internal MOD papers. We are proposing to release these to this member of the public shortly.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
E.mail: [redacted]@mod.uk

-----Original Message-----
From: InfoServices [mailto:infoservices@caa.co.uk]
Sent: 31 May 2005 14:17
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: F0000301

Dear [redacted]

Please find attached the information you requested:

Copies of all MOD, RAF and CAA Papers on the 21 April 1991 UFO 'nearmiss'
with Alitalia jet over the North Sea.

Copies of all MOD, RAF and CAA papers on the 6 January 1995 'nearmiss' with
BA jet descending into Manchester Airport.

You pointed out that you had referred this request to the DCA clearing house
for co-ordination. As they have not contacted us separately we are sending
this information directly to you.

I apologise for the delay in response.

Regards

[redacted]
FoI Team

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documents.pdf>>

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DII address: DAS-FOI
E-Mail [redacted] @mod.uk Section 40

FAX MESSAGE

TO: Attention [redacted] Section 40

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information request

DATE: 8 August 2005

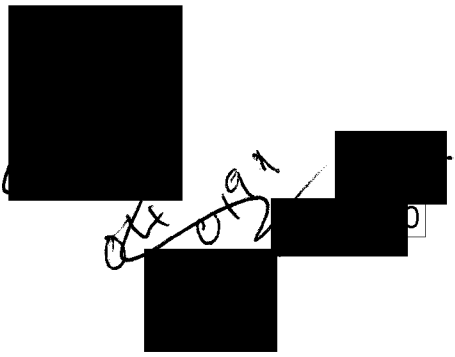
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Dear [redacted] Section 40

Please see attached the documents detailed in my earlier e-mail. I have already removed names etc. I have also removed signal message identifiers from the signal from CAA Rome.

Any questions please give me a call.

[redacted] Section 40



From: [redacted]
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
5th Floor, Zone H, [redacted]
Main Building, Whitehall
LONDON SW1A 2HB

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

SAFETY DATA & ANALYSIS UNIT | OCCURRENCE NUMBER 91/01151E

DATE	OCCURRENCE REPORT MINUTE SHEET
30/4/91	Spoke to LATCC IRT who will send photos of this incident.
1/5/91	No 1 Spoke S/L [redacted] re. incident and faxed details to L [redacted].
1/5/91	Phone call from LATCC Information + Investigation section who info'd us that an ATCO had noted that Southern TV had run a short news article about a 14 yr old boy who had witnessed seeing a missile on the same evening (26 Apr) flying at low level before climbing up through cloud and disappearing out of sight. Radar Photos of the incident reported by Alitalia due to arrive today. [redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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CA[redacted]

* OPEN / CLOSED OCCURRENCE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OCCURRENCE NUMBER 91/0115,3911

AIRCRAFT TYPE MISSILE? / MD80

OPERATOR UNKNOWN / ALITALIA

SDAU COORDINATOR [redacted]

EXECUTOR OFS 3

LOCN- ANN HOUSE

BRIEF TITLE : ATC OCC - PILOT REPORTED SEEING A MISSILE TYPE OBJECT PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION

COMMENTS

Please find attached the Alitalia pilots original report (3A) which was sent to LATCC. Note that although near-collision was ringed (ie Airmiss) the author agreed it was not strictly speaking an Airmiss but also it was more than just a routine incident. (3B) is a request from CAA Rome to be kept informed on the results of any investigation

INFORMEE LOCATION

AAIB - FARNBORO [redacted]

ATC(J) ANN HSE

RS3 MATO HILL HSE

[redacted] CAA HSE

[redacted] MSU CAA HSE

CAB44 - CAA HSE

MOD RAF (ATF2)

* delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE	NAME	DEPT/SECTION	DATE
[redacted]			7/5/91

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REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

91-05-07 10:21

[redacted] CAA ROMA

SUBJECT AIR INCIDENTE REPORT CONCERNING FLIGHT AZ 284 ON DATE 21 APRIL 1991 DEAR SIRS YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO SEND US COPY OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED INCIDET

[redacted]

[redacted]

05.07.1991 11:33 P. 2

[redacted]

LOOSE MINUTE

D/GS Sec 14/14

7 June 1991

Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:
Sec(NS)b

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. You asked for assistance with your reply to a letter from a member of the public on the above subject.

2. Rapier is a short range air defence missile with an operational ceiling of around 10,000 feet (I am advised that this fact is, strictly speaking, classified RESTRICTED). It could go higher, but not as high as 22,000 feet. I don't know if Lance could get up that high but it is considerable larger than 3 metres, and I think it is safe to assume that we have not been firing tactical nuclear missiles over the Kent coast!

✓ OK to release

3. Surface to air missiles are fired at only two Army ranges in UK: Manorbier in South Wales (for low level air defence weapons only) and Benbecula in the Western Isles.

4. Lydd is one of a number of small training areas on the Kent coast that make up part of the Cinque Ports Training Area (CPTA). It ~~is permanently allocated to Northern Ireland tactical training (again RESTRICTED)~~ and has anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges as well as limited field firing facilities.

Defence exemption

x Redact using Defence Exemption

(any further questions - speak to [redacted]

[redacted]
GS Sec 1d
MB5103 [redacted]

Not relevant to the request

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(NS)513/2/105

51

23 May 1991

Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:
GS Sec 1d
Company Secretary DRA
Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. The Reference sought advice on a letter from a Mr Nicholas Redfern about a UFO sighting over Kent on 21 April.

2. The only RN surface to air missile capable of reaching 22000ft is the Sea Dart. However, as there were no test firings on the day concerned, I can confirm that one of these could not have been the cause of this incident.

CLEAN COPIES (3)

D/Sec(AS)12/2 Pt K

UFO Reports 1991.

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Part H

UFO Correspondence.

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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Hillingdon House Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 0RZ

DDI: [redacted]
GPTN:
FAX:
FAX GPTN:

45/1

Please reply to The Air Officer Commanding

Your Reference

Our Reference MATO/13/4/8/RS3A

See Distribution

Date 21 May 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - MISSILE? - 21 APR 91

1. Executive responsibility for the military investigation into the title Occurrence Report has recently been transferred to this Headquarters by the Civil Aviation Authority Safety Data Analysis Unit (SDAU). Copies of both the Alitalia MD 80 captain's report and the LATCC controllers' reports on the incident, which occurred at approximately 2000 hrs on Sunday 21 Apr 91, are enclosed.

2. We understand that you have already undertaken detailed inquiries on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and we would be grateful if, in due course, you could forward your findings to this Headquarters so that we can respond to the SDAU.

[redacted]
Sqn Ldr
for AOC

Enclosures:

1. Copy of the MD 80 Captain's Report.
2. Copy of the LATCC Superviser and Controller's Reports.

Distribution:

External:

Action:

MOD Sec (AS) 2A, Room 8245, Main Building

Information: (Less Enclosures)

MOD DDAT/AAR, Room 4199, Main Building
SDAU

Civil Aviation Authority

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT

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SDAU copy — white
Local management copy — yellow
Reporter's copy — blue

See Instructions and Explanatory Notes on reverse.
When completed, please send white copy only to:
Safety Data Analysis Unit
2W, Aviation House, Gatwick Airport, South Area, Gatwick, West Sussex RH6 0YR.

CAA Occurrence Number: 91/01151/E

1 ACCIDENT AIRMISS APHAZ (INCIDENT) ABANL INFRINGEMENT

Circle or fill in boxes 1–51 as required. Please use black ball-point pen.

2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/(Night)
UA20 - BETWEEN CLIFF AND LYD VOR.	APPROX FL220	21ST APRIL 91	1958	

	OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	IFR/VFR SVFR
7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14	ALITALIA.	AZA 284	MD80	LIML	EGLL	S724	(YES)/NO	IFR.
15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22							YES/NO	
23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30							YES/NO	

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
128.4	PEASE	NON.	

35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE	37 SID/STAR/ROUTE
RULE 21/CTR/TMA/AWY/UAR/ADR/SRA/SRZ/ATZ/UIR/FIR/PURPLE/OTHER	CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/(RADAR) ADC/GMC/APPROACH/AREA RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR	

38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC	41 MIN SEPN HORIZ/VERT
~~YES~~/(NO)	~~YES~~/(NO)	~~YES~~/(NO)	NOT KNOWN.

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

AZA 284 REPORTED SEEING A MISSILE CROSS ABOVE THEIR POSITION WHILE DESCENDING THROUGH FL220. PRIMARY TARGET OBSERVED IN REPORTED POSITION. SUPERVISOR ADVISED IN ORDER TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION.

continue on a separate sheet if necessary

43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
[redacted]	CCF S.E. RADAR CONTROLLER	C.C.F.	30 MIN	1330

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	Address/Telephone
~~YES~~/(NO)	[redacted]	

21/4/1991

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Civil Aviation Authority

ATS OCCURRENCE REPORT M40/91

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CAA Occurrence Number: 91/01151 E

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2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/(Night)
ABM CLIFF	FL 230/220	21-4-91	2000	

OPERATOR	8 CALLSIGN/REGN	9 TYPE	10 FROM	11 TO	12 SSR CODE	13 MODE C DISPLAYED	14 IFR/VFR SVFR
7 ALITALIA	AZA 284	MD80	LJML	EGLL	5724	(YES)/NO	IFR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
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YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	NOT KNOWN

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

At approx 2000 the BIG controller advised that AZA284 reported sighting a missile at FL ~~230~~220 about 6 miles west of LYD. In conjunction with ELOK the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information :- DoD, MAS, ELOK Dover Coast guards, Police, and via DoD the Army helicopters which were operating between LYD - DVR. At the time of the incident a primary response was observed behind the AZA284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via AZA ops and captain ZAGHETTI said the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at FL230 and passed him in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged thro' DoD at 2130 Z

continue on a separate sheet if necessary

43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
[redacted]	Grp Sup.	C.C.F		1330

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	50 Sign/Date	51 Address/Telephone
YES/(NO)	SEE ABOVE	[redacted] 22.4.91	[redacted] 2/4

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NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1°) To be filled in printed characters and in english language.
2°) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3°) Items marked this * must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT (NEAR COLLISION) PROCEDURAL / FACILITY *
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	ZAGHETTI
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - DAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 127.1 - AT ~ 2000
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	J	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT / CLIMBING / (DESCENDING) / TURNING * FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	IMC / VMC: VMC Distance above / below cloud / fog / haze: 30 Km / (NM) * Distance horizontally from cloud / Between cloud layers / In cloud / rain / snow, sleet / fog / haze / Flying into / out of sun: _____ Km / NM * Reported estimated flight visibility: 30 Km / (NM) *
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 AFIS / TWR / APP / (ACC) / FIC * AT 04/21/91 ~ 2000 (date / time)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT: Type, high/low wing, N. of engines / Radio call sign, registration / Markings, colour, lighting / Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either a c)	O	DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOURED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft. AT ONCE I SAID "LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT" TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED US I ASKED TO THE ACC / OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED "I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU" -

DATE 04/22/91 TIME 8 P.M. PLACE LONDON OF COMPLETION OF FORM	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON REPORT [redacted] CPT ZAGHETTI	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER * AT ARO / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC *
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER _____ DATE / TIME GMT _____

Mod. (6924) NAV UNI A4

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)8/1

21 May 1991

GS Sec 1d
Sec(NS)b
Company Secretary DRA

12/2

Copy to:
Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

1. Please find attached a letter we have received from a member of the public about the above incident. I would be grateful for your advice on questions 2, 3 and 4.

2. Could GS Sec 1d and Sec(NS)b comment on question 2, assuming that the question actually relates to surface-to-air missiles.

3. Could GS Sec 1d and Company Secretary DRA comment on question 3. I understand that the main area for the launching of Rapier missiles is actually the RA Range Hebrides, although the Aberporth range is also used.

4. Could GS Sec 1d comment on question 4, and give a bit of background information on what activity takes place at Lydd.

5. Whilst the Air Force department is already looking into this incident, any information or suggestions that addresses are able to provide would be most welcome!

6. I would be grateful for responses by cop Wednesday 12 June.

[redacted]

N G Pope
Sec(AS)1a
MB7249 [redacted]

[redacted]
Walsall
West Midlands
[redacted]

6 May 1991.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with the hope that you may be able to help me. I have seen various press reports (Daily Telegraph, Guardian, Daily Star) which refer to the sighting of an object described as being 3 metres in length and cylindrical. This object was apparently ob--served at approximately 22000 feet on April 21 around 9pm by Captain Achille Zaghetti who was flying en route from Milan to Heathrow. The sighting apparently occurred over Kent. My reason for writing is to enquire if you can help on several points.

1. Has there been an official MOD investigation of this case, or has the MOD assisted in an official Civilian Aviation Authority invest--igation?

2. Can you confirm that the MOD does not have an air-to-surface missile which could go to 22000 feet?

3. Is the Rapier missile only launched from Aberporth, Wales and Tain in Scotland, and is its limit around 10000 feet ?

4. Could the sighting be connected with the firing range at Lydd ?

5. Is it possible to obtain copies of any records relating to this case which may have been forwarded to the MOD? As I understand it a tracking was made at West Drayton. Is it possible to obtain copies of any final reports pertaining to this case?

Should you be able to help in any way it would be very much appreciated as this is just for my own interest. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter. I have enclosed a SAE.

Yours Faithfully,

[redacted]

Nicholas Redfern.

File: 12/2

TOP

FEED DIRECTION

44

U N C L A S S I F I E D

CXJ224 14/1717 134C3593

FOR CXJ

ROUTINE 141700Z MAY 91

FROM SOC SOUTH NEATISHEAD
TO MODUK AIR

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
14 MAY 1991
AIR FORCE OPERATIONS

Copy to GE 3

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC KAL
MODUK AIR FOR GE3.
SUBJ: ALITALIA/BROWN MISSILE INCIDENT 21 APR 91. REGERT UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SUBJECT INCIDENT. VINTON RADAR RECORDING CAMERA WAS UNSERVICEABLE ON DATE OF INCIDENT. SQN LDR OPS SENDS EXT [redacted]40
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CXJ 1 AFDO
CAM 1 FA(AIR)
CBD 4 I OF FS(RAF)

GE3

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
15 MAY 1991
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To GE3(RAF)
Sec(AS)1a
DI55
DDPR(RAF)

Date 13 May 1991

Your ref.

From Sec(AS)2a
Room 8245 43
Main Building

Tel. MB 82140

Our ref. D/Sec(AS)12/2

Subject CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/2 dated 9 May 1991

1. Further to my loose minute at Reference (1) in which I asked GE3(RAF) to examine the CAA report on the Air Incident reported by the Alitalia MD80 aircraft, I attach for your information a copy of the pilots report of the incident.

~~Rank~~/Appointment EO Name in Block Letters [redacted] Signature [redacted]

Sqn Ldr [redacted] RAF

ATF2 MOD.

[redacted] + I spoke re this one and we enclose all the known info on it to date. So far the Alitalia report has remained in house & we've not attempted to corroborate or link this with the 2nd hand info reported by Southern TV.

CAA

We'd appreciate any further info you obtain & hopefully one day be able to close the file?

Yours Aye

[redacted]

also [redacted]

With Compliments

SAFETY REGULATION GROUP
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House, South Area, Gatwick Airport, Gatwick, West Sussex RH6 0YR
Telephone 0293 567171 [redacted]

CAA

EXECUTOR TRANSFER ON AN OPEN OCCURRENCE REPORT

OCCURRENCE NUMBER: 91 | 0115[illegible]

AIRCRAFT TYPE: MISSILE? | MD80

SDAU COORDINATOR: OB3 EXT [redacted]

OLD | EXECUTOR: OB3 LOCN- SDAU | NEW

EXECUTOR: RS3 MATD LOCN- HILLINGDON HOUSE

INFORMEE LOCATION

BRIEF TITLE :

ATC OCC - PILOT REPORTED A MISSILE TYPE OBJECT PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

AAIB FARNBOROUGH ATTN [redacted] ATC J

C(AP)6(DC(AP)) CAA HOUSE MS.U

[redacted] CAA HOUSE.

CAP 46 CAA HOUSE

MOD RAF (ATF2)

STL [redacted]

Executor responsibilities for this occurrence have been transferred as indicated above.

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PLEASE AMEND YOUR RECORDS.

SDAU COMMENTS

OCCURRENCE TRANSFERRED WEF 10/5/91

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ON DATE 21 APRIL 1991 DEAR SIRS YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO SEND US
COPY OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED
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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/2

9 May 1991

GE3(RAF)
Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:

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DDPR(RAF)

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

References: A) Letter from Mr N Redfern dated 6 May 1991
B) Article from 'The Independent' newspaper dated 6 May 1991
C) CAA Incident Report dated 25 April 1991

1. Please find attached a copy of the CAA report of an air incident reported by an AlItalia MD80 aircraft on 21 April near Lydd in Kent (Reference C). I also attach copies of References A and B.

2. Given the MoD spokesman's published denial of any UK military involvement, I believe that the radar evidence attached to the report which shows an object in the vicinity of the AlItalia aircraft should be examined (in the first instance) in the context of an air defence/air safety matter rather than as a UFO report.

3. I would be appreciative if GE3(RAF) (consulting with DI55 as appropriate) could provide the CAA with the assistance they have requested in their covering note to the report. I also believe that it would be more appropriate, in this case, for Sec(AS)1a to undertake to answer Mr Redfern's letter as the questions he has posed are not strictly UFO-related.

4. I would be grateful for sight of any conclusions which GE3(RAF) may draw from his enquiries, as if no firm conclusions can be drawn, it will be necessary to reappraise our approach to this sighting.

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Sec(AS)2a
MB8245 [redacted]

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Inquiry into pilot's sighting of missile

THE CIVIL Aviation Authority has launched an investigation into a reported near-collision between a passenger airliner and a missile in civilian airspace over Kent.

But the Ministry of Defence said it could not have been a British missile. The CAA says that there were no other aircraft under its control there and that it has still failed to explain the sighting.

Captain Achille Zaghetti, pilot of the McDonnell Douglas MD80, operated by the Italian airline Alitalia, was flying from Milan to Heathrow at 22,200ft, with 57 people on board, on 21 April when he reported to British Air Traffic Control that a missile had flown less than 1,000 feet above him in the opposite direction.

It was 9pm, still light in the air, and the local air traffic controllers at Lydd airport said the visibility was exceptionally good.

Capt Zaghetti said the missile was light brown and about 3 metres long. His co-pilot confirmed the sighting. Their descriptions are consistent with a target missile used for artillery or air defence practice, but the Ministry of Defence insisted yesterday that none were in use on 21 April.

Although it has taken the report of an experienced pilot at face value, in a public statement yesterday the CAA attempted to imply that he had seen a drifting object, perhaps a stray balloon.

By Stephen Ward

The statement said: "The pilot said the object was light brown, round, 3 metres long, and did not describe any means of propulsion. The aircraft was under the control of the London air traffic control centre who had no other aircraft in the vicinity but consistent with the pilot report, a faint radar trace was observed 10 nautical miles behind the Alitalia aircraft.

"The air traffic controller submitted an occurrence report and investigatory action began immediately. Extensive inquiries have failed to provide any indication of what the sighting may have been."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday: "Whatever he might have seen might have been something that was flying, but was certainly not anything that was fired. It was a Sunday. The only ranges we have in the Kent area are Lydd and Hythe, and they are concerned with small arms only."

Asked if target missiles were used, he said: "It's absolutely in the middle of the busiest air traffic area. People just don't fire missiles there, but of course, we do have quite a few UFO reports and often people who see these things describe them as missile or cigar-shaped, or else round, and sometimes they do appear to be travelling with no means of propulsion."

'The Independent' 6 May 1991

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CA* [redacted]

* OPEN / CLOSED OCCURRENCE

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OCCURRENCE NUMBER 91/0115,3911

AIRCRAFT TYPE MISSILE? / MD80

OPERATOR UNKNOWN / ALITALIA

SDAU COORDINATOR [redacted]

OFS 3 EXT [redacted]

EXECUTOR

OFS 3

LOCN- ANN HOUSE

BRIEF TITLE : ATC OCC - PILOT REPORTED SEEING A MISSILE TYPE OBJECT PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION

COMMENTS

Please find attached (3A) the Alitalia Pilots original report which was sent to LATCC. Note that although near-collision was ringed (ie Airmiss) the author agreed it was not strictly speaking an Airmiss but also it was more than just a routine incident. (3B) is a request from CAA Rome to be kept informed on the results of any investigation

INFORMEE	LOCATION
AAIB - FARNBORO	[redacted]
ATC(J)	ANN HSE
RS3 MATO	HILL HSE
C(AP)16 [DCAP]	CAA HSE
[redacted]	MSU CAA HSE
CAP 445	CAA HSE
MOD RAF (ATF2)	

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NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1°) To be filled in printed characters and in english language.
2°) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3°) Items marked this * must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT / (NEAR COLLISION) / PROCEDURAL / FACILITY *
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	ZAGHETTI
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - DAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000 Z
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	J	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT / CLIMBING / (DESCENDING) / TURNING * FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000 ft/m
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	IMC / VMC — Distance above / below cloud / fog / haze: VMC 30 (Km / NM *)
		Distance horizontally from cloud / Between cloud layers / In cloud / rain / snow, sleet / fog / haze / Flying into / out of sun / Reported / estimated flight visibility: * ____ Km / NM * ; 30 Km / (NM *)
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 AFIS / TWR / APP / (ACC) / FIC * AT 04/21/91 ~ 2000 Z (date / time)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT: Type, high/low wing, N. of engines; Radio call sign, registration; Markings, colour, lighting; Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either a/c)	O	DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOURED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft. AT ONCE I SAID "LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT" TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED US I ASKED TO THE ACC/OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED "I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU!!"

DATE 04/22/91 TIME 8 P.M. PLACE LONDON OF COMPLETION OF FORM

FUNCTIO[redacted] OF PERS[redacted] REPORT CPT ZAGHETTI

FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION [redacted] ARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER * AT ARO / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC *
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

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SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER _____ DATE / TIME GMT _____

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NEW OPEN OCCURRENCE REPORT

OCCURRENCE NUMBER 91/01151E 38

AIRCRAFT TYPE MISSILE \ MD80

BRIEF TITLE : ATC OCC - PILOT REPORTED ~~SEEING~~ MISSILE TYPE OBJECT PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION

OPERATOR UNKNOWN \ AUSTRALIA

SDAU COORDINATOR [redacted]

OFS3 EXT [redacted]

SDAU COMMENTS

Sheets 1A & B attached.

EXECUTOR

OFS3

LOCN - AVIATION HOUSE

ATTN: [redacted]

INFORMEE LOCATION

AAIB - FARNBOROUGH
ATCI AVIATION HOUSE
RS3 MATO HILLINGDON HOUSE
CAP6 (DC(AP)) CAA HOUSE
[redacted] M.S.U.
CAA HABS
CAP 4 B CAA HSE
ATF 2 MOD MAIN BLD

SIGNATURE [redacted] P.P. NA [redacted]

DEPT/SECTION Safety Data & Analysis Unit

DATE 25th April, 1991

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DATE OF ADMIN ACTION 29/4/91 [redacted] 40

Civil Aviation Authority

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT

NOTES: (i) See Instructions and Explanatory Notes on reverse.
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Local management copy — yellow
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CAA Occurrence Number
91/01151 E

1 ACCIDENT AIRMISS APHAZ (INCIDENT) ABANL INFRINGEMENT

Circle or fill in boxes 1–51 as required. Please use black ball-point pen.

2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/(Night)
UA20 - BETWEEN CLIFF AND LYD VOR.	APPROX FL220	21ST APRIL 91	1958	

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	IFR/VFR SVFR
7 ALITALIA.	8 AZA 284	9 MD80	10 LIML	11 EGLL	12 5724	13 (YES)/NO	14 IFR.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
128.4	PEASE	NON.	

35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE	37 SID/STAR/ROUTE
RULE 21/CTR/TMA/ AWY/UAR/ADR/SRA/SRZ/ ATZ/UIR/FIR/PURPLE/OTHER	CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/(RADAR) ADC/GMC/APPROACH/AREA RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR	

38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC	41 MIN SEPN HORIZ/VERT
~~YES~~/(NO)	~~YES~~/(NO)	~~YES~~/(NO)	NOT KNOWN.

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

AZA 284 REPORTED SEEING A MISSILE CROSS ABOVE THEIR POSITION WHILE DESCENDING THROUGH FL 220. PRIMARY TARGET OBSERVED IN REPORTED POSITION. SUPERVISOR ADVISED IN ORDER TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION.

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43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
[redacted]	CCF S.E. RADAR CONTROLLER	C.C.F.	30 MIN	1330

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	[redacted]	Address/Telephone
~~YES~~/(NO)		21/4/1991	

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Civil Aviation Authority

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT M40/91

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CAA Occurrence Number: 91/01151 E

1 ACCIDENT AIRMISS APHAZ (INCIDENT) ABANL INFRINGEMENT

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2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/(Night)
ABM CLIFF	FL 230/220	21-4-91	2000	

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	IFR/VFR SVFR
7 ALITALIA.	8 AZA 284	9 MD80	10 LIML	11 EGLL	12 5724	13 (YES)/NO	14 IFR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
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35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE	37 SID/STAR/ROUTE
(RULE 21) CTR/TMA/ AWY/UAR/ADR/SRA/SRZ/ ATZ/UIR/FIR/PURPLE/OTHER	CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/(RADAR) ADC/GMC/APPROACH/AREA RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR	

38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC	41 MIN SEPN HORIZ/VERT
YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	NOT KNOWN

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

At approx 2000 the BIG controller advised that AZA 284 reported sighting a missile at FL~~230~~220 about 6 miles west of LYD. In conjunction with ELOR the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information :- DoD, MAS, ELOR Dover Coast guards, Police, and via DoD the Army helicopters which were operating between LYD - DVR. At the time of the incident a primary response was observed behind the AZA 284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via AZA ops and captain ZAGHETTI said the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at FL230 and passed him in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged thro' DoD at 2130 Z

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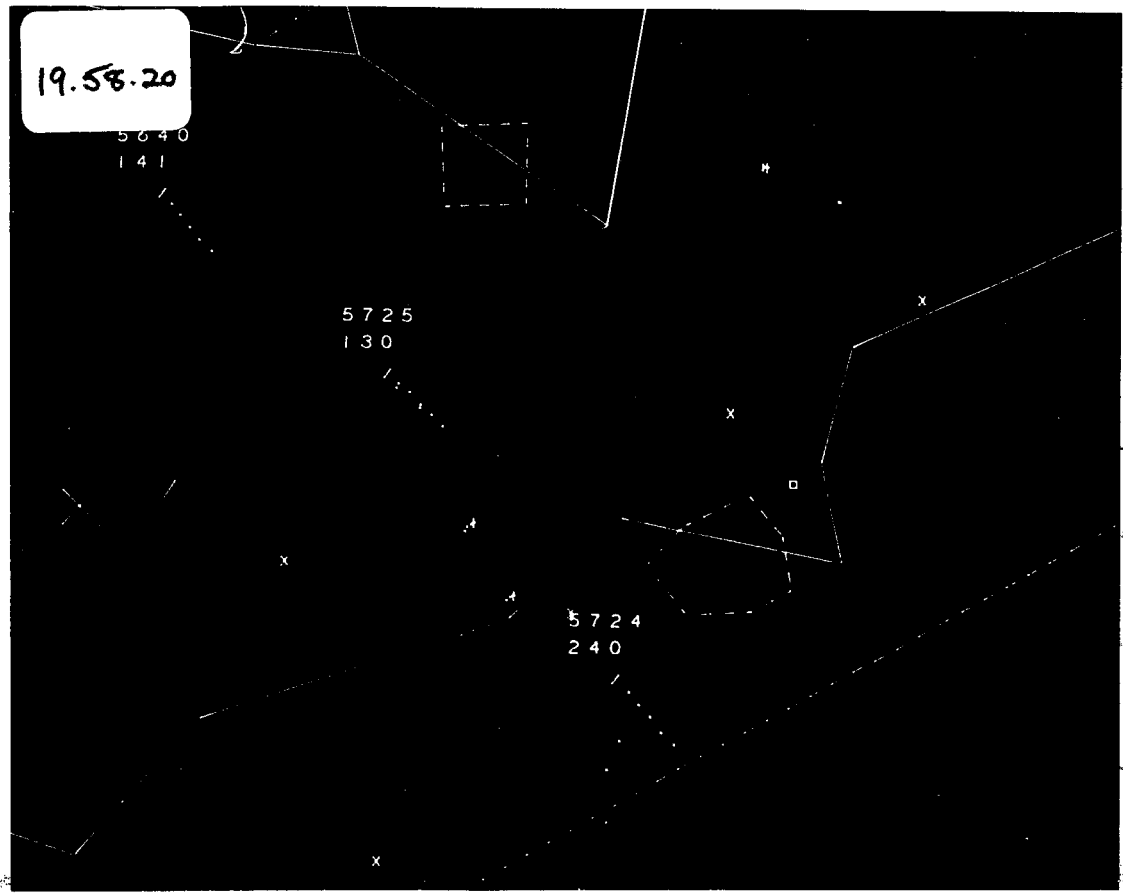
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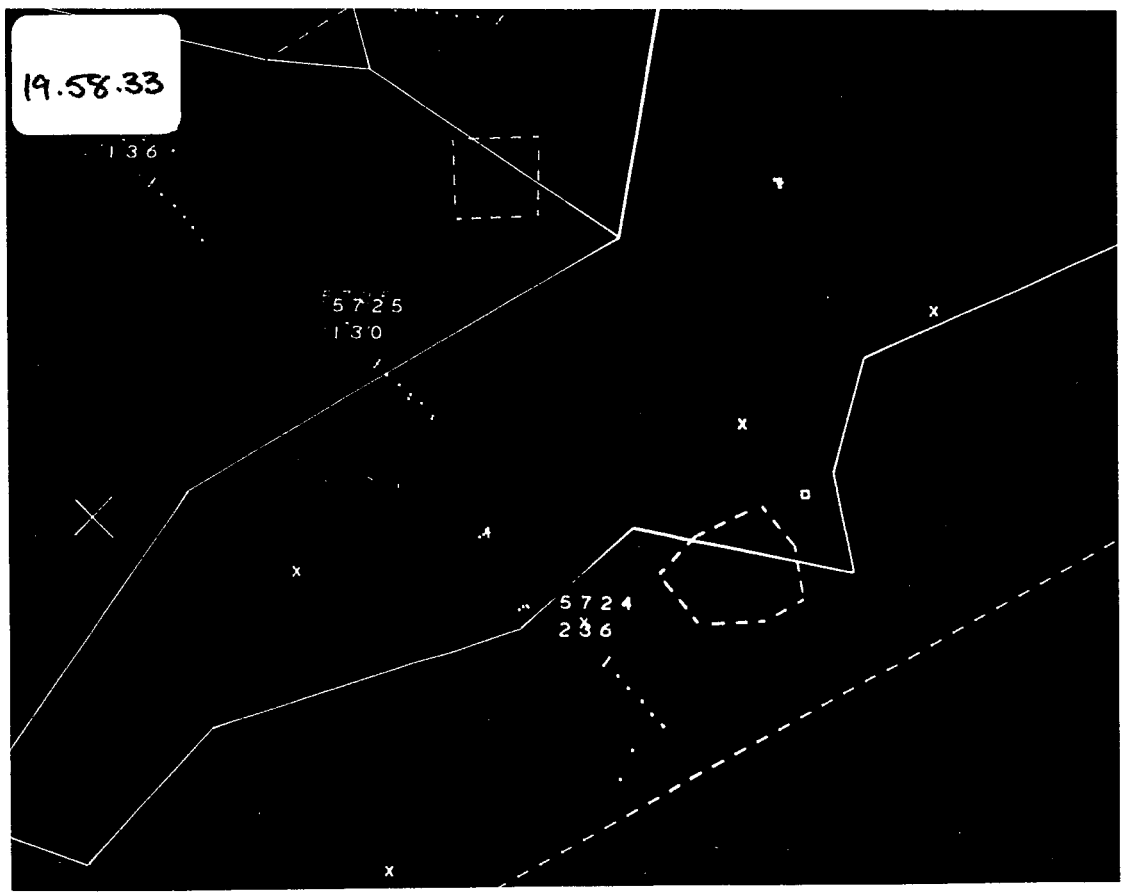
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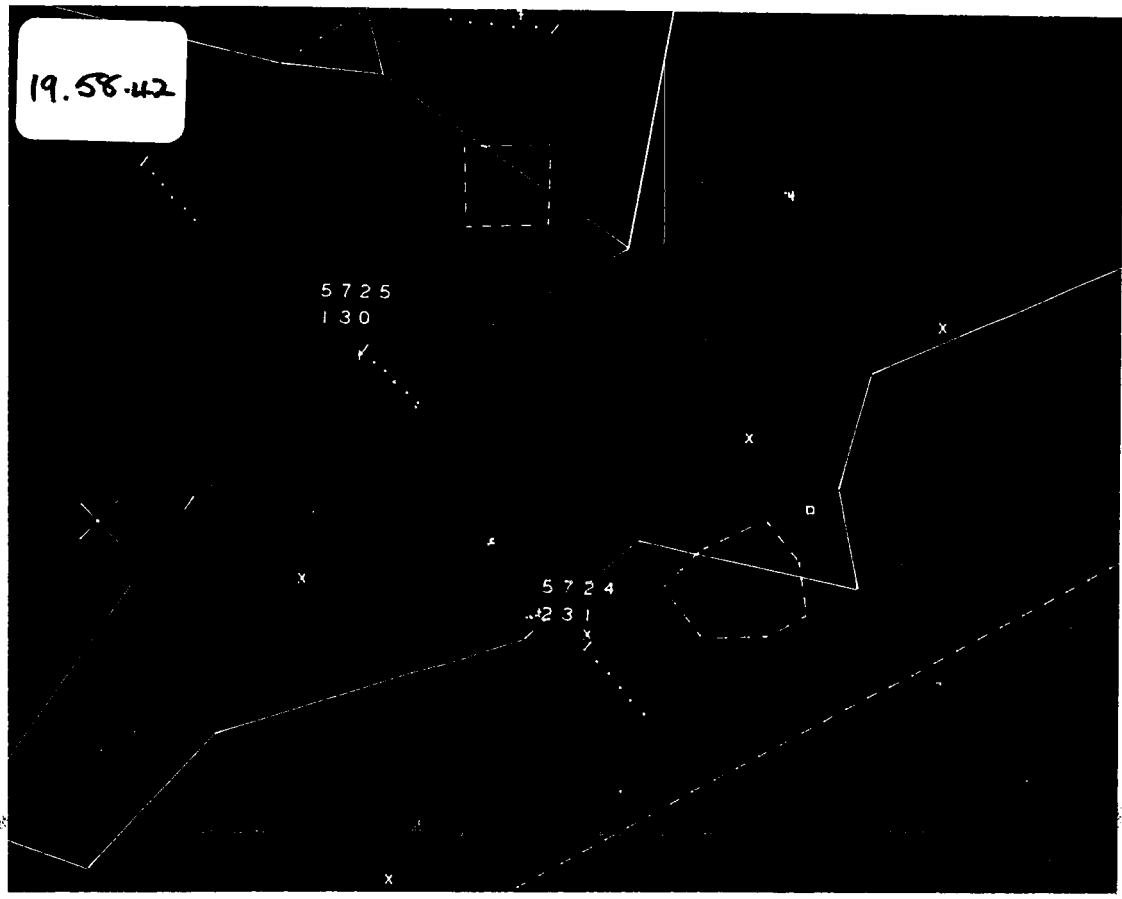
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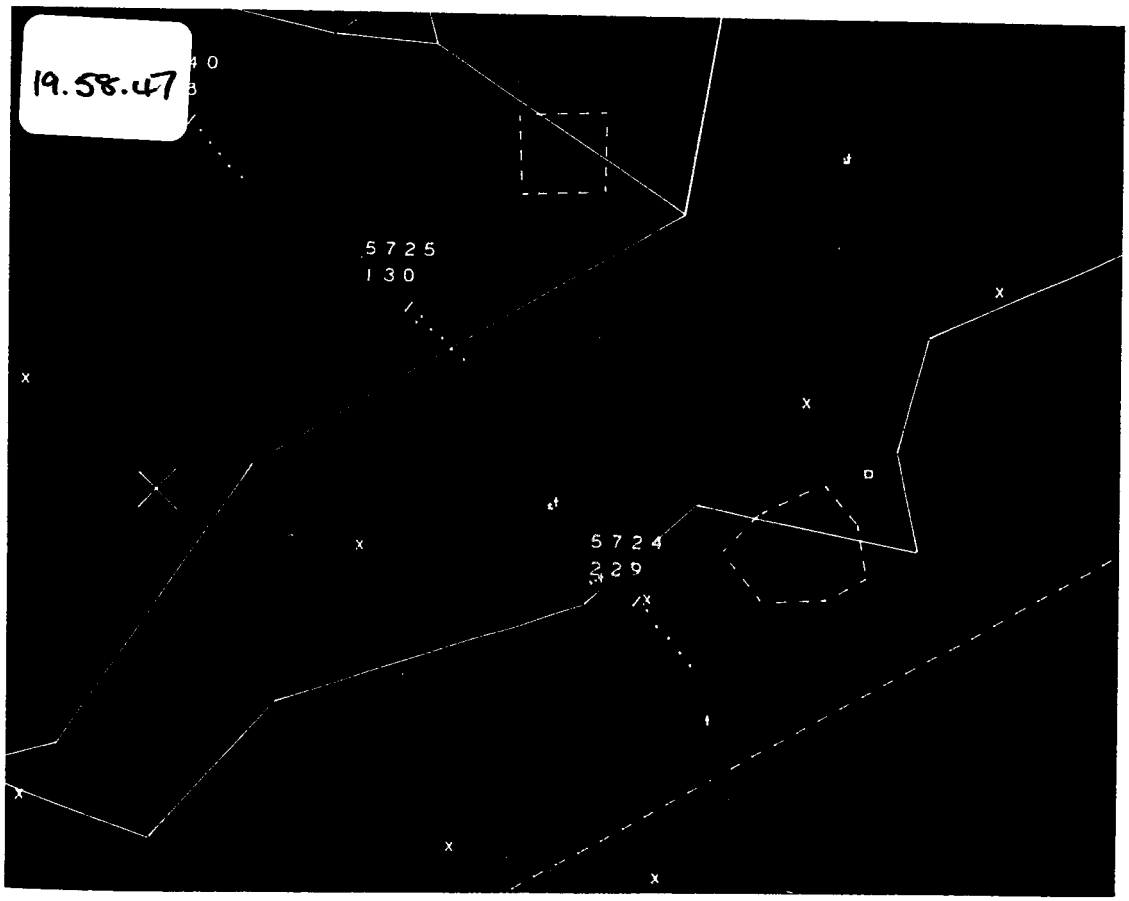
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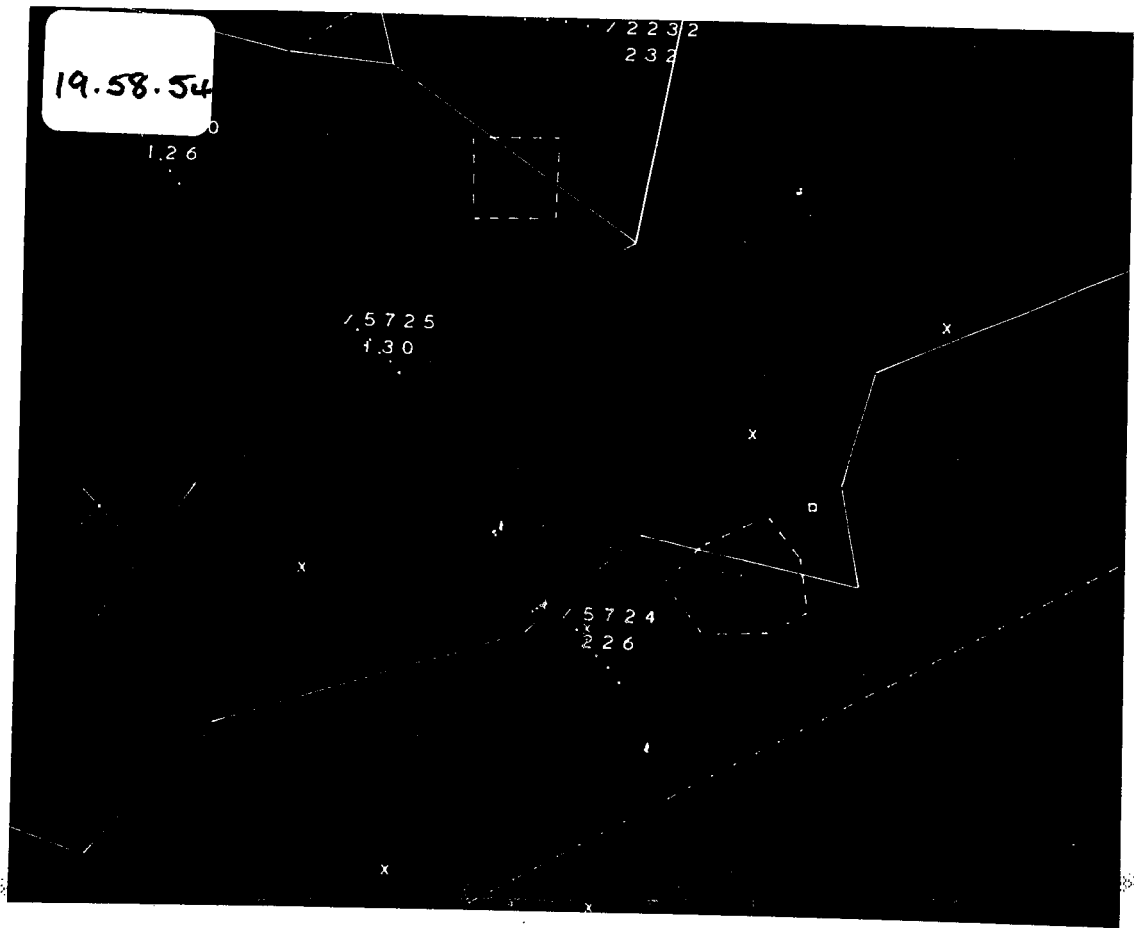
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30/4/91	Spoke to LATCC IFT who will send photos of this incident.
1/5/91	No 1 Spoke S/L [redacted] (ATF 2 HQ) - [redacted] re. incident and faxed details to [redacted]
1/5/91	Phone call from LATCC Information + Investigation section who info'd us that an ATCO had noted that Southern TV had run a short news article about a 14 yr old boy who had witnessed seeing a missile on the same evening (26 Apr) flying at low level before climbing up through cloud and disappearing out of sight. Radar Photos of the incident reported by Alitalia due to arrive today. [redacted]

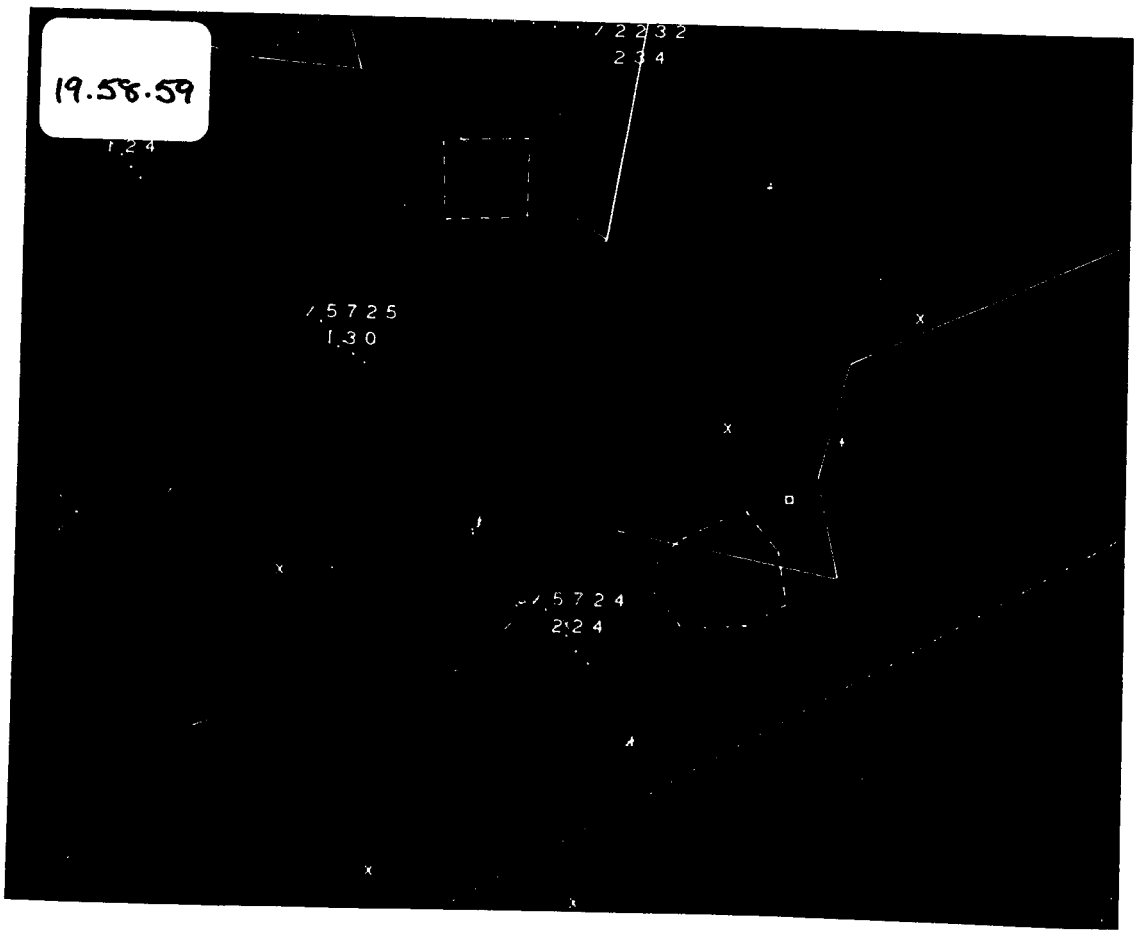

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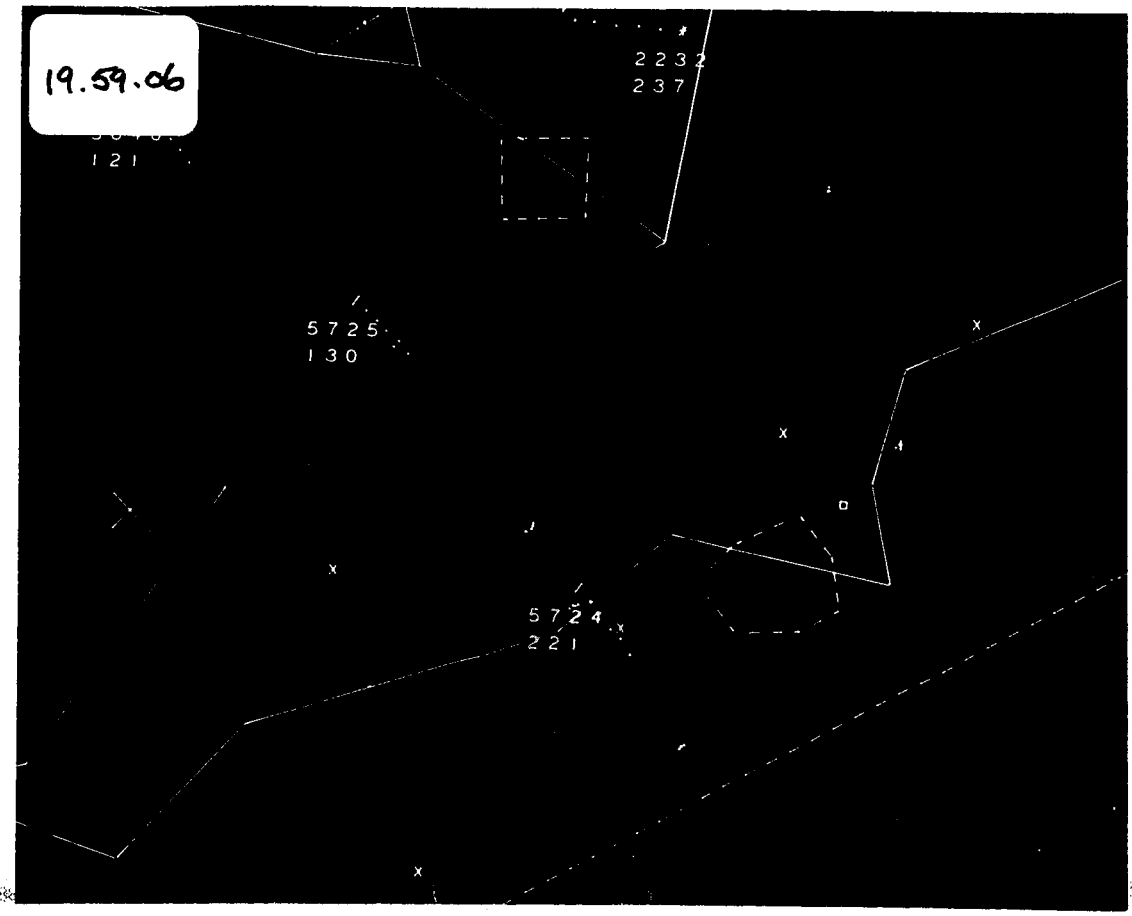

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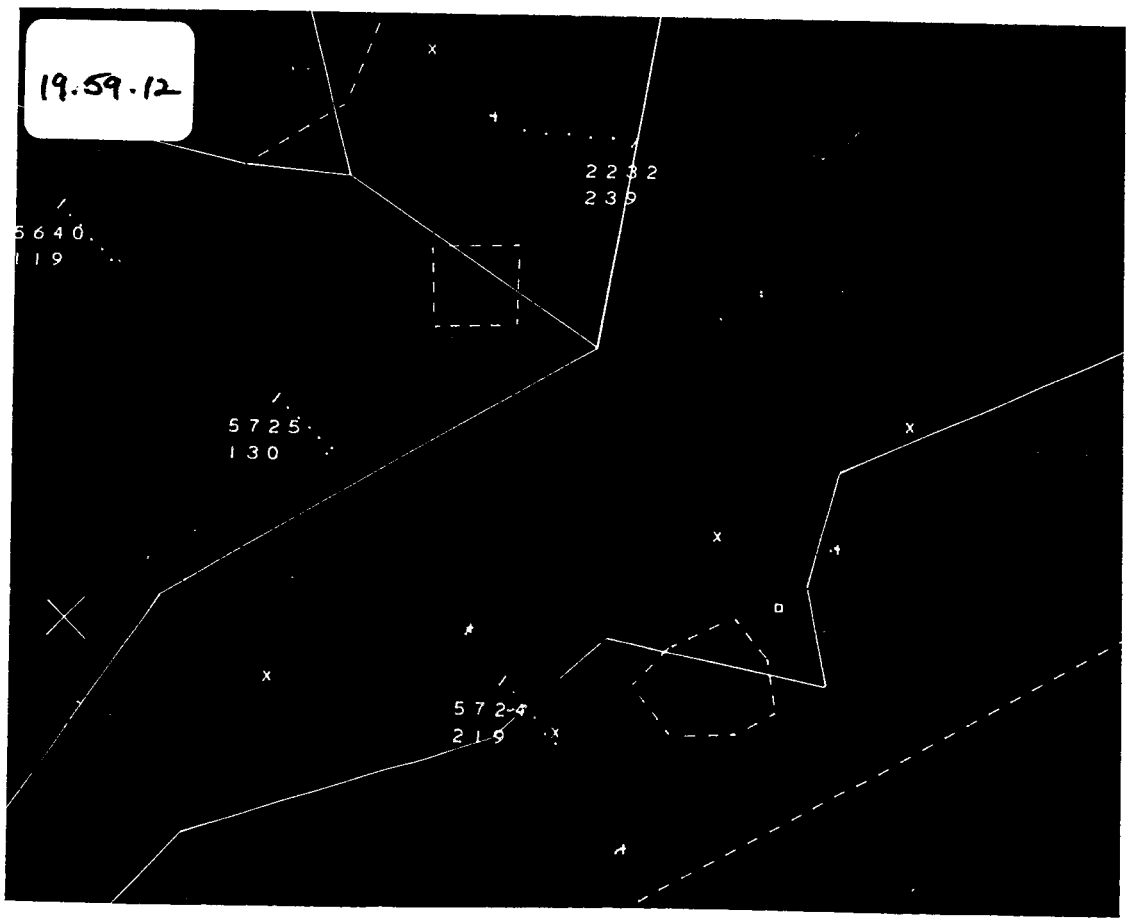

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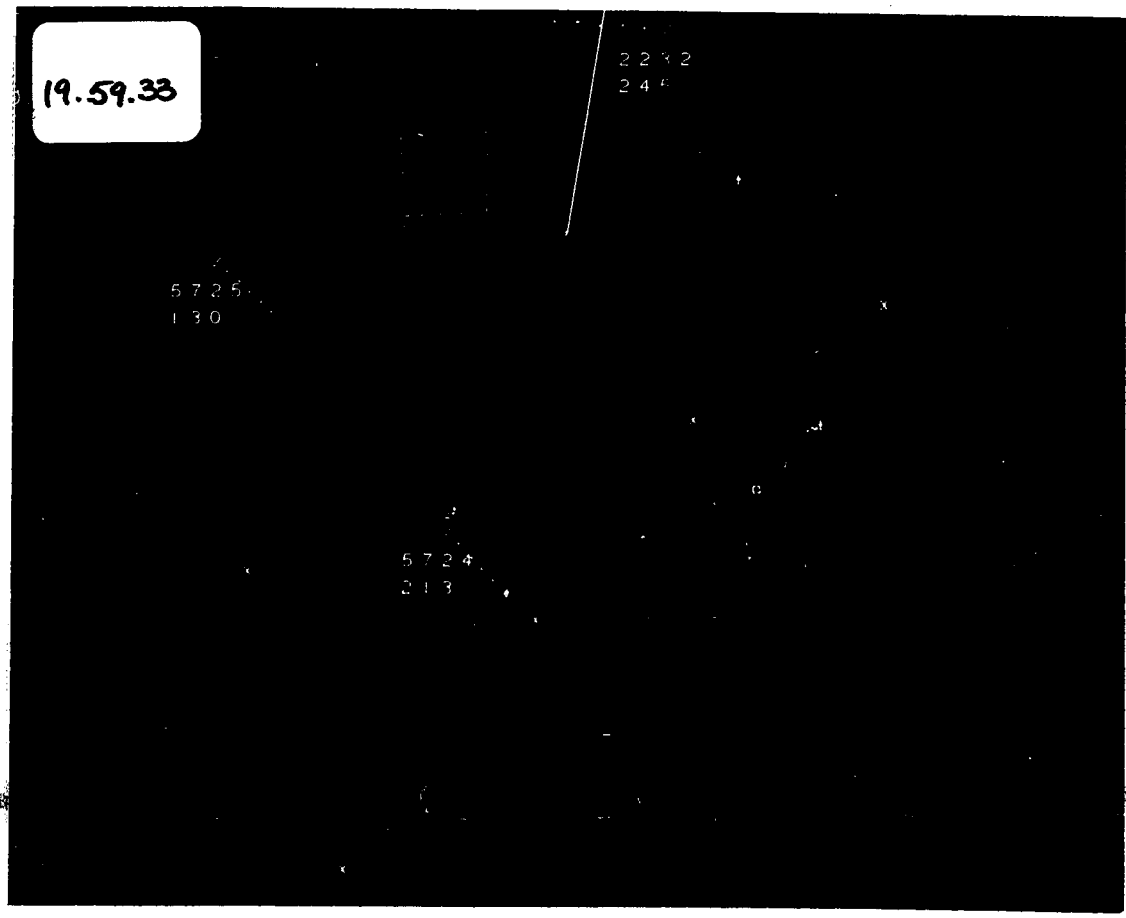

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Walsall
West Midlands
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6 May 1991.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with the hope that you may be able to help me. I have seen various press reports (Daily Telegraph, Guardian, Daily Star) which refer to the sighting of an object described as being 3 metres in length and cylindrical. This object was apparently ob--served at approximately 22000 feet on April 21 around 9pm by Captain Achille Zaghetti who was flying en route from Milan to Heathrow. The sighting apparently occurred over Kent. My reason for writing is to enquire if you can help on several points.

1. Has there been an official MOD investigation of this case, or has the MOD assisted in an official Civilian Aviation Authority invest--igation?

2. Can you confirm that the MOD does not have an air-to-surface missile which could go to 22000 feet?

3. Is the Rapier missile only launched from Aberporth, Wales and Tain in Scotland, and is its limit around 10000 feet ?

4. Could the sighting be connected with the firing range at Lydd ?

5. Is it possible to obtain copies of any records relating to this case which may have been forwarded to the MOD? As I understand it a tracking was made at West Drayton. Is it possible to obtain copies of any final reports pertaining to this case?

Should you be able to help in any way it would be very much appreciated as this is just for my own interest. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter. I have enclosed a SAE.

Yours Faithfully,

[redacted]

Nicholas Redfern.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Hillingdon House Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 0RU

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DDI: [redacted]
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FAX:
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Please reply to Air Officer Commanding
Your Reference
Our Reference MATO/13/4/8/RS3a
See Distribution Date 16 Jul 91

ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - REPORT OF MISSILE TYPE OBJECT - 21 APR 91

Reference:

A. CAA 91/01151 dated 10 May 91.

1. At Reference you requested military comment on the title Occurrence Report.

2. All the information was passed to the MOD and was examined by the departments responsible for the air defence of the UK. We are advised that those departments have not been able to confirm the identity of the object sighted by the Alitalia MD80 crew.

3. The MOD were able to rule out the possibility that the object was a missile from the Army firing ranges in the Lydd area. Additionally, MOD has no report of any space related activity which could provide an explanation, and the description does not correspond with that expected if the object had been a meteorological balloon.

4. In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object, we are informed that MOD will treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object and therefore will not be able to undertake any further investigation into the sighting. We now propose that this Occurrence Report is closed.

[redacted]

pp [redacted]
LtCdr RN
for AOC

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Action:

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Information:

MOD Sec(AS)2a, Rm 8245, Main Building
MOD DDAT/AAR, Rm 4199, Main Building

Sec(AS) Copy to:
GE3
DI55c

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(NS)513/2/105

23 May 1991

Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:
GS Sec 1d
Company Secretary DRA
Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. The Reference sought advice on a letter from a Mr Nicholas Redfern about a UFO sighting over Kent on 21 April.

2. The only RN surface to air missile capable of reaching 22000ft is the Sea Dart. However, as there were no test firings on the day concerned, I can confirm that one of these could not have been the cause of this incident.

[redacted]

Sec(NS)b
MB8390[redacted]

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D/DRA HQ 10/4/8

5 June 1991

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991
Reference:

A. D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. It is not our policy to comment to the public about operations at individual DRA sites. I can, however, confirm that the DRA has no missile firing facility which could possibly account for a UFO over Kent.

[redacted]

[redacted]
D/COMPANY SECRETARY

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SH 10/6 I propose to answer this lunatic as follows:
a. No. Press Office.
b. Nothing to do with us.
c. Without the date, time location I can't comment on anything.
TS 11

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thanks you for the invitation but I am washing my hair that weekend

[redacted] n 40 5/6

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England.

Tel: [redacted]

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Dear Sir,

21st May 1991

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Assuring you of our best attention at all times, I am,

Yours faithfully,

[redacted] [Editor] Quest International

P.S. We hope to have 20,000 copies of Quest International in newsstands across the United Kingdom very shortly, should be interesting from that moment on...

[redacted] 10/6

I propose to answer this lunatic as follows:
a. No. Press Office.
b. Nothing to do with us.
c. Without the date, time location I can't comment on anything.

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thank you for the invitation but I am washing my hair that weekend

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)8/1

10 June 1991

Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)12/2 dated 9 May 1991

1. In response to Mr N Redfern's letter dated 6 May 1991 I would suggest the following responses to his questions 2, 3 and 4, which relate to ranges and missile capabilities:

Question 2 (I assume Mr Redfern means surface to air missiles)

The only surface to air missiles that could go as high as 22,000 feet are the Bloodhound (operated by the RAF) and the Sea Dart (operated by the Royal Navy).

Question 3

The Rapier missile is launched from the range at Benbecula in the Western Isles and the Aberporth range in Wales. Precise details of the operational ceiling of Rapier missiles is classified, but they could not go as high as 22,000 feet.

Question 4

The sighting in question would not be connected with the range at Lydd, which only has anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges, as well as limited field firing facilities.

2. I have attached the information that I received, in case you need additional details.

[redacted]

N G Pope
Sec(AS)1a
MB7249 [redacted]

[redacted]

Pontypool,
Gwent,
[redacted]
10th June 1991.

Mr Tom King M.P.,
The Secretary of State for Defence,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall,
London.

Dear Mr King,

I refer to an incident reported in 'The Sunday Times' dated 5th May 1991, in which it was alledged that an unidentified 'missile' almost collided with an Alitalia passenger airliner en route from Milan to London. It was also reported that the near miss occurred almost directly above a Ministry of Defence firing range. I understand, however, that the Ministry of Defence has stated that the object had not originated from any British armed forces. The corollary of this statement is that some (assumedly unauthorised) agency is launching projectiles in British airspace, thereby creating a very serious threat to civilian air traffic.

I have conducted some personal research into reports of such unidentified incursions into our airspace and it appears that this is by no means an isolated incident.

I should like to know the findings of investigations into this matter carried out by the Ministry of Defence, and what actions Her Majesty's Government intend to take to ensure the safety of aircraft. I urge you to authorise a public enquiry into this and the many similar cases of such intrusions into British airspace.

A copy of this letter has been sent to my member of Parliament, Mr Paul Murphy M.P.

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]

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Mr N Redfern
[redacted]
Walsall
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 2 July 1991

Dear Mr Redfern,

Thank you for your letter of 6 May 1991 regarding the sighting of an object over Kent on 21 April.

I can confirm that MoD has been asked to assist with the Civil Aviation Authority examination of the Air Incident report made by the Alitalia MD80 aircraft's pilot.

The only surface-to-air missiles that could go as high as 22,000 feet are the Bloodhound (operated by the RAF) and the Sea Dart (operated by the Royal Navy). The Rapier missile is launched from the range at Benbecula in the Western Isles and the Aberporth range in Wales. Precise details of the operational ceiling of Rapier missiles is classified, but they could not go as high as 22,000 feet. The sighting in question would not be connected with the range at Lydd, as this has only anti-tank, light mortar, grenade and rifle ranges as well as limited field firing facilities.

It will not be possible for MoD to send you any of the correspondence relating to the Alitalia pilot's Air Incident report. However, you may wish to contact the Civil Aviation Authority separately.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.

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Squadron Leader [redacted] RAF
Headquarters Military Air Traffic Operations
Hillingdon House
Uxbridge
Middlesex UB10 0RZ

Your reference
Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date 2 July 1991

Dear Squadron Leader [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 1991 regarding the report of an air incident on Sunday 21 April 1991. I am sorry it has taken me so long to respond.

I can confirm that the Alitalia MD80 captain's report and the LATCC controllers' report have been examined by those departments within MoD responsible for the air defence of the UK. These departments have not been able to confirm the identity of the object sighted by the Alitalia MD80 crew.

However, we have been able to rule out any possibility that what was seen was a missile from Army firing ranges in the Lydd area. Additionally, we have no reports of any space related activity which could be used to provide an explanation for what was seen, and the description of the object given by the Aliitalia captain does not correspond with what would be expected if the object had been a meteorological balloon.

In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object it is our intention to treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object and therefore we will not be undertaking any further investigation into the sighting.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely
[redacted]

From: [redacted] Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(NS)513/2/105

23 May 1991

Sec(AS)1a

Copy to:
GS Sec 1d
Company Secretary DRA
Sec(AS)2a

CAA REPORT OF AIR INCIDENT NEAR LYDD ON 21 APRIL 1991

Reference: D/Sec(AS)8/1 dated 21 May 1991

1. The Reference sought advice on a letter from a Mr Nicholas Redfern about a UFO sighting over Kent on 21 April.

2. The only RN surface to air missile capable of reaching 22000ft is the Sea Dart. However, as there were no test firings on the day concerned, I can confirm that one of these could not have been the cause of this incident.

[redacted]

Sec(NS)b
MB8390 [redacted]

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NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1°) To be filled in printed characters and in english language.
2°) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3°) Items marked this * must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT / (NEAR COLLISION) / PROCEDURAL / FACILITY *
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	ZAGHETTI
OPERATOR	C	ALITALIA
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	I - DAWC
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	MD 80
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000 Z.
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	MILAN - LINATE
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	LONDON - HEATHROW
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	I	IFR
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	~ 30 NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTIMETER SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT / CLIMBING / (DESCENDING) / TURNING * FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000 ft/
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	IMC / VMC: VMC Distance above / below cloud / fog / haze: 30 Km / (NM) * Distance horizontally from cloud / Between cloud layers / In cloud / rain / snow. sleet / fog / haze / Flying into / out of sun: * ____ Km / NM * Reported estimated flight visibility: 30 Km / (NM)
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO LON 127.1 AFIS / TWR / APP / (ACC) / FIC * AT 04/21/91 ~ 2000 Z. (date / time)

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT: Type, high/low wing, N. of engines / Radio call sign, registration / Markings, colour, lighting / Other available details	N	OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either a c)	O	DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOURED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft. AT ONCE I SAID " LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT " TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED US I ASKED TO THE ACC / OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED " I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU " -

DATE 04/22/91 TIME 8 P.M. PLACE LONDON OF COMPLETION OF FORM	FUNCTION [redacted] CPT OF PERSON ZAGHETTI REPORT	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO / TELEPHONE / TELEPRINTER * AT ARO / AFIS / TWR / APP / ACC / FIC *
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER _____ DATE / TIME GMT _____

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CAA Occurrence Number: 91/01151 E

1 ACCIDENT AIRMISS APHAZ (INCIDENT) ABANL INFRINGEMENT

Circle or fill in boxes 1–51 as required. Please use black ball-point pen.

2 Occurrence Position	3 FL/Alt/Ht	4 Date	5 Time	6 Day/(Night)
ABM CLIFF	FL 230/220	21-4-91	2000	

OPERATOR	CALLSIGN/REGN	TYPE	FROM	TO	SSR CODE	MODE C DISPLAYED	IFR/VFR SVFR
7 ALITALIA	8 AZA 284	9 MD80	10 LIML	11 EGLL	12 5724	13 (YES)/NO	14 IFR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 YES/NO	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 YES/NO	30

31 RTF Frequencies	32 Radar Equipment	33 Equipment Unserviceabilities	34 Runway in use
128.4	PEASE	NON	

35 TYPE OF AIRSPACE	36 TYPE OF ATC SERVICE	37 SID/STAR/ROUTE
(RULE 21) CTR/TMA/ AWY/UAR/ADR/SRA/SRZ/ ATZ/UIR/FIR/PURPLE/OTHER	CONTROL/ADVISORY — PROCEDURAL/(RADAR) ADC/GMC/APPROACH/AREA RAS/RIS/FIS/ALR	

38 WAS PRESCRIBED SEPARATION LOST	39 TRAFFIC INFO GIVEN BY ATC	40 AVOIDING ACTION GIVEN BY ATC	41 MIN SEPN HORIZ/VERT
YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	YES/(NO)	NOT KNOWN

42 NARRATIVE — use a diagram if necessary (Aerodromes submit weather report)

At approx 2000 the BIG controller advised that AZA284 reported sighting a missile at FL ~~250~~220 about 6 miles west of LYD. In conjunction with EHOK the following people were contacted to see if anyone had any information:- DoD, MAS, EHOK Dover Coast guards, Police, and via DoD the Army helicopters which were operating between LYD - DVR. At the time of the incident a primary response was observed behind the AZA284 tracking NE but no positive information was available from any source. I spoke to the crew via AZA OPS and captain ZAGHETTI said the missile which was about 5 metres long and brown in colour was at FL230 and passed him in an opposite direction and he had visual contact for about 5 seconds. A replay of the radar was arranged thro' DoD at 2130 Z

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43 Name	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
[redacted]	Grp Sup.	C.C.F		1330

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	50 Sign/Date	51 Address/Telephone
YES/(NO)	SEE ABOVE	[redacted] 22.4.91	[redacted] 2/5/4

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UA20 - BETWEEN CLIFF AND LYD VOR.	APPROX FL220	21ST APRIL 91	1958	

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AZA 284 REPORTED SEEING A MISSILE CROSS ABOVE THEIR POSITION WHILE DESCENDING THROUGH FL220. PRIMARY TARGET OBSERVED IN REPORTED POSITION. SUPERVISOR ADVISED IN ORDER TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION.

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[redacted]	44 On duty as	45 Location	46 Time since last Break	47 Start time of Shift
	CCF S.E. RADAR CONTROLLER	C.C.F.	30 MIN	1330

48 CA 939 ACTION	49 Other Agencies Advised	[redacted]	Address/Telephone
~~YES~~/(NO)		21/4/1991	

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SQN LDR
INTF 2 MOD.

+ I spoke re this one and we enclose all the known info on it to date. So far the Alitalia report has remained in house & we've not attempted to corroborate or link this with the 2nd hand info reported by Southern TV.



We'd appreciate any further info you obtain & hopefully one day be able to close the file?

Yours Aye

also

With Compliments

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 04-07-2005-091842-004 **Expiry**: 27/07/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

[redacted] would be most grateful if we could send him information now released for the RAF Bentwaters/Rendlesham Forest alleged UFO incident of December 1980. Also, any other declassified information – especially of RAF aircraft sent to pursue such phenomena.

Case for release of information

We have told [redacted] that he can look up all the information on the Rendlesham Forest incident at The National Archives and on the MOD web. We informed him that we do not scramble RAF aircraft to pursue such phenomena. Precise occasions when this may have occurred has been withheld under Section 26 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: D Name: [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

Date: 31/8/2005

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your request for information about the RAF Bentwaters/Rendlesham Forest incident. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding 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 information available at The National Archives and details can be found on their website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

You also requested any other UFO declassified information about RAF aircraft sent to pursue such phenomena. I should inform you that military aircraft are not scrambled to intercept UFOs or in response to UFO sightings reported to us by members of the public. The RAF has an established and well practised air defence capability which is ready to react to any threat to the UK and aircraft may be scrambled if air defence experts think it is necessary. Precise details of occasions when this may have occurred is withheld under Section 26 of the Freedom of Information Act, as the information is likely to prejudice the defence of the British Isles.

If you are dissatisfied with our decision to refuse information 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.

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

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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Director of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
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Request: [redacted] 04-07-2005-091842-004

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Date request received: 02 July 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted]on 40

Other:

First Name:

*Surname: [redacted] 40

Organisation:

Applicant Type: Not Specified

Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [redacted]

Address Line2:

Address Line3: Waddesdon

Town/City: Aylesbury

Postcode: [redacted]

Country: United Kingdom

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Request Details

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Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: Dear Sir,
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Regards

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 7

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: ~~04-07-2005-171800-011~~ **Expiry:** 01/08/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

[redacted] wanted to know how many sightings there had been in the counties of Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire since 1959.
Also could we tell him of reported sightings in the county of Cleveland in the last five years including dates.

Case for release of information

I only found 3 reports for North Yorkshire for which I checked the database. There were no reports for the other areas requested and specifically no reports from Cleveland in the last five years. Informed him that the records from 1959 would exceed the £600 limit set by the FOI Act. Hence, we could not look that far back.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: ....D..... Name:... [redacted] .....

Signature..... [redacted] .....

Date:.....31/8/2005.....

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your request for information of the number of UFO sightings that have been seen in the counties of Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire since 1959. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

With regard to the records we hold of UFO sightings reported to the MOD I should inform you that they are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. We currently hold such records spanning a 25 year period and they are not segregated according to area or region. If we were to examine all of these records in order to identify those from the three areas that you have requested, the cost would exceed the £600 limit set for the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we are in the process of compiling a database of UFO reports and this has now been completed for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and to date in 2005. During this period there were no UFO sightings reported in the Cleveland area or in Durham. There were 3 reports from North Yorkshire in 2004.

You may wish to be aware that there is some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files 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. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the 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.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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22 August 05

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Request: [redacted] 17-08-2005-091510-001

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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: 16 August 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted]0 | Other:

First Name: [redacted] | *Surname: [redacted]

Organisation: Journalist

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists | Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Middlesbrough Evening Gazette

Address Line2:

Address Line3:

Town/City:

Postcode: | Country: United Kingdom

Email: [redacted]

Telephone: [redacted] | Fax:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

I would like details of how many UFO sightings have been reported or responded to by the military in the Cleveland area of England in the last decade.

Also, I would like details of each sighting.

I look forward to your response.

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08 July 05

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Request: [redacted] 04-07-2005-171800-011
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Date request received: 04 July 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] Other:
First Name: *Surname: [redacted]
Organisation: Evening Gazette, Middle
Applicant Type: Media and Journalists Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Borough Road
Address Line2:
Address Line3:
Town/City: Middlesbrough
Postcode: TS1 3AZ Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted]
Telephone: Fax:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to know how many UFO sightings there have been in the counties of Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire since 1959.

Also, can you tell me the details of reported sightings in the county of Cleveland in the last five years including dates,

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

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infosubject: Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to know how many UFO sightings there have been in the counties of Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire since 1959.

Also, can you tell me the details of reported sightings in the county of Cleveland in the last five years including dates, times and details of sighting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

[redacted]

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 6

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 18-04-2005-092954-002 **Expiry**: 16/05/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

[redacted] mentioned that there was an incident where by a UFO was seen all over Scotland and that reports started coming in of a mystery object that crashed on the Isle of Jura at approx 18.20hrs on February 13 1996 and that a RAF helicopter had been dispatched to the scene, as the mountain was then on fire.

Case for release of information

I looked through the records we recalled back for the year 1996 and have found no record of the alleged incident on the Isle of Jura or of a helicopter being dispatched to the Island at any time. Just informed [redacted] of our policy within the Secretariat.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: D Name: [redacted]

Signature..... [redacted]

Date: 31/8/2005

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your request for information on an alleged incident on the Isle of Jura on 13 February 1996. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs.

I have examined our records for any reports of an alleged mystery object crashing on the Isle of Jura in February 1996, and have found no sighting reports relevant to your request.

Sorry I could not have been more helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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Request: [redacted]18-04-2005-092954-002
Days Left: 14

Received: 17 Apr 05
Expiry Date: 16 May 05
Status: Internal Transfer

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Date request received: 17 April 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] n 40
Other:
First Name:
*Surname: [redacted]
Organisation:
Applicant Type: Not Specified
Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [redacted]
Address Line2:
Address Line3:
Town/City: Glasgow
Postcode: [redacted]
Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted]yahoo.co.uk
Telephone:
Fax:

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Days Left: 14

Received: 17 Apr 05
Expiry Date: 16 May 05
Status: Internal Transfer

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- Close Case
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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

infosubject: There was an incident where by a UFO was seen all over Scotland and then reports started coming in of a mystery object that crashed on the Isle of Jura at approx 18.20hrs on February 13th 1996 and that a RAF helicopter had been dispatched to the scene, as now the mountain was actually on fire.

Witnesses stated that the RAF had helicopters on scene shortly before the incident.

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

To be held by help desk until allocated

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infosubject: There was an incident where by a UFO was seen all over Scotland and then reports started coming in of a mystery object that crashed on the Isle of Jura at approx 18.20hrs on February 13th 1996 and that a RAF helicopter had been dispatched to the scene, as now the mountain was actually on fire.

Witnesses stated that the RAF had helicopters on scene shortly before the incident.

I would like all information on this Incident.

Regards

[redacted]
Chief Investigator (Scotland West)
East 2 West UFO Society
Email me at: [redacted]@yahoo.co.uk
www.geocities.com/e2wufos/home

ENCLOSURE 5 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 01-06-2005-092054-003 **Expiry**: 29/06/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I am looking for documented information (sighting reports) on any UFO sightings reported to the MOD on or around the date of May 5th 1990 in the UK, particulary in the Somerset area.

Case for release of information

Sighting reports were found for dates either side of 5th May 1990 but no sighting reports were found for that actual date and no reports were found from Somerset. Have enclosed the 5 reports found for information.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: ..D..... Name:..[redacted].....

Signature.....[redacted].....

Date:.....31/8/2005.....

From: [redacted]
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5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) [redacted]

[redacted]
Cardiff
South Wales
[redacted]

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
01-06-2005-092054-003
Date:
31 August 2005

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your request for information regarding information on any UFO sightings reported to the MOD on or around 5 May 1990 in the UK, specifically the Somerset area. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. Sorry for the long delay in getting back to you.

I have looked through our records from on and around the 5 May 1990 and confirm there were no sightings reported for that date from anywhere in the United Kingdom. I have, however, found 5 reports around that date, (not from Somerset) and I enclose copies of these for your information.

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

Hope these will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	2/5/90 4.45 local 2 Mins duration
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Round object Bright Red/white light 'Looked like a hot air balloon with out the basket'
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Standing in back garden.
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked Eye
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	From NE
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Can't Say - but gained height as it moved
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	3 miles - Kenley Aerodrome
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	From NE towards SW. Straight course.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Perfect weather No wind
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Kenley Aerodrome - mainly gliders - Not a Commercial air-field.

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MoD only.
M.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	None
O.	Other Witnesses	None
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	2/5/90 17.00 L
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks	Poss weather balloon?

[redacted]

Date 2/5/90

[redacted]

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FILE 12/2

U N C L A S S I F I E D

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 071320Z MAY 90

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 6 MAY 0430Z. STILL VISIBLE AT 0500Z
B. ONE OBJECT, SMALL AND ROUNDISH, WHITE MEDIUM BRIGHTNESS
C [redacted] WORCESTER
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. NORTH WEST
F. N/A
G. N/A
H. CHANGING
J. CLEAR
K. N/A
L. POLICE
M. [redacted]
N. AMATEUR ASTRONOMER

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O. [redacted] WHO CONSIDERED IT WAS A STAR
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

WED 2 MAY 90 BETWEEN 0130 – 0400

[redacted] WENT TO BED AT 0400, OBJECTS WERE STILL THERE AT THAT TIME.)

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc).

TWO OBJECTS – DISC SHAPED WITH RED AND GREEN LIGHTS ALL THE WAY ROUND THE EDGES.

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

INDOOR & OUTDOORS IN COURTYARD

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

NAILED EYE

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

DUE NORTH FROM SIGHTING POINT (SEE M)

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

LOW ALTITUDE – STATIONARY

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

NOT ABLE TO STATE DISTANCE – OBJECTS SILENT & STATIONARY.

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

NIL

J. Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze mist etc).

FEW CLOUDS MOONLIT

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

K. Nearby objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

HOUSE TREES UNDULATING HILLS

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

TO SHANNBURY OPS ONLY.

M. Name and address of informant.

[redacted]

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered

[redacted]

— NIL —

O. Other witnesses.

ONE LADY FRIEND - NAME NOT NOTED

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

Ø3 1500 6 LOCAL MAY 1996

[redacted]

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

[redacted]

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sightings. (Local Times to be Quoted)

030154 MAY 1990 LOCAL

B. Description of Object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

1 OBJECT ROUND TAIL ORANGE CHANGING TO GREEN. VERY BRIGHT (BRIGHTER THAN MOON) NIL SOUND

C. Exact Position Observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving [redacted] WELTON, OUTDOORS

D. How Observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

NAKED EYE.

E. Direction in which Object was First Seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

FROM WEST HEADING EAST.

F. Angle of Sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

NOT KNOWN

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark whereever possible).

ABOUT 2000 FT

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

HEADING TOWARDS SCAMPTON

I. Meteorological conditions during Observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

CLEAR SKY

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

J. Nearby Objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

NIL.

K. To Whom Reported. (Police, military organisation, the press etc).

[redacted] LINCOLN,

L. Name and Address of Informant.

[redacted]

M. Any Background on the Informant that may be Volunteered.

[redacted]

N. Other Witnesses.

[redacted]

O. Date and Time of Receipt of Report

03 02215 MM 1990.

REPORT FORM

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

MANUAL OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE Part 1

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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EXE 12/2

- Date, Time Duration of Sighting.

03
~~SE~~/5/90 - 1345-55
10MINS

- Description of Object SIZE NOT KNOWN, OBJECT APPEARED CIRCULAR AND BRIGHT IN REFLECTED SUNLIGHT, NO SOUND OR SMELL

- Exact Position of Observer. CENTRE OF PRESTWICK TOWN, OUTDOORS STATIONERY.

- How Observed. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS

- Direction in which Object was first seen. NORTHWEST

- Angular Elevation of Object APPROX. 35° HEIGHT EST. AT. 5-6000ft

- Distance of Object from Observer. ESTIMATED 3-5 MILES

- Movements of Object. MOVING SE TO NW VERY SLOWLY

- Meteorological Conditions During Observations.
Moving Clouds, Haze, mist etc.

CAVOK

- Nearby Objects. ~~MOVING SE TO NW, VERY SLOWLY~~

NONE

- To Whom Reported. SCATCC

- Name & Address of Informant [redacted] PRESTWICK

- Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered. ~~SOUND~~ APPEARED TO BE KNOWLEDGABLE REGARDING WX CONDITIONS

- Other Witnesses. NONE REPORTED

- Date & Time of Receipt of Report. ~~30/5/90~~ 03/5/90 1359

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07 July 05

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Date request received: 01 June 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] n 40 Other:
First Name: [redacted] *Surname: [redacted]
Organisation:
Applicant Type: Not Specified Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: [redacted]
Address Line2:
Address Line3: Cardiff
Town/City: S.Wales
Postcode: [redacted] Country: United Kingdom
Email:
Telephone: [redacted] Fax:

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Request Details

Response Format Requested: hardcopy

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

*Enter the request for information:

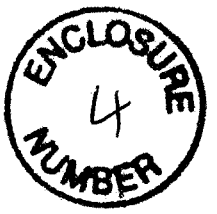
I am looking for documented information (sighting reports) on any UFO sightings reported to the MoD on or around the date of May 5th 1990 in the UK, particularly in the Somerset area.

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

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Dear Mr Good



I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request, asking for all documents relating to UFO sightings reported in Kent for the period of March 1997.
This Department is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFO's.

I have examined our records for the relevant period and have found no sighting reports or documentation relevant to your request.

Sorry I could not have been more helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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21 September 2005.

25-08-2005-133448-008
Expiry: 16 Sept 2005.

TIMOTHY GOOD

[redacted] BECKENHAM, KENT, [redacted] UK
Answering Service [redacted]
www.timothygood.co.uk

Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Air Staff
Freedom of Information
5th Floor, Zone H
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London SW1A 2HB

18th August 2005

Dear Sir or Madam

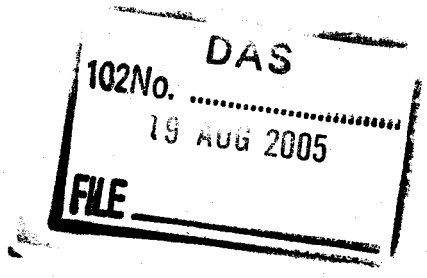
I am writing to you under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act to request all documents relating to UFO sightings reported in Kent for the period of March 1997.

I thank you for your trouble and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

[redacted]

T.C. Good



ENCLOSURE 3 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 27-07-2005-171104-013 **Expiry**: 24/08/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

[redacted] asked if we could provide details of all sightings of UFOs in between 02-05, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Could we provide the date, location and detail of each sighting.

Case for release of information

Have given [redacted] details of UFO sightings for Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire from 2002 to 2005.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: ....B2..... Name:....[redacted].....

Signature.....[redacted].....

Date:....21/9/05.....

Dear [redacted]0

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for information about UFO reports received by the Ministry of Defence from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire between 2002 and 2005. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFO's. Sorry for the long delay in getting back to you.

The following tables show the relevant sighting reports for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and up to date 2005.

Reports for Suffolk:-

01/12/2003		Woodbridge	Suffolk	Looked like an unusual aircraft, but with strange lights.
01/03/2004	20.00	Lowestoft	Suffolk	Yellow lights in a circular formation.
		Ipswich	Suffolk	Just said saw a 'UFO'. (Was seen sometime in 2005).

Reports for Essex:-

07/03/2002	19.45	Hornchurch	Essex	Two semi circular, elliptical shapes dully illuminated yellow and white.
31/05/2002	23.00	Harlow	Essex	Two very large disc type aircraft that were white.
18/09/2002	19.20	Halstead	Essex	Display of three lights in a sort of star shape.
04/10/2002	20.30	Southend	Essex	One white, very small object.
11/04/2003	22.21	Stansted Airport	Essex	A ball of fire, very bright, with no colour.
09/01/2004	22.30	Thaxted	Essex	Strange light in the sky.
09/04/2004	17.57	Greater Chesterford	Essex	60ft long symmetrical object.
29/08/2004	03.05	Loughton	Essex	The object was white, hazy and round.
10/10/2004	22.15	Colchester	Essex	A bright orange/red colour object.
11/11/2004	14.15	Ilford	Essex	The object was the size of a round beach ball and black.
		Basildon	Essex	There was a spacecraft with aliens (the greys), sitting on top of the bungalow. (Seen sometime in 2005).
03/09/2005	17.45	Little Waltham	Essex	Saw a cylindrical shaped object.
05/09/2005	21.00	Hornchurch	Essex	Saw a 'UFO'.
10/09/2005	22.00	Loughton	Essex	Three glowing lights that were orange.
10/09/2005	22.00	Loughton	Essex	Three golden orbs hovering in the sky.
10/09/2005	22.00	Loughton	Essex	Three suspicious looking lights in the sky, that were bright orange.
10/09/2005	21.00	Loughton	Essex	Three objects in the sky that appeared to be orange in colour.

10/09/2005	20.58	Loughton	Essex	Three balls of fire in the sky.
20/09/2005	00.39	Romford	Essex	Four orange lights.

Reports for Bedfordshire:-

20/06/2003	08.35	Dunstable	Bedfordshire	A string of two sets of two lights.
25/03/2004	22.10	Leighton Buzzard	Bedfordshire	Large ball of light, that looked like a rocket.
		Letchworth	Bedfordshire	Two objects flying around the sky. (Seen sometime in 2005).

Reports for Cambridgeshire:-

19/02/2003	18.30	Huntingdon	Cambs	Like a shooting star falling to the ground.
14/06/2003	06.00	Girton	Cambs	Small circular object. Blue and white translucent.
27/01/2004	21.00	Peterborough	Cambs	Four dull red lights above the house, travelling fast and low.
28/01/2004	18.30	Peterborough	Cambs	Flashing green lights, 1000-5000ft up in the sky.
08/02/2004	21.45	Ely	Cambs	Four lights, one brighter than the others, sometimes fading.
		Chatteris	Cambs	Just said that it was a 'UFO'. (Seen sometime in 2005).
11/02/2005		Huntingdon	Cambs	The witness just said that it was a 'UFO'.
04/06/2005	00.30	St Neots	Cambs	The object looked like a dim red light.
08/06/2005	16.45	St Neots	Cambs	The object looked like a rod, that was silvery/grey.

Reports for Hertfordshire:-

		Welwyn Garden City	Hertfordshire	One disc shaped object that was tangerine colour.

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Date request received: 27 July 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted]n 40
Other:
First Name:
*Surname: [redacted]n 40
Organisation: Cambridge Evening News
Applicant Type: Media and Journalists
Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:
Address Line2:
Address Line3:
Town/City:
Postcode:
Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted]
Telephone:
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Language Requested ☐ Welsh

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infosubject: Please can you provide details of all sightings of UFOs in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire between 2002 and 2005. Please provide the date, location and detail of each sighting.

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 2

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 30-06-2005-105528-004 **Expiry**: 27/07/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

[redacted] said he would like to see the Ministry of Defence logs of UFO activity in Sussex over the last 20 years.

Case for release of information

[redacted] **has been informed that we do not or never have kept log books of any UFO activity that has happened in the United Kingdom. Have informed him as to where there is information on UFOs that he can view.**
Have also given him UFO sightings from the years 2002 to 2005, for his information.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: ..... Name: .....

Signature.... [redacted] .....

Date: 21/9/05.

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for Defence logs of UFO activity in Sussex over the last 20 years. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

The MOD does not keep logs recording UFO sightings. With regard to the records we hold of UFO sightings reported to the MOD I should inform you that they are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received and we currently hold such records spanning a 25 year period. 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 all the reports you requested, the costs would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we are currently in the process of compiling a database of UFO reports. This has now been completed for the years, 2002, 2003, 2004 and to date in 2005. I have looked through these records and found 7 reports from those years.

The following table shows the relevant sighting reports that were found for Sussex for the years - 2002, 2003 and 2005.

15/05/02	02.15	Uckfield	East Sussex	One object with red and green flashing lights.
16/08/02	20.12	Brighton	East Sussex	Big flying object, looked like a glider.
22/08/02	22.25	Heathfield	East Sussex	Aerial lights seen in the sky.
05/09/02		Wisborough Green	West Sussex	Interesting lights on an equilateral triangle.
19/12/02	06.30	Brighton	East Sussex	Large cylindrical object with a white flowing light from the front and flames coming from the rear.

22/09/03		Hove	East Sussex	A red UFO.

03/08/05	00.00	Peacehaven	East Sussex	There were seven red and white flashing lights. They were moving in an erratic type of way.

You may also wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files 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. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains information on UFOs which 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. Further information can also be found in the Publication Scheme Reading Room.

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Date request received: 29 June 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] Other:

First Name: *Surname: [redacted]

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: [redacted]

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Language Requested ☐ Welsh

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ENCLOSURE 1 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: [redacted]

Case Number: 29-06-2005-120412 – 008 **Expiry**: 27/07/2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

I want to make a request for statistics about UFO sightings under the Freedom of Information Act. I think the local RAF bases are the places to get this information – is this right?

[redacted] clarified her request by saying – How about if I said 2004 and 2005? We actually cover Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Bristol and Bath. Is possible to get information for those areas for those two years?

Case for release of information

Looked through the reports on the database that was completed for the years 2004 and 2005 and found 8 reports for the areas Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire which have been enclosed for [redacted] information.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: ..... Name:.....

Signature.....

Date: 21/9/2005

Dear [redacted]

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for information about UFO reports received by the Ministry of Defence from Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Bristol and Bath. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As requested, the following tables show the relevant sighting reports for 2004 and 2005.

24/09/04	06.30	Devizes	Wiltshire	Looked like a big ball of fire coming down from the sky, with a tail and sparks coming off the end of it.
24/09/04		Swindon	Wiltshire	Saw a big orange disc going from East to West.

20/02/05	09.45	Nr Minehead	Somerset	There was a bright green light travelling from East to West.
20/02/05		Yeovil	Somerset	Bright blue flash in the sky.
20/02/05	09.45	Barrington	Somerset	Saw a blue light travelling fast across the sky.
20/02/05		East Coker	Somerset	Saw a flying object.
		Shepton Mallet	Somerset	Said the object looked like a star.
11/07/05	23.30	Nailsworth	Gloucestershire	Strange lights in the sky at a very high altitude.

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Date request received: 29 June 2005

Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] 40
Other:
First Name:
*Surname: [redacted] 40
Organisation: Western Daily Press
Applicant Type: Media and Journalists
Other:

Contact Details (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1:
Address Line2:
Address Line3:
Town/City:
Postcode:
Country: United Kingdom
Email: [redacted]
Telephone: [redacted]
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Request Details

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Language Requested ☐ Welsh

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I wondered if you could tell me the person to get in touch with.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2005 15:49
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for Information

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29th June 2005

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Sent: 29 June 2005 10:17
To: [redacted]
Subject: Internet-Authorised: RE: FOI request, I think

[redacted]0

I originally put mod.co.uk instead of mod.uk. This should do it.

Rgds

[redacted]
Flt Lt
OC CIS Caps Flt
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: LYN-CIS Sqn-Capabilities Flt OC
Sent: 29 June 2005 09:56
To: LYN Adm-PMS MCO 1
Cc: [redacted]@mod.co.uk'
Subject: Internet-Authorised: RE: FOI request, I think

[redacted]40

As promised.

[redacted]n 40

[redacted]would prefer to deal with all instances of FOI questions regarding UFOs at RAF Units centrally. She will also log the call on the FOI toolkit, for future reference just forward everything to her. Her number is [redacted]on 40 [redacted].40 With the 20 working day rule, please let [redacted]40 know that we have forwarded his request to the relevant authority to be actioned because the clock is already ticking.

Rgds

[redacted]
Flt Lt
OC CIS Caps Flt
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: LYN Adm-PMS MCO 1
Sent: 29 June 2005 09:38
To: LYN DSW-C4I Capabilities Flt OC
Subject: FW: FOI request, I think

Hello [redacted]n 40

I'm not sure this is an FOI question. If it is not, please let me know and I'll do something about it. If it is, please can you log it and forward it to ....whoever? I expect they have been asked it before and have a standard answer. Thank you

Jane

[redacted]
Flt Lt
Media and Communications
[redacted]
cco@lyneham.raf.mod.uk

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2005 09:25
To: 'cco@lyneham.raf.mod.uk'
Subject:

Hi,
I want to make a request for statistics about UFO sightings under the Freedom of Information Act. I think local RAF bases are the places to get this information - is that right?

I wondered if you could tell me the person to get in touch with,
Yours
[redacted]
Western Daily Press
[redacted]

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