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D/Sec(AS)12/2

14 September 1990

APS/US of S(AF)

Copy to:
Head of Sec(AS)

DD GE/AEW

DDPR(RAF)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD

- 1. US of S(AF) may wish to be aware that the Scottish Daily Record may run a story regarding an alleged sighting of a UFO near Pitlochrie in early August. Such stories are not normally drawn to the attention of Ministers and the MoD press office invariably responds to questions along well-established lines emphasising our limited interest in the UFO phenomenon and explaining that we therefore do not have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations into particular sightings. On this occasion however, the MoD has been provided with six photographic negatives of an alleged UFO by the Scottish Daily Record and has been asked for comments almost certainly for inclusion in a forthcoming story. For this reason it is felt that US of S(AF) should be made aware of the background and the line adopted by the DDPR(RAF) in responding to the newspaper.
- 2. The photographs, which were received on 10 Sept, are alleged to have been taken near the A9 road at Clavine, north of Pitlochrie on the evening of 4 August. They show a large stationary, diamond-shaped object past which, it appears, a small jet aircraft is flying. The negatives have been considered by the relevant staffs who have established that the jet aircraft is a Harrier (and also identified a barely visible second aircraft, again probably a Harrier) but have reached no definite conclusion regarding the large object. It has also been confirmed that there is no record of Harriers operating in the area at the time at which the photographs are alleged to have been taken. The negatives have now been returned to the Scottish Daily Record.
- 3. In consultation with DDPR(RAF) it has been agreed that the attached lines to take should be used in responding to the Scottish Daily Record. These are consistent with the position adopted in the replies to the many public and occasional parliamentary enquiries on the subject of UFOs.



SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD - PHOTOGRAPHS OF UFO

DEFENSIVE LINES TO TAKE:

- Have looked at photographs, no definite conclusions reached regarding large diamond-shaped object.
- Confident that jet aircraft is a Harrier.
- Have no record of Harriers operating in location at stated time/date.
- No other reports received by MoD of unusual air activity or sightings at location/date/time.

IF PRESSED

Who in MoD studied pictures?

- All sighting reports (including on occasion photographs/drawings etc) received by MoD are referred to the staff in the departments which are responsible for air defence of UK who examine them as part of their normal duties.

Other reports of UFOs from Scotland?

- UFO reports from Scotland are rare.



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

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION



Applicant:

Case Number: 12-01-2005-153628-029

Expiry: 9 February 2005

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Please let me have details of Unidentified Flying Objects: MOD's policy statement on alleged UFO phenomenon, and reports which have been released to the public from as far back as possible.

Case for release of information

has been advised of the MOD's policy on UFOs and told where she can access released information, both in the MOD FOI Publication Scheme and at The National Archives. We have told the applicant that we are compiling a database of UFO reports for future publication in the PS.

Please see attached a draft reply.

Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank:	
Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 19/05	
Date: 1/2/05	

Reference: 12-01-2005-153628-029

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for the Ministry of Defence policy on alleged 'unidentified flying object' phenomenon and reports which have been released to the public. Your request has been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Any reports of UFO sightings the MOD receives are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the records the MOD holds of such reports, these are kept on paper files in the order in which they are received and this department currently has such records spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. In order to assist members of the public with enquiries about UFO sightings reported to the MOD, this department is currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005. The Scheme which already contains some documents about UFOs, including a class of information on the well known events at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in December 1980, can be found on the internet at http://www.foi.mod.uk. A search under 'UFO' will direct you to this information. In addition, there are MOD files on UFOs which are open to the public at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The National Archives on line catalogue and details of how to access these records can be found on their website at http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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⊈^t February 2005



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Your Reference

Our Reference 05-01-2005-144546-047 14 March 2005

Dear

Thank you for your letter dated 17 February concerning contact details for the UFO group mentioned in my last letter. I apologise for not replying sooner.

The UFO group which passed us details of reports from their members was the Nottingham and Derbyshire branch of the British UFO Research Association. The individual who corresponded with us used his home address which I am unable to provide in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. However, you may wish to be aware that BUFORA have a website where their address is given as BM BUFORA, London, WC1N 2XX, e-mail: enquiries@bufora.org.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

ENNISKILLEN, County Fermanagh, N.Ireland.

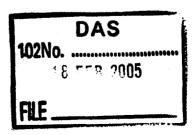
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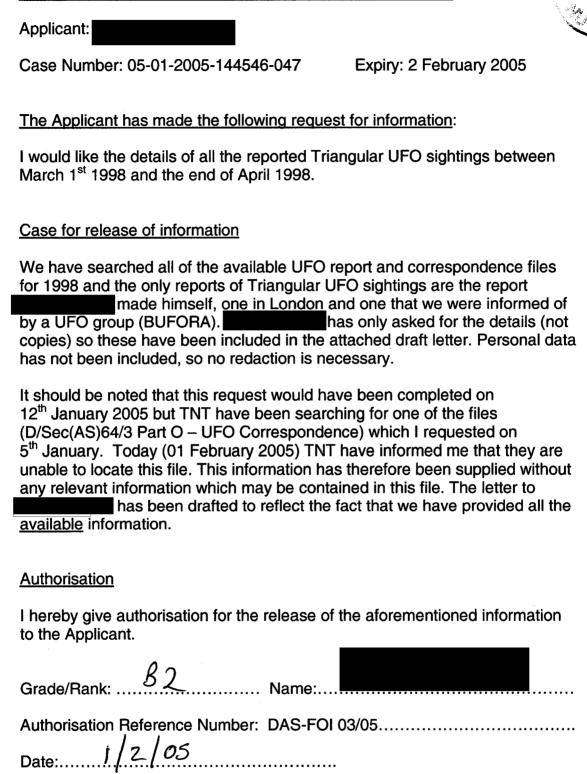
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your reply of the 1st Feb. Could you please send me the address of the UFO group you mentioned who reported their members seeing the Triangular UFO between 18:00 on the 4th March 98 to 06:00 on the 5th March 98 as I wish to contact them to find out more and compare notes.

Yours Faithfully,



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Our Reference 05-01-2005-144546-047 Date 14 February 2005

Dear

Release of Information

Your correspondence dated 30th December 2004 concerning reported Triangular UFO sightings between 1st March 1998 and the end of April 1998 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have examined all our available UFO reports and correspondence files for the period you have stated and have found a total of three reports which are relevant to your request. One of these was the report you made on 10 April 1998. The details of the other two are as follows;

1800 on 4 March 1998 to 0600 on 5 March 1998

The MOD did not directly receive any UFO reports, but a UFO group informed us that they had received reports from some of their members. There were several different descriptions of what was seen but some of these described the object as being a dull grey or black triangular object, about the size of a conventional passenger jet, or smaller, with panelling or grooves underneath. Some of those reporting this described a low rumbling noise and others, no apparent engine noise. These sightings were between Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) and Shirebrook (Derbyshire).

0100 to 0430 on 16 April 1998

MOD received a report of a large triangular object with flashing green and red lights seen in the area of Regents Park and Baker Street, London. Enquiries revealed that there was a Search and Rescue helicopter in the area involved in the movement of a casualty to St Mary's Hospital.

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 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, London SW1A 2HB.

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30th Dec 2004

Dear Sir,

I would like the details of all the reported Triangular UFO sightings between March 1st 1998 and the end of April 1998.

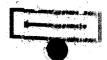
Yours Faithfully,







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ANNEX A TO SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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6.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)
8.	Movements (Changes in 5,6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)
9.	Met conditions during observations - Clear
10.	Nearby objects
11.	To whom reported - military

12.	Name and Address of Informant Name Address	
13.	Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14.	Other Witnesses	
15.	Date, 16 Apr from 0100 to 0300	
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0171 218 2140 0171 218 9000

Chapel en le Frith, Stockport, Cheshire.

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3Date | April 1998



- Thank you for your letter of 17 March. 1.
- I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that no reports were received by the Ministry of Defence for 4/5 March in the Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire areas.

Yours sincorely,

B.U.F.O.R.A.

(BRITISH, UNIDENTIFIED, FLYING, OBJECT, RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION)

To;

SECRETARIAT (HIR STAFF) Zector,

ROOM \$245,

MAIN BOLDINGS,

WHITE HALL,

LONDER,

SOLA 2HB.

Telephone No

1 7 MAR 1000 Dear Sir/Madame;

Recently I have been asked on behalf of a number of members of the public to find possible explanations for a sighting of an unidentified ariel nature, this sighting was witnessed by over thirty persons to date, and I have included a brief concerning these sightings upon the page following this letter.

If you were aware of any further reports, possibly connected to these reports- that you can pass onto myself, then I would be most grateful to receive these.

Further if you or your staff were aware of any possible causes that may account for these reports, then I would be most grateful to hear of any such ideas, that you may have.

Finally, I am aware that there was a laser display operating within the area of Mansfield, upon the night that the sighting reports concern, from my inquiries- I have eliminated many of the reported sightings that this display has already caused, though I still have thirty plus reports that I cannot identify as being connected to the display, some of these may turn out to be mis identified aircraft in time.

Thankyou for all your help and assistance, please attend to this inquiry when time permits!

Yours faithfully;

(B.U.F.O.R.A.)(Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire)



The majority of reports received from the telephone enquiries, if believed to be associated with the other reports- concern an unusual object with a triangular form, three edge white lights, with no apparent noise, sighted flying between Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) and (Shirebrook) Derbyshire, from the evening of the 4/3/98 to the morning of the 5/3/98, by thirty plus persons.

Other details concerning the reports are as follows;

- 1. A very intensely bright blue-white light when first sighted, this light appears to be formed from the three edge light sources upon the object, due to the viewers' position at the time of the sighting.
- 2. A dull grey or black triangular object, about the size of a conventional passenger jet, or smaller, with panelling or grooves upon its underportion.
- 3. Within these grooves appears many smaller white lights, arranged within rows.
- Several witness report green and orange navigational lights steady in luminosity and located close to these grooves.
- 5. Some witness' report what could be perceived as a shadow reflection of ground lighting, reflected away from the clouds above the object, by its passing.
- 6. The object appears to have no apparent engine noise, except for a time when the object appears to power up ready for a rapid departure towards the Shirebrook area.
- 7. The object has either a diamond or triangular shape to itself, reports similar to this shape, have been reported across Derbyshire recently.
- 8. The object was observed as moving slowly across the Mansfield area at treetop level passing over several witnesses in their cars, before moving off at rapid speed towards Shirebrook.
- 9. The object was sighted in one instance as having a glowing rear, similar to a heat signature from a jet, similarly several received reports have noted a helicopter sighted as following the same flightpath of the object shortly afterwards.
- 10. The object appears to have been flying around from 18:00 hrs, on Wednesday 3rd to about 06:00 hrs on Thursday 4th, with periods whereby the object was sighted darting constantly around the area all night, whereas, the first report has the object as grounded close to pylons near the Blidworth area of Nottinghamshire.
- 11. In one instance a report was received whereby prior to the sound of the low rumbling/powering up sound, a brilliant flash was reported to be seen coming from the area of the craft, this lit up the sky, before the object disappeared.
- 12. These details match other reported sightings from other groups around the areas of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
- 13. One witness described how the object had "upwards swept wingtips"?

OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED WITHIN THIS BRIEF AT PRESENT.

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Persons wishing to report an unusual sighting, or to enquire for any information concerning this subject may contact myself at; -

THE "BRITISH, UNIDENTIFIED, FLYING, OBJEC,T RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION"

DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INVESTIGATIONS COORDINATOR;

CAN BE CONTACTED AT;

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, HIGH PEAK,

OR TELEPHONE;

The group has 326 investigators in both the U.K and the world.

The group operates upon a professional and unbiased opinion, that all witness' reports require logical, rational investigation to attain possible logical explanations as to the cause of the witness' sightings.

WITNESS' PERSONAL DETAILS ARE NEVER RELEASED AND ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE DATA PROTECTION ACT, A COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)/64/3 Date

23 April 1998



- 1. Thank you for your postcard in which you have described an unexplained aerial sighting observed on 10 April from your back garden. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects" and I have been asked to reply.
- 2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.
- 3. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.
- 4. With regard to your particular observation, I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 10 April from anywhere Northern Ireland, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours smoorely,

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Dear Sor 10 April

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Louis Farthfully

From:

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05 January 2005 16:49

To:

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Subject: Internet-authorised: Request for retrieval of archived files

Dear Sir / Madam

Please could you return the following files to me from your archives. These are needed urgently to answer a Freedom of Information request for information.

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My UIN is

My full postal is:

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Please give me a call if there are any problems on

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Part O missing. Telephoned 10:55 11/1/2005 Query No. 31063.

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Spoke to again on 18/1/2005. She will chase with Hoyer and Call me this afternoon (09.45)

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