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GE(AE-1) : Please let me know if there were any exercises etc in the derby area on 16 & 17/08. (Area? report).

(b155): You may be interested to read para 5. I will, of course, ask for a photo.

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September 28, 1987  
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Sheffield Section 40  
South Yorkshire

Dear Sir,

I am writing as a student at Sheffield University and area representative of the Independent UFO Network, which investigates alleged sightings of "UFOs" in the north of England.

My reason for contacting you is to ask if your Ministry is aware of the numerous sightings of an unidentified delta-volent shaped flying object, carrying a barrage of brilliant lights, over the towns of Derby and Uttoxeter on the nights of Sunday, August 16th and Monday, August 17th, 1987 respectively. I have personally interviewed six witnesses who obtained very good views of this object, including a couple who came within 100 feet of it when returning home to Derby on the night of August 16th.

I would like to ask if you can provide any suggestions or explanations as to what was observed on the above nights, and whether there was any military/RAF/NATO exercise or helicopter manoeuvres taking place in the above areas at the stated times. I realise this information may be confidential, but I must stress that I have no wish to know what may have been going on that night, only if there were military aircraft in the area at the time that the Ministry was aware of.

I would also like to ask if the Ministry has received any other reports relating to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena reported during the month of August 1987, and if so whether details could be provided.

I am preparing a detailed dossier containing the relevant details of the cases I have investigated above (including a sighting in Barnsley in which the witness obtained photographs of an unknown flying object which are the moment being analysed by computer in the USA), and will provide a copy for your Ministry if you feel these incidents are of defence interest,

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future (SAE enclosed),

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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Yours faithfully,

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