

RAF WOODBRIDGE INCIDENT 27 Dec 80

Col Halt's report of 13 Jan 81 concerns the sighting of unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge by two security patrolmen. Col Halt records what was subsequently reported to him without comment. The 3 patrolmen who went into Rendlesham Forest to investigate what they thought might be a crashed aircraft say they saw a triangular object. It has been suggested that this might have been a piloted vehicle, however in view of its reported size (about 9 feet long and 6 feet high) this was, and still is, considered highly unlikely. Indeed enquiries made both at the time and subsequently failed to reveal any radar trace of anything unusual in the area at the time.

Col Halt also reports on his own investigations at the site of the incident the following day. Once again he draws no conclusions from his findings and, significantly, does not recommend further investigation. Our own view also was that no additional action was required. Later on the night of 29 Dec 80 Col Halt and a number of others saw more unusual lights, but again we have no record of anything untoward being picked up on radar.

I think you will agree that it is highly unlikely that any violation of UK airspace would be heralded by such a display of lights. I think it equally unlikely that any reconnaissance or spying activity would be announced in this way.