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Dear Mr Rees,

Thank you for your letter of 14 May which enclosed a further letter from **Section 40**

I am afraid I have little to add to what I said in my letter of 20 February 1985 in reply to your original enquiry on this matter. We remain satisfied that the events reported by Colonel Halt on 13 January 1981 are of no defence significance. The report was, like all other UFO reports, examined at the time by those in the Department responsible for the air defence of the UK and we have since seen nothing to alter our views.

Turning to **Section 40** request for copies of all UFO reports we have received since 1980, I am afraid that the Department could not justify the effort involved in acceding to this request. However, **Section 40** will already know that we are prepared to release reports of specific incidents to interested parties and, if he has any particular reports in mind, **Section 40** can obtain copies of these from Sec(AS)2 in my Department, whose address is room **Section 40** Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB.

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Yours sincerely,

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Lord Trefgarne

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