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5. A small difficulty has[^] for purely tactical reasons unconnected with UFOs, acceded (with other countries) to a request by the Government of Grenada for a UN study group (at Grenadan expense) to monitor information on UFOs. The wording of that part of the draft speech has been supplied by FCO.
6. The general line adopted is that there really are strange phenomena in the sky, but there are perfectly rational explanations to account for them, so there is no need to introduce the highly questionable hypothesis of alien space craft. In other words, Occam's Razor.
7. The broad line was put to Lord Strabolgi at our meeting in December and agreed by him. Lord Strabolgi asked for further information about cosmic distances and the difficulties of space travel. I have not included this in the speech, because Lord Clancarty's "sky people" are evidently "paranormal" and can cross the light years in a trice; but some facts are included at the end of the background note.
8. Lord Strabolgi also mentioned the possibility of replying on any detailed cases produced by Lord Clancarty if the latter will give advance notice. I repeat the advice I gave in December: we should not attempt to argue these cases, which tend to be remote and elusive yet often cannot be refuted without very detailed examination; indeed we should not fight the battle on Lord Clancarty's ground at all.
9. DES have been consulted and are content.
10. You will no doubt confirm the time and place of the final briefing, which at present we have down for am Wednesday 17 January.

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