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Dear Section 40

Your letter of 11 June addressed to Lord Trefgarne has been passed to me for reply. I have also seen your letters of 3 December 1984, 8 March and 4 April 1985, but I regret there is little I can usefully add to the reply Section 40 sent you on 28 November last year.

While we are happy to try to provide copies of reports of recent incidents in response to specific requests, the Department could not justify the effort and expense involved in detailed research into individual inquiries on UFOs. Moreover, as you already know, the MOD's records on UFO matters only go back to 1962 and there is therefore no further assistance we can give you on matters relating to reports received before then.

It is possible, however, that some earlier papers have been retained by the Public Records Office and you may wish to consider pursuing your investigation there.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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