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Yet the phenomenon is undoubtedly under study in at least some back rooms... That air of governmental indifference is an assumed one...

From documents released under the Freedom of Information Act in America we have undeniable evidence of a keen interest in the phenomenon on the part of the CIA, the National Security Agency, and other government departments. The facts are meticulously documented in a recent book, CLEAR INTENT by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood (Prentice-Hall, 1984). We know that the French government remains interested: CEPAN continues in existence despite ~~sl~~ingeing cuts imposed on many departments by the Mitterand government a little while ago (though we can only speculate on what use is made of its material by its directing body, the French equivalent of NASA). We know that the Russian Academy of Sciences regularly buys a surprising number of each issue of the most prestigious British journal on the UFO phenomenon (though its importation by ordinary Soviet citizens is forbidden !). We must strongly suspect - to put it no higher - that the British Ministry of Defence is taking a close interest in the phenomenon. As a former Ministry of Defence official I sincerely hope so ! Anything which can enter and leave British airspace with impunity, land on British territory, leave confusing traces in our radar system, interfere with electrical and electronic devices, register itself on film and out-manoeuvre British aircraft (and I think there is evidence for all these things) must surely be of more than passing interest to a government department which is charged with our defence. I hope I shall be thought to compliment rather than criticise my former colleagues and present acquaintances in Whitehall if I ruefully congratulate them on the suave effrontery with which they pretend to be taking no notice of the stranger occurrences reported to them !