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Section 40

Following the meeting which you held with Mr Section 40 and myself on Friday 12th January the draft speech for you to make in response to the Earl of Clancarty's Unstarred Question on Thursday 18th January has been amended. attach a folder containing the revised version which follows the line which you agreed.

I also attach a more detailed background note, and, as you requested, the transcript of the BBC television programme on UFOs in which the Earl of Clancarty appeared and in which a Section 40 was interviewed and alleged that she had been told by telephone to say nothing about her alleged sighting of a UFO. I do not suggest, unless you particularly wish to do so, that you read the transcript; but the parts in which you expressed an interest are on pages 23 and 24 Section 40 and pages 26 - 29 (Lord Clancarty).

When we spoke on the telephone yesterday you stressed the need for your speech to touch on Lord Clancarty's reference to Monsieur Galley's attitude to UFOs. covered briefly in the paragraph at the bottom of page 10. I attach, as you requested, a copy of the actual transcript of the interview with M. Galley.

The Box party for Thursday's debate will be Section 40 Section 40 and myself.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Private Sccretary