



26th July, 1985

The Lord Trefgarne,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
for the Armed Forces,
House of Lords,
London, SW1.

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 17th July about our correspondence on the UFO question. I would greatly welcome an off-the-record talk with you. Parliament rises on Tuesday, but I would be delighted to come up to London at any mutually convenient date during August when you have had time to consider this letter and to take any further briefing from officials which you think might be useful. (Perhaps your office would care to be in touch with me by telephone at my home address Tel: **Section 40**)

It may be helpful if I list the questions which I, at any rate, would like to explore. I know you will understand that I do not ask them frivolously or without a good deal of careful thought about the evidence - or supposed evidence - which appears to exist for a persistent phenomenon which, as I see it at present, cannot be wholly without Defence significance. I need hardly add that if there were sensitive Defence questions at issue, I would be the last to press them in public.

The ground which I hope we might cover in an informal discussion is indicated by the following questions:

- a. Does the Ministry of Defence acknowledge - by way of reports from the public, the civil police, the Civil Aviation Authority, other civil authorities or its own establishments - that traces are obtained from time to time of the intrusion into British airspace (and sometimes territory) of phenomena for which no prosaic explanation can be given? (I should add that although I am always willing to be disabused, the evidence accumulated by civilian researchers for the persistence of some such phenomena - amounting on occasion to apparently structured 'vehicles' - seems to me at present overwhelming. I shall be glad to give you instances. The events reported by Lt. Col. Halt of the United States Air Force in a report to your Department dated 13th January 1981 are among them).