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REPORT of UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENON

a. Site, time, duration. 19 APR 84 - 1600 hrs. Duration not definitely known.

b. Description. A brilliant, very solid "ball" of light, bright silvery in colour.

c. Position of observers. Visual control room in Control Tower.

d. How observed. Through window, then through binoculars.

e. Direction seen. ENE moving to N.

f. Elevation. See section h.

g. Distance. ½ NM to 2 NM

h. Movements. Object descended (as per conventional a/c) to touch down on runway then climbed out near vertically.

j. Weather. CAVOK with light SW.

k. Nearby objects and structures. Airfield installations,

l. To whom reported. Local BUFORA investigator.

m. Name & address of observers Names withheld.

n. Other witnesses. None known.

p. Date & time of report. Reported to BUFORA on 26 APR.
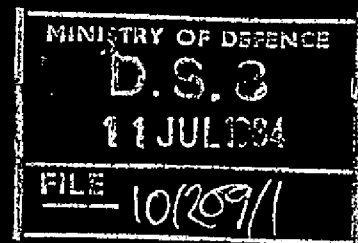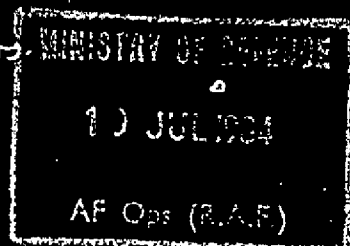
Any other pertinent info. At request of witnesses, their names and the airport involved are withheld.

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Narrative :-

SATCO (14 years experience) came up to VCR to oversee "deputy controller" (deputy SATCO?) plus assistant (12 year + 8 years experience respectively) "talking in" a light plane on runway 22. SATCO scanned the sky and observed "LITS" (light in the sky) coming in on runway 27 and told the controller his plane was on 27 and not 22. Then the light plane called base leg for 22 and everyone become aware that the object on final for 27 was unidentified. SATCO reports that the object come in "at speed", made a touch and go on runway 27, then departed at "terrific speed" in a "near vertical" climb. It was at this point that SATCO observed the object through binoculars, resulting in the description at (b)

The Aircraft in the circuit did not see it.

The Airfield's radar was not being used; a nearby RAF airfield (with radar) was closed for the Easter break.

NB phrases in parentheses are quotes from the report I was given. Witnesses do not wish to be identified in case their professional integrity is questioned.