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 Subject: release-authorised: UFO sighting at Tern Hill

We spoke, but the following is the basic story:

I took a call this morning from the 2IC rear party at 1 Royal Irish at Tern Hill
 Capt [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

A soldier who was part of a fire picket tagging on at the camp on 7 June took video footage with a camera on a mobile phone of what he says were "UFOs" in the sky above the camp – which they have emailed to The Sun – and which The Sun is apparently planning on splashing – probably tomorrow.

I don't have all the details/timings but what I do have is the following:

1. Soldier is Cpl [REDACTED] who the phone belongs to – he was accompanied by Pte [REDACTED] who also witnessed the "UFOs".
2. The footage was taken on 7 June at 23.03hrs – with a 5 megapixel camera on the phone.
3. 2IC rear party says the video images are very good.
4. The 2IC says the images could not have been anything to do with nearby RAF Shawbury.
5. They show lots of multi-coloured dots and zoom in on a cube shaped object which then flattens.
6. The Sun has already interviewed Cpl [REDACTED] – he has explained to them what he saw.
7. There is some suggestion of payment being offered – though I think a discussion about that has still to happen.
8. I have reminded all, the 2IC and Cpl [REDACTED] about their responsibilities ref the DIN on communicating with the media.
9. Cpl [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] an editor at The Sun (?)
10. Cpl [REDACTED] mobile number is [REDACTED]
11. I spoke to the CRO at RAF Shawbury who said he was not aware – Sqn Ldr [REDACTED]

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