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23 AUG 1984
Your reference
Our reference
BENT/C/AIR
Date
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[Section 40]

Further to my telecon of yesterday I enclose a copy of the request from 'Cable News Network' on information concerning our "UFO" incident of 1980.

At the moment I have no involvement but I would not be surprised to find the British interest revived.

Yours

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SUBJ: QUERY FROM CNN TO RE UFO SIGHTING(S)

1 REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN MAJ MCCOLLISTER, HQ USAF/PAN, AND CAPT MARZINSKI, 81TFW/PA, 20 AUG 84, SAME SUBJ.

2 09AF/PAN HAS RECEIVED A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM CHUCK DE CARO OF CABLE NEWS NETWORK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AN ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING AT RAF BENTWATERS ON 27 DEC 1980. THE CNN REPORTER HAS A COPY OF A LETTER DATED 13 JAN 81 FROM THE THEN-DEPUTY BASE COMMANDER AT RAF BENTWATERS WHICH REPORTS ON THE INCIDENT. THE 13 JAN 81 LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO 3AF/CC. 09AF/PAN HAS ASKED US TO HELP THEM RESPOND TO SOME 20 QUESTIONS POSED BY CNN. WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FLESHING OUT THE RESPONSES. WOULD APPRECIATE 81TFW/PA, THROUGH 3AF/PA, PROVIDE US THE BEST RESPONSES POSSIBLE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE ANSWERS BY 23 AUG 84, OR SOONER IF POSSIBLE. THE QUESTIONS ARE:

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Q-1: EXACTLY HOW MANY UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS/SIGHTINGS OCCURRED?

Q-2: OVER THE COURSE OF HOW MANY DAYS DID INCIDENTS OCCUR?

Q-3: DID USAF SECURITY POLICE CORDON OFF THE AREA SPECIFIED IN LT COL HALT'S REPORT?

Q-4: WHAT UNITS WERE INVOLVED IN THE SIGHTINGS? WERE AAVS UNITS THERE?

Q-5: WAS THERE A HELPING HAND, COVERED WAGON, FADED GIANT OR BROKEN ARROW REPORTED OR REPORT GENERATED BY THE INCIDENT?

Q-6: DID GEN. GORDON WILLIAMS WITNESS THE INCIDENT? IF SO, WHY DID HALT WRITE A REPORT?

Q-7: WILL GENERAL WILLIAMS WRITE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE INCIDENT FOR CNN?

Q-8: HOW MANY USAF PERSONNEL WITNESSED THE SIGHTINGS?

Q-9: DID SECURITY POLICE MAJOR ZEIGLER WITNESS THE INCIDENT?

Q-10: DID SGT. JOHN BURROUGHS WITNESS THE INCIDENT?

Q-11: WAS THERE A LIEUTENANT ENGLAND IN THE SECURITY POLICE UNIT AT RAF BENTWATERS AT THE TIME AND DID HE WITNESS THE INCIDENT?

Q-12: WHAT ARE THE CURRENT UNITS AND DUTY STATIONS OF GENERAL WILLIAMS, COLONEL HALT, SGT BURROUGHS, MAJ ZEIGLER AND LT ENGLAND?

Q-13: WERE THERE USAF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, EOD OR NUCLEAR

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WEAPONS MANAGEMENT TEAMS DISPATCHED TO THE SIGHT OF THE INCIDENT? ARE THERE COPIES OF THEIR REPORTS IN USAF FILES? IF SO, WHICH UNITS HAVE THE FILES?

Q-14: WHAT UNIT OR WHAT PERSONNEL TOOK THE RADIOACTIVITY READINGS REFERRED TO IN LT COL HALT'S REPORT? WHAT UNIT OR PERSONNEL

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ESTABLISHED THE GEOMETRY OF THE INDENTATIONS ON THE GROUND? WHERE ARE THEIR OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS AND REPORTS?

Q-13: WERE THERE ANY NON-NATO PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED OR SEEN AT THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT? COULD THESE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS?

Q-14: WERE OSI PERSONNEL DISPATCHED TO THE INCIDENT SITE? DID OSI INTERVIEW LT COL HOLT, SGT LARRY WARREN, AIRMAN STEVEN LA PLUNE, GENERAL WILLIAMS, MAJOR ZEIGLER, LIEUTENANT ENGLAND OR SGT BURROUGHS?

Q-15: WILL THE USAF PROVIDE A LIST OF USAF PERSONNEL WHO WITNESSED THE INCIDENT?

Q-16: WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT WILLIAMS, HOLT AND BURROUGHS GAVE FOR NOT GRANTING OFFICIAL INTERVIEWS?

Q-17: ARE THERE PHOTOGRAPHS, TAPE RECORDINGS, VIDEOTAPES, DRAWINGS OR DESCRIPTIONS OF ANY KIND IN USAF FILES? IF NOT, TO WHAT AGENCY OR AGENCIES HAVE THE FILES BEEN TRANSFERRED?

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Q-18: WERE PERSONNEL FROM CIA, DIA, NSA, USAF INTEL, OR NSC NOTIFIED ABOUT LT COL HOLT'S SIGHTINGS? WHY? DID THE SECAF VISIT RAF BENTWATERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT? WHY? DID ANY SECAF STAFF ACCOMPANY THE SECAF? WHO WERE THEY?

3 YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT IS APPRECIATED.

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