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HQ USAF RAMSTEIN AB GE//PAM//  
INFO 3AF RAF MILDENHALL UK//PA//  
OSAF PENTAGON WASHINGTON DC//PAM//

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SUBJ: CNN QUERIES, RAF BENTWATERS UFO INCIDENT

REF: OSAF/PAM LETTER, 29 OCT 84, CNN QUERY ON INCIDENT AT RAF BENT-  
WATERS 1980.

1. QUESTIONS 1 AND 2: COMMANDER OF THE 81ST SECURITY POLICE SQUAD-  
RON AT THAT TIME WAS MAJOR MALCOLM S. ZICKLER, [REDACTED] 81  
SPS PROVIDES SECURITY FOR BOTH BASES.
2. QUESTIONS 3, 4 AND 6: AM UNABLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION.  
SUCH RECORDS HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN DESTROYED IN KEEPING WITH ROUTINE  
ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES.
3. QUESTION 10: NO.
4. QUESTION 12: NAMES OF ORIGINAL PATROLMEN FIRST SENT TO INVESTI-  
GATE THE LIGHTS ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS LOCATION. PERHAPS COL HALT CAN  
PROVIDE ANSWER. NO ONE WAS LATER INTERVIEWED BY OSI, AS THEY DID NOT  
CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION.
5. QUESTION 13: THERE WAS NO USAF INVESTIGATION OF ANY NATURE CON-

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CERNING THIS INCIDENT OR ITS AFTERMATH. COL HALT'S REPORT REFERRED THE MATTER TO BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHO HAD JURISDICTION. MOD CHOSE NOT TO INVESTIGATE, SAYING THE INCIDENT "WAS NOT CONSIDERED TO INDICATE ANYTHING OF DEFENSE INTEREST".

6. WE ARE USING FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL QUERIES ABOUT THE INCIDENT: "WE ARE AWARE OF THE BOOK AND ITS ACCUSATIONS. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO COMMENT ON THESE SPECULATIONS. NOR WILL WE BE DRAUN INTO A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THE BOOK. A REPORT OF THE INCIDENT WAS REFERRED TO THE BRITISH MOD, WHO, FAILING TO FIND ANY DEFENSE IMPLICATION, CHOSE NOT TO INVESTIGATE. CURRENT USAF POLICY IS THAT WE NO LONGER INVESTIGATE UFO SIGHTINGS AND WE HAVE NOT DONE SO FOR MANY YEARS. EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE INCIDENT HAS SINCE BEEN REASSIGNED FROM THIS INSTALLATION. IN SHORT, WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL INTEREST IN WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INCIDENT DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE INSTALLATION."

7. 81 TFW/PA IS CAPT WARZINSKI, AV 225-2381 OR 2945.

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