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Subject: TERN HILL SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008

The Sun has reported a UFO sighting over Ternhill Barracks in Shropshire at about 11pm on 7 June 2008. It appears that a number of soldiers saw lights in the sky and made a video which they have passed to the newspaper. They have not made a formal written report on the matter, although they did inform their superiors.

The MoD in London became involved when the press office was contacted by the newspaper on 24th June. On 25th June I requested a copy of the video from Media Ops at HQ 5 Div where it had been passed by the unit concerned. It shows a number of lights in the sky. As reported in the paper, the lights change colour and appear square, but this looks like the pixels showing up as the photographer zoomed in. They do not appear to be moving very quickly.

The BBC has reported that at the same time as the alleged incident, a local hotel was letting off Chinese lanterns and, apparently, the hotel manager thinks the whole UFO story is "highly hilarious".

I do not intend to investigate any further as I think we have our answer and, as I suspect there might be copyright issues surrounding the video, do not intend to retain a copy on our files.

I will inform the soldiers of my decision through their 2ic.

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