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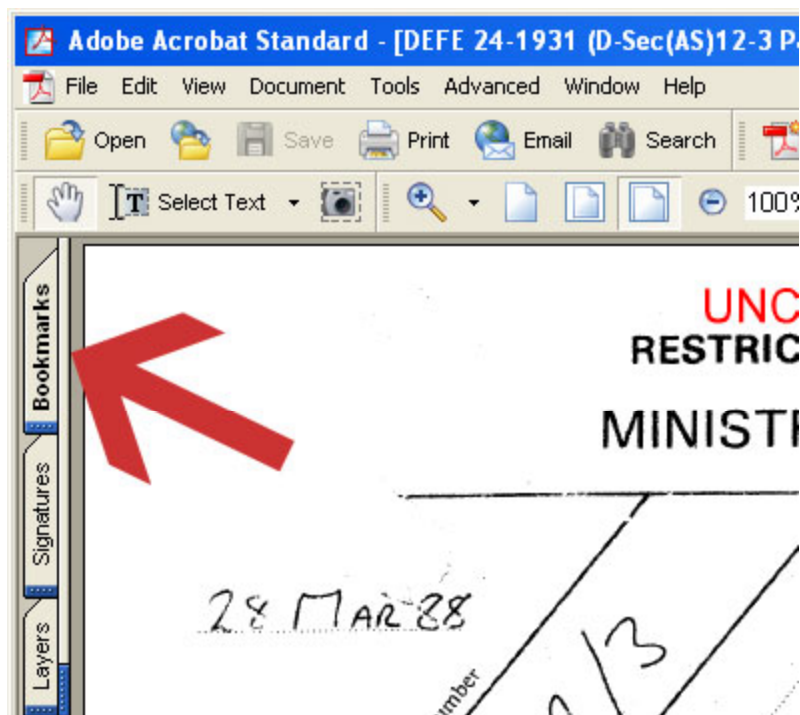
This document contains details of how to navigate through the newly released files. We have included bookmarks in each of the PDF files of key stories and reports highlighted by Dr David Clarke. This will make it easier to navigate through the files.

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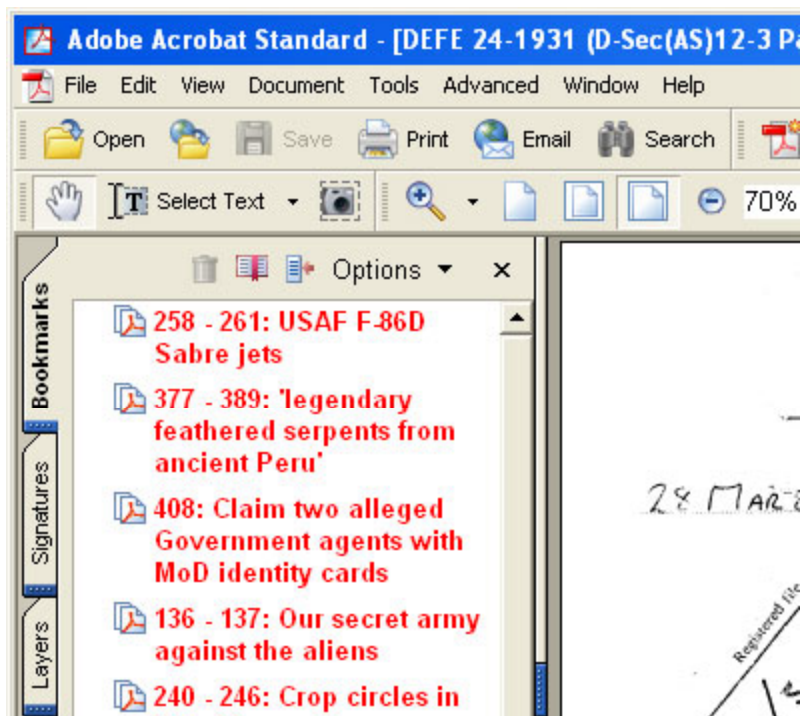
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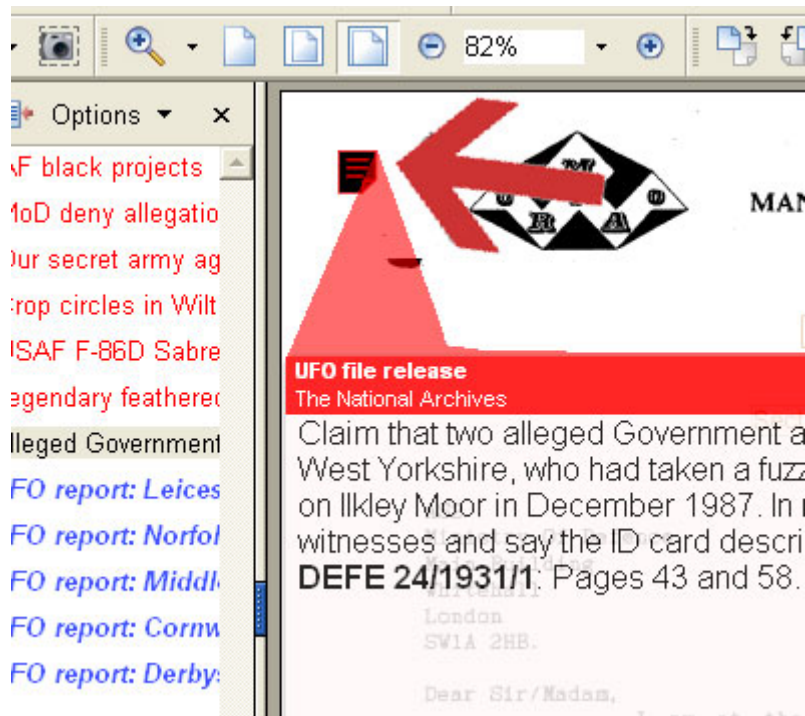


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Below is a list of the bookmarks contained in each file, with a short summary of each bookmark. Please note that not all files contain bookmarks.

Key stories and events featured in the files (red text):

DEFE 24/1928/1

Pages 160 - 161: In 1988 a West Midlands woman made a report to RAF Cosford of a dome-shaped UFO which descended towards her to reveal windows behind which she saw in a lighted cabin 'three people, two sitting and one standing; all appeared to be wearing white suits'.

DEFE 24/1929/1

Pages 15 - 17: A letter, dated 24 August 1987, questions the MoD about the movements of the warship HMS Norfolk during the period of the Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980.

Pages 27 - 34: These papers include a newspaper cutting and collection of statements by police officers from West Yorkshire describing sightings of a bright light in the night sky seen from Holmfirth in the direction of the Emley Moor TV mast on the evening of 7 November 1986.

Page 39: Copy of letter dated 3 September 1987 from a correspondent referred to by MoD as 'alien-spotter extraordinaire' reporting regular visits to her home by extraterrestrials since 1982.

Pages 90 - 94: In 1987 the MoD and Air Historical Branch (AHB), RAF, appear to have been unaware of the release at the Public Record Office (PRO) - now The National Archives - of the famous memo by Winston Churchill, dated July 1952, on Flying Saucers.

Pages 131 – 134: This is a poor quality copy of an article on 'Flying Saucers' published in a formerly Secret air staff publication, the Air Ministry Secret Intelligence Summary (AMSIS) in March 1955.

Page 139: Sunday Express review of Timothy Good's then newly-published book *Above Top Secret*.

Page 172: Claim in a newspaper article that 'a man from the government' visited two young girls in Leeds who reported seeing a UFO landing.

Page 173: Cutting from the *Sunday Mirror* 17 May 1987 quoting the Admiral Lord Peter Hill-Norton, a former Chief of Defence Staff, who had become a UFO believer on retirement from the MoD.

Pages 189 - 202: This section of the file contains a full copy of BUFORA's 1986 publication *Mystery of the Circles*, a pamphlet co-authored by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller on the crop circle mystery.

Page 214: In May 1985 Ralph Noyes wrote to his successor as head of DS8 (which became Sec(AS) in 1985) asking if MoD had retained copies of "interesting gun-camera clips" taken by RAF aircrew during the 1950s that "suggested the existence of a puzzling phenomenon."

Pages 216 - 227: In reply to letter requesting an answer to the question was the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident 'something to do with the American top secret Stealth craft' landing in the forest, the MoD reply "No."

Pages 217 - 220: Copy of original letter from member of public to MoD in 1987 describing her encounter with a UFO in Greater Manchester, one night in 1982. Her mother and herself reported losing 55 minutes following the traumatic incident.

Page 224: 1985-86 correspondence between MoD and David Alton MP, Ralph Noyes (former MoD Under Secretary of State) and a UFOlogist.

Pages 225 - 263: These papers relate to the well-known UFO incident in Rendlesham Forest (Suffolk), reported by USAF airmen based at RAF Woodbridge. The sighting was the subject of an official report by Lt Col Charles Halt to the MoD early in 1981, details of which were published by the *News of the World* in October 1983.

Pages 236 - 238: MoD's response to Ralph Noyes' questions on the Rendlesham incident.

Pages 240 - 241: The file also contains correspondence from a retired MoD official who had an interest in UFOs.

Page 250: The Under Secretary of State for the RAF, Lord David Trefgarne's reply to David Alton MP, who had passed UFOlogist Jenny Randles' concerns about the alleged defence implications of the Rendlesham incident to MoD.

Page 259: A copy of Ian Ridpath's article on the Rendlesham incident published by The Guardian on 5 January 1985.

Pages 276 - 279: A list of questions on MoD UFO policy drafted by Central TV for use in an interview with Defence Minister Roger Freeman MP. The programme was shown in June 1986.

DEFE 24/1930/1

Pages 90 - 92: Space-junk - both meteorites and pieces of satellites and rocket bodies burning up on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere - are a common cause of spectacular UFO reports.

Page 191: Re-fuelling exercises by USAF F-111 aircraft trailed by giant KC-135 tankers identified as the source of a UFO described as "big as a football field" sighted by hundreds of people in the Midlands on the night of 9 December 1987. [including sketch]

Page 276: Copy of fake memo allegedly sent by USAF Office of Special Investigations (OSI) addressed to MoD which discusses 'landing of craft of unknown origin crewed by several entities near RAF Woodbridge.'

DEFE 24/1931/1

Page 80: Stealth/USAF black projects - early rumours that new prototype USAF aircraft operating here in secret over UK.

Pages 133 and 134: MoD deny allegations that Rendlesham incident involved cover-up of the landing or crash-landing of a secret Stealth aircraft, or involved enemy spying activity.

Pages 137 - 138: MoD reaction to an article published in The Sunday People, October 1988, 'Our secret army against the aliens'.

Pages 241 - 247: Photos of crop circles in Wiltshire taken by Army Puma helicopter following complaint from farmer.

Page 259 - 262: 1957 incident involving USAF F-86D Sabre jets over East Anglia. Accounts of this UFO incident from the height of the Cold War were made public for the 1988.

Pages 378 - 390: Letter from a 'contactee' reporting contact with alien creatures descended from 'legendary feathered serpents from ancient Peru' (with sketches).

Page 409: Claim that two alleged Government agents with MoD identity cards visited a man in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, who had taken a fuzzy photograph of an alien creature near a landed UFO on Ilkley Moor in December 1987.

DEFE 24/1939/1

Page 131: Police helicopters cause UFO sightings at Didcot, Oxfordshire.

DEFE 24/1940/1

Page 64: RAF Tornado jets overtaken by UFO. The crews of six RAF Tornado jets from 2 Squadron, Laarbruch, reported being over-taken by giant UFO whilst on an exercise controlled by Dutch radar.

Page 68 - 69: UFO seen by MoD officials over Main Building in London – possibly a helicopter on reconnaissance for the State Opening of Parliament in November 1990.

Page 114: UFO photograph from Scotland. August 1990, at Calvine near Pitlochry: six colour photographs of a diamond-shaped UFO and a Harrier jet were taken by two men. The pictures were given to the *Scottish Daily Record* who passed them to the MoD. However, the file does not contain the photographs.

DEFE 24/1941/1

Page 12 - 16: Phantom helicopter/suspected drug smuggling UFO seen by retired RAF man and reported to Hampshire police.

Pages 23 - 27: Background briefings for Defence minister to answer Parliamentary Questions submitted by Teddy Taylor MP on Crop Circles 1989.

Pages 30 - 33: The Essex Roswell story about a downed UFO examined in secrecy by USAF and MoD at Foulness Island in Essex.

Page 40: MoD decide to decline a 1989 invitation from the BBC for an official to appear on *The Wogan Show* alongside a UFOlogist who was to reveal evidence of a secret MoD department working on UFOs.

Page 115: Balloons and airships: *Evening Standard* cutting re Richard Branson flying saucer balloon hoax, 1 April 1989, which caused traffic chaos on the M25. .

DEFE 24/1942/1

Pages 79 and 80: MoD deny any cover-up of incident and say it was of no defence significance.

Page 203: MOD policy on crop circles explained.

DEFE 24/1943/1

Contains no bookmarks

DEFE 24/1949/1

Page 39: Letter from person dubbed by MoD 'alien-spotter extraordinaire' who reports regular alien visits since 1982.

Page 136 -138: Another 'contactee' letter dated March 1990 recounting contacts with aliens and crashed saucer in Second World War. [with sketches{

Pages 147, 194 and 224: RAF Tornado fires missile at UFO over Blackpool.

Page 214: Copy of a fake document allegedly compiled by a non-existent MoD 'Department of Aerial Studies' that lists the names of 18 people allegedly contacted by aliens in 1977-78.

DEFE 24/1951/1

Page 102: Halloween UFO sighted in Shropshire shaped like 'a human being, all lit up'.

DEFE 24/1952/1

Page 35: Laser light shows at outdoor rock concerts including Tina Turner at Wembley spark UFO alerts in London in 1989.

DEFE 24/1953/1

Page 132: Report by a driver who saw 'four whirlwinds' and a bright white light moving round in the centre of a crop circle in Wiltshire.

Pages 198 - 200: Burning white lights, flames and rumbling sounds reported by dozens of people in Wales and Hereford in December 1991.

DEFE 24/1954/1

Pages 42 - 43: In November 1992 a Brighton man reported seeing a brightly-lit UFO shaped like a "squashed rugby ball" which hovered above his house. Through windows in the side he saw two men wearing beige uniforms

standing in front of machinery; when one of the 'crew' members spotted him the lights went out and the UFO moved out to sea.

Page 56 - 57: Black-tipped seagulls with "light shimmering from their wings" was a theory suggested to police by a bird-watcher as the explanation for UFOs spotted over Harlow, Essex in August 1992.

Page 61: Kite launched from Regent's Park resulted in a UFO report telephoned to MoD in November 1992.

Pages 113 - 114: In August 1992 two men driving on the A70 near Edinburgh saw a UFO that dropped "a curtain of white light in front of the car" causing them to black out for 10-15 seconds.

DEFE 24/1955/1

Page 24: In 1991 the MoD tried to stop Army and Navy helicopter crews from visiting or taking photographs of crop circles during exercises over the West Country.

Page 102 – 106: On 17 June four passengers on a Hamburg-bound Dan Air 737 saw "a wingless projectile pass below and to the left of the aircraft" as it climbed out of Gatwick.

One month later, on 15 July, the crew of a Britannia Airways Boeing 737 returning from Greece and descending into Gatwick under London control saw "a small black lozenge-shaped object" zoom past at high speed just 100 yards of the port side of the aircraft whilst at 14,000 feet.

Pages 107 - 121: Close encounter between an Italian MD-80 airliner, carrying 57 passengers, and an unidentified 'missile' on the evening of 21 April 1991.

Pages 186 - 188: Letter from a Somerset man who saw a flying saucer land in the early hours of a 1989 morning near the Feltham Lane bypass.

DEFE 24/1956/1

Page 36: The MoD was itself the victim of a hoax later that year when it was sent a soil sample and metal fragments from a crop circle that allegedly appeared in a suburban garden.

Pages 166 -167: Following the revelation - published in *Today*, 9 September 1991 - that two artists had confessed to creating many of the crop circles, the editor of *The Crop Watcher* magazine wrote to MoD asking for confirmation of a rumour that alleged the Ministry had taken part in a 'secret meeting' with MAFF and the Dept of the Environment on crop circles.

DEFE 24/1957/1

Page 43 – 111: UFOs implicated in death of USAF pilot. In September 1970 a USAF exchange pilot died during an exercise over the North Sea when his RAF Lightning interceptor ditched whilst shadowing a Shackleton. His body was never found.

Reports of UFO activity in different UK regions (blue text):

Buckinghamshire

DEFE 24/1942/1 p93, 156

Cheshire

DEFE 24/1941/1: pages 116 and 169-170

DEFE 24/1954/1: page 121

Cornwall

DEFE 24/1931/1 p353

DEFE 24/1939/1 p19

Devon

DEFE 24/1929/1 p43

DEFE 24/1940/1 p46-47

DEFE 24/1951/1 p246-253

Derbyshire

DEFE 24/1931/1 p222, 371-373

DEFE 24/1927/1 p188

DEFE 24/1928/1 p251

DEFE 24/1926/1 p53

DEFE 24/1954/1 p53

East Yorkshire

DEFE 24/1930/1 p175

DEFE 24/1931/1 p249

DEFE 24/1927/1 p57-59

DEFE 24/1951/1 p40-41 (police sighting with CCTV images mentioned)

DEFE 24/1954/1 p102-103

DEFE 24/1957/1 p42-110 [RAF Lightning crash in North Sea 1970]

Essex

DEFE 24/1941/1 p30
DEFE 24/1951/1 p69-70
DEFE 24/1939/1 p13-15, 23-24, 33, 133-134
DEFE 24/1954/1 p56-57

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

DEFE 24/1951/1 p12
DEFE 24/1951/1 p260-261

Herefordshire

DEFE 241953/1 p198
DEFE 241956/1 p227-229

Hertfordshire

DEFE 24/1939/1 p25-26
DEFE 24/1956/1 p143-144, 147

Kent

DEFE 24/1951/1 p90
DEFE 24/1939/1 p95-98, 108
DEFE 24/1953/1 p67-69, 77 (near miss with airliner over Lydd)

Lancashire

DEFE 24/1949/1 p194
DEFE 241952/1 p211-212

Leicestershire

DEFE 24/1931/1 p76-78 and 80

Lincolnshire

DEFE 24/1940/1 p99
DEFE 24/1940/1 p113-115
DEFE 24/1956/1 p206-215
DEFE 24/1957/1 p194-95
DEFE 24/1954/1 p112-13 ('alien abduction')

London

DEFE 24/1930/1 p130, 131, 188
DEFE 24/1931/1 p145
DEFE 24/1927/1 p43, 48-49
DEFE 24/1952/1 p35, 153
DEFE 24/1939/1 p49-50, 154, 150
DEFE 24/1940/1 p69 - 70 (sighting from MoD Main building!)
DEFE 24/1955/1 p306-314
DEFE 24/1956/1 p145, 182-184

Manchester

DEFE 24/1929/1 p208-209, 217-220 (alien abduction story), 262
DEFE 24/1949/1 p44, 74-75, 100, 156-157 (alien abduction story)
DEFE 24/1952/1 p209
DEFE 24/1955/1 p175
DEFE 24/1953/1 p33-37
DEFE 24/1954/1 p87

Middlesex

DEFE 24/1931/1 p332-336
DEFE 24/1952/1 p44

Nottinghamshire

DEFE 24/1927/1 p57-59
DEFE 24/1956/1 p127-33, 258, 268-270

Norfolk

DEFE 24/1931/1 p225, 259-262, 274-276
DEFE 24/1928/1 p33-34
DEFE 24/1940/1 p149
DEFE 24/1954/1 p210

Northern Ireland

DEEF 24/1949/1 p101, 213, 216

North Yorkshire

DEFE 24/1951/1 p160
DEFE 24/1952/1 p95
DEFE 24/1955/1 p124-128

Oxfordshire

DEFE 24/1939/1 p131

Shropshire

DEFE 24/1930/1 p232-237, 242, 179-180 [includes sketch of UFO]

Somerset

DEFE 24/1954/1 p176

DEFE 24/1954/1 p125, 157

South Yorkshire

DEFE 24/1930/1 p3-11, 15-16, 24-26, 30, 75, 112, 299

DEFE 24/1931/1 p279, 368, 389-343, 402-403

DEFE 24/1941/1 p216-217

DEFE 24/1927/1 p29, 33, 67

DEFE 24/1928/1 p10, 143, 201-243

DEFE 24/1951/1 p165-166

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Staffordshire

DEFE 24/1928/1 p34

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DEFE 24/1942/1 p164, 182, 184-200

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DEFE 24/1928/1 p52, 87, 181-82

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Suffolk

DEFE 24/1929/1 p224-263 (Rendlesham)

DEFE 24/1930/1 p276 (Rendlesham)

DEFE 24/1931/1 p167, 182, 214, 235 (Rendlesham)

DEFE 24/1942/1 p79-80 (Rendlesham)

DEFE 24/1926/1 p5

DEFE 24/1939/1 p116-117

DEFE 24/1956/1 p84

DEFE 24/1957/1 p163

Sussex

DEFE 24/1955/1 p48, 102-106

DEFE 24/1956/1 p95-98

DEFE 24/1954/1 p191-192 (near miss with airliner near Gatwick)

Wales

DEFE 24/1951/1 p74-77

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DEFE 24/1957/1 p231, 248
DEFE 24/1954/1 p252

West Midlands (and Birmingham)

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DEFE 24/1931/1 p63, 190
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West Yorkshire (inc Leeds, Bradford, Halifax)

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DEFE 24/1941/1 p219-220
DEFE 24/1927/1 p87>
DEFE 24/1928/1 p64, 134, 185 [2 stories accompanied by drawings]
DEFE 24/1939/1 p61
DEFE 24/1954/1 p119

Wiltshire

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DEFE 24/1931/1 p42, 241-247
DEFE 24/1941/1 p23-27, 241-42
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DEFE 24/1956/1 p203-206, 80-83
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