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Reference:

A. D/CS(RM)4/6/37 dated 4 Apr 95.

1. For many years various UFO groups have associated DI 55 with reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. Indeed, I have several books at home that describe our supposed role of "defender of the Earth against the alien menace" - it is light years from the truth!

2. I see no reason for continuing to deny that the DIS has an interest in UFOs. However, if the association is formally made public, then the MOD will no doubt be pressured to state what the intelligence role/interest is. This could lead to disbelief and embarrassment since few people are likely to believe the truth that lack of funds and higher priorities have prevented any study of the thousands of reports received.

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3. However, on balance, since the link has been made many times, and because I believe that copies of the distribution lists have been published, I see no reason to deny the association any longer. It should, perhaps, be seen as a step towards a more open disclosure of the MOD's interest.

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