1 in 4 left kid in car

ONE in four parents has put their child in danger by leaving them alone in a car, a report reveals. Kids as young as five are regularly left unattended in a vehicle.

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The most common reason given — by 56 percent of parents — was to run errands.

One in six use it as a punishment, while 28 percent simply forgot the child was in the car. Half admit a youngster had an accident while alone.

APPLES AND DATES

Apple is to unveil the new iPhone 6 model on September 9 — along with a rumoured new Apple TV box.



Just one cornutto

AN irate ice cream man drove after a rival's van in a scene cops described as like Grand Theft Auto. Onlookers said the vans

Onlookers said the vans went in circles around a field, nearly hitting kids. One said: "They were going extremely fast."

The pair were involved in a dispute over a pitch. One van fled the park with a smashed window. Police are hunting the driver of the chasing van in Salford, Greater Manchester.

ROBERT DE-VALUED

Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro, 72, has revealed he was paid just £32 for his 1969 debut film The Wedding Party.

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UFO ACE SHARES HIS FAVOURITE CASES

truth there . . . somewhere.

Until recently most people were unaware that the Ministry of Defence was researching and investigating the investigating the

ing and investigating the mystery of UFOs.

I worked for the MoD for 21 years, and for much of the early Nineties I was assigned to the UFO project.

It was official policy to downplay the extent of this interest.

MPs, the press and YOU were fobbed off with a glib soundbite that UFOs were of "no defence significance" — the reality was very different.

Behind the scenes, the ultrasecretive Defence Intelligence Staff was involved.

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The MoD generated thousands of documents on the subject, some of them highly classified.

A vast archive of cases built up, including sightings from police, military personnel and pilots.

Some UFOs were tracked on radar, and on occasion military jets were scrambled in attempts to intercept these mystery craft.

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To say my job was the most bizarre in government would be



an understatement. Along the way I investigated UFOs, reports of alien abductions, crop circles and ghost sightings — as well as looking at whether alleged psychics might be able to find out things of interest to military intelligence. When the UK got its Freedom of Information Act, the MoD received more requests about UFOs than any other subject.

As a result, the Government is

As a result, the Government is having to declassify and release most of its UFO documents – a

most of its UFO documents — a process which started in 2008 and is expected to end next year.

Nearly 60,000 pages of documents have been released.

So after all these years, what do I actually think about UFOs?

I'm still not sure, but the sceptics have to be right every day — the believers only have to be correct once.

Here are some of my favourite cases from the MoD's X Files...

Encounter in Rendlesham Forest, by Nick Pope, published by Thistle Publishing, £9.99, is out now.

Aug 1990,

Calvine

TWO men hiking near Calvine, Perthshire, saw a huge, diamond-shaped UFO hovering silently in the sky.

The photos and the negatives were sent to the MoD and I had an enlarged copy on my office wall for many years.

Many documents relating to the



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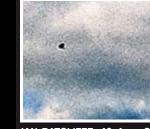




near Liverpool, took this in April. He says he has filmed







May 1957, East Anglia

FIGHTER pilot Milton Torres vas ordered to shoot down a nassive UFO being tracked on radar over East Anglia. The object was the size of

an aircraft carrier but it sped way before he could fire.
Torres, who was stationed
n Kent with the US Air Force, Yorks.

stayed silent for more than 50 ears and was only free to dis cuss this once the MoD released his statement.

I met him afterwards and he

as so relieved to speak out. I lieve he thought the object

Dec 1980,

West Lothian FORESTER Robert Taylor encountered a UFO in woods in Livingston, West

Nov 1979.

Lothian.

He said he saw a large, dome-shaped craft hovering above the forest floor.

Then two small round objects with spikes came out and attached themselves to his trousers.

He passed out. The police treated the incident in Dechmont Woods as a criminal assault and his clothing was forensically examined but no explanation was ever found. Robert stuck to his story until the day he died in 2007 and had no reason to lie.

brightly illumi-nated UFO "the

size of a bus" in Todmorden,

Nov 1980,

Todmorden

of "missing time",
was hypnotically regressed and came to
believe that he'd been abducted and taken on
board the craft.
We would often dismiss alien abduction
stories, but coming from a no-nonsense cop
like Alan, inset with a picture he drew of the
object, such cases made even sceptics think

Rendlesham Forest



A UFO landed in Rendlesham For-est, Suffolk. near ens of military witnesses and MoD scientists found that radia-

tion levels at the landing site were many times normal.

This is the most compelling case in the MoD's files and documents released include a sketch of the UFO and of strange symbols seen on its hull. There is now an official UFO for walkers to

Apr 1984, Stanmore

TERRIFIED residents in the North West London suburb of Stanmore were so spooked by a UFO they

spooked by a UFO they called the police.

When cops arrived, they also saw the UFO – round with a ring around it, like the planet Saturn.

One sketched the object in his notebook, below

Like military personnel and pilots, police officers are excellent witnesses.

Those of us on the UFO project always used to pay particular attention when they reported UFOs.



Nov 1990.

Oct 1984. Waterloo Bridge

DOZENS of members of the above, in central London.

There is sometimes a misconception that UFOs are only seen in remote rural areas, different floor than me. but the capital is actually

public saw a saucer-shaped excited witness who told me he UFO from Waterloo Bridge, had a UFO in sight over central had a UFO in sight over central London. When I asked where he was, he said he was in the

I quickly went to my window but whatever it was had gone.

North Sea

FIGHTER jets were flying over the North Sea when they were overtaken by a UFO. The speed was phenomenal.

There are several such cases in the MoD's X-Files, but on every occasion when pilots have been ordered to chase UFOs, the mystery craft evaded pursuit.

We sometimes wondered: Russian or



Jan 1995,

Manchester Airport

THERE was a terrifying near-miss between a UFO and an aircraft over the Pennines on its approach to

Manchester airport, below.

The pilot and first officer
of a Boeing 737 en route
from Milan saw a deltashaped craft flash past the

aircraft at incredible speed. Neither the MoD nor the

Civil Aviation Authority found an explanation.
There are dozens of other

Apr 2007. **Channel Islands**

PILOT Ray Bowyer, right, saw a UFO close to the Channel

Islands during a flight.

Some passengers saw it, too, and Air Traffic Control tracked "unknown traffic" on the radar.

Bowyer's official statement included an estimate that the yellow, cigar-shaped object was more than a mile long.

The MoD found out that the

object had been in French air



Feb 1999,

HMS Manchester

A NAVY warship, HMS Man-

chester, was taking part in a Nato exercise when hun-

dreds of crew members spotted what they believed

spotted what they believed was a UFO.

The object was also tracked on the ship's radar off the coast of Norway.

Crew members aboard a Norwegian ship also tracked the object.

When former chief of the defence staff Lord Hill-Norton heard of the incident, he wrote to the MoD asking to see the ship's log for the period in guestion.

period in question.

But he was told: "An unusually strong gust of wind carried it overboard."

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I knew Lord-Hill Norton

personally and he was furious and didn't believe the story about the wind for a

