



# Air Force 'fired at' UFOs under secret directive

AIR Force Top Guns have already battled UFOs in the skies over Britain under a top-secret Government directive, a former senior insider has sensationally claimed, according to *The Sun* newspaper.

Nick Pope — whose 21-year stint at the Ministry of Defence included three years on the UFO desk — told *The Sun* of the rules of engagement for the first time.

He claimed RAF pilots had fired

at UFOs several times but couldn't take them out.

"We know of cases where the order has been given to shoot down, with little effect to the UFO," he said.

Mr Pope said the rules of engagement were drawn up after dozens of close encounters with suspect craft in British airspace.

RAF attacks on UFOs were "not automatic but happen when some-

thing in our airspace is deemed to be a threat".

Mr Pope said that the UFO orders had been issued under the highly classified directive since the early 1980s. The Northern Territory has recently been the scene of numerous sightings.

Last Saturday a reader sent the *Northern Territory News* pictures of a "car-shaped" UFO over Darwin (*see our front page, left*).

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