

File Note,

Spoke to **Section 40**, at the Defence Radiological Protection Service (**Section 40**), re the radiation readings recorded at the time of the Bentleham Forest incident.  
0.01 would be the general level of background radiation, so the 0.1 recording is about 10 times what would be normal.

However, military radiation detectors are geared for high level readings, so low-level readings may be difficult to record accurately, as the scale will be small at the bottom of the meter.\* We don't have details of what instrument was used.

It is just possible to hoax such an event. A university lab might well have some radioactive source with a very short half life, and could use it so as to give readings, which would not be recorded a few days later.

The level of radiation of 0.1 is completely harmless.

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\* Especially if the needle was fluctuating.