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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2014 requesting the following information:

whether documents covering the period 1971-76 and 1996-2000 titled 'UFO policy' and three other documents covering the periods June-Dec 2000, Dec 2000-Mar 2004 and March 2004 exist, and if so are they still 'classified'.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the some of information within the scope of your request is held. The table below details all UFO files titled UFO Policy:

Table with 2 columns: Reference Number and Document Title. Rows include UFO Policy 1971-96, UFO Policy 1996-2000, UAP Policy June-Dec 2000, UAP Policy Dec 2000-March 2004, and UAP Policy March 2004.

There is no information held that would address your question of 'are they still classified.'

Section 16 of the FOIA requires the public authority to provide advice and assistance wherever possible. It may therefore be helpful to note that it is part of effective administration of Government that the publication of information is planned and managed within the department responsible. In doing so, the MOD is nearing the end of the programme to publish the files relating to UFOs to The National Archives (TNA). Of these, there are 18 identified and still to be published, and these are being prepared for onward release to TNA. It is intended that they are submitted by MOD to TNA by December 2014.

It is likely that TNA will take around 9 months to process these files before they will be available to the general public but this is considerably ahead of the 30 year point which is when most MOD material is usually transferred to TNA. The outstanding files are detailed in the table below (and include the aforementioned policy files):

File Reference	File Title
DAIRDEF/111/6/4	C31 AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LOW FLYING UFOS
D/DAIRDEF/111/6/4	C3I AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LOW FLYING UFOS
D/DAIRDEF/111/6/4	CS I AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LOW FLYING UFO S
D/DDOPS(GE)/10/8	ADMIN + GENERAL UFOS
D/DAO1/13	ADGE UFO REPORTS
D/DAO1/13	ADGE UFO REPORTS
D/DAO1/13	ADGE UFO REPORTS
D/DAO1/13	ADGE UFO REPORT
D/DAO1/13	ADGE UFO REPORTS
D/IPR2X/2/4/1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) COPYRIGHT ISSUES CONCERNING INTERNET PUBLICATION REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS
2GP(BP)/88772/10/ISTAR	UFO Reports
M9/18	Defence Policy issues UFOs
D/DS8/75/2/1	UFO Reports Correspondence
D/DI55/108/15	UFO Policy 1971-96
D/DI55/108/15	UFO Policy 1996-2000
D/DI55/108/15	UAP Policy June-Dec 2000
D/DI55/108/15	UAP Policy Dec 2000-March 2004
D/DI55/108/15	UAP Policy March 2004

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If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Air Command Secretariat