

From: XXXXXXXXXX

Sent: 23 July 2007 10:38

To: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Subject: Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 18-07-2007-110343-004

Dear XXXXX,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 regarding an alleged UFO incident at Dechmont Law, Livingston, East Lothian on 9 November 1979. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we are the lead branch for UFO matters.

Given the length of time since the alleged incident, we no longer hold "UFO" files for the period in question. Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1984, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building , Whitehall , SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk).

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