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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2008 asking for the address of a local UFO organisation.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Turning to non-official organisations, I am afraid that the MOD does not put members of the public in contact with outside bodies interested in UFOs. This is for two reasons. Firstly, by directing an individual to a particular outside organisation, it might be construed that organisation was vouched for, or approved, by the MOD. This would most certainly not be the case. Secondly, by suggesting an individual contact one particular organisation, it could be claimed that we were showing favouritism, which we would not wish to do.

That having been said, there are a great many organisations and societies in the UK that are interested in UFOs. I suggest that you conduct a search of the internet to locate one near to you. If you do not have a computer with an internet connection, your local library should have one and I am sure they would be willing to help you. The library may also be able to help you locate magazines that deal with the subject, which may assist you in locating an organisation near you.

I must however, sound a word of caution. The internet and indeed the world of ufology, (as the study of the UFO phenomena is sometimes known) are largely unregulated. Virtually anyone can

describe themselves as an “expert” on UFO matters, whether they have spent a lifetime studying the subject, or conversely, five minutes. You should therefore exercise great caution before parting with any money. If you are considering undergoing any form of hypnosis relating to UFO matters, I would recommend that you discuss the matter with your doctor, as they may be able to put you in contact with reputable practitioners.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.