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I want to receive the document of UFO written by SF4.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 10 February 2005 in which you requested "to receive the document of UFO, written by SF4."

I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. Further, these records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. Before any of this information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to process copies of all these records the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, if you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files on UFOs were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or by telephone on 020 8876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to the well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>. A search in the Scheme under 'UFO' will take you to this information. We are looking to see if further information can be made available to the public and we are currently compiling a database of reports which we intend to publish in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme at the end of June 2005.

I hope this is helpful.