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Could you advise on how I can obtain the FS4 (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports to date.

Response

I am writing with reference to your e-mail of 24 January 2005 in which you requested information about "FS4 (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports". Your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about 'UFOs.'

As your request currently stands I am unable to assist you as I do not recognise the term "FS4". Perhaps you could clarify your request if we are 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.