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What's Area 51 and why do u say its not there when we have photos videos. What do they do in there?. Also have you really communicated with aliens?.

Response

I am writing concerning your request for information about Area 51 and contact with Aliens. Your enquiry has been passed to me as this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Questions about Area 51 are a matter for the US Government. I suggest therefore that you may wish to look at the US Department of Defense website www.defenselink.mil/pubs/foi/ which includes details of how to make a request for information in accordance with the US Freedom of Information Act.

With regard to your question about whether the Ministry of Defence has communicated with Aliens, the answer to this is no. The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date the Ministry of Defence knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'UFOs' 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 reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the Ministry of Defence to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

If you wish to see the information the Ministry of Defence has already published on UFOs please see the MOD Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme at www.foi.mod.uk and search under UFO.

I hope this is helpful.