

**From:** XXXXXXXXX

**Sent:** 13 May 2008 12:05

**To:** XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

**Subject:** Release-authorized: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 09-05-2008-101843-002

Dear XXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 9 May 2008 which asked for details of all UFO sightings over Gloucestershire over the last 10 years. Specifically, you asked for details of date and location, the nature of the sighting, how many were reported by more than one person, which ones were investigated and what measures were taken. Additionally, you asked which three years since records began produced the most sightings over Gloucestershire and which three sites in Gloucestershire were most popular for UFO sightings.

Accurately answering your question would involve manually checking some 160 plus files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, if you could limit your request to one or two years we may be able to help you a little more.

That having been said, details of UFO sightings reported to the MoD for the period 1997-2007 are available via our website <http://www.mod.uk/> by searching under “*UFO reports*” and this may provide you with much of the information you request.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail [InfoXD@mod.uk](mailto:InfoXD@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner’s website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>.

I am sorry I was unable to be more helpful.

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