

From: XXXXXXXXX

Sent: 08 May 2007 09:30

To: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Subject: Internet-Authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 08-05-2007-090639-002

Dear XXXXXXX,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4 May 2007 asking if the UK would ever scramble aircraft to intercept a UFO and whether it had ever tried to bring one down.

The integrity of the UK 's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time and might, if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft. We have no record of the UK ever trying to bring down a UFO.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building , Whitehall , SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within two calendar months 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 take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 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>."

Yours sincerely,

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