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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2015 asking for details of military aircraft being scrambled to intercept UFOs over the UK.

You requested the following information:

"Please provide details (date,time etc) of military jets/aircraft that have been scrambled to intercept UFOs over the UK in the past 10 years. ...And the outcome of such activities"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is not held.

We have no record of UK military aircraft being scrambled in the past 10 years against so-called UFOs, aliens or extra-terrestrial craft.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to understand the RAF's air defence capability in relation to UK airspace. Its role is purely to detect and deter aircraft approaching or in UK airspace which are not complying with international air traffic control requirements. Over the last 10 years we have launched Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) aircraft on numerous occasions in response to Russian military aircraft that approached or entered the NATO Air Policing Area for which the UK has responsibility. Additionally, we have launched aircraft against civil aircraft in the UK civil air traffic region that are causing concern to civil air traffic control authorities.

If you are not satisfied 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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@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 dissatisfied 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 your case until the MOD 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.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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