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UFO RESEARCH, BROADCASTS & LECTURES

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Dear Sirs

I would be extremely grateful if you could answer the following questions regarding the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, in which we share a common interest:-

- (1) Is AS-2 now the sole recipient within the MoD for collating UFO reports from members of the public?
- (2) Which department within the MoD now handles reports from the military?
- (3) Is there a department within the MoD where all reports (i.e. from the public, police, military, civilian pilots etc.) are collated and analysed?
- (4) How many reports from the defence services of the United Kingdom have been received by the MoD between 1959-1984? I realize that this is a tall order, but wish to point out that for the period June 1957-June 1958 a figure of 54 reports (from military sources) was confirmed in the House of Commons by Mr Charles Orr-Ewing, the then Under-Secretary of State for Air, on 10 June 1958. I therefore assume that such figures can be made publically available.
- (5) DS-8 has repeatedly stated that all reports of UFOs received by the MoD prior to 1962 have been destroyed. "If there had been any evidence or important papers the records would have been retained," I was told in November 1980 by Section 40 (Your ref: D/DS8/75/2/1J). Since I have now obtained a number of Air Ministry reports prior to 1962 from the Public Records Office, may I assume that the MoD's assertion is demonstrably untrue, and that I am now in possession of "important papers"?

I thank you in advance for your trouble, and remain,

Yours faithfully

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