

LOOSE MINUTE

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UFOs - RECORDS HELD BY PRO - ENQUIRY FROM MR R NOYES

1. I attach a copy of a letter I have received from a Mr Ralph Noyes concerning UFO's. I also enclose a copy of my reply. Mr Noyes is an ex Head of DS8 and retired from the MOD as an AUS in the late seventies, he is a regular correspondent on UFO matters and, because of his background, is quite influential in "UFO" circles.

2. As you will see, he raises two points on which I should be grateful for your advice. The first concerns 2 reports which he claims to have obtained from the Public Records Office. In view of our often repeated assertion that our records only go back to 1962 (a line which I believe you have confirmed in the past) this could clearly become slightly embarrassing. I therefore feel that we should try to identify exactly what files PRO still hold on the subject and perhaps you could suggest the best way of doing this. In the meantime I propose to take the same line with other correspondents as I have in the attached.

3. Mr Noyes' second point is a request for information relating, I assume, to events in 1956. If he was shown photographs in 1970 as he claims it may be that these files have also been retained. I have told him that we would need further information in order to identify these incidents but I am sure that more details will be forthcoming. However, if you are able to shed any light on the "clips", or indeed, the incidents themselves at this stage, I would be most interested to know.

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