

The Flying Complaints Flight at Rudloe Manor are concerned with receiving and investigating flying complaints. In the course of their duties they occasionally receive UFO reports (as do many other units) but they have no specific role with regard to this subject.

Secretariat (Air Staff) is the Division which provides secretariat support to CAS and the Air Staff and in this capacity is responsible for correspondence with members of the public and answering PQs etc on many subjects, including UFO's. Sec(AS)2 is the branch which amongst other things handles UFO's, there is no such branch as Air Staff Secretariat 8. You may be thinking of Defence Secretariat 8 which no longer exists and from which Sec(AS) evolved as a result of reorganisation of MOD last January.

c. Many of the UFO reports received in MOD come through Defence establishments, although most of these come originally from members of the public. Very few reports are made by military pilots; for instance, in the last 12 months Sec(AS) has received only two such reports.

d. No central record of radar recordings is kept. Major Air Traffic Control units take recordings as a matter of course, however these are generally destroyed after 30 days. ADGE units do not regularly make recordings although some are occasionally made for specific operational purposes. Relevant radar units are consulted where necessary as part of the normal process of handling UFO reports in order to ascertain whether there is any correlation between a reported sighting and known radar traces.

e. The Department is happy to release what information we have on specific incidents. However we could not justify the effort involved in searching for or collating information of a more general nature.