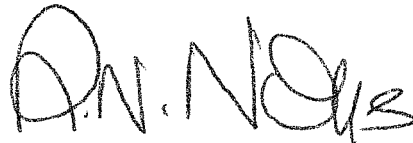


a matter of speculation.

I would like to add that I was greatly heartened, as an ex-MOD official, to discover that serious attention is being paid to events in British airspace, not only by the Duty Desk in Whitehall but also by yourselves. I am most grateful for the courtesy with which my report was received. I am, of course, well aware that the Flying Complaints Flight has the thankless task of responding to members of the public who feel, rightly or wrongly (and perhaps often wrongly !) that uncovenanted military flying has taken place in their local areas. I would like to stress that I am most certainly not making a complaint. I merely hope that my own observation has contributed to your surveillance.

I would, of course, be most interested to know (within whatever limits of security you must observe) what interpretation is placed upon my report and what expert evaluation of it has been made of it by other authorities beyond your own unit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.N. Noyes' with a stylized flourish at the end.

(R.N. Noyes)

PS: A quick call by you to Civilian Management at the MOD would confirm that I served in the MOD from 1949 to 1977, retiring in the grade of Under Secretary, and that I also served as aircrew in the RAF from 1941 to 1946.