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Dear Mr Lewendon

Thank you for your email dated the 19th April 2016 where you requested the following information:

'What type of apparatus do the defense use to detect crafts from outer space?'

'Where or what type of distortions appeared on ALL apparatus that were in place surrounding the AWRE Burghfield? Date 11/09/2004'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16(1) of the FOIA requires the public authority to provide advice and assistance wherever possible. I presume that by defense, you are referring to 'The Ministry of Defence'. I can confirm that the MOD maintains the missile warning sensor which operates in conjunction with the US missile warning sensor and space surveillance networks. No distortions were detected on our apparatus on 11th September 2004 in the area surrounding the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Burghfield.

In addition, you may wish to note that since November 2009, the Department no longer records or retains UFO reports. However, summaries of UFO sighting reports received by the MOD between 1997 and 2009 can be accessed on the Government website at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ufo-reports-in-the-uk>

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 (email 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.

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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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