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Thank you for your submission of 11 Nov 2009. Min(Vets) has noted:

- a. In more than fifty years no UFO sighting reported to the Department has indicated the existence of any military threat to the UK;
- b. There is no Defence benefit in Air Command Secretariat recording, collating, analysing or investigating UFO sightings;
- c. The level of resources devoted to this task is increasing in response to a recent upsurge in reported sightings, diverting staff from more valuable Defence-related activities;
- d. The release of existing UFO files to the National Archive is nearing completion;

and agreed:

- e. The closure of the "UFO Hotline" answerphone service and associated e-mail address from 30 November 2009;
- f. That reported sightings received from other sources should be answered by a standard letter and, on the advice of Corporate Memory and The National Archive, should be retained for 30 days and then destroyed, largely removing any future FOI liability and negating the need to release future files post 30 November 2009;
- g. That all UFO files dated up until 30 November 2009 should be released to the National Archive one year from the date of closure.

Action:

Minister expects there to be a degree of media coverage and would be grateful if you could prepare a defensive news brief with DMC. This should include an indication of how much maintaining the current saving would cost including staff costs.

Many thanks

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