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17 October 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00745

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 2 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I politely request any and all communications, records, files, documents or other forms of media concerning or pertaining to any and all interactions with 'Five Eyes' partners (New Zealand, Australia, Canada, United States) or internal records about the following topics:

- *Reporting, investigation, threat analysis and mitigation of 'unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP)' flight safety risks and actual or near mid-air collisions with UAP. This includes any statistics related to UAP and flight safety and accidents or other security concerns.*
- *A or the 'foreign materials programme' (FMP), which may be based in 'Five Eyes' partners or the U.K.*
- *Or concerning data sharing, contact or operations involving 'UAP' or unidentified anomalous phenomena with 'Five Eyes' partners.*
- *Or data sharing, contact or operations with 'Five Eyes' partners concerning the study, exploitation, recovery, reverse-engineering and investigation of material, phenomena or entities of an unknown origin or an origin attributed to a consciousness/intelligence which is other than or subsumes humanity or human consciousness/intelligence as it exists today.*
- *Or concerning the implications or consequences of UAP or non-human intelligence (NHI) topics related to either or a component of the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) 2023, or NDAA 2024.*

Sub-Topics which intersect with the above-parameterised information request may include but are not limited to:

- *Procurement, contracts and expenditure*
- *Details of spending over £25,000 (monthly).*
- *Details contracts and tenders worth over £10,000.*
- *Details of government procurement card spend over £500.*
- *Investment plans*
- *Details of responsibilities assigned to personnel*
- *Locations*
- *Contact details*
- *Agreements, deals or treaties with allies*
- *Digital or physical communications either inter or intra-departmental*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

The RAL Space Chilbolton Observatory have confirmed they do not have, nor have ever had any projects, contracts or expenditure associated with Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. They do not conduct observations with 'Five Eyes' partner countries looking for UAPs. They have never undertaken this type of work so UKRI does not hold any data, past or present, relevant to this request.

While the satellite tracking facility at the UKRI/STFC Chilbolton Observatory is regularly involved in the tracking of satellites, as part of UK efforts in space traffic management, they have never been involved in tracking any object that is not of purely terrestrial origin. The UKRI/STFC Chilbolton Observatory also makes atmospheric measurements, but these are limited to the usual meteorological measurements such as temperature, pressure, humidity, wind speed & direction, precipitation rate. They do operate radars at different frequencies for the observation of rainfall and clouds but do not make any classification of 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena' or any similar classification.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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