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12 December 2024

Dear [Redacted],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/01173**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 December in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I have been studying the case of the crop circle known as: "The response to the signal sent by the Arecibo radio telescope", which appeared on August 20, 2001, next to the Chilbolton radio telescope.*

*I am curious to know if, by chance, there was a record of any radio frequency signal captured on that date that could be related to the appearance of the aforementioned crop circle.*

*Would you please provide me with this information?*

**Our response:**

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

The 25m antenna at the Chilbolton Observatory has not been used as a radio telescope since the 1980s. It is now only used as a radar and is not capable of detecting radio frequency signals, therefore no relevant data is held for the date indicated.

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto: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](http://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 procedure](#)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Yours sincerely,



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