

STATE-OF-THE-ART IN UFO DISCLOSURE WORLDWIDE

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The relationship between society and government as far as the UFO phenomenon is concerned is a very complex issue in many of the most advanced countries. Defense, intelligence agencies, police forces and the governments themselves have tackled the UFO question and the cumulative UFO archives in a variety of manners, procedures and policies, non-uniform and changing over the decades.

Through the attached template, the present paper introduces a concise chronological picture of the history of release of UFO archives at a worldwide level. In the current context, by "UFO disclosure" I mean the revelation, declassification or release of official UFO reports from governmental files to the news media, researchers, and UFO organizations or directly placed into the public domain.

This relates to both classified and non-classified records, military and non-military reports; in sum, officially-originated files pertaining to UFO sightings.

Every summary of reality distorts it in some way. In this case, the tabulation of the varied and sometimes quite complicated administrative processes involved conveys a certain distortion by necessity. In my view, the advantage of producing this compilation outweighs the necessary abridgement of data. I have attempted to consolidate all significant or major releases over time, in some instances selecting from a variety of actions over a span of 60 years, for the purpose of achieving a year-to-date status review of the national formulae followed to comply with the citizens' aspiration to have access to governmental records related to UFO information.

The intricacies of internal bureaucracies, the way UFO reports have been handled by authorities, the various air forces' relationships with the press or with ufologists, national legislation and, above all, a general ignorance about whether or not UFOs represent a threat to homeland security, have marked the different historical behaviors we observe herein.

It seems evident that in most countries the release of UFO documents is linked to lobbying by the media or UFO organizations. In other cases, it simply runs parallel to the routine declassification of government archives.

The United States of America has the most convoluted panorama by far, mainly because of the multiplicity of agencies implied, the immense volume of material generated and the large number of both characters and events involved. In the international scene, the USA took the lead in the handling of UFO reports and, somehow, most countries mirrored their own management of the UFO question according to US standards, for better or for worse.

Massive amounts of documentation have been declassified and released by both the USAF and other agencies. However, there is evidence of present

withholding of supplementary information by some intelligence agencies, like the CIA or the NSA, in addition to the United States Air Force and NORAD. Whether documents were destroyed, lost, or simply refused for release, we do not know. Many UFO researchers in the States suspect untruthful behavior. Agencies contend that disclosure (i.e., revealing intelligence sources and methods) would endanger US intelligence capabilities, as it would jeopardize listening posts abroad, eavesdropping systems, electronic techniques, etc. Regarding NORAD, its reticence to make public its files would avoid uncovering the sheer amount of uncorrelated targets in the system. In any event, as far as documents on actual UFO occurrences, it is difficult for me to think of case information more sensational than what already exists, either declassified or in the ufologists' own files. Whether the effect of the forthcoming law on administrative transparency by US President Barack Obama has any impact on these pending-to-declassify records is yet to be seen, the prospect is more than sceptical.

As this paper shows, a remarkable amount of UFO-related information from official sources has been disclosed in many countries to date. But in spite of the large wealth of UFO documentation available worldwide, there are release processes still unfinished, and others not yet started.

The following is certain: to hide information would simply feed rumors about conspiracies and evil practices, it is a continuing source of criticism, it overshadows the image of any government, and it is unfair to its taxpayers. All this can be avoided through a crystal-clear disclosure process.

The timing of public UFO disclosures is not random. There is an escalation marked, first, by the closure of the USAF Project "Blue Book" in January 1970, the declassification of its files later this year and their final transfer to the US National Archives in 1976, followed by a similar move in Canada in 1980. Meanwhile, New Zealand started placing UFO files at the National Archives. UFO researchers succeeded in having several European governments release or declassify their UFO records (Sweden 1983, Spain 1992). In other countries, the application of current legislation on public archives produced the availability of UFO files (UK 1987). These examples encouraged UFO organizations and researchers to achieve the opening of UFO files (Portugal 1990, Italy 1996, Brazil 1999) and the international precedents produced "copycat" effects and influenced other countries (Switzerland 1994, Philippines 2000, Australia 2003, France 2007, Ireland 2007, Denmark 2009) as far as en-masse disclosure is concerned.

In addition to the lights and shadows of the declassification in the United States, Europe and Australasia stand out by the completeness and professionalism in the public disclosure processes. On the contrary, Central and South American countries have failed to advance a full-size, systematic development.

In some instances, the initial release of UFO documents to journalists created a great deal of friction with the official sources because of serious mismanagement of the information. It delayed by a number of years the possibility of a full public declassification process (e.g., in Spain and Italy).

Considering the many precedents to date, this compiler's recommendation is that active local UFO students formally contact their air force or defense staffs to provide the following arguments:

- (1) UFO phenomena represent no threat to national security; therefore it is not a military concern
- (2) UFO investigation must be left exclusively to science, by methodology, approach and instrumentation
- (3) To withhold information is hardly compatible with a democratic policy
- (4) Many countries in the world, both large and small, have already made public their UFO records

There are specialists in Europe who have instigated and monitored national release or declassification processes, whose know-how and advice on best practices can prove useful to governments willing to proceed in this direction.

There are several targets to accomplish with the publication of this paper. Firstly, I would like to provide a compilation of historical data that illuminates a generally obscure subject. Then, I hope it will generate feedback to expand this table and improve its accuracy. Also, government officials may be inspired to commence similar release processes in their countries.

Overall, given the geographical extent and temporal amplitude of the UFO disclosure operations under various political scenarios, it demonstrates that there is a case to support it as a legitimate matter for academic research where historians, sociologists, defense or intelligence analysts, students of government administration or bureaucracy, information science specialists like librarians, archivists and documentalists, and other experts can develop Ph.D. dissertations and publish papers in professional journals. It will improve the current knowledge and will attract scholars to this field with new visions, interpretations and insights.

Though unprecedented in its global scope, this study cannot claim to be exhaustive; in fact, it is only an approximation in the case of some nations. The US picture has been particularly difficult to define because of conflicting information from multiple sources.

As a best possible summing-up of a fragmentary history pertaining to the subject matter, in doing this research I have found out that the true story of the interaction between DoDs & the intelligence community and UFO reporting (data acquisition and analysis) is yet to be written.

A supplementary comment is in order. While there is a common trend in most advanced countries for Departments of Defense to discontinue UFO projects and fully releasing their documents to the public, in Latin America, a number of countries like Argentina or Chile seem to wish to re-invent the wheel by starting new UFO commissions to investigate the UFO phenomena. Other countries from South America, like Brazil, for example, act much more intelligently and

resource-oriented: UFO reports are just collected, registered and then submitted to the National Archives.

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WORLDWIDE UFO DISCLOSURE TEMPLATE (2nd Update)

COUNTRY	YEAR OF RELEASE	PERIOD COVERED	DESCRIPTION OF ARCHIVES RELEASED
United States of America - USAF	1948	1947-1948	Some UFO reports below Top Secret level made available to S. Shallet
	1949	1947-1948	Project "Saucer" ("Sign") report released to media
	1952	1948	January 7, 1948 Captain T. Mantell UFO sighting and aircraft crash report released
	1952	1947-1949	Project "Grudge" final report open to newsmen at the Pentagon
	1952-1953	1951-1953	41 UFO reports cleared and other ATIC documents released to D. Keyhoe
	1953-1969	1947-1969	USAF released annual UFO report summaries
	1955-1965	1947-1965	Scattered UFO reports released to D. Keyhoe, NICAP and media
	1956	1947-1952	Project "Blue Book" Special Report #14 released to L. Davidson
	1963-1967	1947-1967	USAF allowed access to all case summaries and many complete "Blue Book" files to J. Vallee
	1966	1951-1953	Project "Blue Book" Status Reports #1-12 released to NICAP
1966	1947	USAF allowed access to 1947 "Blue Book" files to T. Bloecher	

	1966-1970	Various	USAF allowed partial access to “Blue Book” files to J. McDonald
	1968	1952-1967	USAF released 39 microfilm rolls to H. Strentz for Ph.D. dissertation, with reports, clippings and correspondence
	1970	1947-1969	Full “Blue Book” archives declassified and available at Maxwell AFB (AF Historical Research Agency)
	1976	1947-1969	Full “Blue Book” redacted files (~125,000 pages) and added AFOSI files (~5,000 pages) available at the National Archives and branch offices around the US: ~15,000 cases microfilm only, paper copies withdrawn
	1976	1950-1961	AFOIN (Air Force Intelligence) Special Study Group files released under FOIA request by R. Todd: 50 pages
	1985	Dec 1948	Air Intelligence Report 102-122-79 final report on Childs-Whitted case of July 26, 1948 released, ~100 pages
	ca. 1990s	1954-1956	4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron investigative files added to National Archives, ~350 reports, ~3,500 pages
	1994	1947, Roswell	USAF report published
	1995	1947, Roswell	GAO report published
	1996	1948-1949	Air Force Scientific Advisory Board documents released under FOIA request by W. LaParl: ~13 pages

	1997	1947, Roswell	USAF second report published
	1997	1947-1952	4th Air Force UFO files found at Maxwell AFB and released
	1997	1948-1952	Air Force Public Relations UFO files found at Maxwell AFB and released, ~200 pages
	1998	1947-1969	Microfilm copy of “Blue Book” unredacted files found at National Archives and released
	1998	1948-1950	Projects “Sign” and “Grudge” investigative files released by Wright-Patterson AFB under FOIA request by R. Todd and W. LaParl, ~1,100 pages
	1998	1957	Briefing to Air Force Scientific Advisor H.P. Robertson documents released under FOIA request by W. Jones, ~20 pages
	Current status	1946-1969	13,000+ pages of UFO documents pending to declassify from AAF, USAF, ADC, Far East AF, SAC, GOC, AISS and others (conservative estimate by J. Aldrich)
	Current status	ca. 1960-2009	NORAD withholds ~50,000 unidentified track reports (B. Sparks estimate)
	Current status	1947-1969	Personal files of military (e.g., E. Ruppelt, C. LeMay, H.H. Arnold, H. Vandenberg, D. Fournet, J. Chamberlin, B. Baruch) and scientists (e.g., D. Menzel, E.U. Condon, R. Craig, J. McDonald, W. Fenn) contain official UFO documents not yet available

United States of America – Other Agencies	1974-1977	1949-1953	CIA released 100+ pages of UFO policy and analysis memos to B. Sparks through Mandatory Declassification Review
	1977	1976	DIA released the Tehran jet case of September 18, 1976 under FOIA request by Ch. Huffer
	1977-1978 1978	1947-1976 various	FBI released ~2,000 pages under FOIA request by B. Maccabee CIA released ~900 pages under FOIA lawsuit by P. Gersten (GSW)
	1978-1990	1952-1989	US Coast Guard UFO reports released under FOIA request to B. Greenwood, 110 pages
	1980	1947-1952	Army Intelligence UFO files released under FOIA request by P. Gersten, ~1,000 pages
	1992	1955-1980	NSA released 204 pages of heavily redacted UFO documents under FOIA lawsuit by F. Olsen
	ca. 1990-96	various	CIA released ~300 pages of UFO docs (mostly foreign reports)
	late 1990s	various	CIA released ~1,500 further pages of UFO documents [In 2008, CIA reported having released 2,779 pages in total]
	Up to 1998	1942-1998	Non-“Blue Book” official UFO records released (including Air Force) amount to ~8,000 pages, according to B. Greenwood
	1998	1947-1952	Army Intelligence and Security Command UFO files released under FOIA request by R. Todd and W. LaParl, ~900 pages

since ~2000	1949-1996	CIA placed ~300 UFO docs online (B. Sparks catalog), 991 pages https://www.cia.gov/ (search for “unidentified flying objects”)
2004	1951-2004	Department of State UFO & “Moondust” documents in microfilm available, with new documents added as received
since ~2004	1947-1976	FBI placed all FOIA UFO documents online
since ~2004	1955-1980	NSA placed hundreds of UFO documents online
since ~2004	1956-1996	DIA placed 292 pages of FOIA UFO documents online http://www.dia.mil/public-affairs/foia/reading-room/ (Under “Other Available Records”)
Jan 2009	various	NSA sets up a UFO document index http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/declass/ufo/index.shtml
Nov 2010	various	FBI releases 1,618 pages of UFO documents online http://vault.fbi.gov/UFO
Dec 2010	various	FBI releases 355 pages of UFO-related, animal mutilation and extra-sensory perceptions documents online http://vault.fbi.gov/unexplained-phenomenon
Current status	1946 to date	~3,200 pages of UFO documents pending to declassify from US Navy, NASA, AEC and US Army (J. Aldrich estimate)
Current status	various	~15,000 pages of CIA/OSI UFO reports were withheld by 1979 (CIA to B. Sparks and B. Maccabee)

	Current status	1947 to date	A large unquantifiable number of UFO documents still pending to declassify from NARA
	Current status	1955 to date	NSA withholds ~100 UFO documents (J. Aldrich estimate)
	Current status	1947-1965	Military Air Transport Service (previously ATC) probably keeps ~1,000 pages of UFO documents awaiting discovery/release
Brazil	1954	1954	Brazilian Air Force (FAB) released 4 UFO reports to media
	1958	1958	Government and Navy disclosed January 16, 1958 Trindade Island photographic case
	1967	1967	FAB report of March 18, 1967 Canoas case released to media
	1969-1972	1968-1972	Official SIOANI works in close liaison with civilian ufologists
	Nov 1984	1968-1972	SIOANI bulletins #1-2 leaked to A. Gevaerd: 58 reports
	1985	1977	Some FAB's Operation "Prato" documents and UFO photographs leaked to UFO groups: ~200 pages
	1988	1977	FAB's Operation "Prato" documents and a few dozen photographs leaked to A. Gevaerd: ~300 pages
	Late 1988	1982	FAB report of radar echoes detected from April 28 to May 16, 1982 from Anápolis AFB leaked to A. Gevaerd

	1998	1955	FAB report of early 1955 Lorena case leaked to E. Boaventura
	1999-2004	1977-1978	COMDABRA released reports and showed films of FAB's Operation "Prato" to UFO groups: ~100 pages
	2000-2001	1968-1972	66% of SIOANI archives leaked to E. Boaventura: 1,300 pages (in July 2000 he submitted them to the National Archives)
	Oct 2008	1954-1969	9 FAB UFO files released to National Archives at the instigation of A.J. Gevaerd: 383 pages, on-going process
	Dec 2008	1977-1978	National Intelligence Service (SNI) files of the FAB's Operation "Prato" released to National Archives: 391 pages
	May 2009	1970-1979	12 FAB files of UFO reports, including 130 photographs of Operation "Prato", released to National Archives: 631 pages
	Sep 2009	1980-1989	2,200 pages of FAB UFO files declassified at National Archives
	Aug 9, 2010	various	FAB regulations to handle UFO reports released (previous acts dated April 13, 1978 & September 9, 1990 revoked): FAB will not investigate UFOs, just record and transfer to National Archives
	Aug 2010	1990-1999	800 pages of FAB files to National Archives
	Sep 2010	2000-2009	250 pages of FAB files to National Archives
	Oct 2010	Jan 16, 1996	Details of a 357-page military inquiry of the Varginha case,

	May 2011	1958	publicly available on request at the Supreme Military Court, published by "IstoE" magazine. The magazine distributed full copies to ufologists
	Current status	1954 to date	Files from Brazilian Navy reports related to Trindade Island UFO sightings, archived at the Navy Documentation Service, found and published by A. Borges
	Current status	1954 to date	FAB states all UFO files under its custody have been released. It is feared that a significant amount of material, including 400 photographs and 16 hours of film from Operation "Prato", have been lost
	Current status	1954 to date	Pending to release UFO archives from the Brazilian Navy and Army
Australia	1965-1980	1960-1977	RAAF UFO sighting summaries #1-9 released: 1,048 reports
	1982-1984	1950-1984	63 RAAF files (1,610+ reports) and UFO sighting summaries #10-12 (210 reports) accessed by W. Chalker
	1991	1950-1961	Defense UFO files released by 30-year Archive Act activated by K. Basterfield
	1996	various	RAAF cease function of investigating UFO reports
	1999	1952-1960	Some UFO files from various agencies accessed by W. Chalker and J. Cowland

	Nov 2000	various	Department of Supply stops collecting UFO reports
	2001	1968-1973	Government Intelligence UFO files accessed by W. Chalker
	2001	1952, 1969	RAAF UFO files accessed by W. Chalker
	2002-2008	1950-1991	151 Government UFO files released: 1,610+ reports, instigated by D. Frola & K. Basterfield (Australia Disclosure)
	2003	>1953	First Government UFO files released online by National Archives
	May 2011	1952-1955	FOI application to Ministry of Defense produced 1 UFO report only. Other files had been destroyed by normal admin procedure
Argentina	1965	1965	Captain O. Pagani (Argentinean Navy) submits to NICAP reports on Antarctica UFO sightings of 3 July 1965 and Navy transport ship <i>Punta Médanos</i> case of 12 November 1963
	1991-1999	various	Semi-official group within CITEFA works in close liaison with civilian ufologists: 300-page report to Ministry of Defense in 1997
	May 2011	various	Argentinean Air Force creates CIFA, a commission to study UFOs, with participation of civilian ufologists J.G. Dewey, C. Ferguson, A. Brunetti, C. Iurchuk and A. Díaz
	Current status	various	Pending historical UFO documentation of Air Force and Navy to release, if not lost

Canada	1968	1947-1968	90 “Non-meteoritic” files available
	1978	1947-1961	Remainder of Department of Defense UFO archives available
	1980-1995	1947-1981	7,700 UFO reports available at National Archives
	1997 to date	1997-2009	Yearly declassification activated
	Oct 2007	1947-1981	UFO archives online: 9,500 files available through http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/ufo/index-e.html
	2009	1982-1996	UFO reports available at National Archives
Sweden	1968	1947-1967	Some Air Force UFO reports released to K. Gosta Rehn
	1975	1947-1974	Some Air Force UFO reports released to AFU
	1983 to 2009	1933-2009	Full Air Force UFO archives available: ~3,600 reports, on-going process instigated by C. Svahn and A. Liljegren
	May 2010	1946-1974	2 files (~200 pages) of UFO documents unclassified by Swedish Defense Research Institute and handed to C. Svahn, UFO Sweden
	Jun 2011	1946-2011	6,562 pages of UFO documents released by SDRI to C. Svahn

New Zealand	1975 to 2009	1952-1989	Air Force and Defense UFO archives available at National Archives: ~1,500 pages	
	Sep/Dec 2010	1952-2009	2,101 pages of New Zealand Defense Force to National Archives Online access through http://tinyurl.com/22kx6nz	
	AIR 39/3/3 Vol 1	Sep 2010	1952-1955	445 pages, restricted until 2025
	AIR 39/3/3 Vol 2	Sep 2010	1956-1979	387 pages, restricted until 2049
	AIR 244/10/1	Sep 2010	1959-1983	225 pages, restricted until 2040
	AIR 1080/6/897	Dec 2010	1978-1981	206 pages, restricted until 2051
	AIR 39/3/3A	Sep 2010	1979-1984	248 pages, restricted until 2043
	AIR 39/3/3 Vol 3	Sep 2010	1979-1980	119 pages, restricted until 2050
AIR 39/3/3 Vol 4	Sep 2010	1981-1984	185 pages, restricted until 2054	
AIR 1630/2 Vol 1	Dec 2010	1984-1989	133 pages, restricted until 2059	
AIR 1630/2 Vol 2	Dec 2010	1990-2009	153 pages, restricted until 2080	
France	1976	1953-1975	27 Gendarmerie UFO reports released to J.C. Bourret	
	1977	1957-1977	82 Gendarmerie UFO reports released to R. Roussel	
	1977	1953-1967	16 Air Force UFO reports released to R. Roussel	
	1977	1954-1976	3 Army UFO reports released to R. Roussel	
	1978	various	28 Gendarmerie UFO reports released to J.C. Bourret	
	1978	1976	GEPAN met ~40 UFO groups, to show methodology and release February 9, 1976 Luçon report	
1980-1983	various	18 Technical Notes and 4 Informative Notes published by GEPAN		

	Mar 2007	1976-2006	GEIPAN to release online 1,600 UFO cases collected to date
	Mar 2007	1989-2005	350+ cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	May 2007	1986-2005	~80 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Jun 2007	1985	~40 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Jul 2007	1983-1984	~30 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Oct 2007	1982-1983	~30 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	2008	n/a	GEIPAN grants associate status to private UFO investigators
	Jan 2008	1981-2007	70+ cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Mar 2008	1980	150+ cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	May 2008	1980-2007	130 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Jun 2008	1979	36 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Jul 2008	1979	52 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Sep 2008	1979	56 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Apr 2010	various	58 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online

	Jul 2010	1978	59 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	Sep 2010	1977	60 cases from GEPAN/SEPRA archives online
	May 2011	1976	143 cases from SEPRA/GEPAN archives online Total cases released to date: 1,344 http://www.cnes-geipan.fr/index.php?id=202
	Current status	various	~260 cases pending to be released, an on-going process until end
Spain	1976	1967-1976	12 Air Force UFO report summaries released to J.J. Benítez
	1983, 1984	1953-1983	Guardia Civil released 25 UFO sighting summaries to A. Faber-Kaiser and J. Plana
	1984	n/a	Guardia Civil instructed local units to assist V.J. Ballester Olmos UFO investigations
	1984-1988	1974-1988	Guardia Civil released 5 UFO sightings to J. Plana
	1984-1993	1976-1981	Guardia Civil released various reports and UFO photographs to V.J. Ballester Olmos
	1992-1999	1962-1995	Declassification of full Air Force UFO files, available at Air Force Headquarters Library: 84 files, 122 reports, 1,953 pages, a process instigated and monitored by V.J. Ballester Olmos
	1994	1965	Information on December 6, 1965 re-entry incident released to V.J. Ballester Olmos: 427 pages

	Current status	1965	December 6, 1965 file to be declassified, at the request of V.J. Ballester Olmos
	Current status	1978-1986	Air Defense logbook information on 13 UFO cases found by General A. Bastida prompted by V.J. Ballester Olmos to be informed to MACOM for release
	Current status	1997-2001	Information on 3 UFO-type events arrived to MACOM, ~20 pages, pending to action a release request by V.J. Ballester Olmos
Italy	1978	1977-1978	6 Air Force UFO reports released to CUN, CNIFAA and CIRSUFO
	1986	1979-1985	Summaries for 70 Air Force UFO reports released to CUN and CISU
	1988-2001	1987-2000	Yearly Air Force UFO sighting summaries released to CUN and CISU
	1993 1996-2001	1979-1990 1979-1990	Air Force statistical study of 111 UFO reports published Full Air Force UFO files released to CISU: 372 reports, ~3,000 pages
	2001 to date	2001-2008	UFO sighting summaries online
Uruguay	1979	1955-2007	Official CRIDOVNI cooperates with civilian groups: it handles ~1,100 (unclassified) reports
	2000	1960-1999	Colonel E. Aguirre, ex-CRIDOVNI founder and chairman, published book with 19 cases from the files

	2009	1955-2009	Air Force declassifies UFO files: 2,100 reports, 40 events unexplained (Col. A. Sánchez, current chairman of CRIDOVNI)
Soviet Union/ Russia	1979	1926-1974	Institute of Space Research UFO report issued (L.M. Gindilis <i>et al</i>)
	1991	1982-1990	KGB UFO archives released to P. Popovich: 17 reports, 124 pages
	1993	1978-1988	400 UFO reports from Ministry of Defense sold to US ufologists by Colonel B. Sokolov
	2005	1978-1987	Some military UFO reports leaked to ufologist N. Subbotin
	Jul 2009	“Soviet times”	Navy UFO reports collected by group headed by Admiral N. Smirnov declassified: 50% sightings over oceans, 50% over lakes
	Current status	1926-2009	Pending historical UFO documentation to release
United Kingdom	1983, 1985	1983, 1985	MoD released some UFO reports to J. Randles
	1987	1950s	Few surviving UFO records of early 1950s available at PRO
	1993-2006	1962-1984	Air Staff and Defense Intelligence DI55 UFO files available at PRO/TNA after 30-year-rule under Public Records Act
	1998	various	Some ATC UFO sighting reports released to C. Ridyard under Code of Practice for Access to Government Information request

	1999-2005	1950-1996	Various MoD and Air Ministry UFO files released to D. Clarke (including Flying Saucer Working Party, 1951 and Rendlesham, 1980-1996), G. Anthony and A. Roberts under Code of Practice request
	2005 to date	various	Several hundred pages of MoD UFO reports released under FOIA requests by many researchers: D. Clarke, G. Anthony, J. McGonagle, A. Roberts and others
	2005	various	MoD annual UFO sighting summaries online
	2006	various	Project "Condign" report released to D. Clarke and G. Anthony by FOIA request
	2008 to date	1955-2009	Full UFO archives to be placed online, an on-going process to finish by 2012, with D. Clarke serving as consultant: up to 2007 there were 205 files in the MoD archives, covering both briefing papers and actual UFO reports http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos/
1st tranche	May 2008	1955-2008	8 files online, 1,500 documents (mainly 1981-1987)
2 nd tranche	Oct 2008	~1985-1992	19 files online, 4,500 pages
3 rd tranche	Mar 2009	~1987-1993	7 files online, 2,000 pages
4 th tranche	Aug 2009	1981-1996	14 files online, 4,000 pages, 800+ sighting reports
5 th tranche	Feb 2010	1994-2000	24 files online, >6,000 pages
6 th tranche	Aug 2010	1995-2000	18 files online, 5,000 pages
7 th tranche	Mar 2011	1950-2005	35 files online, 8,500 pages
8 th tranche	Aug 2011	1985-2007	34 files, 8,600 pages
	Jan 2010	2009	643 UFO sightings reported to Ministry of Defense

	Dec 1, 2009	1950-2009	http://tiny.cc/sJcRj UK Ministry of Defense closed UFO hotline and UFO 'desk' at RAF Air Command
	Current status	various	46 files in the process of being released (pending)
	Current status	1912-1984	Further 150-200 files at TNA (London) available to the public
	Current status	1953-2008	12,061 UFO cases reported to the Ministry of Defense
Chile	1984-1985	1972-1985	Some UFO reports released through the Aeronautical Journal
	1997	various	Official CEFAA works in close liaison with civilian ufologists
	2007	2000	Air Force Captain R. Bravo reported about UFO sightings at Viña del Mar UFO Conference
	Dec 2009	various	CEFAA reactivated by Civil Aeronautics Directorate (US \$ 100,000 annual budget) directed by Air Force (ret) officer R. Bermúdez
	Feb 2011	various	CEFAA releases (unofficially) video and audio records of 183 UFO cases (12 unexplained) to UFO Magazine
	Current status	various	Pending historical UFO documentation to release

Norway	1987	1934-1946	Ministry of Foreign Affairs full files on “ghost fliers” & “ghost rockets” available: 210 pages
	1987	1933-1937	National Archives “ghost fliers” files available: ~1,400 pages
	1987	1946-1965	“Ghost rocket” files and other UFO files (if not destroyed) may be located within the volume of National Archives files pending to release or declassify
	1993	1970-1990	Police Security Service UFO file of ~140 pages shown to O.J. Brænne, pending to declassify
	1993	1983	Defense Department released 2 documents on unknown submarines to O.J. Brænne
	1993	1947-1994	Defense Department owns other files on unknown submarines, pending to declassify
	Current status	1966 to date	Pending historical UFO documentation to declassify from Air Force
Belgium	1989-1991	Various	Some Gendarmerie UFO reports released to SOBEPS
	1990	1990	Air Force aircraft, personnel & equipment assisting SOBEPS
	1991	1991	Press conference by Colonel W. De Brouwer on UFO observation of March 30-31, 1991

Portugal	1990	1957-1982	Full Air Force UFO archives released to CNIFO: 3 reports (September 4, 1957, June 17, 1977 and November 2, 1982), 190 pages
Switzerland	1994	1971-1987	Full Air Force UFO archives released: 18 reports, 28 pages
Philippines	2000	1984-2000	Full official PAGASA UFO archives made available to the public: 3 UFO and 17 IFO reports collected
Peru	2001	April 11, 1980	1 Air Force UFO report released to media
	Dec 2001	various	Air Force creates OIFAA to collect UFO information. It works in close liaison with civilian ufologists
	Current status	various	Pending historical UFO documentation to release
Mexico	2004	2004	Air Force disclosed UFO sighting of March 5, 2004
	Current status	various	Pending historical UFO documentation to release
Ecuador	2005	various	Official CEIFO created at the instigation of J. Rodríguez, with participation of 3 civilian ufologists. Non-existent budget
	2007	various	Presidential order to declassify full archives (instigated by J. Rodríguez) : 44 reports (22 Air Force, 11 Army, 11 Navy) and 412 videos, pending to execute
Ireland	2007	1947-1985	Full UFO archives released by media FOIA request: 11 reports, 40 pages

	>2007	1993	1993 UFO sighting released by FOIA
Rumania	2008	2007	Defense disclosed aircraft crash with a UFO on October 31, 2007
Denmark	1972	Aug 13, 1970	Danish Air Force released official UFO report to Ole Henningsen
	1980	1946	Denmark's Defense Command releases 75 UFO sightings to E. Jensen (SUFOI)
	Jan 2009	1978-2002	Air Force released full civilian UFO cases online (329 pages) at the instigation of Ole Henningsen
	Current status	various	Pending military UFO cases to release
Greece	2009	2007	Air Force disclosed UFO sighting of October 11, 2007
Finland	2009	1933-1979	Journalist A. Haapanen finds a number of UFO reports in Army files placed in the Finnish National Archives
Indonesia	1960	1959	UFO book by Lt. Col. J. Salatun, Indonesia Air Force. Endorsed by Prime Minister and by Chief of the Air Force Staff
	Nov 1963	various	Indonesia's National Aerospace Agency (LAPAN) formed. Director, J. Salatun. LAPAN designated to gather UFO sightings
	1982	1964	New book by J. Salatun
	Feb 1977	1959, 1971	New book by J. Salatun

Japan	Sep 2010	1968-1986	UFO book by Lt. General of Self-Defense Force (ret) M. Sato, with sightings by 11 military personnel, including 1 Navy pilot
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