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Dear Mr Hennessey,

Thank you for your letter of 19th December about UFO reports. I know of your visit to the IATCC (military) on 8th September but I must confess that I am at a loss to know how on that visit you managed to see UFO reports received on 26/27th October 1971.

No doubt you will be aware that on 25th November the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Air Force wrote to Mr. Julian Ridsdale M.P., who had taken up a question on your behalf, advising him that UFO records remain closed to public scrutiny until they become available under the rules laid down in the Public Records Act, i.e. at the end of thirty years. I regret therefore that I cannot accede to your request periodically to view reports of UFO sightings received by MAIS. In view of this ruling there will be no point in our meeting to discuss the matter further.

Your letter of 8th December addressed to the Department of Trade and Industry has also been passed to me for reply, since as you know all matters concerning UFOs are dealt with by the Ministry of Defence. The object observed in the vicinity of Enstone on 26th October was also dealt with in the letter to Mr. Ridsdale to which I have already referred, and there is nothing I can add to the information contained therein.

Yours sincerely,

A.M. Davis