

# 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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	4602 <sup>nd</sup> 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

	<b>1997</b>	<b>1947, Roswell</b>	<b>USAF second report published</b>
	<b>1997</b>	<b>1947-1952</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Air Force UFO files found at Maxwell AFB and released</b>
	<b>1997</b>	<b>1948-1952</b>	<b>Air Force Public Relations UFO files found at Maxwell AFB and released, ~200 pages</b>
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1947-1969</b>	<b>Microfilm copy of “Blue Book” unredacted files found at National Archives and released</b>
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1948-1950</b>	<b>Projects “Sign” and “Grudge” investigative files released by Wright-Patterson AFB under FOIA request by R. Todd and W. LaParl, ~1,100 pages</b>
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>Briefing to Air Force Scientific Advisor H.P. Robertson documents released under FOIA request by W. Jones, ~20 pages</b>
	<b>Current status</b>	<b>1946-1969</b>	<b>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)</b>
	<b>Current status</b>	<b>ca. 1960-2009</b>	<b>NORAD withholds ~50,000 unidentified track reports (B. Sparks estimate)</b>
	<b>Current status</b>	<b>1947-1969</b>	<b>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</b>

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

since ~2000	1949-1996	CIA placed ~300 UFO docs online (B. Sparks catalog), 991 pages <a href="https://www.cia.gov/">https://www.cia.gov/</a> (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 <a href="http://www.dia.mil/public-affairs/foia/reading-room/">http://www.dia.mil/public-affairs/foia/reading-room/</a> (Under “Other Available Records”)
Jan 2009	various	NSA sets up a UFO document index <a href="http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/declass/ufo/index.shtml">http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/declass/ufo/index.shtml</a>
Nov 2010	various	FBI releases 1,618 pages of UFO documents online <a href="http://vault.fbi.gov/UFO">http://vault.fbi.gov/UFO</a>
Dec 2010	various	FBI releases 355 pages of UFO-related, animal mutilation and extra-sensory perceptions documents online <a href="http://vault.fbi.gov/unexplained-phenomenon">http://vault.fbi.gov/unexplained-phenomenon</a>
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)

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

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

			publicly available on request at the Supreme Military Court, published by "IstoE" magazine. The magazine distributed full copies to ufologists
	May 2011	1958	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

	<b>Nov 2000</b>	<b>various</b>	<b>Department of Supply stops collecting UFO reports</b>
	<b>2001</b>	<b>1968-1973</b>	<b>Government Intelligence UFO files accessed by W. Chalker</b>
	<b>2001</b>	<b>1952, 1969</b>	<b>RAAF UFO files accessed by W. Chalker</b>
	<b>2002-2008</b>	<b>1950-1991</b>	<b>151 Government UFO files released: 1,610+ reports, instigated by D. Frola &amp; K. Basterfield (Australia Disclosure)</b>
	<b>2003</b>	<b>&gt;1953</b>	<b>First Government UFO files released online by National Archives</b>
	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>1952-1955</b>	<b>FOI application to Ministry of Defense produced 1 UFO report only. Other files had been destroyed by normal admin procedure</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>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</b>
	<b>1991-1999</b>	<b>various</b>	<b>Semi-official group within CITEFA works in close liaison with civilian ufologists: 300-page report to Ministry of Defense in 1997</b>
	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>various</b>	<b>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</b>
	<b>Current status</b>	<b>various</b>	<b>Pending historical UFO documentation of Air Force and Navy to release, if not lost</b>

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

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

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

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

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

	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 <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos/">http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos/</a>
1st tranche	May 2008	1955-2008	8 files online, 1,500 documents (mainly 1981-1987)
2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche	Oct 2008	~1985-1992	19 files online, 4,500 pages
3 <sup>rd</sup> tranche	Mar 2009	~1987-1993	7 files online, 2,000 pages
4 <sup>th</sup> tranche	Aug 2009	1981-1996	14 files online, 4,000 pages, 800+ sighting reports
5 <sup>th</sup> tranche	Feb 2010	1994-2000	24 files online, >6,000 pages
6 <sup>th</sup> tranche	Aug 2010	1995-2000	18 files online, 5,000 pages
7 <sup>th</sup> tranche	Mar 2011	1950-2005	35 files online, 8,500 pages
8 <sup>th</sup> tranche	Aug 2011	1985-2007	34 files, 8,600 pages
	Jan 2010	2009	643 UFO sightings reported to Ministry of Defense

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

<b>Norway</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1934-1946</b>	<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs full files on “ghost fliers” &amp; “ghost rockets” available: 210 pages</b>
	<b>1987</b>	<b>1933-1937</b>	<b>National Archives “ghost fliers” files available: ~1,400 pages</b>
	<b>1987</b>	<b>1946-1965</b>	<b>“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</b>
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1970-1990</b>	<b>Police Security Service UFO file of ~140 pages shown to O.J. Brænne, pending to declassify</b>
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>Defense Department released 2 documents on unknown submarines to O.J. Brænne</b>
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1947-1994</b>	<b>Defense Department owns other files on unknown submarines, pending to declassify</b>
	<b>Current status</b>	<b>1966 to date</b>	<b>Pending historical UFO documentation to declassify from Air Force</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>1989-1991</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Some Gendarmerie UFO reports released to SOBEPS</b>
	<b>1990</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>Air Force aircraft, personnel &amp; equipment assisting SOBEPS</b>
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>Press conference by Colonel W. De Brouwer on UFO observation of March 30-31, 1991</b>

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

	>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

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