

UFO FACT SHEET

There is no central office or activity in the Department of the Navy assigned the mission of collecting and maintaining information on UFO phenomenon, paranormal activity, and/or similar incidents.

However, from 1947 to 1969, the U.S. Air Force investigated reported UFO objects and sightings under Project Blue Book. This project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated on December 17, 1969, based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled "*Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*," a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences, previous UFO studies, and U.S. Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during the 1940s through the 1960s. With the termination of Project Blue Book, the U.S. Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch of the National Archives and Records Service. The Project Blue Book files consist of 61 feet of case files, 20 reels of motion pictures, 23 items of sound recording, and 8,360 photograph images. Access to this data should be coordinated with the Director, National Archives and Records Administration, Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408, College Park, MD 20740-6001. You may also telephone the Project Blue Book archivist at (202) 501-5385.

In July 1995, the General Accounting Office compiled a report to the Honorable Steven H. Schiff, House of Representatives, which illustrated the results of an extensive search for government records related to the alleged July 1947 crash near Roswell. Their search efforts included the examination of a wide range of classified and unclassified documents dating from July 1947 through the 1950s. The GAO's search encompassed records maintained by numerous organizations in New Mexico and elsewhere through the Department of Defense, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Council. Because the above-referenced GAO report has been published and stocked for public sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, it not subject to the

provisions of the FOIA. A copy of this report can be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9328, and referring to stock number ISBN 0-16-048023-X.

Additionally, the U.S. Air Force has compiled a report entitled "The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert." This document is available from the Air Force Historical Center, SFHSO/HOS, 110 Luke Avenue, Suite 400, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC 20332-8050.

Other sources of information on this subject are the Internet and published books available for sale or from your public library. Further, there are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia.