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Subject: Your request for access to documents
Reference: Your query of 16 January 2024 submitted via the AsktheEU portal

Dear Mr Dimitrov,

Thank you for your abovementioned query, in which you apply for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, that is applicable to documents held by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) under Article 119(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. In particular, you requested access to *“Any and all agencies, programs or organizations, which are tasked with investigating reports and sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) and Unidentified Submerged Objects (USO), along with all relevant case files.”*

Please be informed that EASA is governed by Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 which sets out its tasks and responsibilities in relation to aviation safety. The topic that you are interested in, however, falls outside the remit of EASA competences.

EASA is, in particular, not running any dedicated programme for investigating reports and sightings of UFO/UAP/USO, nor is it designated to act as access point for occurrence data on unauthorised airspace penetration incidents which might be available in the European central repository of occurrences (ECR). ECR is established under Regulation (EU) 376/2014 and the data and information therein are subject to special access rules other than those of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 (cf. Art. 20 of Regulation (EU) 376/2014).

Requests for access to occurrence data stored in the ECR shall be addressed to the appropriate point of contact (PoC) of the Member State in which the requester is established, or, in case of requests coming from outside the EU, to the European Commission (cf. Art. 10 and 11 of Regulation (EU) 376/2014).

As a consequence, I regret to inform you that EASA does not hold any document subject to your request.

For access to occurrence data stored in the ECR, you may contact the PoC of the Member State of your residence to obtain further information on the access procedure.



Kindly note that in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 you have the right to request EASA to reconsider its decision by making a confirmatory application. In such case, you should send your reasoned confirmatory application in writing to the Executive Director of EASA. The deadline for submitting the confirmatory application is set at 15 working days from receipt of this letter. Any confirmatory application received beyond this deadline cannot be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Beckand
(e-signed)

