



Ref: FOI2023-001

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19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our email of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 regarding your request for the following information:

*I am an independent researcher working with the Independent Research Group Orford Ness (IRGON).*

*I am looking at a project carried out in 1957 by Keith Wood, Superintendent of AWRE Orfordness at the time. On instructions of Dr. (later Sir) Ewan Maddock, AWRE Head of Trials, a radio receiver and aerial were set up to track the Russian Sputnik 1 earth satellite.*

*I would like to locate any relevant report, which would be:*

- Dated late 1957 (probably October - December)
- Authored by Keith Wood
- Origin, AWRE Orfordness
- Referring to tracking and/or detection of Sputnik

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Thorough searches have been carried out to locate the information you requested and we can confirm that the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) does not hold any relevant information.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to [information.requests@awe.co.uk](mailto:information.requests@awe.co.uk) or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team