

G.F. TROWBRIDGE.

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Our Ref:5B

12th May, 1971

The Commanding Officer,
Royal Air Force,
Kinloss,
Morayshire.

Dear Sir,

I have received a number of complaints from residents in the area regarding the flying exercises undertaken by the R.A.F. in the district.

It appears that the pilots are not keeping to the recognised air lanes and accordingly causing considerable noise - nuisance.

Would you be kind enough to see that every precaution is made to ensure the least annoyance to the residents in this area.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

5B

FROM: GROUP CAPTAIN J. de M. SEVERNE, MVO, OBE, AFC, RAF.

TELEPHONE

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ROYAL AIR FORCE,
KINLOSS,
FORRES,
MORAYSHIRE.

G F Trowbridge
Town Clerk
Town Clerk's Chambers
High Street
Dornoch

/4" May 1971

Dear Sir,

I was distressed to learn from your letter (5B dated 12th May 1971) that you had received a number of complaints from local residents concerning aircraft noise. I would wish to stress that we make every effort to operate our aircraft in such a manner as to cause no more of a nuisance than is absolutely necessary.

2. This Station, in fact, seldom operates over your area and it is difficult to pinpoint the source and precise nature of the flying exercises you refer to. I am therefore copying your letter to the Royal Naval Air Station at Lossiemouth and to the Ministry of Defence.

3. In order to be able to identify low flying aircraft we have to know as many as possible of the following points:

- Place, date and time.
- Height of aircraft.
- Direction aircraft was flying.
- Type of aircraft and any markings - numbers etc.
- Number of aircraft if more than one -

If you can provide any of this information it would be most helpful.

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4. Please rest assured that we will do all we can to ensure that Kinloss aircraft take all possible precautions to ensure as little annoyance as possible is given to residents in your area.

5. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours faithfully

Royal Naval Air Station,
Lossiemouth,
Morayshire.

Lossiemouth 2121

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Town Clerk and Chamberlain
Royal Burgh of Dornoch
High Street
Dornoch

3 June 1971

Dear Sir,

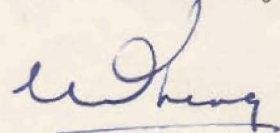
LOW FLYING COMPLAINTS

The Commanding Officer, RAF Kinloss has sent me a copy of your letter 5B, dated 12 May 1971 in which you complain of aircraft overflying the Dornoch area. Although you do not specify the complaint spots, from previous experience it is conceivable that these were activated by aircraft operating within the local air weapon range circuits.

This station is the controlling authority for Tain Range and just recently we have had many more visiting users of the range than usual. Although these crews do receive comprehensive briefings on the range and local area, it is possible that they were not as conscious of the sensitive areas, due to their unfamiliarity, as are our own crews.

If this has been the case, I will ensure that visiting aircrews are reminded of their responsibilities towards people on the ground and hope that you will not hesitate to keep me informed of any future occurrences.

Yours faithfully



W D LANG
Captain

MDL/3



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Our reference: AF/8467/69/117/5-71/S4f(Air)

Your reference:

10 June 1971

G F Trowbridge Esq
Town Clerk
Town Clerks Chambers
High Street
Dornach
Sutherland

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 12th May 1971 addressed to the Officer Commanding RAF Kinloss concerning aircraft activity has been passed to me for attention.

I am investigating the matter and when my enquiries are complete I shall write to you again. This, however, may take a little time.

Yours sincerely,

T.C. Sims

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G F Trowbridge Esq
Town Clerk
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7 July 1971

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 10 June, I regret that my investigations have not yet been completed, but please be assured that the matter has not been overlooked, and that I will write you again as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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G F Trowbridge Esq
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5 August 1971

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 7 July, I have only just become aware of RNAS Lossiemouth's letter to you dated 3 June.

I trust that the action indicated therein has resolved the disturbances suffered by some residents.

Yours sincerely,

T C SIMS