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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG,

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil Action No. 75-1996

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

et al.,

:

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OPPOSING MOTION TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS REFERRED TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Plaintiff filed on January 12, 1981, a "motion to compel disclosure of records referred to Central Intelligence Agency" which is a virtual duplicate of his "motion for partial summary judgment with respect to withheld CIA referrals" filed on April 9, 1980. Both motions request release of the same ten (10) classified CIA documents.

In defendant's response to plaintiff's April 9, 1980 motion, attached as Exhibit 1, plaintiff was informed that nine of the ten documents had been dealt with earlier in connection with another one of his FOIA lawsuits, Weisberg v. CIA, C.A. No. 77-1997. According to the affidavit of a CIA Information Review Officer which is attached to that response, the tenth CIA document was "currently being reviewed for possible release" by the CIA to Mr. Weisberg. (Exhibit 2).

Additionally, in order to assist Mr. Weisberg in his matching of FBI abstracts with referred CIA documents, the FBI prepared a chart which it sent to Mr. Weisberg on June 4, 1980 listing the document numbers for the nine released CIA documents and the equivalent abstract serial numbers from the FBI HQ Murkin file. (Exhibit 3).

Consequently, it is clear that plaintiff has known since May, 1980, that nine of the ten documents requested in this motion were processed in connection with his lawsuit against the

CIA. He now knows that the tenth document has been released by the CIA to him.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Upon consideration of plaintiff's motion to compel disclosure of records referred to Central Intelligence Agency and defendnat's memorandum in opposition thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that plaintiff's motion be and hereby is DENIED.

| Dated: | | | | | |
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| | UNITED | STATES | DISTRICT | COURT | |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Memorandum Opposing Motion To Compel Disclosure Of Records Referred To Central Intelligence Agency was mailed, postage prepaid, this 26th day of January, 1981, to:

James H. Lesar, Esq. 2101 L Street, N.W. Suite 203 Washington, D.C. 20037

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S JAMES F. DAVEY, Clerk MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT REGARDING TEN CIA DOCUMENTS

Plaintiff has filed a "Motion for Partial Summary Judgment" requesting this court to order the Department of Justice to disclose ten classified <u>CIA</u> documents which were earlier referred by the FBI to the CIA in connection with plaintiff's requests of April 15 and December 23, 1975.

As the court is aware, plaintiff is also engaged in FOIA litigation with the CIA, (Weisberg v. CIA, C.A. No. 77-1997), requesting similar documents relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. The attached affidavit from Gerald L. Liebenau of the CIA not surprisingly states that nine of the documents requested in plaintiff's "motion" here have already been processed in connection with the other litigation, currently on appeal before the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.

According to Mr. Liebenau, the tenth CIA document, marked "Secret" is "currently being reviewed for possible release" under the FOIA by the CIA.

Defendant suggests that plaintiff's motion be denied, not merely because nine of the ten documents have been processed and identified in CIA's Disposition Document of May 25, 1978, but for the more basic reason that all ten

documents are CIA material and may not be released by the FBI. (See opinion of Smith, J., Weisberg v. CIA, No. 77-1997, pp. 2-3, January 4, 1979).

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Attorneys for Defendant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Defendant's Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment regarding Ten CIA Documents was hand-delivered this ____ day of May, 1980, to following:

James H. Lesar Suite 203 2101 "L" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037

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AFFIDAVIT

GERALD L. LIEBENAU, being first duly sworn, does hereby depose and say:

- 1. I am the Information Review Officer for the Directorate of Operations (DO) of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I am responsible for the review of DO documents which are the object of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation involving the CIA. I make the following statements based upon my knowledge, upon information made available to me in my official capacity and upon advice of the CIA Office of General Counsel.
- 2. The purpose of this affidavit is to advise plaintiff and the Court regarding CIA's FOIA determinations on ten documents. They are CIA-originated documents retrieved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from its records in response to plaintiff's FOIA request for documents on Martin Luther King, Jr. and James Earl Ray. During the same period, plaintiff Weisberg was also engaged in litigation with the CIA in this district (Weisberg v. CIA, Civil Action No. 77-1997) concerning the FOIA request for documents about the same two individuals in CIA records. Nine of the ten documents retrieved from the FBI files were dealt with in

plaintiff Weisberg's litigation with CIA. They are discussed in the affidavit of Robert E. Owen of 25 May 1978 and identified in the Document Disposition Index which accompanied the affidavit as Document Nos. 224, 250, 251, 277, 279, 284, 285, 326 and 327.

3. Available records do not establish what disposition was made of the tenth document, an informal three-page biographic statement, stamped Secret, concerning one individual apparently received by the FBI from the CIA on 17 April 1968. The document is currently being reviewed for possible release under FOIA to plaintiff Weisberg, who will be advised directly of the determinations.

GERALD L. LIEBENAU

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2040 day of

Notary Public And Julion

My commission expires:

June 14, 1983

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Office of General Counsel

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Mr. Harold Weisberg 7627 Old Receiver Road Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In the litigation of your FOIA request with the Justice Department (Civil Action No. 75-1996), the Justice Department surfaced ten CIA-originated documents. Because of their classification, these documents were referred to the Agency for disposition. Nine of the documents were identified as having been dealt with in your FOIA litigation with CIA (Civil Action No. 77-1997). By an affidavit of 3 April 1980, Mr. Liebenau of the Directorate of Operations of the CIA, identified the nine documents by numbers assigned to them in your litigation with the Agency.

This letter is to advise you of the FOIA determinations regarding the tenth document. The document concerns an individual whose name bore a remote resemblance to an alias allegedly used by James E. Ray. A segregated version of the document is released to you in a copy enclosed with this letter.

The document from which material has been deleted is marked with letters that designate the category of information removed from that portion of the document. The deletions marked "A" contained information which identified the individual and which were removed to protect the individual against a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This information was deleted pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(6). The deletions marked "B" contained information which identified CIA staff employees. Such information is exempt from release pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3). Classification markings were lined through and marked "C" to show that the document has been declassified in this form for release under the FOIA.

These FOIA determinations were made by Gerald L. Liebenau, Information Review Officer of the Directorate of Operations of the CIA.

The following are brief explanations of the FOIA exemptions which apply to this document.

EXHIBIT 2

Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 403 (d)(3) which makes the Director responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 403g, which exempts from the disclosure requirement information pertaining to the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

Exemption (b)(6) applies to information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual other than the requester.

Under provisions of the Act, I am advising you of your right to appeal the above decisions by addressing your appeal to the undersigned who will ensure that it is reviewed by the appropriate senior officials of this Agency.

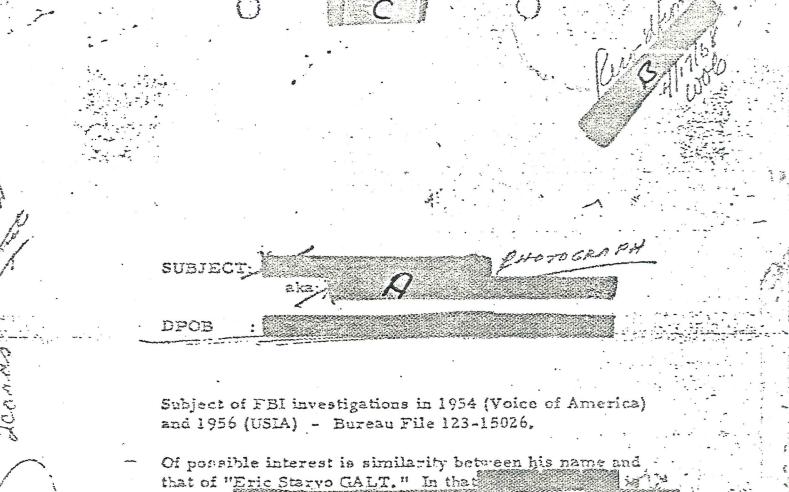
Sincerely,

John E. Bacon

Information and Privacy Coordinator

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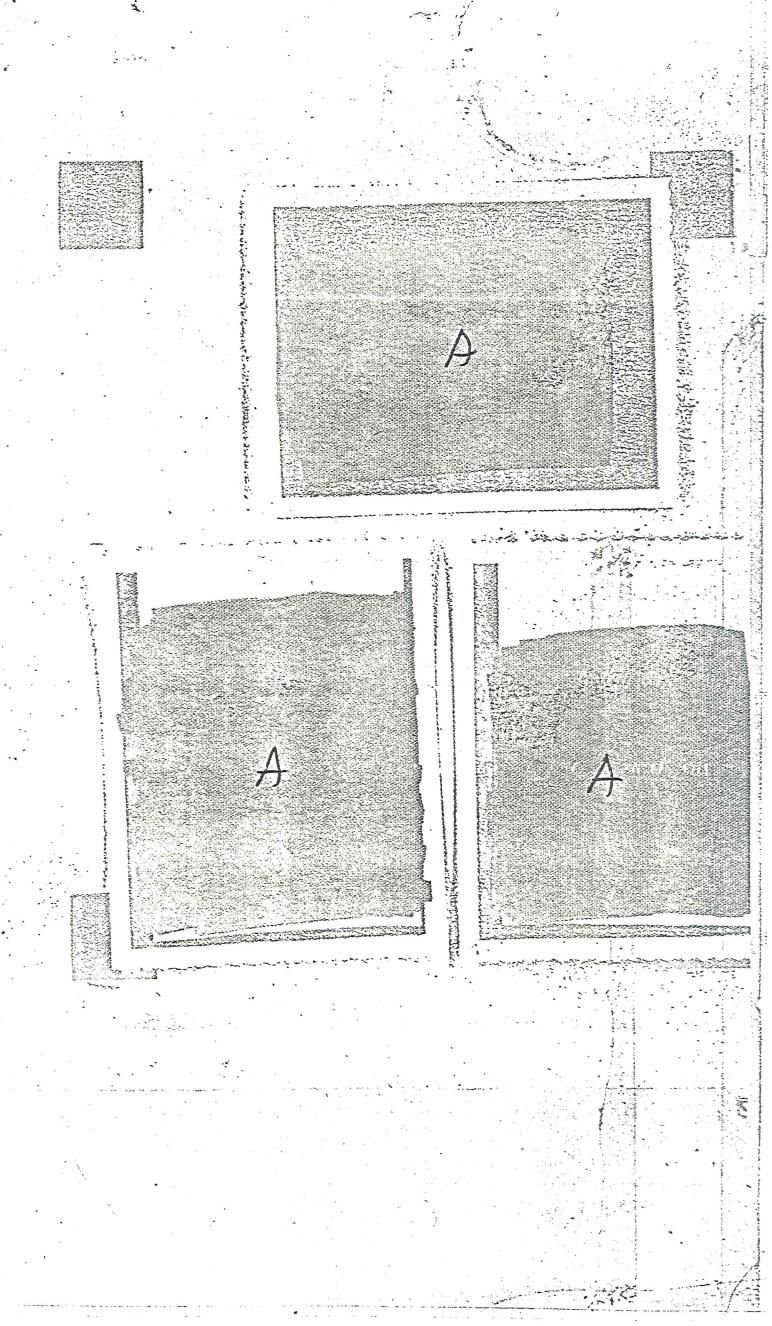
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Deer Mr. Weisherg:

Enclosed herewith are nine abstracts for documents that were referred to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

For your assistance in matching each abstract with the appropriate CIA document as furnished to you in <u>Weisberg</u> v. CIA, C.A. No. 77-1307, the following chart lists the serial numbers of the abstracts for the FRIHO MURFIK documents along with the numbers assigned by the CIA for the same documents as they are contained in the Owen Document Disposition Index.

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| 860 | 224 |
| 1371 | 326 |
| 2341 | 277 |
| 2505 | 727 279 |
| 3110 | 273 |
| 3286 3515 | 250 |
| 3562 | 285 |
| 3795 | 251 |

The abstract for FBIHO MURKIN serial 44-38861-1549 is not being provided at this time inasmuch as the underlying CIA document is currently being reviewed for release by that agency.

If you so desire, you may appeal to the Associate Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Associate Attorney

1 - James H. Lesar, Esq.

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General (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Preedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

David G. Planders, Chief Preedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division

Enclosures (1)