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Dear Mr. Shaw:

This is in response to your letter of 8 May 1979 in which you requested information from the files of this Agency under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, you asked for information on Michael Victor Mertz and Christian David.

If an individual, such as yourself, requests information from a Federal agency on a third party, it is very helpful if the requester provides a notarized release from the person whose records are concerned. Otherwise, every document surfaced would have to be carefully reviewed for personal information in order to avoid an unwarranted invasion of the third party's privacy. Since we doubt that you could obtain releases from Messrs. Mertz and David, we believe it is only fair to advise you that, essentially, without such a release, we could probably send you only information already in the public domain--newsclips and the like.

There is also the matter of fees. We have found that search fees on individuals are running about \$100 each. Thus, our estimate on the above two individuals would be \$200. It is only reasonable, therefore, that we ask you to remit half of this sum, that is \$100, if we are to process your request. The deposit should be in the form of a check or money order drawn in favor of the Treasurer of the United States.

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Enclosed is a copy of our schedule of fees. Per paragraph (b) of that schedule, we are suspending the running of the response time until we hear further from you.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Savage

George W. Owens
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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