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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D.C. 20505

Att: Mr. Charles E. Savige

Dear Mr. Savige

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 1979 concerning my Freedom of Information request for information on Michael Victor Mertz and Christian David.

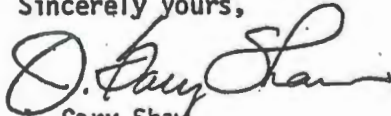
As you suggested, it would be impossible for me to obtain notarized releases from these two individuals. Both are foreign citizens. However, it should be pointed out that an unwarranted invasion of their privacy is heavily out-weighted by public interest. In support of this contention the following is offered:

1. Both men are at the present time, or have been, engaged in illegal drug traffic into this country. This is a matter of public record.
2. This country's attempts at stemming the flow of this illegal drug traffic has been expensive and is a matter of public concern.
3. Finally, the untold thousands of lives that have been damaged and destroyed because of the criminal activities of these two men is also cause for public concern.

Enclosed is my check No. 2657 in the amount of \$100.00 as a retainer for processing this request. Further payment will be made upon statement from your agency.

Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


J. Gary Shaw

Enclosure

JGS/ds

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