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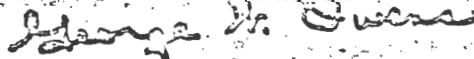
Dear Mr. Shaw:

This is in response to your letter of 18 June 1979 concerning your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on Michael Victor Mertz and Christian David. Your check in the amount of \$100 is also acknowledged.

We are processing your request and will advise you of the results as soon as possible. As you may know, the heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. Since we will be unable to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denials of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

We wish to thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,



George W. Owens
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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