



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 4, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 12, Old Receiver Road  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request regarding Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko.

Please be advised that in handling requests concerning a third party this Bureau is governed by Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a, popularly known as the Privacy Act, specifically Subsection (b), which prohibits the release of personal information concerning a living person without that individual's written authorization. To confirm or deny investigative interest in the individual you have identified as the subject of your request, would, of itself, reveal personal information concerning a third person. This decision is predicated upon a determination that there is insufficient public interest in the subject matter of your request to require release of personal records under the FOIPA concerning Mr. Nosenko.

Your request for a waiver of fees has been considered in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (a) (4) (A) which permits an agency to waive or reduce fees in the public interest when furnishing the information is considered as primarily benefiting the general public. In balancing the potential public benefit in this instance against the concomitant expenditure of public funds, we have determined that under reasonable standards the interests of the general public appear more likely to be served by the preservation of public funds. Therefore, your request for a waiver of fees is denied.

If you are dissatisfied with these determinations, you may appeal the decision by following the instructions set forth below.



Mr. Harold Weisberg

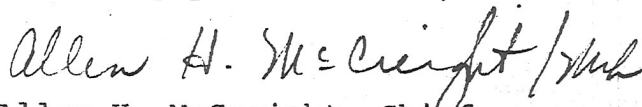
You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

If you are able to obtain authorization from Mr. Nosenko, directing the release of information concerning him to you, please have it notarized and submit the original to this Bureau.

Along with the notarized authorization, you should also furnish identifying data, such as date and place of birth, to insure an accurate search of our records concerning Mr. Nosenko.

Should you desire a check of our field office files, you are advised that a listing of them as separate indices has been published in the Federal Register, Volume 42, Number 190, Friday, September 30, 1977. It will be incumbent upon you to so designate your requests directly to them.

Sincerely yours,



Allen H. McCreight, Chief  
Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Branch  
Records Management Division