

Toquin Shea from Harold Weisberg, re our LA requests

2/28/50

Attached are copies of NSA/CSS's 2/22/50 letter to my wife, the referral to it of the FBI, apparently delayed more than three years, and my letter to Roy Banner.

W e would like to know just why the FBI never made this referral before

In filing the FBI placed the original in its "internal security" file on us, not in the file of the person I don't know and probably never heard of. However, I would like a clear and legible copy and I am interested in the duplicate filing of the Not Recorded copy.

In filing the FBI also stamped what appears to be "SE 3" on the record. What does this mean, Soviet Espionage by any chance?

Naturally, I'm also interested in this "indirect association with representatives of foreign powers" I'm supposed to have had, supposedly leading to my firing. If that is wrongful, then how happy I should be that your Department appears to have kept secret the direct associations with intelligence representatives of a foreign power it urged upon me, Great Britain. Maybe Joe Borkin took it to the grave with him.

How could a reporter ever be other than a security risk? Or one who sold food or office supplies or telephones or electric services? Maybe then mean all the diplomatic people who were among my customers when I farmed? Maybe all the ambassador with whom the State Department wanted us both photographed?

Do you suppose that Ben Franklin would understand this? How come the founding fathers didn't ax him?

Perhaps you can see why I wonder if this indirect association business has its origin in what the FBI withheld, my alleged association with the USSR embassy, an appeal you have not gotten around to.