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Mr. H.E. Ward, Chief
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Dear Mr. Ward,

Your letter of 5/9/75 appears to be limited to AFOSI. My letter to the Secretary of Defense covered all branches of all elements under him. If by error the Air Force has restricted itself to AFOSI the responsibility is not mine and my request was in nonsense limited to AFOSI.

I take your letter to be one of categorical denial. I therefore tell you, also categorically, that there are Air Force files on me, that not less than one is AFOSI, and that both headquarters and other parts of the Air Force should have files on me.

There is nothing in anything I have written to suggest that I have been the subject of either criminal or counterintelligence interest and I know of no reason no matter how wildly exaggerated to justify any such investigation(s). Or beliefs.

Less than two years ago and after my first request of the nature that led to referral to you I hold at least one Air Force file on me and it referred to not less than one other Air Force file on me. If any such files were destroyed following my request, I do hope that the Secretaries of Defense and Air would regard this as a most serious matter. I certainly do. But if these files were destroyed, records of them are required to remain and you make no reference to any such files.

I am not responsive for your use of your computers. However, I do know that proper use inevitable requires a letter entirely different than yours of the 9th.

I am recovering from two serious illnesses. I am weak and the indication are that this weakness will linger for some time. It therefore is not practical for me to search my files. While I do not presume that the inaccuracies in your letter are of your design and I do presume you wrote on the basis of information that was supplied you by others I do know beyond any question that your letter is inaccurate. When I tell you this I believe that under the law you have the obligation to learn the truth in the public interest and not at my cost.

Without consultation with counsel it is my belief that FOIA and the privacy act are both applicable. Furthermore, I am confident that a proper search and a proper examination of the fruit of this search will tell the Air Force that there was fraud within the Air Force.

When I get inaccuracies if not also evasions in response to a proper request, I believe the interest of the Air Force as well as my own is best served by not giving you additional leads because there is every prospect that what then would be retrieved is no more than what I would indicate.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg