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CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Rt. 12
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letter of 8 February 1977 wherein you indicate that you have received information that this Agency maintains records on you.

After receiving your letter we again searched for any information concerning you. Again, no information was located. It is possible that at one time this Agency had a file on you. However, if such a file did exist it has since been disposed of in accordance with our normal records disposition schedules.

In your 8 February letter you also request all records on or in any way relating to the political assassinations in this country. Broad requests of this nature do not meet the criteria of Title 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) which provides that a request reasonably describe the records sought. Therefore, we require clarification of this part of your request to enable us to locate such records with reasonable effort.

Upon receipt of a more specific description of the information concerning political assassinations that you desire, we will then process your request in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended by Public Law 93-502.

On 24 February 1977 we received a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attaching a 1956 memorandum which was originated by NSA. The FBI letter, which was a result of your FOIA/PA request to them, asked that we correspond directly with you regarding the memorandum.

A copy of the 1956 memorandum is inclosed. The name and title of the individual who prepared the memorandum has been deleted. This information is being withheld in conformance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) which exempts matters specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The appropriate statute in this case is Section 6 of Public Law 86-36 which provides that no law shall be construed to require disclosure of the organization or any function of the NSA, or any information with respect to the activities thereof, or of the names, titles, salaries, or number of the persons employed by such Agency.

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The remainder of the items deleted from the inclosed memorandum pertain to persons other than yourself. We cannot release the deleted items to you because the disclosure of the information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individuals concerned and an infringement of their rights under Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(C).

As these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's Appeals procedures:

Any person denied access to records may, within 30 days after notification of such denial, file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. Such appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access issued by the Agency to the requester and shall contain in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority shall respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt of the appeal.

Sincerely,



NORMAN BOARDMAN
Information Officer

Incl:
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