

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, re PA appeal

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I have appealed the FBI's withholding of J. Edgar Hoover's praise of the first of a series of exposes I did beginning in the middle of 1941. The first two of this series are relevant in searching the files for belated compliance. Recently I have had occasion to recall further leads, assuming that the FBI needs leads and you are of a disposition to provide them to the FBI.

The first of this series dealt with a pro-Hitlerite Czech who established the Bata shoe factory near the Army Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, Md., the second with Rohm & Haas, a German manufacturer whose products and patents included plexiglas. In the first I used photographs of classified records I obtained, which may have led to an investigation of how I obtained them because they were classified improperly, to keep the embarrassing secret. The second brought to light how the cartel provided significant military intelligence to the Nazis. I believe it is the second that the Director, among many high government officials, praised.

As I believe I have informed you, this writing was of the political shibboleth period of the Nazi-Soviet pact and thus is entirely inconsistent with the FBI's pretenses about me and my beliefs. This writing was also after the FBI tried to get me to sign a confession to a crime I had not committed and after a grand jury looked into that matter and indicted the Dies committee agent David Mayne. Either could cause embarrassment to the FBI today and could account for this continued withholding. And, of course, when the FBI unloaded its defamations in violation of my PA rights, ~~it is~~ had disclosed any records referring to this it would have tended to rebut its later fabrications relating to me and my alleged beliefs and associations.

I believe I told you the publication, then the third largest picture magazine, was Click, that Richard Nixon's friend Walter Annenberg was running it (with his father Moe in federal jail) and that it was published first from the Inquirer Building on N. Broad St. in Philadelphia and later from Fifth Avenue, New York. Perhaps the approximate date can help. There may or may not be records relating to what I may have forgotten, my testimony before the House patents committee, of which Joe Borkin also knows.