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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg

I received your letter of 30 June and found it very interesting. As you can imagine, we are under considerable pressure here implementing the Privacy Act, which becomes effective on 27 September, so haven't had much time to write.

As you recall, I can really only answer for records maintained by the Defense Investigative Service (DIS). The case files we maintain cover our investigations since 2 October 1972, and only pertain to persons affiliated with the DOD. You aren't mentioned in any of them.

We also have custody of the automated DCII, and you probably recall that I checked the current holdings and found no reference to you. The holdings cover investigations indexed by DIS, and the Army, Navy and Air Force investigative agencies. The indication is that none of them currently maintains an investigative record of which you are the subject, victim or cross reference.

If you will refer to my letter of 17 April 1975, you will note that I mentioned that DIS has tapes of earlier versions of the DCII going back to 1971. At that time I wrote you and, explained to Mr. Lesar, that there would be a charge for running these obsolete tapes to see if you were in the index at an earlier day. Recently I had them searched, at no charge to you, four reels of the earliest versions of the automated DCII for your name. This would cover all the holdings of the DCII from 1967 to 1972. Surprisingly, we got a "no record;" I rather expected to get a reference to your file from your Army and OSS days. I conclude that your file was destroyed by the Army prior to the automation of the DCII.

Aside from checking the holdings in the DCII, I have absolutely no way of knowing what investigative files other Defense investigative components had or may have. You would have to make



another request of the Army to cause any further searching by them. (I might say that from my own knowledge, literally millions of outdated investigative files have been destroyed during the past few years by the military departments, both to conform to Defense policy on retention and to practice good records management.) *

Another possibility is that perhaps the records you seek are not investigative files, but some other kinds of reports. You might consider a further general inquiry through Mr. Charles W. Hinkle, OASD (Public Affairs), Room 2C757, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301, describing the records you seek. If you haven't already, you might also inquire at the Defense Intelligence Agency, ATTN: SC (FOIA), Washington, DC 20301.

I would like to conclude with a personal note. I am retiring from the Army at the end of August. I am sorry we haven't found anything of interest to you within DIS. In summary, let me assure you that there is no DIS file on you, nor is there a current or past reference to you in the DCII material we hold. I'm sure, if you asked them, the Army Intelligence Agency could explain more clearly than I why they have no records of you. In any event, I hope you find what you are after or a reasonable explanation of why it doesn't exist.

I have enjoyed your letters and talking with you. Good luck!

Sincerely



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Assistant for Information

* It occurred to me that perhaps your file(s) was retired and is in the custody of a GSA repository. You might write to Director of Information (Richard Vawter), U.S. General Services Administration, Rm 6117

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