

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

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Mrs. Lillian Stone Weisberg Route 12 - Old Receiver Road Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mrs. Weisberg:

Your December 15, 1976 Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Request, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was referred to the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) and received by this office on February 4, 1980. The FBI referred your letter to us because in their search, pursuant to your request, the FBI located one record originated by the NSA/CSS which falls within the scope of your request.

The record referred to us by the FBI is enclosed. Certain information has been withheld because it is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), and 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1). The information is currently and properly classified in accordance with the criteria for classification in Section 1-3 of Executive Order 12065, and paragraph 2-202 of Department of Defense (DoD) Regulation 5200.1-R. The information has been reviewed for possible declassification or downgrading according to the provisions of Sections 3-3, 3-4, and 3-6 of Executive Order 12065 and Chapter III of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and found to be properly excluded from declassification or downgrading.

Another deleted item is the name and title of an NSA/CSS employee. This has been withheld under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), which provides that information is protected from access or release when it is specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. The applicable statute in this case is Public Law 86-36. Section 6 of Public Law 86-36 provides that no law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NSA, of any information with respect to the activities thereof, or of the names, titles, salaries, or number of persons employed by the Agency.

The remaining information has been deleted in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(D), as it is investigatory information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would identify a confidential source.

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

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Any person denied access to records, or parts thereof, may, within 30 days after notification of the denial, file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The 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 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.

Sincerely,

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ROY R. BANNER Chief, Policy Staff

Encl: a/s

