

Ms. Miriam M. Nesbit, Dep. Dir.
Office of Information and Privacy
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

2/11/89

Dear Ms. Nesbit,

Re: AG//88-RO448

Thanks for the two pages relating to Click magazine with your letter of 2/7/89.

I have no objection to your withholding of the names of SAs but I do wonder why it is considered necessary to do this from privacy considerations after 50 years. And when their names are public, as in the directory of the society of former agents. Assuming, of course, that they are still alive. I mention this in the belief that at some point this kind of thing may backfire. And is there really any privacy to be protected after 50 years? After all, being in the FBI is not like being in the mafia.

One of the two pages you sent says that my Click article is attached. It was not attached and I'd like very much to have it.

This is really a very old request, much older than the 88 number you give. Each time I wrote the FBI about it they treated each letter as a new request and gave each a new and later number.

Quite a few records have not been provided. I've written the FBI about this without response. There really ought not be any problems because where there is what might be taken as unpleasant the people are dead.

My interest is archival and I would appreciate it if the FBI would make an effort to comply.

As I've written in the past, there also ought be some Criminal Division records and I am interested in them as I'll explain, in the hope it may encourage you to encourage the Bureau to clean this up.

During World War II, before Pearl Harbor, Click had someone in Chile who'd gotten some valuable intelligence on Nazi subversion there. He feared trusting the mails with the documents he'd photographed because the postal system was under the influence of the Spanish Falange, which was passively with the Nazis. Through a friend at State I was able to get them packaged, undeveloped. When I got them I took them to George Mc Multry, then AAG, Criminal, then a friend, so that your department could have first access and withhold anything that ought properly have been withheld. When he gave them back I took them to the forerunner of OSS, in which I later served, for Jimmy Roosevelt. They then were used by his father, the resident, in a fireside chat. Of course I felt good about this and I think you can see why I'd like all that exists for archival purposes.

When they were returned to me I sent them to Click, which no longer exists.

CIA found the record of their return but no copies. I don't know whether the FBI made any copies. Or did anything with that information.

Come to think of it, there is another reason I'd like all that exists. I did that anti-Nazi work during what they was known as the shibboleth period, during the period of the Nazi-Soviet Pact. Sort of a litmus test.

Sincerely,

My expose of Rohm & Haas
seems to have gotten
them on the British
blacklist. If I then
knew it I'd forgotten.

Harold Weisberg
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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, MD 21701

Re: AG/88-R0448
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation located two documents, totalling two pages, while processing your Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to Click magazine. The documents were referred to this Office for processing and direct response to you.

I have determined that the documents are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(C). This provision pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. Only the names of FBI personnel are excised on this basis. This information cannot be the subject of a discretionary release. Excised copies of these documents are enclosed.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on this request, you may appeal from this partial denial by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Both the letter and envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,

Miriam M. Nisbet, Deputy Director
Office of Information and Privacy

Enclosures

MAIL ROOM TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 17, 1941.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Bata Shoe Company

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For your information Edward N. Goodwin, a lawyer of 44 Wall Street, New York City, representing the Bata Shoe Company, stopped in to see me, having been sent to me by persons in the Office of Production Management and in the State Department. Goodwin is also president of the Westhold Corporation, a company holding shares of the various shoe enterprises throughout the world, in occupied and unoccupied territories and in South America, with assets of some \$200,000,000 or \$400,000,000. They have been accused of being in Fifth Column activities by ~~PK and Wick~~ and have been subjected to a Jewish boycott. They are operating under a license from the Treasury and they have quite extensive dealings with the State Department. They are on the British blacklist and wherever they go they meet the opposition of all competitors and all labor. Dr. Bata's theory is that if you provide cheaper and better shoes no one can stop you.

However, the atmosphere of suspicion, and the criticism and boycott have brought them to the point where they want an investigation and a clean bill of health. He wants to put their cards on the table and have us look them over, stating that he believes they are good citizens and that if Bata is Pro-German he wants to know it. The British have already started an investigation. I told him that the Department could not give a blessing to any firm but that I would communicate his offer to the various people who might be interested.

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Lawrence K. C. Smith,
Chief, Neutrality Laws Unit

Reply that since Smith has interviewed him it would seem that B. L. has no further action to take.

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Out.

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Department of Justice
Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington

May 20, 1939

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Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. McIntire	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This will acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of May 16, to which was attached a copy of the magazine "Click" for June, 1939.

It is suggested that an investigation of this matter should be made along with the general investigation which you are now conducting affecting Nazi activities in this country.

Matthew F. McGuire
Matthew F. McGuire

Acting Assistant to the Attorney General

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