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Dear Sir,

FBI/PA

1/26/78

Thanks for the copies of the FBI field office letters in response to the personal requests. I enclose a carbon in the event you want to take up what I will go into with anyone in Civil. On the chance you decide this is a constructive thing to do I will say less than I can.

Some of these responses are false. I illustrate with Savannah's 3/9/79

Birmingham's of 1/18 proves non-compliance by HQ, the other such field offices of 1996, and suggests other than the reasons given for claim to copyright withholding for the catalogues and the Person's writing on the Bay of Pigs.

Atlanta admits having records and does not provide copies. Date letter 1/17/78

Dallas is stonewalling. They evaded under date of December 30, 1977 and delayed under date of 1/13/78. If you have not heard from them before you receive this they are in non-compliance. I suggest that if we are ever to bring these things to an end without surrendering to lawlessness and intent to delay as we should proceed with those not in compliance when it is clear that they are not. If they need more time they can be in accord with proper procedures and state it in writing and when they will respond. When Dallas acknowledged receipt of the 12/25/77 request under date of 12/30 there would appear to be no reasonable need for more time under date of 1/13/78. Absent something out of the usual there should be response by the latest under date of 1/23/78.

New Orleans wrote you the same day, 1/13. It said the request "is being processed as quickly as possible." This means that processing was begun and that there is no claim to a need for more time for compliance. I feel about this as I do about Dallas.

But let us not kid ourselves about the reality. They are checking with HQ and working out what is embarrassing to them they they will seek to withhold if not lie about. Now where they lie I may have a few surprises for them. One I mention with intended ellipsis is that they were indiscrete in their quest for a favorable press. I guess I can safely add more with regard to New Orleans: my 1969 letter to AG Mitchell about agents' intrusions into my life and work followed reports relayed to me by a friend, Matt Herron, in whom I'm sure there was special interest. He is the source of my Memphis taped interviews of the time of the King assassination. His is credited in Frame-Up. His personal life includes such adventures as being navigator of the ship Greenspring/Green-something, of the ecologists. From whales to nuclear explosions. The FBI insists its Memphis office has no record of what Matt took there at the time of the King assassination. On this we now have Criminal the FBI was not truthful with Criminal. And there is the popular mythology that Garrison and I were buddies.

Be prepared for needless privacy claims. Some will be sued to disguise mischief of which I have proof.

I believe these are the kinds of reasons there has been no acknowledgement from some offices. They don't know what to do about the nasty business and are awaiting word from SOG. Those offices which have not even written are in intended non-compliance. Failure to respond, if I am not mistaken, means you can go right to court. I'm willing. If you want to persuade or try to persuade people in Washington that someone has to drive these trampling elephants out of the jungles, how about a separate complaint for each office not in compliance? If they are going to continue to behave this way dramatizing it a bit might be informative to others who may look back on all of this. Others like the Congress. Or GAO examining into total wastes of time and money. If not people inside DJ, whose interest is long overdue. Unless by their detachment they declare themselves.

Best,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7142 Ambassador Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

January 16, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

190-18

Mr. James H. Lesar
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RE: HAROLD WEISBERG
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/
PRIVACY ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Lesar:

Enclosed herewith are documents from the files of the Baltimore Office which we believe were not sent to our headquarters in Washington and, therefore, not forwarded to you in the release from our headquarters. Excisions have been made from these documents and/or entire documents withheld in order to protect materials which are exempted from enclosure by the following sub sections of Title five, United States Code, Section 552;

(b) (2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI).

(b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, disclosure of which would; (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal property of another person; (D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means and (F) endanger the life and physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

Enclosure (1)

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You have 30 days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Deputy Attorney General from any denial contained therein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Deputy Attorney General, (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), Washington, D.C., 20530. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked, "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Very truly yours,

George T. Quinn
Special Agent in Charge

By: *G. Curtis Scarborough*
G. Curtis Scarborough
Supervisory Special Agent

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

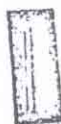
TO : SAC [REDACTED]
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/3/54

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
FBI-BALTIMORE, MD.
DECEMBER 3, 1954
[REDACTED]

The source also furnished photographic copies of lists of names which appear to represent subscribers to some sort of publication. It is to be noted that some of the names on these lists contained the letter 'S' along side the date on the plate. The following appeared on these lists.



10-23
HAROLD WEISSBERG
HYATTSVILLE MARYLAND



It is to be noted that the aforementioned letter refers to lists of National Guardian subscribers which were sent to [redacted] in October of "52". This [redacted] states that those plates which contain an "S" after the date are considered "Guardian Sparks."

Photographic copies of the National Guardian letter are being placed in [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, [redacted]
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: HAFOLD WEISEBERG
SH- C

DATE: 8/13/56

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On 8/7/56, when contacted on another matter concerning a possible deserter [redacted] between Clarksburg and Hyattstown, Md., [redacted], who resided [redacted], Hyattstown, advised that he believes the above captioned individual who lives nearby in Hyattstown, is a Communist. He said WEISEBERG has lived there for several years where he raises chickens and often visits Washington, D. C..

According to [redacted], WEISEBERG married a local woman whose maiden name was LILLIAN STONE. Both are in their forties. He said they have an annual celebration in commemoration of the Russian Revolution, which is attended by several persons. According to [redacted], Mrs. WEISEBERG works at an unknown location in Washington. He added that a nearby [redacted] told him the WEISEBERG's had talked to him on several occasions and had tried to get him to join the Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/19/56

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: HAROLD WEISBERG
[REDACTED]

On 8/7/56 [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he believes subject to be a communist.

On 10/19/56 [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that although he does not know subject to be a communist, he believes subject should be checked by the FBI. [REDACTED] said that the subject holds an annual celebration in commemoration of the Russian Revolution. He said this celebration involves a picnic at the subject's residence and is attended by 25-30 unknown people. [REDACTED] said he believes this affair is in commemoration of the Russian Revolution inasmuch as it is held on a day which the communists celebrate all over the world. He was unable to recall the exact date. [REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] who lives in Hyattstown informed him several months ago that the subject had once asked him, [REDACTED] to join the communist party. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] was intoxicated at the time he made this statement; therefore it may or may not be true.

[REDACTED] continued that the subject is disliked generally in the community and is a trouble maker. He said that the subject operates a chicken farm and makes frequent complaints to the police that other residents in the area are disturbing his chickens.

[REDACTED] concluded that there have been frequent rumors to the effect that the subject might favor communism; however he could add nothing specific to this.

[REDACTED], Hyattstown, Maryland, advised on 10/19/56 that she has known the subject approximately 10 years. [REDACTED] said that the subject married LILLIAN STONE, a local girl and that up until the last 4-5 years she was very friendly with LILLIAN. [REDACTED] stated that the subject is very much disliked in the community and is generally disagreeable and a trouble maker. [REDACTED] continued that he makes frequent complaints that other residents in the area disturb his property.

[REDACTED] were disturbing his chickens. [REDACTED] said that subject had also had trouble with [REDACTED] recently and had maliciously [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that although the subject is disliked in the community, [REDACTED] has no reason to doubt his loyalty to the U.S. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] formerly visited in his home and [REDACTED] had observed no communist literature. [REDACTED] recalled that on one occasion in the Spring of 1954 the subject had a picnic at his place which was attended by numerous out of town people. [REDACTED] said however she had heard nothing about this picnic being in commemoration of the Russian Revolution.

[REDACTED] concluded that she has heard no rumors indicating that subject is a communist sympathizer. [REDACTED] said that when LILLIAN STONE was a young girl, [REDACTED]

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and prior to her marriage to the subject, LILLIAN once worked as a secretary for former Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO of New York. [redacted] pointed out that this could conceivably start rumors concerning LILLIAN'S loyalty; however [redacted] contacts with LILLIAN revealed no indication of communist sympathy.

[redacted] Hyattstown, advised on 10/19/56 that he has known the subject for many years. PURDITE said that the subject married [redacted] and up until a few years ago he was in frequent contact with the subject. He said that he no longer speaks to the subject because of a quarrel with the subject over a personal matter. He continued that he has no basis for believing that the subject was ever a communist; however, he said he would not consider the subject to be a person of good reputation and character. [redacted] said that the subject has a mean disposition, is a trouble maker, and is widely disliked in the community. He said that because of this he would not recommend the subject as a good citizen.

[redacted] Hyattstown, advised on 10/19/56 that she has heard no rumors nor has she any other information indicating that the subject is not a loyal citizen. She added, however, that the subject is not liked in the community and she doubted if anyone would give him a favorable recommendation.

[redacted] Montgomery County PD, Rockville, Maryland, advised on 11/5/56 that he knows subject as a chronic complainant, but could furnish no other information regarding him. MILLER said that subject makes numerous complaints about his neighbors.

[redacted] Montgomery County PD, advised on 11/5/56 that he has known the subject for a number of years. He said that subject files frequent complaints against his neighbors and is disliked generally. [redacted] stated that subject is a braggart, but he does not believe that the subject is associated with any subversive organizations.

[redacted] and [redacted] both advised on 9/13/56 that the subject is unknown to them.

Records of the Montgomery County PD, Rockville, Md., checked on 9/13/56 contain no criminal record identifiable with subject.

Records of the Md. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, reviewed on 10/24/56 by [redacted] reflect that subject was born 4/8/13. He is a white male, 5'9", 200 lbs.

The following efforts to interview [redacted], Hyattstown, have been made without result:

10/19/56 [redacted] advised that her husband was not home, she does not know where he works, and does not know when he will be home. Agent left his name and phone # with her and asked that her husband call.

- 10/25/56 ██████████ recontacted. She exhibited unfriendly attitude and said she did not know when her husband would call.
- 11/5/56 ██████████ recontacted without results.
- 11/13/56 ██████████ recontacted in afternoon. Furnished no information about her husband's whereabouts. Agent advised he would return that evening.
- ██████████ recontacted in evening without results.
- 11/14/56 ██████████ recontacted. Advised her husband did not come home previous night.
- 11/16/56 ██████████ recontacted. Was very uncooperative and slammed door shut while talking to agent.

In view of the above it appears that ██████████ is obviously evading an interview and is not likely to be cooperative if contacted. Accordingly, no further efforts will be directed towards an interview with him.

Baltimore indices reflect that on 9/2/54 an anonymous source furnished photographic copies of lists of names which appear to represent subscribers to some publication. The following appeared on these lists:

" 73 10-53
Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland"

Other information furnished by the source indicated a possibility that this was a subscription list for the National Guardian.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN - BALTIMORE DIVISION
[REDACTED]

DATE: 1/25/71

Mr. HAROLD WEISBERG, Route 8, Frederick, Md., author of controversial books regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY entitled "White-wash I" and "White-wash II" advised on January 5, 1970 that he has a source who is either currently or was formerly a network director for the Minutemen Organization and who furnishes him with Minutemen literature on a continuing basis. He advised that he has never met and has never had a conversation with this source, but he does correspond with him. He said that this source became familiar with him, WEISBERG, as an auditor through some radio broadcasts which Mr. WEISBERG has made.

This source, whom he declined to identify, advised him that there has recently been, since mid November, 1970, an influx of Canadian Minutemen to the West Coast and an exchange of Minutemen money on the West Coast. He claims that this source is currently being "hassled" by the FBI but that any material made available to him by this source is available for persual by the FBI.

He furnished the following Minutemen material which he wishes to have returned to him after it's use by the FBI:

A special notice to former network Director from RALPH C. DE PUGH at National Headquarters, Norborne, Missouri;

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

A special Directive regarding assignment of PSY - WAR project number 51 directed to number 103-081 from underground HQ;

Minutemen bulletins for mid-summer (July, 1969) February, October, 1957;

Notice to all members from 001200, Director of Propaganda;

"On Target" December, 1966
"On Target" May 1, 1955;

Eight page informative communication entitled "The Speakers"

Twelve copies of special bulletins from Director of Security, National Coordinator, Director of Recruiting and Training;

Two copies of network members bulletin;

General network bulletin to members of network number 1821;

Five letters from ROBERT B. DE PUGH to "Dear Fellow Patriot";

General bulletin to Directors from Executive Council (2 copies);

December, 1968 bulletin to network Directors;

Patriotic Party news letter for December 27, 1967 and October 17, 1967;

Various special reports, pamphlets, handouts, underground news bulleting and letters from ROBERT B. DE PUGH's wife RAMONA V. DE PUGH, members report forms and notices;

Bound Minutemen Instructions, text questions,
training documents, bulletins, copies of
"On Target" and other bulletins containing
detailed instructions on the manufacture of
booby traps and other explosive devices
and silencers and weapons.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Letters To The Editor

AIMS DETRICK-LIKE EDITORIAL ON HOOD

the Editor, Sir:

There is an ostrich-like quality your reporting and editorial on firing of Dr. Thomas Rose by Hood College that results in the most serious reflections on people I am confident you did not intend.

Nowhere in your otherwise fine reporting by Phil Niklaus or in your lengthy editorial is there any reference to the fact that Dr. Rose was subjected to pressure from the FBI or its director when a professor of American University, his class was tentatively quit by 11 FBI agents. Yet you knew this, having reported it.

As a result, there will always linger the suspicion that Mr. Hoover demanded Dr. Rose's firing, or that the college administration spontaneously decided what it conceived he would do.

Yet from what is available, there really seems to be no reason other than this incident behind the firing, various lies having been told to explain it. Can it be the alleged "professional immaturity" that led so large a publisher as Random House to publish Dr. Rose, or American University to engage him? If it is unprofessional for Dr. Rose to have informed his students that he had been fired, can you honestly say of the blatant lie by the college president, that the reasons were economic, that it was no more than "less than rank"?

What emerges from all of this is a backwardness that bodes ill for the college, its students and the entire community. Inherent is an antipathy to fresh air, an aversion to any ideas more advanced than the horse and buggy eras, a reluctance to bring students into contact with the realities of the world in which they live, whether or not those realities are pleasant and congenial.

Aside from the right of the students to get something more than the best the 18th century can

offer, by way of education, there is the right of the parents to pay a premium for a Hood education to get their money's worth, daughters who are prepared for and prepared to rear children who can cope with modern life and its new problems.

At this time of economic crisis in the community, it is foolhardy to hope that corporations will find in this pathetic relic of an outgrown past encouragement for locating here. Whether or not such ideas are consistent with the views of management, it is precisely this kind of attitude and thinking that discourages imaginative and forward-looking minds, the kind required today by industry. The kind of people who can make a success of new industry in the area just will not want to live in a community with so out-dated a perspective. This I know from my own contacts with agencies whose function it is to encourage new industries.

As for the girls, are they not entitled to the "inalienable" rights of all, including that of free speech? Are they to remain mute at what they regard as wrong? Does this make them better students, better humans? Or wives? What man in today's world wants a three-monkey's wife?

I do not believe you intended your editorial expression to be what it really is, an endorsement of authoritarianism, a preaching for it as a way of life, and a plea that students, especially girls, never question the judgments of their elders or those who control their lives.

Yet who is making the decisions, controlling the lives of these girls? Respectable liars, character assassins, cloaked in an Emperor's Clothes piety, people with, no doubt, the best intentions and what they regard as honorable purposes, but engaging in public conduct that cannot be condoned.

It is a credit to the girls that they have the spunk to protest. They do us all a service.

College is the place to expand minds, not contract vision and understanding. It is where emerging young adults make real contact with the realities of life, learn what it is, and should learn what they can accept and what they feel they must reject. Certainly this cannot be accomplished except by subjecting the growing minds to all available ideas. It cannot be accomplished by the suppression of thoughts not personally pleasing to whoever may at any time be in administrative authority.

The question of academic freedom here is so obvious — for the students as for the teachers — that it requires no comment.

What we have is a demeaning Frederick variant of the "cultural revolution" we so condemn elsewhere.

Let us sterilize a polluted society, not minds and ideas.

I have no notion of Dr. Rose's beliefs. They are irrelevant. The sole issue, once the college hires him, is whether he is a competent teacher. If it can be shown that he is incompetent, he deserves being fired. If it cannot be, if he is, indeed a competent sociologist and a competent teacher, he has earned his job and we all need him, particularly if he holds minority views, whatever they may be.

It stretches credulity to imagine that Hood was not satisfied about Dr. Rose's professional qualifications before they hired him. And it is inconceivable that so large an institution as American University, which can draw upon all area colleges, almost all larger and closer than Hood, reached 50 miles out to select an incompetent.

In every aspect, this shameful affair is violative of every decent American concept. Hood's administration can redeem its integrity by doing what it owes the institution, the students, the

community and their immediate victim, offering Dr. Rose a public apology and a contract.

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HAROLD WEISBERG
Rt. 2
Frederick, Md. 21701

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE NEWS

FREDERICK MD

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