



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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6 OCT 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: LESAR, James Hiram  
DPOB: 23 May 1940, Lawrence, Kansas

1. The case file pertaining to SUBJECT has been reviewed and a determination has been made that total derogatory information is of insufficient significance to warrant further processing under the provisions of AR 604-10.

2. DATA CONSIDERED:

a. Investigation discloses the following:

(1) SUBJECT was born 23 May 1940 at Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas and comes from a respected family. He attended the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, and received a BA degree on 16 June, 1962.

(2) While at the University SUBJECT was described as a "non-conformist," "malcontent," who frequently wore a "beatnick beard," and a "campus activist" who had affiliated himself with cause organizations.

(3) Former associates, employers, and teachers would not recommend SUBJECT for a position with the U. S. Government. Their reasoning was based on SUBJECT's outspoken attitude and criticisms of authority of student government and the military. In their opinions he could not be relied upon to keep sensitive material unpublicized and that his rebellious attitude toward any forms of authority would be detrimental to his success in holding a Federal position.

(4) On 3 March 1965 an envelope with the return address of Guozi Shudian, China Publication Center, P. O. Box 399, Peking, China, and addressed to SUBJECT arrived at the U. S. Army Strategic Communications Command-CONUS Mail Room in a damaged condition, torn open at one end. The damaged condition of the envelope caught the mail clerk's attention who noticed the return address and delivered the envelope and its contents to the Security Officer. The Security Officer did not open the envelope but by holding it at various positions was able to determine that there was corrugated packing inside the envelope, and a calendar, marked "Complimentary Calendar." Also in the envelope were two other items, one appearing to be some type of commercial printed matter, and the other, a typed letter.

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(5) On 26 Apr 65 SUBJECT was fingerprinted and asked to complete and sign DD Forms 398, Statement of Personal History and he refused to complete Items 17 and 19 or sign the form.

(6) On 16 July 1965 Pvt LESAR was interviewed by a special agent of the 116th INTC Group concerning his refusal to complete a Statement of Personal History, DD Form 398, and an Armed Forces Security Questionnaire (AFSQ), DD Form 98. SUBJECT refused to be interviewed under oath, or to accomplish a sworn or unsworn statement. In a voluntary statement SUBJECT stated that at no time had he refused to complete or sign an AFSQ, but that at the time he submitted his incomplete SPH he would have refused to complete the AFSQ had he been asked to do so. SUBJECT stated that he could not answer Items 17 and 19 of the SPH with intellectual honesty, except by using his own definitions of the terms "Fascist" and "Communist", since there is no official United States Government definition provided. Under SUBJECT's definitions of these terms, the United States Army could be considered both a Fascist and a Communist organization. In that case, SUBJECT feels he would have to answer in the affirmative to Items 17 and 19 of his SPH, since he is a member of the United States Army. In addition, Item 17 of the SPH contains a question concerning subversion, which SUBJECT understands is related to forceful overthrow of the United States Government. SUBJECT believes the United States Army is subversive in that it is attempting to overthrow the United States Government by force.

(7) During the interview on 16 July 1965 SUBJECT was asked to complete an AFSQ, DD Form 98, and refused to do so on the grounds of Constitutional safeguards of freedom of speech, expression, and political associations, and on grounds of legal protections against cruel and unusual punishment, ex post facto laws, trial by legislative or administrative technique rather than judicial methods, and guilt by association. He also refused to complete a SPH, DD Form 398. Paragraph 14b, AR 604-10, concerning criteria and guide lines to be used in determining whether acceptance or retention of an individual is clearly consistent with the interests of national security was read and explained to SUBJECT, and which he subsequently read. SUBJECT again refused to complete and sign either the DD Form 98 or DD Form 398. He also stated, that had he read the complete DD Form 98 at the time of induction he would have refused to complete and sign the form. SUBJECT failed to answer questions concerning his loyalty to the U. S. Government and whether he had ever subscribed to the doctrines of the Communist Party or been a member of the Communist Party.

3. While SUBJECT's loyalty to the United States has not been questioned, his refusing to complete a Statement of Personal History, DD Form 398, and Armed Forces Security Questionnaire, DD Form 98, together with statements made by his former associates and teachers attesting to his

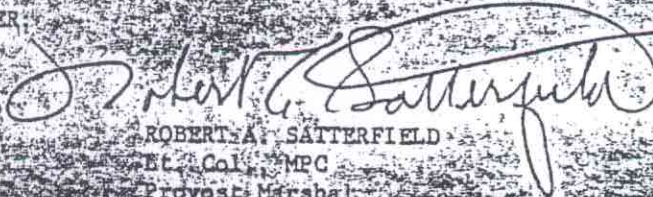
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rebellious attitude toward authority plus their opinion as to his unreliability to keep sensitive material unpublicized makes it inadvisable in the interest of national security to permit SUBJECT to have access to classified defense information. Accordingly, determination has been made that SUBJECT will not be granted a security clearance.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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Proxost. Marshal