

Dear Jim,            CSC files on you

10/4/77

I've made one hasty and oft-interrupted trip through these pages. If you'd like I'll do it again. I believe that in and of themselves they are not complete, ~~that~~ they make it probable the FBI held back on you, that at least some of the obliterations are not justifiable and that the 1974 interest is related to the Ray case, an impropriety.

The last comment relates to the form you put on the top. Your note ran off the upper edge of the page but that much I did make out. Did you give the VA legitimate cause to review your security file by 2/1/74? If not I'd suspect that VA's spooks were doing this for others.

I find the use of the word "testimony" on form 366 of 2/5/64 interesting. The obliteration under "miscellaneous is questionable. If I've learned the meanings of their marks someone originally intended to withhold more, last sentence first page, top second. You can probably fill in what was removed about you and picketing. If you were arrested or stopped and questioned or removed or asked to leave there would be no basis for withholding this from you.

On p. 2,2, line 6 the first withholding, which seems to have been done by another means than blacking out, appears to be the kind of information not subject to withholding. Lines 9 and 10, if it makes any difference to you, seem to withhold more than the name of a person. The rest, where they've substituted "Third Party," is ridiculous. For all the world as though you know nothing about the one whose cause you championed and about whom you wrote to newspapers.

Penultimate line suggests there could be FBI files on you under SNCC if not also YPSL.

The card that notes reference to the FBI just about assures it did not give you all. In larger type it says "Referred to FBI (Loyalty)" with the "asis" typed in as "Report of Investigation" and the date 2/26/64/

What I think this means is that the FBI did not give you all pending hearing from CSC and that pending hearing from CSC withheld anything indicative of there being CSC files. I'd go back to FBI and DJ or this.

These records make it appear that a decision not to use you had been reached prior to 2/26/64. I therefore seriously doubt that there was proper legal basis for a loyalty referral to the FBI merely because some spook did not like the company you then kept.

On IN308A this was recommended by CSC that same date/ The SF 73 is not here and there seems to be nothing showing "items from B2 through B5." The list attached to the covering letter does not include an ~~(standard)~~ Form 73.

Have you asked the Peace Corps?

Best,

*Harold: This page was last wa  
I put it first because of its  
potential  
significance*

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

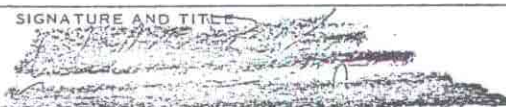
RECORD OF FILE REVIEW

NAME OF FILE	
LESAR, James H	
NAME OF PERSON RELEASING FILE	CIVIL SERVICE REGION OR OFFICE

THE CONTENTS OF THIS FILE ARE FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT USE ONLY (EXECUTIVE BRANCH), OR ARE OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED AS SHOWN IN THE FILE. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION MUST BE PROTECTED FROM UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE. CLASSIFIED DEFENSE INFORMATION MUST BE SAFE-GUARDED AS PROVIDED IN EO 10501.

SECURITY PLEDGE

I, a representative of the agency named below, have been duly authorized in connection with my official duties to request and examine the file on the person named above. I understand that I am prohibited from giving the information contained in the file to any unauthorized person. I further understand that I may not take any papers from the files.

AGENCY	
WA	
DATE OF REVIEW	SIGNATURE AND TITLE
2-1-74	

C FORM 232  
DECEMBER 1962



UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
TO BE OPENED BY ADDRESSEE ONLY

YOUR REFERENCE

Mr. James H. Lesar  
Attorney at Law  
1231 Fourth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

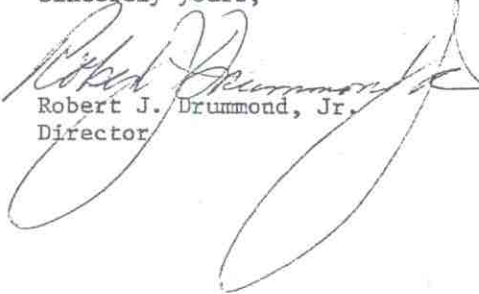
In response to your letter of May 23, 1976, attached herewith is a copy of the information contained in your investigative file pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579.

The attached documents are exact copies of the material contained in your investigative file which originated in or is the property of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The only data that has been deleted from these documents is information which is exempt from disclosure under Section 552a (k) (5) of the Privacy Act of 1974 or is strictly limited to names of other individuals and information pertaining to them.

Your investigative file also contains reference to data that originated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the agency with which your request originated.

Please note the encircled information in the attached documents as well as the encircled attachments to the CSC Report of Investigation at Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. This information has been removed from the permanent file maintained by the Bureau of Personnel Investigations and will not be made available to future requesting agencies under the provisions of Section 552a (e) (7) of the Privacy Act.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert J. Drummond, Jr.  
Director

Enclosures  
(Listed on page 2)

James H. Lesar

Section 552a (e) (7) of Public Law 93-579  
Section 552a (k) (5) of Public Law 93-579  
Investigation Request dated 1/16/64  
Peace Corps Questionnaire signed 1/14/64 and attachment  
CSC Form 3746-A dated 1/23/64  
2 Teletypes dated 2/4/64  
Teletype dated 2/6/64  
IN Form 290 dated 2/24/64  
IN Form 320A dated 2/25/64  
2 CSC Reports of Investigation (1964) and attachment  
CSC Form 3746 dated 2/26/64  
IN Form 254 received 2/26/64  
IN Form 136 dated 2/26/64  
IN Form 308A dated 2/26/64  
CSC Form 232 dated 2/1/74

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

PUBLIC LAW 93-579

EXTRACT OF SECTION 552a (e) (7)

"(e) AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.--Each agency that maintains a system of records shall --

"(7) maintain no record describing how any individual exercises rights guaranteed by the First Amendment unless expressly authorized by statute or by the individual about whom the record is maintained or unless pertinent to and within the scope of authorized law enforcement activity;"

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

PUBLIC LAW 93-579

EXTRACT OF SECTION 552a (k) (5)

Section 3, Title 5, United States Code is amended by adding after Section 552 the following new Section:

§ 552a. Records maintained on individuals.

- (k). Specific Exemptions - The head of any agency may promulgate rules... to exempt any system of records within the agency... if the system of records is...

"(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or, prior to the effective date of this section, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;"

NOTE: The United States Civil Service Commission published its proposed rules which exempt Personnel Investigative Records in the Federal Register of August 27, 1975, pp. 39239 to 39252.

INVESTIGATION REQUEST

1)22.64. 5459

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TO: Director, Bureau of Personnel Investigations  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

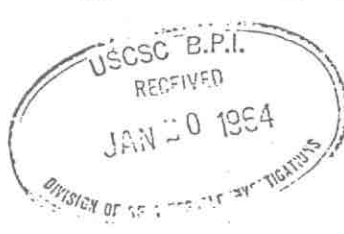
Date Sent: January 16, 1964

FROM: Division of Selection, Peace Corps

Project: BRAZIL RCA  
PROJECT NO. 512-64-X-01

SUBJECT: Peace Corps Volunteer Applicants - Investigative Data

Please  initiate  cancel investigation for the persons listed below. The forms necessary for initiating an investigation (Background Information and Fingerprint Chart) are attached for each applicant unless otherwise noted.

QUES. NO.	APPLICANT'S NAME	REMARKS
54291	Lesar, James Hiram	P.C. 5's only  Charge to:  Appropriation: 44-1131107 Allotment: 344-22- -30-87-31 Obligation No.: <u>4999</u> 258- -199  JAN 16 1964  

The files of the above applicants contain no derogatory information relevant to the CSC investigation. If such information develops during training, CSC will be notified.

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PEACE CORPS QUESTIONNAIRE NO. 54921	Public Law	PEACE CORPS BACKGROUND INFORMATION FORM FOR VOLUNTEERS	CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only) 1) 22.64. 5459
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INSTRUCTIONS--Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. Sign all copies. Use separate sheet to continue answers; show item numbers to which answers apply.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name show "NMN"; if initials only show "no given or middle name")	A. (LAST NAME) Iosar (FIRST NAME) JAMES (MIDDLE NAME) Hiram	2. DATE OF BIRTH May 23, 1940
	B. OTHER NAMES USED (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.) <i>U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION</i> <i>about 1961-1962</i>	3. PLACE OF BIRTH Urbana, Illinois
		4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
		5. HEIGHT 5'4" WEIGHT 165 COLOR EYES Blue COLOR HAIR Brown

6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE, AND DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages.) <i>None</i>
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8. ALL DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue on separate sheets, if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
Month Year	Month Year			
Sept 1963	April 1963	1115 W. Oregon	Urbana	Illinois
June 1963	Aug 1963	406 E. Green St.	Champaign	"
Feb 1963	June 1963	203 S. Coler	Urbana	"
Sept 1962	Feb 1963	508 W. Illinois	Urbana	"
Sept 1961	Sept 1962	910 S. Fifth	Champaign	"
June 1961	Sept 1961	503 E. Stoughton	Champaign	"
Sept 1960	June 1961	605 E. Daniel St.	Champaign	"
June 1960	Sept 1960	(mailing addresses: Madrid, Paris c/o American Express; resided in July at Heid Lager Linz Ober Österreich)		
June 1958	June 1960	403 E. Daniel St.	Champaign	Illinois

9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).	CERT. NO. PETITION NO.	
	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
University High School	1951	1957	None
University City High	1957	1958	Grad
University of Illinois	1958	1964	P.A. (working on P.A.)

**FURNISH CSC COPIES OF EACH REPORT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI IN THIS CASE!**

11. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED (Past and present) OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL (If "None" so state.)

Cosmoopolitan Club  
Boy Scouts

BRAZIL R-C-A 512-64-X-01	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 499-40-9762			
	13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) None			
	SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

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14. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used. Include part-time and summer employment.)

FROM		TO		NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND NAME OF SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
Month	Year	Month	Year				
Sept	63	present		Physics Lab, Dr. Goldwasser		scanner	
Aug	62	Sept	63	Unemployed (508 W. Illinois, 203 S. Cedar, Urbana; 400 E. Green, Champaign)			
Sept	61	Aug	62	Illini Union Carl Reardon		courier att.	Champaign no need for money
June	61	Sept	61	Unemployed (for addresses see section 2.)			
Feb.	61	June	61	Illini Union MR. McNeB		cost room att.	travel
Dec	58	Feb	61	Unemployed (for addresses see section 2.)			
Sept	58	Dec	60	Univ. of Ill. Library Miss Hull		page	fired on nepotism clause

15. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? (Do not include anything that happened before your sixteenth birthday. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine was imposed, or bail forfeited, in the amount of \$25 or less. All other charges must be included even if they were dismissed.)

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES" GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

YES       NO

REASON CHARGED OR HELD	DATE	PLACE WHERE CHARGED OR HELD AND NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	DISPOSITION

16. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930) (Exclusive of military service). IF STAY IN ANY ONE CITY EXCEEDED ONE MONTH, GIVE EXACT ADDRESS IN 8. LIST ALL FOREIGN SCHOOLS AND EMPLOYERS UNDER 10 AND 14.

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT USA	DATE RETURNED USA	PURPOSE
Ireland, England, France, Spain, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland	June 1960	Sept. 1960	travel for pleasure and education
Mexico, Canada	visited a couple of times each for day or two at a time.		

17. RELATIVES: PARENTS, SPOUSE, DIVORCED SPOUSE, CHILDREN, BROTHERS & SISTERS, LIVING OR DEAD. (Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

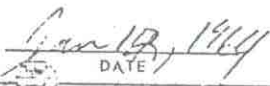
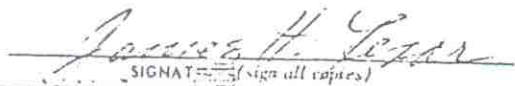
RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Hiriam Henry Lesar	1913	7723 Blackberry Lane	US.	U.S.
Mother	Rosalie Barry Lesar	1907	University City, Mo.		"
Brother	Albert Keith Lesar	1942	14315 Page Mill Rd. Los Altos Hills, Calif.		"
Brother	Byron Lee Lesar	1945	7723 Blackberry Lane University City 30, Mo.		"

18. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you.)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
1. Julian T. White	Box 10208 Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.	6
2. Miss Wanda Bowers	Ant. 1001 20 Plaza Square St. Louis, Mo.	17
3. Robert Luehbers	111 Stewart Road Columbia, Missouri	10

P.C. Form 5  
JUNE 1, 1961  
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 116-R008

I CERTIFY that the above statements are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

DATE: June 19, 1964      SIGNATURE: (sign all copies)

FURTHER DATES AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE

June 1957	June 1958	7631 Delmar University City Missouri
? 1955	June 1957	108 Crestmoor (?) Columbia, Missouri
? 1952	1955	1611 (?) University Ave. Columbia, Mo.
? 1949	1952	1120 W. Broadway Columbia, Mo.
? 1947	1948	801 Virginia Ave. Columbia, Mo.

Before these dates I lived in Jacksonville, Florida; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; and Lawrence, Kansas. However, I do not recall any of the addresses I lived at in any of these towns. Would have to contact my parents to find out.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FULL FIELD INVESTIGATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

DIRECTOR, REGION

The attached case is for investigation in your region at the points indicated.

SCHEDULED POINTS OF INVESTIGATION.

*9 - 42*  
~~2/ Urbana, Ill~~  
~~University City, Mo~~  
~~2/ Champaign, Ill~~

*no answer to Dept -  
high rank - should  
not have been scheduled*

RECORD SEARCH ONLY REQUIRED

Place of search

Dates and places of employment

*2/* (W) Washington, DC

State Passport

REMARKS:

Investigators will develop through discreet questioning of qualified witnesses whether subject is known to harbor or display any prejudices with regard to race, economic level, and educational level. If the volunteer is married, the same questions will be asked and reported concerning the spouse.

USCSC WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME (Last, First, Middle) LESAR, James Hiram		CASE NO. 1.22.64.5459	DD 2/24/64
OTHER NAMES USED		DP:el 1/23/64	
ADDRESSES		DATE	
1115 W. OREGON, URBANA, ILL		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
406 E. Green St, Champaign, Ill		5/23/40	499 40 9782
7631 Delmar Univ. City, Mo		Lawrence, Kans	
		SERVICE OR SERIAL NOS.	POSITION
		None	-
		AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS	
		P. C. Proj., Brazil RCA Wash, DC	
		GRADE OR SALARY	TYPE OF APPT.
			-
FP	FBI	SFS	SII
			HOUSE
			AUTH. FOR APPT.
			TYPE OF CASE FF FL

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LESAR, JAMES HIRAM 1.22.64, 5459 DD: 2-24-64

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*Desk #1  
M. J. ...*

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS  
WASH. DIV. OF INVESTIGATIONS

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U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DISCONTINUE RUSH THE FOLLOWING CASES:

Information which is strictly limited to the names of other individuals  
and information pertaining to them

LESAR, JAMES HIRAM, DD: 2-24-64,

1.22.64.5459, TO YOUR REGION 1-31-64.

WASHINGTON DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS



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2-6-64 8:00 A.M.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSE OUT INSTRUCTIONS - DIVISION OF REIMBURSABLE INVESTIGATIONS

Leser (Case Surname)      PE (Agency)      1-5459 (Case Serial No.)

1.  Completed Case  
 Charge       No Charge
2.  Discontinued Case  
 Charge       No Charge
3.  Confidential       Secret
- Referral to FBI  
 Investigation Partially Completed  
 No Investigation Made  
 IN-325       IN 325A       IN 351

Reason for Discontinuance  
Referral

4.  Derogatory Suitability Information - Stamp closing cards (and Review Unit copies of SF 73 if applicable).  
5.  Flag (CSC 4148), see Remarks.  
6.  Note IN 254 "Investigation Outside U.S.A. is pending". Also stamp statistical closed card. (AEC: Desk should include this notation on IN 320.)  
7.  Federal Employee or Applicant.

- Send reports to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prepare SF 73       White       Green (show authority for previous FBI Inv.)
- o/s is pending, type SF 73 to remain in file; leave blank: "Date reports fwd." \_\_\_\_\_
- Competitive case (Type after E.O.D.):       applicant       appointee
- Final Report
- Incomplete Report (Green only - First Review Unit copy)

8.  Advance Report Forwarded \_\_\_\_\_
9.  National Agency Checks:  
 Previously furnished on Form \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Report as shown in file  
 Report as shown under "Remarks".

REMARKS:  
FP- not submitted  
FBI- NR  
CSC- NR  
HOUSE- NR  
DA-  
ONI-  
AIR-  
CGI-

442 320A40

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Case Control & Review Officer)      7/24/64  
(Date)



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 UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

NAME <b>JAMES HIRAM LESAR</b>	ADDRESS <b>1115 West Oregon, Urbana, Illinois</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>May 23, 1940</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Lawrence, Kansas</b>
POSITION	AGENCY <b>Peace Corps, Proj. Brazil RCA Washington, D. C.</b>
TYPE OF CASE <b>Full Field</b>	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. <b>1.22.64.5459</b>
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION <b>Champaign, Illinois Urbana, Illinois</b>	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION <b>January 29, 30, February 5, 1964</b>	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR <b>[REDACTED]</b>

Information in this report has been obtained under a pledge of confidence. The sources of information must not be disclosed to the person investigated. The information must not be discussed with him in a manner which would reveal or permit him to deduce its source. However, these restrictions do not apply to (1) information of public record; (2) information from law enforcement records; and (3) information from Federal personnel records which could be obtained on request by the employee.

This report is the property of the United States Civil Service Commission and may be recalled at any time. Transfer of this report to another agency is not permitted without prior consent of the Commission. The report and its contents must be safeguarded in a manner to prohibit unauthorized disclosure. Access is to be limited to those persons whose official duties require it.

The testimony of all witnesses is given in substance unless indicated by quotation marks.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

This case covers criminal and credit records at Urbana and Champaign, Illinois and includes testimony ~~of [REDACTED]~~ University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. (Case discontinued.)

**URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Miscellaneous

~~[REDACTED]~~  
 In February of 1961, James Hiram Lesar was ~~[REDACTED]~~  
 picketing the University's Military Ball and protesting compulsory

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CSC FORM 366  
AUGUST 1960

military training at the university. [redacted] and James Lesar. I have seen him occasionally on the campus, and I know that he is a "rabble rouser in the fullest sense of the word and is also a first-class beatnik."

[redacted] he has been active in practically every cause here on the campus. [redacted] contact has been rather limited with him, but [redacted] a great deal of record information from our files.

#### Criminal and Credit Records

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Security Office, Student Services Building, Room 331. Record information furnished by [redacted]

A newspaper clipping from the Daily Illini dated June 3, 1961 reflects a James Lesar as secretary-treasurer of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Cuba and related affairs.

Information which is strictly limited to the names of other individuals and information pertaining to them.

In March of 1963, James Lesar was a signer of a letter in support of Third Party a University of Illinois professor removed from the faculty for open advocacy of sexual relations between unmarried students. In May of 1963, James Lesar helped to distribute open letters "handbills" to parents visiting on campus as a "protest to mothers against the removal of Third Party

Jim Lesar was one of the signers of an open letter printed in the Daily Illini dated March 21, 1963 which criticized the "outrageously severe and completely unwarranted" release of Third Party

The newspaper article in the Champaign-Urbana Courier dated June 28, 1961 reflects a James Lesar as chairman of the "Champaign-Urbana Committee on the [redacted] Case." The article stated that Third Party a University of Illinois graduate student, was charged with refusal to answer material questions at a February 1958 hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article reflected as follows: "The questions included whether he was a Communist and whether he had taken part in communist colonizing activities as a steel worker in Gary, Indiana from 1949 to 1957." A newspaper article from the News-Gazette dated February 1961 reflects a James Lesar as one of the pickets of the University's Military Ball protesting compulsory military training at the University of Illinois. A photograph of James Lesar as one of the pickets appears with the article.

Other newspaper clippings and articles indicate that he was an active member in the Illinois Chapter of the Young Peoples Socialist League, was a member of the Students Non-violence Coordinating Committee, and had many other affiliations with other campus organizations.

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No record.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

No record.

CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPARTMENT, Champaign City Hall, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

No record.

CREDIT BUREAU OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

No record.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Investigation was discontinued upon receipt of a teletype dated February 4, 1964 from INR.

SL:lmg:2-6-64

LESLAR JAMES HIDAM		2h
NAME OF STUDENT		
S. 7364	0082340	28949A
DATE FILLED	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRES
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA, ILLINOIS STUDENT IDENTIFICATION		
65250	GRADUATE 0 1932	
<i>James H. Leslar</i>		
LOCAL ADDRESS (PRINT) <i>NONE</i>		
<i>1062-63</i>		
SPECIAL DOCUMENT		
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS		
ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFICATION BEING USED FOR		
INVALIDATED DOCUMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY		
VALIDATION		SECOND SEMESTER
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Open Letter to the People

To the People

The Open Letter to the People is a document which has been prepared by the Executive Committee of the People's Party, and is being distributed to you in order that you may be able to express your views on the subject of the Open Letter to the People, and to give your support or dissent to the Open Letter to the People.

The Executive Committee of the People's Party, after a long and careful study of the Open Letter to the People, and after a long and careful study of the Open Letter to the People, has decided to present it to the President and other members of the Executive Committee in Washington, and to the people of the United States, and to the people of the United States, and to the people of the United States.

After the meeting on 11/11/54, the Executive Committee met and elected the following officers: One of the officers was elected to represent the People's Party in the Executive Committee, and the other officers were elected to represent the People's Party in the Executive Committee.

In Washington, the Executive Committee presented the Open Letter to the President and other members of the Executive Committee, and to the people of the United States, and to the people of the United States, and to the people of the United States.

The Open Letter and the Executive Committee were, on the whole, cordially received in Washington and New York and in other parts of the United States, and it is believed that they will receive serious consideration. We believe that many other communities had made similar, spontaneous representations. Nevertheless, we believe there is continuing ground for concern. The efforts of American citizens to support a foreign policy which protects real national interests and which conforms to the rule of law in international affairs, should be continued and intensified.

The purpose of the Open Letter and of the public meeting on 11/11/54 was to awaken concern and to give to the Executive Committee a mandate to continue its efforts. It is believed that the numerous letters to the Executive Committee have played an important part in this regard. Both those who have agreed with us and those who have disagreed have, we think, contributed to the exercise of the democratic process in relation to a critically important policy matter.

Martin Cobia, Co-Chairman  
Patricia Smith, Co-Chairman

Note:



# Yellin Committee Formed

## U.I. Group Fights for Reversal of Yellin Case

A local committee has been organized to defend Edward L. Yellin, University of Illinois graduate student whose National Science Foundation fellowship was revoked last week.

Its purpose is "to call attention to the case of Yellin, who has been brought to the attention of the public by the fact of his case."

*Note:*

From 15 to 20 persons have attended the first two meetings of the committee, a spokesman said.

He told the members that the NSF acted improperly, more

specifically, and that the case is a "classic" in the history of the university. He said the committee will formulate a plan of action, possibly, and a public hearing will be held in the Yellin case.

Yellin, who said he was a "graduate student" at the University of Illinois, Urbana, said a statement defining the committee was also released. It said:

"Yellin, who is a graduate student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, does not believe the National Science Foundation's action in revoking his fellowship is a just one. He believes that the NSF acted improperly."

"If a man is to be judged on American principles of justice, it is not that he is a 'good' man, but that he is a 'good' man with all the faults of a human being, and that he is a 'good' man."

"The NSF's action in revoking Yellin's fellowship is a violation of the principles of justice. It is a violation of the principles of justice which have been established by the American people."

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# THE ARIZONA

## PHOTOGRAPH

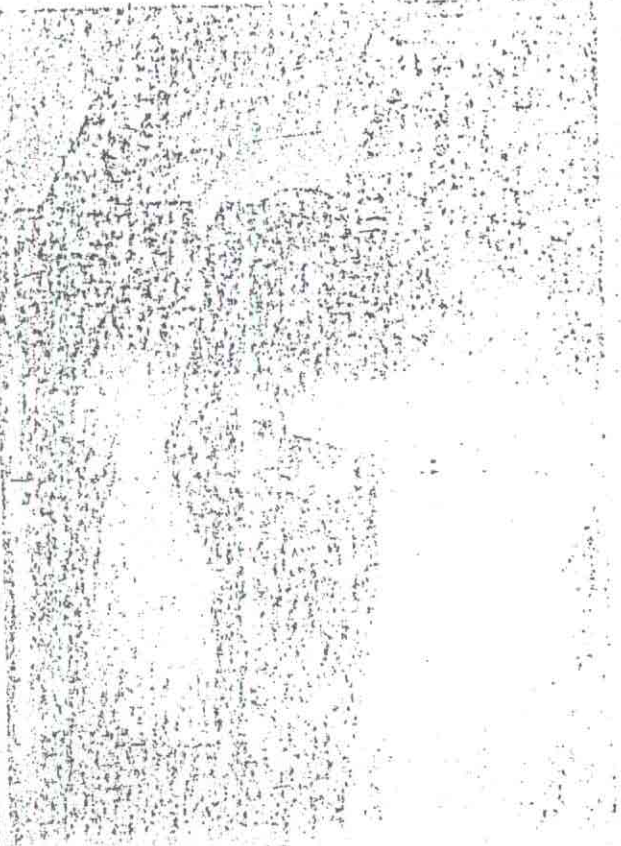
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Subject was one of the runners in this picketing. The subject appears in the above photograph. The subject did not copy clear from the copying machine. The subject's name is not mentioned in this portion.

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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

NAME <b>JAMES HIRAH LESAR</b>	ADDRESS <b>1115 W. Oregon Urbana, Ill.</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>May 23, 1940</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Lawrence, Kansas</b>
POSITION	AGENCY <b>PC</b>
TYPE OF CASE <b>FF</b>	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. <b>1.22.64.5459</b>
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH <b>Washington, D. C.</b>
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION <b>Jan. 29, 1964</b>	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>

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The testimony of all witnesses is given in substance unless indicated by quotation marks.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Miscellaneous

STATE DEPARTMENT, Passport Office, Room 2129 New State Extension, 21st and C Streets, N. W. Information furnished by ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Record search disclosed Domestic Passport 2219921 was issued to James Hiram Lesar at Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1960 for pleasure travel from June 11th through September 1st, (10 weeks) in England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Spain, Switzerland, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, Netherlands, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Lichtenstein, Andorra, Luxembourg and Finland.

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Occupation: Student.

Birth data was verified by a Birth Certificate as May 23, 1940 in Lawrence, Kansas.

Father, Hiram Henry Lesar, was born on May 8, 1913 in Thebes, Illinois.

Mother, Rosalee Berry Lesar, was born on or about 1906 in Kane, Illinois.

No further information of a pertinent nature was noted in the file.

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NAME (Last, First, Middle)

LESAR, James HIR

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405 E. Green St, Champaign, Ill  
7631 Delmar Univ. City, Mo

DATE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH  
5/23/43  
Lawrence, Kans

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

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SERVICE OR SERIAL NOS.

POSITION

None

AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

P. C. Proj., Brazil RCA  
Wash, DC

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE: February 26, 1964  
FILE: INR: ECA: 127  
CSC LIST NO.:

Dr. Edwin R. Hanry  
Director of Selection  
Peace Corps  
Room 816, Malatico Building  
805 Connecticut Ave., N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Investigations conducted at your request have been completed in the case or cases listed below, and the investigative reports are attached.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CSC SER. NO.</u>	<u>NO. OF REPORTS</u>	<u>AGENCY NO. (If Any)</u>
1. LESAR, James Hiram	1.22.64.5159	3	Brazil PCA

Kimbell Johnson, Director  
Bureau of Personnel Investigations

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415  <b>REFERRAL OF CASE TO FBI          FOR INVESTIGATION</b>	DATE: 2/26/64	IN REPLY REFER TO CASE SERIAL NO: 1.22.64.5459
	NAME: LESAR, James Hiram	
TO:  Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20535	AGENCY: Peace Corps, Project Brazil RCA	
	AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Public Laws 87-293 <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10422 as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10450 as Amended	

This case is referred to you for investigation in view of the information contained in the Basis For Referral specified below. Please furnish copies of your reports of investigation to this office in the regular manner.

**BASIS FOR REFERRAL:**

- FBI Files
- CSC Security Investigations Index
- CSC Security Files
- House Committee on Un-American Activities Files
- Office of Naval Intelligence Files
- Department of Army Files
- Department of Air Force Files
- Coast Guard Intelligence Files
- Application Form, Personnel Security Questionnaire, or Standard Form 86
- Confidential Inquiry Form(s)
- Report of previous investigation. Copies attached as indicated under Enclosures.
- Report of previous investigation. Report may be reviewed at the Bureau of Personnel Investigations. Arrangements for review may be made by telephoning Code 129, extension 5104.
- Other (Specify)

**REMARKS:**

Referral of this case is based on CSC report ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ at Champaign and Urbana, Illinois, which establishes subject's association with questionable groups and individuals. This raises a possible question of loyalty.

CSC did not complete it's investigation prior to referral.

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**ENCLOSURES:**

- CSC Form 257 with attachments.
- Application Form, 2 copies of PSQ, or Standard Form 86.
- 2 Copies of 3 reports of previous investigation.
- Form IN-17, IN-17A, or IN-34

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LESAR, James Hiram	5/23/40	1.22.64.5459

The case identified above has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for any necessary investigation.

REMARKS:

Referral of this case is based on CSC report [redacted] at Champaign and Urbana, Illinois, which establishes subject's association with questionable groups and individuals. This raises a possible question of loyalty.

CSC had partially completed it's investigation prior to referral, therefore your Agency will be billed.

The attached SF 73 should not be completed until all reports are received and final determination is made unless, in the meantime, action is taken under any of the items from B2 through B5.

Kimbell Johnson, Director  
Bureau of Personnel Investigations

Enclosures:

- 3 CSC Reports
- FBI Reports
- Standard Form 73
- Other

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