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Ft. Meade, Md. 20755

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Dear Mr. Conley,

By this time you have probably received my last letter in response to your last letter and enjoyed righteous indignation.

Now that today's mail brings your 6/21 with enclosures you can come down to earth.

It entirely corroborates all I've said, even if you have to have the dilatory CIA remind you of what is in your files.

Maybe I'm a little tiny bit unfair to them. My request of the Army was earlier.

So now you know you do indeed have the files you denied having. And I was not without just cause in reminding you of the requirement of the law that there be a good-faith search made with due diligence. Or the old trick of not searching the right files?

Has the time yet come when you will recognize the law, you in the plural sense, and insist that those who are not being truthful with you make a real search and provide the records you are required to provide?

There is a long list of code identifications in these records indicative of your sources you did not report having checked or other distribution points to which you did not report making referral. After all these years of pious protestations can it be done now? Under a ten-day law, that is?

If you are not now willing to give me a translation of all this coded mumbojumbo then I do make a new FOIA request for all records identifying each. Well, one for each will do.

Remember my reminding you about Ft. Monroe? Copies of what you sent me were sent to RUCRC/CS USCGHARU there.

Having no interest in the two relating to whom you withheld under the privacy exemption and believing in it as I do about other exemptions, I do not appeal that withholding. I do appeal the withholding of the rest of these and all relevant files now that you and I both have proof of their existence. You know well enough about their denial.

I look forward to your informing me that you have caused searches to be made at all these distribution points for all information relating to the JFK assassination and to me. When Mrs. Marguerite Oswald has not written a book about her son or the Warren Commission of anything else relevant to either and I have written more about both than any other person, I hope you can understand why I wonder that the Army's intelligence had to cover a speech she made but claims to have had no interest in or files on me. I've made many more appearances and my first book was the first on the subject.

I do not present myself as a current expert on classification but I do wonder how either of these records qualified for any classification. I would appreciate the citation of any law or executive order that justified this classification.

Written on the face of the first page of the first enclosure is what appears to be four different 921 files. If you can identify these and tell me that whether files or references there have been full and proper searches I would appreciate it.

Obviously these records refer to others within my heavy requests. One in particular is relevant to your assurance of a proper search in your very last letter, the records of the 112th Intc. Sp. in Dallas. This source told the authors of this record that the Dallas Police Department told the Army that Oswald admitted being a card-carrying Communist. This perplexes me because the police did not tell the Commission this and the Commission, the FBI

and all other agencies of which I know, including the Dallas police, failed to so state.

My perplexity is increased after reading Oswald's writings. He wrote against the Russians and the American Communists. I know of no anti-Communist writings of his.

-in fact he returned from the Soviet Union, not without difficulty.

Perhaps the foregoing circumstances account for his carrying a Communist card? According to your incomplete record, citing an Army report you still withhold.

By the time I hear from NIS again I hope I remember to remind them of their report they have managed not to find for so long.

Do you think that if all the services actually got together and combined to withhold information and bring down justifiable suspicion upon all of them they could have succeeded any better?

Does not any one of you care about the law? Or the faith of the people? Or earning and deserving it?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
US ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

IACI-CAF

21 June 1977

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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1. Reference your request, date unknown, to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) requesting documents pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552). Your request was referred to the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) on 1 April 1977 and forwarded to this office on 14 June 1977 with one(1) Army-originated document and one(1) NIS document containing Army-originated information for releasability determination. This referral letter was received in this office on 17 June 1977.
2. The Army-originated report (Inclosure 1) and the NIS Report containing Army-originated information (Inclosure 2) have been reviewed, determined to be releasable and are forwarded herewith. Those paragraphs of Inclosure 1, which have been sanitized under the provisions of 5 USC 552(b)(7)(C) contain information concerning persons other than yourself. Their identities are shown in the report but the information pertaining to them has been deleted. This information, if released to you without the authorization of the individuals concerned, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of other individuals, and is exempt from the mandatory public disclosure requirement of the Freedom of Information Act.
3. The sanitizations which have been made in processing these records for release to you constitute a partial denial of your request by the properly designated Initial Denial Authority (IDA), and you are hereby advised of your right to appeal this partial denial to the Secretary of the Army. If, after your review of the material, you wish to exercise this right, you should forward your appeal to this office for necessary processing:

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The outer envelope forwarding your appeal should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

4. If you have any questions, you may contact the Freedom of Information Center, US Army Intelligence Agency, US Army Intelligence and Security Command, ATTN: IACI-CAF, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755. The telephone numbers are (301) 677-5401/4743.

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Chief, Freedom of Information Center

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MESSAGE

NR: 480587

(S) FPCC HAS CHAPTERS IN MOST MAJOR CITIES IN UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, STUDENT COUNCIL CHAPTERS ESTABLISHED IN MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AS OF APRIL 1961, FPCC MEMBERSHIP ALLEGEDLY TOTALLED 7,000 IN 21 REGULAR AND 40 STUDENT COUNCIL CHAPTERS.

(S) ROBERT TABER 352 (b)(7)(c)

(S) TABER SPENT THREE WEEKS WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN CUBAN SIERRA MAESTRO MOUNTAINS IN APRIL 1957. IN 1958 HE SPENT TWO MONTHS WITH RAUL CASTRO OBSERVING GUERRILLA FIGHTING IN ORIENTE PROVINCE. A LIST OF JOURNALISTS, PREPARED BY CASTRO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDED TABER AS "OBJECTIVE REPORTER" ON CUBAN AFFAIRS. ALLEGEDLY, FIDEL CASTRO SELECTED TABER TO HEAD FPCC. TABER PROFFESSES TO BE MARXIST BUT DENIES BEING COMMUNIST; CLAIMING THAT CPUSA MEMBERS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE AND NOT REVOLUTIONARY ENOUGH.

(S) ANOTHER FPCC MEMBER, BARBARA COLLINS, ALSO FLED TO CUBA AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME. RICHARD GIBSON APPARENTLY TOOK OVER CONTROL OF FPCC AFTER TABER FLED. IN NOVEMBER 1962, GIBSON REPORTED IN ALGERIA UNDER BEN BELLA'S SPONSORSHIP.

(S) TABER RETURNED TO US IN MARCH 1962. WHILE IN CUBA, TABER ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN CASTRO'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS. BARBARA COLLINS REPORTEDLY STILL PARTICIPATING IN CUBAN PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS.

(S) THIS HQ HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE EXISTENCE OF FPCC CHAPTERS IN FOURTH US ARMY AREA PRIOR TO CURRENT PRESS STATEMENTS THAT LEE OSWALD IS FPCC CHAPTER CHAIRMAN DALLAS TEXAS.

(SOURCES: DCSI, USCONARC, G2 FIFTH US ARMY)
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(FOUO) FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OSWALD, HARVEY LEE: DOB 18 OCT 39; POB NEW ORLEANS, LA; PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 FT 10 INCHES, 165 LBS, BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR; EMPLOYED: DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOOK REPOSITORY, 411 ELM STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS; RESIDENCES: FT WORTH, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS SINCE JUN 62. IN 1959 OSWALD TRAVELED TO MOSCOW, USSR, WHERE HE ATTEMPTED TO RENOUNCE US CITIZENSHIP. HE RETURNED TO US IN JUN 62 ACCOMPANIED BY RUSSIAN WIFE, MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD. SPOUSE'S MOTHER LISTED AS PRUSAKOVA.

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(FOUO) ASSISTANT CHIEF DON STRINGFELLOW, INTELLIGENCE SECTION, DALLAS POLICE DEPT, NOTIFIED 112TH INTC GP, THIS HC, THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OSWALD REVEALED HE HAD DEFECTED TO CUBA IN 1959 AND IS CARD CARRYING MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. EVALUATION B-3.

(FOUO) DCSI COMMENT (FBI, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND SAN ANTONIO LIGHT NEWSPAPER STATED OSWALD TRAVELED TO MOSCOW, USSR, IN 1959. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT OSWALD MAY HAVE TRAVELED TO USSR VIA CUBA, IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION UNCOVERED BY DALLAS POLICE.

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1 April 1964

BY:

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SUBJECT:

ALSO KNOWN AS:

IDENTIFYING DATA:

Town Hall Rally

On 18 February, the "National Guardian" sponsored a public meeting in New York City's Town Hall, featuring Mrs. Marguerite OSWALD, mother of Lee OSWALD and her lawyer, Mark LANE. About 1500 people were on hand to hear the speakers profess OSWALD's innocence. LANE, who spoke first, played a tape recording he said had been made by a Dallas school teacher who witnessed the assassination of President Kennedy. The woman said she heard shots come from an over-pass ahead of the President's car. KKKY LANE said this meant the fatal shots had not come from the warehouse in which police had placed OSWALD at the time of the shooting.

The "National Guardian" was required to deposit \$25,000 in cash to cover possible damage to Town Hall premises. Objections were raised by James AARONSON, the newspaper's editor, who insisted that the usual rental fee of \$600 had been confirmed by a letter and check on 14 January, after arrangements had been made by telephone. Town Hall officials insisted on the \$25,000 bond on the ground that Mrs. OSWALD's appearance "could be incendiary". The controversy was settled when AARONSON deposited the money in negotiable bonds and cashier's checks in a bank against the Town Hall claims. AARONSON reportedly raised the money from four persons, but he did not give their name.

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY

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