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10/18/80

Dear Ms. Bulkin,

Your letter of 9/29 and its enclosures came when I was hospitalized. I appreciate the information you provide. I regret that it falls short of a full explanation and in my mind raises questions of fraud against the government from and by your contractor. If this could happen to me it could happen to others and it is harassment, even if EPA had nothing like it in mind.

You state that my name was provided by Dun and Bradstreet, which from prior and unsatisfactory experience is what I would have expected. However, it was not and could not have been provided as you earlier informed me it was, from a phone book or other standard listing of like nature.

I regret that medical limitations prevent file searches here. If my recollection is correct, then the address given for me on the enclosed printout is not identical with the address used in the mailing. But the same wrong address and the same unused middle initial are used in a mailing from Dun and Bradstreet that also has the same numbers with which the computer printout begins.

At the time Dun pretended that it needed information from me to update credit ratings and when I insisted on knowing ^{why} ~~why~~ and alleged a federal client was assured there was no federal client. (I have no need for any credit rating at my age and in my state of health, when I purchased nothing for which I cannot pay cash.) There were several long phone calls. And I was lied to by Dun, openly and brazenly. I told them I wanted no listing and didn't want to wind up on any mailing lists. The original mailing to me was signed by Joseph P. Saner, a vice president in New York. I was to have replied to an Allentown, Pa. address. I refused and I didn't.

EPA paid them. I ask that you get to the bottom of this and let me know what you learn.

I believe my privacy has been intruded upon and that I have been harassed.

I do not know what the handwritten notation, "Mail address - drawer 3" means. The headings are removed from the printout. This appears in the last column, under the apparent reason for regarding me as an environment contaminator, "BOOK PUBLISHING."

From ignorance or other motive Dun has an improper category. There is nothing in publishing that generates any contaminants. Publishing is distinguished from printing. Most publishers are not printers.

So, in addition to the other reasons, there is no basis at all for including me on any list or in any mailing, particularly not one with an inherent threat.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg