



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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Re: 76-10-38

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letter dated October 21, 1976 which was received in this Office on October 27, 1976. It is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act, for all information the Department of the Treasury has concerning you, as an individual. The only way that this Department can comply with so general a request is to examine every record in its possession. As a practical matter this is not feasible, since the files within the Department are decentralized.

However, under the Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to know what information concerning you there is in systems of records maintained by this Department, which is retrievable by name or other identifier. The Department of the Treasury regulations under the Privacy Act were published at 40 Federal Register 45684 (October 2, 1975). The Notices of Systems of Records for this Department were published at 40 Federal Register 56015 (December 2, 1975). Requests for access to records under the Privacy Act should be addressed as indicated in the notices for the particular system in the Treasury Department Notices of Systems of Records or as indicated in the appropriate appendix to the Privacy regulations.

To the extent that your request may seek records which are not contained in systems which are retrieved by name, and, thus, not subject to the Privacy Act, it should be processed under the Freedom of Information regulations of the Department of the Treasury, Title 31 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1, Subpart A, published at 40 Federal Register 7439 (February 20, 1975). Section 1.5(d) of those regulations requires that you reasonably describe records to which you are requesting access in sufficient detail, including subject, time frames, and organizational components, if known, "to enable Department of the Treasury employees who are familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the constituent unit." To the extent that your request covers information which may not be in the systems of records retrieved by name or other identifier, please submit your request directly to the appropriate constituent unit indicated in the appendices to the Freedom of Information regulations.

This is not a denial of your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please write me at the following address:

Freedom of Information Request, OS
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. Enclosed for your use are the Department of the Treasury's Freedom of Information Regulations and the Federal Register publication "Protecting Your Right to Privacy."