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Re; 76-10-38

Dear Ms. Gay,

Thank you for your informative letter of October 28. I am particularly glad to have the enclosures.

The records in which I am most interest are so old I cannot pinpoint the proper person to address from the lists.

Perhaps if I limit the request and describe what interests me you can refer it properly and save Departmental time.

If I did not cite PA I'm sorry. I intended to.

During the pre-World War II period and until toward the end of 1942 I was an investigative reporter writing for magazines. I specialized in Nazi cartel operations. I did a series for Click magazine, then the third largest picture magazine.

Beginning about 1940 I worked with a number of government agencies that had economic-warfare interests or responsibilities. I took them the results of my investigations. Some may have been independent, some under the Treasury.

I also had some contact with the head of the public information office, the late Charles Schwartz, whose death was recently reported.

If my recollection is correct among the official actions that followed my stories was the fining and vesting of these Nazi-front and Nazi-connected corporations. I believe one was Schering, Inc., then of Bloomfield, N.J.

My major interest in these matters now is archival. All my files are going to be part of an archive. Some of those relating to that period have disappeared as a result of war-time storage and subsequent moving.

Until I read your letter I was not aware of the amount of work that can be involved in retrieval. If searching for the records indicated above is going to be a major operation, please let me know and I'll withdraw my request. While I would like to have these records it is not as important to me as the requests of others may be to them. I realize you have only so much time to allocate to these searches.

I recall an article signed by the then Secretary, Mr. Schwartz of I wrote it. What would now be amusing is the involvement of the Post Office, which was then run by a postmaster general of Comstockian view. He was going to ban that issue of the magazine from the mails because he did not like the bathing suit a model was wearing. It was as ample as street-wear today. If there are any records on this the retrieval of which would not present a major problem I think I'd enjoy they.

Thank you very much.

My address at that time was
probably 313 H St., NW.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg