



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
February 14, 1978

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in reply to your Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request on your own behalf dated January 25, 1978, and received by the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 30, 1978.

Your request for information concerning yourself has been considered in light of the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a). It has been determined by the Attorney General that requests by individuals seeking information about themselves are governed by the Privacy Act. In addition, as a matter of administrative discretion, any documents which were found to be exempt from disclosure under the Privacy Act were also processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Through these procedures, you have received the greatest degree of access authorized by both laws.


Enclosed herewith is one copy of a document consisting of two (2) pages, containing information concerning you from the files of the Chicago Office of the FBI based upon the information you have furnished in your letter referenced above. Excisions have been made from this document in order to protect materials exempted from disclosure by the following subsection of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

by   
JAMES W. GREENLEAF  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures: (1)



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September 14, 1965

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Communist Infiltration of  
Students for a Democratic Society  
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[REDACTED] made available information reflecting that on [REDACTED] Jim Lesar, United States 55-767-503, Headquarters Company, USASCC-CONUS, 4200 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland, had stated that he was formerly a member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of Illinois some two years ago.

Lesar stated that he had accepted an invitation to join the Peace Corps training program for Brazil. After six weeks of training, Lesar was released because of his long record as a student agitator.

Lesar stated that he then returned to the University of Illinois to begin research on his master's thesis in History and also made application for Law School.

Lesar was then drafted into the United States Army and was stationed at Suitland, Maryland, "just eight miles from the World Center of Crime, the Capitol Building," which allows him to participate in the various political demonstrations in Washington, D. C.

Lesar joined the pickets on February 20, 1965, at the White House protesting the war in Viet Nam and consequently became aware of the April 17th March on Washington.

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Lesar stated he was under the impression that some SDS leaders were to discuss the situation in Viet Nam with members of Congress at that time. He felt they should also confront these Congressional leaders with a representative of the Armed Forces that is opposed to the continuance and extension of the war.

Lesar asked to be included with the SDS group which would talk with the members of Congress, as he was sure that he was the only such soldier ready to take such a position publically.

Lesar was subsequently advised by a coordinator of the March that his offer was appreciated and that he should consult a lawyer about the consequences of appearing with the delegation. He was told that in a 1962 demonstration a man in uniform on the picket line was carried away by Secret Service men.

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