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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated April 15, 1989, and received by our office on May 8, 1989.

A search of our indices to the central records system as maintained by the Houston Office located one instance where the subject of your request was mentioned in a file on another individual or organization. This reference consists of one page, a copy of which is enclosed. Excisions have been made in order to protect material which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 as follows:

- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information
- (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Additional searches will be conducted at the Houston Office regarding your request, although our experience has been that these searches usually reveal no new material other than what is normally retrieved through our initial search. However, we will advise you if new or additional material is surfaced.

November 14, 1941  
Houston, Texas

Memorandum SAC

Re: PERCY FOREMAN;  
Unethical Law Practice

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On November 14, 1941 [redacted] (b)(7)(c)  
Houston, Texas advised that PERCY FOREMAN, Lawyer, Shell Building,  
residence, 2012 Sunset Blvd., Houston, Texas, took charge of her mother's  
estate, on January 31, 1941. [redacted] stated that she took her  
probate case to FOREMAN after receiving a political advertisement through  
the mail in which FOREMAN represented himself to be a very honest and  
capable man. She advised that FOREMAN would only accept the case on the  
condition that she give him a deed to one-half of her share in the  
property located at Orange, Texas. The deed was executed on the condition  
that he would settle the estate as soon as possible.

[redacted] stated that she has several relatives who are in- (b)(7)(c)  
terested in the estate and that her brother and sister have been dishonest  
in their handling of the estate property. She advised that MR. FOREMAN  
made her permanent administratrix of the estate after she hounded him for  
about eight months. She further advised that her brother had collected  
rents from the properties but later when asked to account for this  
money he stated that he did not have any knowledge of this matter. [redacted] (b)(7)(c)  
[redacted] informed agent that she took this matter up with MR. FOREMAN and  
at that time he advised her that this was a clear case of embezzlement.  
She stated however that at a later date her sister called upon FOREMAN  
at a time when [redacted] was in the Hospital and that when she again (b)(7)(c)  
brought the matter of her brother's acts to his attention he advised her  
that he could do nothing in that the statute of limitations had run on  
that matter. [redacted] is of the opinion that her sister paid FOREMAN  
to drop this line of inquiry. [redacted] states that numerous persons  
have told her that they have been cheated by FOREMAN and she advised  
that the "Grievance Committee" of the Houston Bar informed her that  
they have had a lot of complaints on this individual but that so far  
he has stayed just within the law and they have been unable to do any-  
thing about him.

The writer is aware that PERCY FOREMAN is the same individual  
who is reported to be the man behind the vice-ring in Houston.

Special Agent

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