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Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 8 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank your for your letter of 21 April 1975 remitting the search and duplication fee resulting from your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am at somewhat of a disadvantage since I'm operating in the dark as to the type of information you might expect (or suspect) the Navy to hold on you. The General Counsel of the Army referred your request to the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) because your request was regarded as pertaining to intelligence files. This seemed reasonable since your letter mentioned "direct and indirect intelligence interest in me ... " The Naval Investigative Service is charged with fulfilling the investigative and counterintelligence responsibilities of the Department of the Navy. Thus, if the Navy had any security, counterintelligence or criminal investigative interest in you, or if such material were transmitted to the Navy by other agencies, it is most likely that NIS would have been the agency involved. There is little alternative to dealing with semantics since we must deal with words to convey our thoughts. In recognition of your concern, and expressed experience in this respect we attempted to make our response as concise and total as possible. I can again assure you that the NIS, as the Navy's investigative and counterintelligence arm, has no "interest" in you, has no record on you and has no records on you which were "routed" from other agencies/sources.

In order to further allay your concern, I've had the records of the Marine Corps Counterintelligence Division checked since it would be possible, but not probable, that a record on you existed there. No such record exists.

Your recent letter requested a complete response for all naval units. As you are probably aware, there are several thousand naval commands. I do not possess sufficient information to determine if any other naval unit would have a record on you. If, for example,

you served in the Navy the Bureau of Naval Personnel and Bureau of Medicine would have a record. If, however, your concern is for investigative and counterintelligence records then such a probability is almost non-existent.

The cost to you of a search of the records of all naval units would be prohibitive, especially in view of the almost certain non-productive results. Because of this cost factor, I have not made any further referral on your behalf. If you wish to pursue the matter you may address your request to the Chief of Naval Operations (Op-09B16), Washington, D.C. 20350.

This no record response is unequivocal as it relates to the investigative and counterintelligence repository of the Department of the Navy.

Sincerely,

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Captain, U.S. Navy

Director,

Naval Investigative Service

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