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Mr. Henry Hurt
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Dear Mr. Hurt:

Thanks very much for your letter of December 2, 1980, confirming that the Reader's Digest did receive materials on Yuri Nosenko as a result of its requests to the CIA under the Freedom of Information Act.

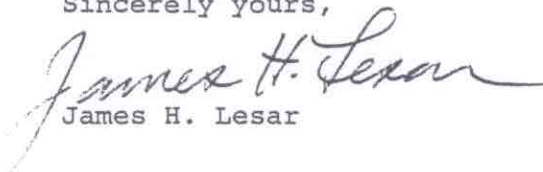
My client's requests for CIA records on Nosenko date to 1975 and 1976. Needless to say, my client is not liked by the CIA. At one time the Agency denied having any records on him. Yet he worked for the OSS, and the CIA kept tabs on his activities as a Warren Commission critic.

As to your inquiry about how I will resolve the matter, I will soon file suit under the Freedom of Information Act. I have not been able to do so sooner due to the press of other business. I have handled some twenty Freedom of Information Act lawsuits for Mr. Weisberg over the past five years. While they have been highly successful, agency stonewalling has caused many of them to drag on for years. Three which I filed in 1975 are still not concluded. The amount of time consumed on each of them has been enormous.

If you have even a rough idea of the volume of Nosenko materials which were released to the Reader's Digest by the CIA, I would be interested in learning it.

Again, thanks very much for helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,


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