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9/28/76

Assistant to Deputy Archivist (NDAO)

National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Assistant to Deputy Archivist,

Enclosed is a copy of the letter dated the 13 but in today's mail, from the FOIA/PA officer of the Secret Service.

I'm sorry I can't be more informative. The reason is obvious: he, a lawyer, went out of his way not to be informative. The obfuscation and the intent to be burdensome to others in compliance with FOIA and PA could hardly be more apparent.

Mr. Goff's letter is characterized by permeating inaccuracy.

I have received but one letter from the State Department on this. It neither says nor suggests anything like what Mr. Goff writes. I have never been informed of the "surfacing" on anything on me. I did receive one phone call from the State Department. The caller sought to distinguish me from others of my name. With that one letter ~~Mr~~ dated July 13, it is obvious that the time provided by statute has long since expired. However, if there is a statutory requirement that the State Department delay providing this record without your approval, I am unaware of it and would like to know.

These requests of mine go back to 1971. They not only are not limited to FOIA since enactment of the Privacy Act but the State Department letter tells me they use the Privacy Act for such requests. Mr. Goff's letter is in error in stating I invoked FOIA only.

To say that I was "informed of this referral" by State is false. State also did not inform me of any referral.

In Mr. Goff's second paragraph he says that such records are transferred to the National Archives. This leaves me no choice but to ask for all the files of whatever original and nature there are on, about or referring to me anywhere in or under the control of the National Archives or any subsidiary organization of any kind, including but not limited to presidential libraries. I make this request under both PA and FOIA. If you do not know it you will find that I maintain a deposit account.

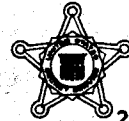
It should be apparent that these requests have been stalled inordinately. However, I do recognize that you will have some time problems in meeting this request as it relates to the National Archives. Upon receipt of your assurance that you will process this with due diligence and good faith and an estimate of the time required I will not insist upon compliance with the time limitations. I do not think this should have to apply to what is in the Washington possession of the National Archives. With regard to copies of those records, including that to which Mr. Goff refers, I would appreciate your effort to make prompt compliance.

The other person of my name in State Department files is a professor at Brandeis University. I was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on 4/8/13. My Social Security Number is 577-36- 7290.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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September 13, 1976

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The Department of State, in processing your Freedom of Information Act request surfaced one (1) document which originated with the Secret Service. You were informed of this referral and the Department of State requested the Secret Service to respond directly to you regarding the release of the document.

On August 23, 1976, the Secret Service advised you that there were no documents or files pertaining to you. However, due to the Secret Service standard retention schedule the referred document is in the custody of the National Archives, and is no longer property of the Secret Service.

For access to these documents, please direct your request for records to the following address: Assistant to Deputy Archivist (NDA) National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408

Sincerely,

Robert O. Goff
Freedom of Information &
Privacy Acts Officer
Office of Public Affairs

