

Miss Edith M. Martin

5/21/47

Harold Weisberg

Efficiency-rating appeal

I wish to appeal my efficiency rating of good on the grounds that it was irregularly, improperly and collusively prepared and because it is not an accurate reflection of the work I performed during the rating period.

I would greatly appreciate a hearing at the earliest possible moment. May I have the privilege of indicating in advance certain departmental documents not under my control which I would like to have presented to the board?

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*Red rating from Hebler 3:48 p.m. given  
receipt of his request.*

Miss Edith M. Martin, DP

5/26/47

Harold Weisberg, DRA

Efficiency-rating appeal

As you requested in our conversation last week, here are the persons I would like to appear as witnesses when my appeal is heard:

Mr. Irving Goldman, DRA, EX 6101, Ext. 2031;  
Mrs. Anne Williams, DRA, EX 6101, Ext. 2041;  
Mr. Rollin Atwood, formerly of DRA, now in Rm 3108 New State,  
State extension 2462;  
Mr. Donald M. Dozer, DRA, EX 6101, Ext. 2028.

The documents referred to in my appeal and which I told you I'd like presented to the board because I am certain they will support my statements are as follows:

Records of requests by DRA for personnel actions involving me, especially last summer;  
Record of my conversation last summer with Mr. Merle in DP;  
Memorandum to Mr. Dozer, DRA, from Mr. Hussey, Chief, DRA, written this March, dealing with my efficiency rating and a report I drafted;  
DRA monthly reports for the period covered by the efficiency rating, and the rough draft and any corrected versions of the report covering October.

The above are documents not under my control. Am I correct in assuming that I may submit drafts of reports in my possession? If not, I should like to add to the list the two annotated copies of the draft of the report on which my rating was allegedly based.

*Harold Weisberg*

Mr. Veasby

June 3,

Would you go + see Mr. Harney  
at 11.30. Please

M.M.

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TO : Mr. Roland D. Hussey

June 4, 1946

FROM : Harold Weisberg

SUBJECT: Sample reports

Attached are two reports which you asked me to send you during our conversation yesterday. The first, on Snia Viscosa, was referred by counter-intelligence after no other OSS office was able to supply the information, although it did not relate to Latin America. Within two days, starting from scratch, we collected the data. In addition to the sources cited and the standard industrial and financial manuals, it is my recollection that the required information was obtained from a number of contacts scattered throughout the government.

I regret that the second is a carbon of the rough draft of the report. Because of the short time allotted we were forced to submit the project in this form. Here again the request was for information presumably not available though the agencies dealing with these matters and with which we had never been concerned. The report was needed because claims were being pressed against the United States by Denmark and the request, as I recall it, originated at the White House. Through friends and acquaintances throughout other government agencies the necessary facts and documentation were collected, and by not overlooking obvious sources, such as official bulletins, newspapers and magazines, a fairly complete answer was prepared in either two or three days.

I trust these samples are what you desire, and I hope that in reading them you will remember that both were rush jobs.

*Harold Weisberg*

*Ret. 8/21/46*

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12/10/46

Asked RH for files on project and letter to CIG of which we talked when he initially assigned me to project about two months ago when I encountered him yesterday afternoon. He said he'd call me later in the afternoon and we'd talk about it. I haven't heard from him. This is not the first time we have spoken about these things. They were all cleared the day of my assignment to the project, but because I haven't the basic files or the formal clearance to search elsewhere for data my efforts have been wasteful and I have been seriously inhibited. I have reluctantly reached the conclusion that he is feigning absentmindedness and is consciously making it impossible for me to do my job well. Of course, I am embarrassed when people in the department to whom I speak on the project assume I know the contents of documents charged to me (when they have no way of knowing I haven't seen them) and I am embarrassed by the inherent accusation that I have kept these documents from others who have a legitimate use for them an unconscionably long time.

HW 12/10/46 - 4:10 p.m.

Memo- 2:58 pm 12/20/46

↓ Just retruned from the refreshment bar where I was with Weker and Mr. Hussey, who said he had been too busy to see me this week, as he had been supposed to. What all this means is that I not only do not have material to work on, as he know, because he took all sent by DC/R when he assigned me to the project, but that, because he hasn't yet given me clearance to go elsewhere in quest of materials, that I can't, properly, even see what I can find in other parts of the department or in other departments. While I had, where I knew people, made requests for information, I feel I can no longer do this because of the manner in which he alluded to the fact that I had gone to FC at this past Monday's section-chief's meeting (where he falsely stated I had gone there without his approval, whereas he had specifically assented to my going there the very day he put me on the project). For more than several weeks I have really been unable to do much because I have had nothing to work with and no way of getting anything without violation of orders.

Hussey 3:04 pm.

Mr. Dozer

March 18, 1947

Mr. Weisberg

Franco report.

I have finished a rough draft of the Argentine section of the Franco report. Irving Goldman will give you it, together with the footnotes and table of contents. It is, of course, a rough draft and hasn't had the editing it requires.

As you will probably recall from our conversation last week, I plan an appendix, which is not completed. If it meets with approval, I should like, in addition to what I then mentioned, to include a bibliography. I have the raw material for those sections of the appendix mentioned in the text of the draft, should you desire to see it.

Also, I hope that one of the shortcomings we discussed can be overcome before the final version is prepared. I have in mind the material which is undoubtedly available from those other sources which we have not been able to tap and the material FC should be able to provide. We have received nothing from them to date. There also has been but little current material routed to me.

When you have read this I should very much appreciate your comments and a chance to discuss the report with you.

Mr. Donald M. Dozer

October 7, 1946

Harold Weisberg

Information for CPD

In connection with the interest of CPD in preventing the further penetration of Axis or former Axis agents into LA via Spain, may I call to your attention the following excerpt from the preliminary interrogation of Walther Giese, a captured Nazi agent:

During the same year (1942), subject was sent to Madrid by the Intelligence agency in Hamburg. His mission was to transfer agents and radio equipment to South America. In 1943 subject was transferred from Espionage (I) to counter-espionage (III) of Military Intelligence (Abwehr) and his headquarters was moved from Madrid to Vigo, Spain. In this capacity he was continually in a position to observe the activities of Allied espionage agencies, particularly British. Subject claims Germans in Spain were assisted and supported by Spanish General Staff and that through the assistance of the Spanish General Staff, German Intelligence agencies were able to monitor all telephone calls passing through the main Madrid switchboard. Because of the ascendancy of the Allied powers, subject was forced to leave Spain at the end of 1944.

Giese was interrogated on several occasions. These interrogation reports are available. Additional information about Giese and other agents who operated from or through Spain is available from what was formerly the X-2 Branch of OSS, now in SSU. If I can be of any help, please let me know. My former contacts in X-2 will be happy to provide the data they have.