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December 22, 1975

Mr. Bernard H. Porter
Box 209
Belfast, Maine 04915

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have received information from the following agencies:

The Central Intelligence Agency's letter of December 12th. They will respond directly to you as soon as possible; however, they have had many requests. I am enclosing a copy of their letter.

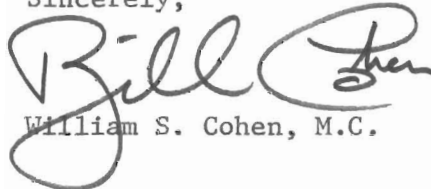
The Federal Bureau of Investigation's letter of December 18th, a copy of which is attached. They tell me they requested additional information from you in January for them to research the matter. You will have to send that to them, or else to my office to forward along to them.

The National Security Agency, Central Security Service, provided me with a copy of their letter to you of December 16th. They do not have a file on you.

The Army Intelligence Agency telephoned my office on December 19th. They have over 100 pages on file and are writing directly to you to let you know how much it will cost for them to copy it for you.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,



William S. Cohen, M.C.

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Enclosures



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 18, 1975

DEC 22 1975

Honorable William S. Cohen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cohen:

In response to your letter of December 4, 1975, enclosing a request for records from your constituent, Bernard H. Porter, please be advised that we will process Mr. Porter's request under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and any documents maintained by this Bureau concerning Mr. Porter will be released directly to him as provided for in the Act.

You also should be aware that Mr. Porter originally requested information from this Bureau in January, 1975, at which time we advised him by letter dated January 23, 1975, it would be necessary for him to submit certain biographic data in order for us to make a reasonable search of our central records system. No further communication was received from Mr. Porter since that time.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

*wrote back
March 30, 1976
with
signed
statement*

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Recid 12-17-75

12 December 1975

Honorable William S. Cohen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Cohen:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter on behalf of Mr. Bernard H. Porter. Since the request concerns the possible existence of any personal records, it is being processed under the Privacy Act of 1974 which became effective 27 September 1975, and has been forwarded to Mr. Gene F. Wilson, Privacy Act Coordinator. Mr. Wilson will respond directly to Mr. Porter.

A large volume of similar requests have been received under the Freedom of Information Act. We anticipate that this large volume will continue under the Privacy Act. Though every effort is being made to process these cases as soon as possible, we hope you will understand that there may be some delay in our replying to Mr. Porter.

Your personal interest in this matter is appreciated and we will inform you when action in this case has been completed.

Sincerely,


George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel