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Privacy Act Requests

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SUBJECT: Privacy Act Request

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

I. Reference is made to your undated request to Congressman William S. Cohen for a copy of your intelligence investigative files. Your request was forwarded to this office and was received on 15 October 1975.

2. This office has also received a copy of your request from the Department of the Air Force. This referral was received on 19 December 1975 (Inclosure 1). The records referred to in Inclosure 1 are copies of the records contained in your Army intelligence investigative records.

3. The Army intelligence investigative reports which you have requested are releasable to you and will be forwarded to you upon receipt of $22.30 to cover reproduction costs for two copies of 189 pages of records. This cost is broken down to $2.00 for the first six pages and .05 for each additional page in accordance with the fee schedule stated in Army Regulation 340-17. Payment should be forwarded to this office by postal money order or certified check payable to The Treasurer of the United States.

4. Several of the investigative records on you have been sanitized to delete the names and other identifying data which would disclose the identities of confidential sources contacted during your investigation. The identities of individuals who provide information in the course of a lawful national security intelligence investigation under an expressed or inferred promise of confidentiality are exempt from disclosure under 5 USC 552a(k)(5). Unless a source agrees to the disclosure of his identity or that identity otherwise becomes known, this pledge of confidentiality accorded source identities must be maintained in view of its significance to the investigative process and purposes. The sanitization of these few reports constitutes a partial denial of your request by the properly designated Access and Amendment Refusal Authority and you are hereby advised that you have the right to appeal this partial denial to the Secretary of the Army now or after your review of the material. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to:
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Freedom of Information Center
US Army Intelligence Agency
ATTN: MIIA-PSO-D
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755.

5. In addition, some of the reports contain information concerning individuals other than yourself. The identity of these individuals is indicated in the reports; however, the information concerning them has been deleted as not relating to you and disclosure of this information without the authority of the individuals concerned could involve privacy issues. There would be no objection to the release of this information if you provide this office with the authorizations of the individuals concerned.

6. While processing your request, it was revealed that the following other agencies had information concerning you. We have forwarded a copy of your request to these agencies for further action and you will receive a reply directly from them. In the interim, you may contact these agencies at the following addresses:

   Bureau of Personnel Investigations  
   Director  
   US Civil Service Commission  
   Federal Bureau of Investigation  
   1900 E Street, NW  
   ATTN: FOIA Unit, Room 4706  
   Washington, D.C. 20415  
   Department of Justice Building  
   Washington, D.C. 20535.

7. As noted in paragraph 6 above, FBI reports were noted in your file. Additionally, excerpts from these FBI reports pertaining to other persons were included in several of the records. Authority to determine the releasability of these reports is reserved to the FBI. Accordingly, the excerpts of FBI material have been sanitized from the material you will receive from this office and all of the FBI reports, together with a copy of your request, have been forwarded to the FBI as indicated in paragraph 6 above.

8. If you have any further questions concerning your request, you may contact this office at the following address: Freedom of Information Center, US Army Intelligence Agency, ATTN: MIIA-PSO-D, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755. The telephone numbers are (301) 677-4501/4743.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]

THOMAS F. CONLEY  
Chief, Freedom of Information Center

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Request for Information - BERNARD HARDEN PORTER

Commander, USAINTA
ATTN: MILA-PSO-D
Freedom of Information Center
Ft. Meade, MD 20753

1. Attached request was received through the office of Congressman William S. Cohen.

2. A review of our files discloses copies of 123 documents bearing your file number X7 127 349 which were all dated in August-November 1963.

3. Requester has been advised of this referral and that you will reply directly to him concerning the release of these documents.

4. Our project officer is Captain Evenson, autovon 223-6620.

RUDOLPH SCHOLLHAMMER
Director of Plans, Programs, and Resources

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