



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE**  
**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995**

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

March 20, 2002

Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Office

Mr. John Young  
CRYPTOME  
251 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 6E  
New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young

a. Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 29, 2001, for records concerning various dossiers. Your request was received in this office on April 18, 2001.

b. Our letter of April 20, 2001, informing you that additional time was needed to review the records and we were unable to comply with the 20-day statutory time limit in processing your request.

We have conducted checks of the automated Defense Clearance and Investigations Index and a search of the Investigative Records Repository to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request. The records are enclosed for your use.

We have located the enclosed records pertaining to Burma Intelligence Services, ZF400016W. We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958. As a result of our review, information has been sanitized and 19 pages of records are denied in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.3(a)(2), 1.3(a)(3) and 3.4(b)(1) of EO 12958. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552(b)(1). It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. Fees for processing this request have been waived. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

Section 1.3(a)(2) of EO 12958 provides that information shall be classified SECRET if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security.

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Section 3.4(b)(1) of EO 12958 provides that classified information more than 25 years old is exempt from automatic declassification if it would reveal the identity of a confidential human source, or reveal information about the application of an intelligence source or method, or reveal the identity of a human intelligence source when the unauthorized disclosure of that source would clearly and demonstrably damage the national security interests of the United States.

Since the release of the information would reveal the identity of a confidential source, it is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(D) of the FOIA. The significant and legitimate governmental purpose to be served by withholding is that a viable and effective intelligence investigative capability is dependent upon protection of confidential sources.

The withholding of information by this office is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You may appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60 day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you filing litigation in the courts.

During the processing of your request, records were disclosed which originated with another government agency. This office has no authority to release these records; therefore, they have been referred for appropriate action under the FOIA, and direct reply to you.

We are continuing to review records regarding other titles you have requested and will respond to you by separate correspondence when our review is complete.

If you have any questions concerning this action, feel free to contact Mrs. Reilly at (301) 677-4742. Please refer to case #751F-01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Russell A. Nichols  
Chief, Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Office

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# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. COUNTRY: BURMA  
 2. SUBJECT: (U) Dismissal of Cabinet Ministers and Intelligence Chief; Economic Crisis  
 3. ISC NUMBER: 5 USC 552 (b) (1)  
 4. DATE OF INFORMATION: 22 Sep, 12 Oct 72  
 5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: TAIPEI, TW, 27 Nov 72  
 6. EVALUATION: SOURCE B, F INFORMATION 6  
 7. SOURCE: ( )  
 8. REPORT NUMBER: 2 727 0536 72 (0710-06-G)  
 9. DATE OF REPORT: 21 DEC 1972  
 10. NO. OF PAGES: 2  
 11. REFERENCES: USARPAC ICP (DIRM 1C2a, 6A2c, 6C, 7A6)  
 12. ORIGINATOR: 500th MI Gp  
 13. PREPARED BY: TOSHIO AOYAGI, COL, MI (642/72)  
 14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: *Alfred W. Bagot*

ALFRED W. BAGOT  
 Colonel, MI  
 Commander

15. SUMMARY: (u) Report provides information on recent personnel changes in the Burmese government, current economic situation in Burma, and Burmese foreign policy. U SEIN MYA was ousted as Minister of Home and Religious Affairs on 22 Sep 72. His ouster was attributed to animosity on the part of Minister of Cooperatives BA NYEIN, with whom U SEIN MYA had an encounter in a recent cabinet meeting. U SHWE was dismissed as Minister of Labor for mismanagement of industrial plants and warehouses, but rumor had it that his dismissal had something to do with U SEIN MYA's ouster. CH'I CH'IN (phonetic from Chinese) was replaced by TING YU (phonetic from Chinese) as chief, Military Intelligence Service, Burma. The Ne Win Cabinet is currently troubled by an economic crisis. Its foreign policy is still one of neutrality and noninvolvement in international conflicts.

1. (u) Confidential source, on 12 Oct 72, reported on the recent removal of U SEIN MYA and U SHWE from the Ne Win Cabinet as Minister of Home and Religious Affairs and Minister of Labor, respectively, and the reasons for their dismissal as follows:

a. In a cabinet meeting held 7 Sep 72, a dispute developed between U SEIN MYA and Minister of Cooperatives U BA NYEIN, which culminated in the two men challenging each other to a duel outside the conference room. Although the duel did not materialize owing to the intervention of other cabinet members, U BA NYEIN had since harbored intense hatred for U SEIN MYA. Subsequently, U BA NYEIN went to Prime Minister NE WIN and made false accusations against his adversary. He charged that while commander of the northern Burma army, U SEIN MYA had taken various self-defense

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units into the fold of his private force; that U SEIN MYA had dispatched his emissary to the Thai border to meet with U NU's men and arrange for their support of an impending revolt; and that more than 50 pro-U NU personages supposedly kept under surveillance by the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs had been allowed to escape to Thailand. As a consequence, NE WIN became suspicious of U SEIN MYA. On 22 Sep 72, U SEIN MYA was arrested in RANGOON (1645N/9615E) and his ouster was announced simultaneously.

b. U SHWE, a Burmese Army veteran, had been accused of improper management of industrial plants and warehouses during his tenure as Minister of Labor, which resulted in the deterioration and theft of industrial goods valued at an estimated several tens of million yuan (1 yuan = \$ .42). However, it was rumored that U SHWE's dismissal was connected with the ouster of the Minister of Home and Religious Affairs.

2. (u) Confidential source, on 12 Oct 72, also reported tha CH'I CH'IN (phonetic from Chinese) has been replaced by TING YU (phonetic from Chinese) as chief, Military Intelligence Service (MIS), Burma. Most of CH'I CH'IN's men at the MIS also have been reassigned to other posts. Henceforth the MIS can be expected to exert pressure on the selfdefense units in northern Burma.

3. (u) The Ne Win Cabinet, beset with economic bankruptcy, is at a loss as to what to do about the crisis. The cabinet's basic national policy (on foreign affairs) is still the same--that Burma will remain neutral and not take side in international conflicts lest Burma may become another Vietnam. The United States has more than once tried to win over Burma, but NE WIN has not forgotten the cool reception he was given while undergoing medical treatment in the US several years ago.

Comment of Preparing Officer: (u) The above information was prepared from Report No 642, published by the Special Military Intelligence Office (SMIO), J2, Ministry of National Defense, Republic of China. SMIO evaluated the information as C-3.

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This study was coordinated in draft with the [redacted] and the appropriate Defense Attache through the Defense Intelligence Agency. Their contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

Revisions will include new material reflecting changes in the situation. Comments on the material presented herein and suggestions and contributions for consideration in connection with future revisions are invited and should be submitted through appropriate channels to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20310, ATTN: DSCC.

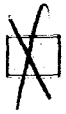
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