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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

November 12, 2002

Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Office

Mr. John Young  
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Suite 6E  
New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

- 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.

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.

We have located records pertaining to your request on Ethiopian Peoples Movement, ZF010754W. We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958. As a result of this review, information has been sanitized from the records as it is currently and properly classified CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.3(a)(3) and 1.5(c) 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). On March 9, 1999, the President exempted the file series in which these records are maintained from the automatic declassification provisions of EO 12958, Section 3.4, pertaining to classified records more than 25 years old. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

Section 1.3(a)(3) of EO 12958 provides that information shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security.

Section 1.5(c) of EO 12958 provides that information pertaining to intelligence activities, intelligence sources or methods, and cryptologic information shall be considered for classification protection.

Since the release of the information deleted from the records would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned, this information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA per Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C).

In addition, information has been sanitized from the records as the release of the information would reveal the identity of a confidential source. This information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(D). 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.

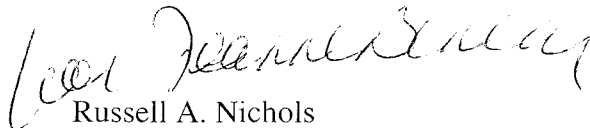
The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to 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 from filing litigation in the courts.

Fees for processing this request are waived.

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, please feel free to contact Mrs. Sealing at (301) 677-3802. Refer to case #805F-01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell A. Nichols", is written over a horizontal line.

Russell A. Nichols  
Chief, Freedom of Information/  
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SUBJECT

Ethiopian Peoples Movement (EPM)  
(AKA) Ethiopian Peoples Movement  
Council (EPMC) and related Arabic  
Political Activities (U)

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

During the period 3 through 10 March 1972, a source (2212 1068) of unknown reliability furnished fragmentary information regarding SUBJECT, substantially as follows:

1. (C) Ethiopian Peoples Movement (EPM) also known as (AKA) Ethiopian Peoples Movement Council (EPMC) is composed of Catholic and Coptic (east orthodox) christians. Main tribal support comes from the Amharic Tribe. Present leadership within Ethiopia is yet to be developed; however leadership in other countries is as follows: Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) Col Tesfa Desta, Cologne; Italy fnu Fecade (nfi); Algeria fnu Peteros. (nfi); Sweden, Tefere Sharew, Stockholm, former Ethiopian Ambassador who defected; United States, Derhanu Dinke, Washington, DC, former Ethiopian Ambassador to the US who defected; Egypt, fnu Hagib (nfi) Cairo; France, Pikre Mered, office name "Tatcet", Paris, he is most probably the head of the EPM in Europe. Other known leaders in the FRG are in covert offices.

Goal and aims of EPM vary with different factions within the organization; however, basically it is a movement designed to force Haile Selassie to form a democratic parliament, or upon Selassie's death to form a democratic government, in the western sense of the word "democratic". Means of financial support are primarily personal contributions, or covert diversion of Ethiopian Government funds by officials in high positions, (nfi). At present, violent factions of EPM are closely aligned with the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF). Source considers this a marriage of convenience, since ultimate goals are not the same. ELF furnishes EPM overt offices and equipment in Somali Republic (SR). (F-G)

2. (C) Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) has operational headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, composed of four covert leaders, two of whom are Moslem and two of whom are Catholic. Source states one leader is Melese Asgedom, Ethiopian Ambassador, Cairo. The Ambassador's brother, name unknown, is an EPM member in Ethiopia. The brother is a Major General in the Ethiopian Army, believed to be currently under house arrest (nfi). Under the four leaders is another individual, Tahal Nur, who takes decisions made in Cairo by the leaders, to Damascus, Syria and spreads them to other international offices (nfi). Goals and aims are: ultimate disruption of Selassie government by whatever means is necessary, to include guerrilla warfare currently being waged against the Ethiopian Army, in order to form a separate Eritrean Government for Eritrea. Source believes this government would be communist controlled. The control of Eritrea would open ports of importance on the Red Sea to the Communists. Main goals in the FRG are to get weapons from any possible source to support guerrilla warfare, as well as to use the FRG for protection and safety of their personnel; to contact Arab and Palestinian factions within the FRG, as well as to sabotage Ethiopian and US Airlines at the direction of Cairo through Syria. Source believes that decisions made in Cairo must go through Syria to receive Communist

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<p>approval (nfi). There are approximately 1,000 ELF members in the FRG. Headquarters for the ELF in FRG are in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and Nuernberg.</p> <p>(b)(1) Meetings are held twice monthly at a minimum. There is no definite communications network. No mail communication is effected but couriers are used. The Somali Government, to include its embassy in Bonn, provides documentation, financing on an individual basis, and arranges scholarship approval for study in east bloc countries, as well as Communist China. Source is aware of the identity of a member of the Ethiopian Embassy, Bonn, who secretly supports the members of EPM and ELF in the FRG. (F-6)</p> <p>(b)(1) 3. (C) Special Branch, Ministry of Interior, Somali Republic, conducts intelligence activities against all foreign officials, but is backed by and believed to be at least partially controlled by USSR officials. (F-6)</p> <p>(b)(1) 4. (C) African Action Committee - Local organizer is a Nigerian named Abnom (nfi). Abnom worked for US Forces, W. O. Darby Kaserne, Fuerth, in the summer of 1971. (F-6)</p> <p>(b)(1) 5. (C) Abdul Gafar Shiek Nur, the First Secretary of the Somali Embassy, Bonn, is believed by Source to be running an agent net for the Soviets. Shiek Nur makes frequent trips to Zierndorf, FRG, for the ostensible purpose of talking to refugees in the attempt to get them to return to the Somali Republic.</p> <p>(b)(1) Shiek Nur visits the Soviet Embassy, Bonn, daily. Shiek Nur also wrote a newspaper article within the past two months charging that the FRG was training Somali refugees in guerrilla warfare tactics for the purpose of sending these people back to the Somali Republic to fight against the current Somali Republic government. Shiek Nur is a Mohammedan, originally from Ethiopia, who had been educated for eight years in East Germany. He is reputed to have a wife who is an East German, working in an East German Ministry (nfi). (F-6)</p> <p>(b)(1) 6. (C) Arab activities in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG): There was a German female named [redacted] who still worked at the [redacted] W. O. Darby Kaserne (WODK), Fuerth, FRG, and who had been one of the mistresses of [redacted] who is approximately 30 to 35 years of age, also helped the El Fatah, a fanatic group of Palestinian guerrillas who worked in the FRG. She had numerous official letters from King Hussein thanking her for her efforts in support of the El Fatah. [redacted] kept the money she was furnished by King Hussein to aid these guerrillas, in an unknown bank in France. Source first suspected [redacted] in early 1971 when HE noticed her</p>		
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<p>paying undue attention to arab-looking individuals [REDACTED] WODK. Source questioned her once concerning her wearing expensive gold bracelets and necklaces. She informed HIM that they were presents from influential people in Jordan. She further informed HIM that she vacationed annually in Jordan where she met these people. After Source's suspicion was aroused, HE targeted HIS Italian friend, Mario Inu, who was one of [REDACTED] lovers, against her without telling him HIS true suspicion. Mario entered her apartment in Zirndorf (PV4278), FRG, searched it and found the above mentioned letters. Source told Mario not to tell [REDACTED] that he knew about her.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>b(1) [REDACTED]</p> <p>She also on occasions gave Source Jordanian newspapers and pictures of King Hussein. Source made the mistake of telling [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] activities. After hearing this, [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] out on two occasions but she refused. [REDACTED] did not reveal to [REDACTED] that he knew of her connections with Arabs or [REDACTED]. Another of [REDACTED] lovers was Mr. Inu [REDACTED] on WODK. Source opined that [REDACTED] was ignorant of her activities. Source believed that she probably knew the majority of the El Fatah activists in the Nuernberg, (PV5079) FRG area. An important person in the leftist arab activities in Nuernberg was an unidentified individual (UI) with the following description:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Age:</td><td>36 to 38 years old</td></tr><tr><td>Race:</td><td>Arabic</td></tr><tr><td>Nationality:</td><td>Syrian</td></tr><tr><td>Height:</td><td>5'8" to 5'11"</td></tr><tr><td>Hair:</td><td>Black, short and balding</td></tr><tr><td>Unusual</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Characteristics:</td><td>Black thick eyebrows</td></tr></table> <p>This UI drove a 1969 or 1970 red Peugeot 204, with a Fuerth License plate. UI worked as needed at Camp Zirndorf Refugee Center in Zirndorf, as the Charge-d-Affairs for Arabs in the Nuernberg area. He also worked as an interpreter for the local police when Palestinians were in trouble. Source suspected this UI was working as an agent for the FRG authorities in Boen, FRG. Source opined, however, that even if the above were true, the UI would owe his allegiance to the Arabs. This UI had contact with all the Palestinian refugees in the Nuernberg area. The Palestinians placed great confidence in UI. UI was also involved in weapons theft, car theft and hashish smuggling. He is associated with a group of Arabs operating an automotive body shop across from the Post Exchange, US Army Shopping Center, Fuerth. These Arabs make most of their</p>			Age:	36 to 38 years old	Race:	Arabic	Nationality:	Syrian	Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Hair:	Black, short and balding	Unusual		Characteristics:	Black thick eyebrows
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