



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:

July 19, 2001

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Mr. John Young
Cryptome
251 West 89th Street
Suite 6E
New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

a. Your letter of March 29, 2001, requesting information concerning Soviet Reparations Mission, Germany, ZF010794 (case #863F-01) under the Freedom of Information (FOIA), which was received in this office on April 18, 2001.

b. Our letter of April 20, 2001, advising you that we were unable to comply with the statutory 20-day time limit in processing your request

Utilizing the information you provided in your request, checks were conducted of the Defense Clearance and Investigations Index to determine the existence of Army intelligence records responsive to your request. No records responsive to your request were located. Fees for processing this request have been waived.

Army regulations provide for screening and destruction of intelligence dossiers, a process that began in August 1979. Screening and destruction takes place daily in the Investigative Records Repository at this headquarters. Many records qualify for destruction under these regulations. It is possible that the previously mentioned files qualified for deletion from our holdings in accordance with current regulations.

This no record response is made on behalf of Brigadier 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 determination 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.

If you have any questions concerning this action, feel free to contact Ms. Chappelle (301) 677-4192. Please refer to case number 863F-01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'N'.

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