

Draft Outline of DDA's State of the Directorate Address

Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts

An unexpected - and now apparently permanent - interface between CIA and the American public.

History -

Enacted in 1975.

Results -

DDA shift of resources:

At first - 5 people, part time.

In 6 months - [REDACTED] staff in DDA
Information Review Group in OS

At present - [REDACTED] full time, all told, in DDA alone.

STATINTL

Requesters: (See Vu-Graph)

Since February 1975, 12,500 requesters, of whom about 10,000 sent in serious requests which could be searched and answered.

These included:

(238) 2.4% - Serious scholars and researchers, working through National Archives and the Presidential Libraries under Executive Order 11652 and the Freedom of Information Act.

(1320) 13.3% - People asking for information on Subjects (Bay of Pigs, UFO's, Lee Harvey Oswald) under the Freedom of Information Act.

(8342) 84.3% - People wanting That File You Got on Me.

Responses: (See Vu-Graph)

(6289) 63% - We have no record of you in our files.

- (1781) 18% - We have a record, but must deny some or all of it in order to protect sources and methods, or other peoples' privacy.
- (642) 6.4% - We have a record, and here it is in full.
- (1219) 13% - Please be patient, we're working on it.

Requesters' Responses: (See Vu-Graph)

Of the 1781 to whom we have had to deny information

- (1147) 64% - Have accepted our decision without comment.
- (549) 33% - Have appealed our decision to the CIA Information Review Committee.
- (57) 3% - Have decided to sue. (This last group is 1/2 of 1% of the original requesters.)

By-Products:

The enforced review of our holdings has shown that:

1. Many should never have been gathered.
2. Many are outdated and should have been destroyed long ago. (Several of our requesters are demanding that we destroy our records on them.)
3. Once the moratorium imposed by the Senate Select Committee has been lifted, and destruction schedules have been agreed upon with National Archives, much of our holdings SHOULD be destroyed, if only to preclude future embarrassment.

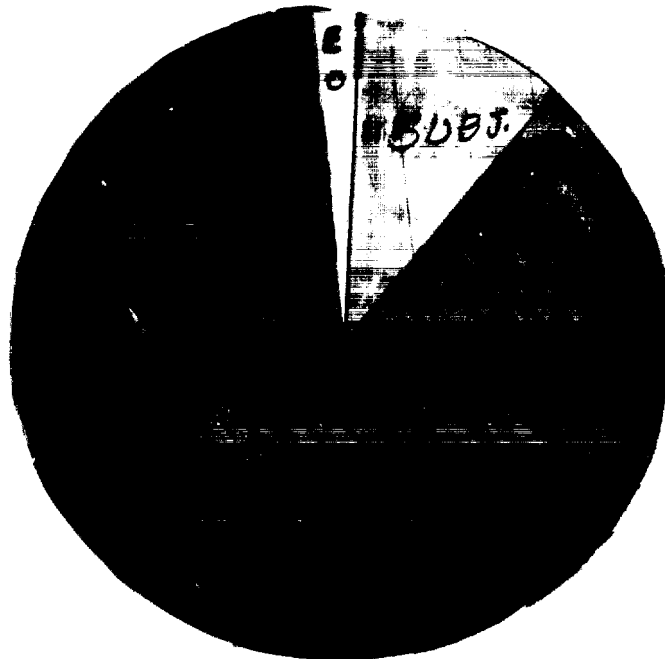
The steady growth of our requests and responses is forcing us to set up ways of determining what we have released, and to whom. We are in the process of establishing a computer control of both items.

REQUESTS

Total received: 12,492

Total logged for
search and response: 9,931

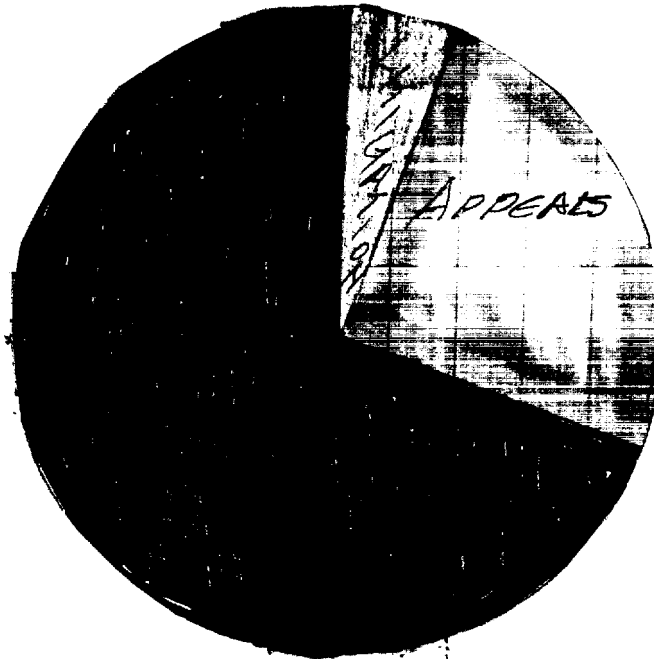
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- 84.3% (8342) - Requests for That File You Got on Me.



APPEALS AND
LITIGATION

Of 1781 requesters whose request has been denied, either in whole or in part:

- [1701] 64 % - have accepted our decision.
- [549] 33 % - have appealed our decision to the CIA Information Review Committee.
- [57] 3.3% - have decided to sue. (These 57 represent 1/2 of 1% of the original requesters.)



RESPONSES

- [6289] 63% - We have no record of you.
- [1781] 18% - We have a record, but must deny you the information in whole or in part in order to protect sources and methods.
- [642] 6.4% - We have a record on you, and here it is, in full.
- [1219] 13% - Please be patient, we haven't finished yet. (Backlog.)

