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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of 28 April 1984 addressed to Mr. Casey has been forwarded to this office for a reply to you.

Your Freedom of Information Act request for records concerning your brother, [Redacted] is in its proper place in queue with other cases like yours. We regret that it is taking so long, but the review of OSS records is currently taking two to three years. This is due to the very large number of requests we have received, the relatively poor indexing of these records, and the lack of personnel familiar with these older records. We assure you that we are working on your request, but we must, in fairness to other requesters similar in nature ahead of yours in our queue, process these requests on a first-in, first-out basis. We will again check with the reviewing component to get a better indication of how the search and review is progressing.

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With regard to your comments concerning the Donovan book by [Redacted] the author was given exclusive rights to the personal papers held by the estate of General Donovan. The source material for this book was not obtained from this Agency through the FOIA, and so it does not appear on our listing of material released to previous requesters. In order for us to locate the OSS material used by Mr. Brown, we will have to conduct a new search of our holdings of OSS records. It is our understanding that the Donovan papers were eventually to be donated to the Library of the National War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We also must advise you that it is possible that the report cited [Redacted] will not be found indexed to the name of [Redacted] and thus may not be among the records reviewed in response to your request. We cannot say this for certain, however, until the review has been completed. Various histories of OSS units that were held by this Agency were turned over to the National Archives and Records Center (NARS) a few years ago. They are currently being reviewed for releasability, and this review is due to be

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completed in the very near future. You may wish to consider inquiring at the National Archives concerning the availability of any unit histories relevant to your project. You can write to:

Modern Military Branch  
Military Archives Division  
National Archives and Records Service  
Room 13W, Archives Building  
7th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20408

Again, we assure you that we will let you know promptly when we have completed the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

  
Larry R. Strawderman  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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April 28, 1984

Mr. William Casey, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Subject: Failure to receive cooperation from the C.I.A.  
(successor to O.S.S.) regarding nature of  
deceased brother's assignments, [Redacted]

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This is a subject on which I have been corresponding fruitlessly with your agency for the past two years, ever since my letter to your John E. Bacon of April 27, 1982; and subsequently in several letters to your Larry R. Strowderman, the last reply from him being dated January 3, 1983. None of the replies from your agency disclosed any information, while a recent publication authored by [Redacted]

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[Redacted] 1982 saw fit to mention my brother's activities in four separate references.

I am especially disturbed by your agency's obvious putoff when I note the above author's reference to brother, among others, [Redacted]

[Redacted] Apparently the above author had access to this report, but why wasn't the report disclosed to me when requested, and when and where can I now have the opportunity to review it?

As indicated above, after two years of meaningless letters from your agency I have lost patience, and am ready to let this effort hit the fan. Is this the end of the road in my effort to write an account of my brother's history for family use?

Very truly yours.

[Redacted]

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