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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a noncommercial request under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. I write to request a complete and thorough search of all filing systems for all records maintained by the Central Intelligence Agency related to Mr. Jozef Swiatlo. This would mean all files captioned, or whose captions include, Jozef Swiatlo, or his pseudonyms or code names. This is meant to include all documents identifiable with my request. The following details are meant to aid in this search.

Jozef Swiatlo (until 1943 Izak Fleischfarb) was born 1 January 1915 in Medyna, a village which was then in Austria, and is now in Ukraine. His father was Gabryel Fleischfarb and his mother was Rachela Fleischfarb, née Wieseltur. Between 1945 and 1953 Jozef Swiatlo was one of the most important functionaries of the Polish Ministry of Public Security (Ministerstwo Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego.) On 5 December 1953 in West Berlin Jozef Swiatlo delivered himself to American authorities, and was transported to the United States. In September 1954 it was announced that he had received political exile in the United States. He was questioned by a congressional committee. He made several important addresses on Radio Free Europe. A summary of them was used in 1955 in Operation "Spotlight." in which American propaganda was dropped in Poland by balloon.

The following documents are very likely to exist and would be of interest:

- (1) Protocols of Swiatlo's interrogation by US authorities in 1953 and 1954.
- (2) Information given by Swiatlo to US authorities regarding Polish security organs.
- (3) Discussions regarding the decision to exploit Swiatlo in US propaganda.
- (4) Swiatlo's memoirs. It is known that he began to write them.
- (5) Files concerning Swiatlo's life after 1955. What did he do, where did he live, did he marry, what name did he use, when did he die, where is he buried?

If documents are denied in whole or in part, please specify which exemptions are claimed. Please provide the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request that are withheld. Please "black out" rather than "white out" or cut out any excised material. Please also advise of the destruction of any pertinent records and the date of and authority for such destruction.

I look forward to your response. Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,



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