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Scott A. Koch
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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive# 20071328CIA168

Dear Mr. Koch:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request the following:

All documents created between 1953 and 1985 related in whole or in part to Józef Światło. I am particularly interested in information related Światło's defection and his tenure with RFE Poland.

Józef Światło was a deputy director of the Tenth Department of the Ministry of Public Security in Poland. In December 1953, he "disappeared" in West Berlin while there on official business. Starting on September 28, 1954, the Polish Service of Radio Free Europe began broadcasting a series of programs narrated by Józef Światło entitled Behind the Scenes of the Security Service and the Party. Światło continued to narrate the broadcasts until 1955. After his broadcasts ended Józef Światło lived under another name until his death in the mid-1980s (possibly 1985).

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at [redacted] or email me at foiamail@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
Catherine Nielsen
FOIA Coordinator

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