

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Ms. Leslie G. Kinney



Reference: F-2015-02398

Dear Ms. Kinney:

This is a final response to your 3 August 2015 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 18 August 2015, for **the personnel file and any other documents about James Harold Nichols, who “worked for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War Two.”** We accepted and processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended. Our processing included a search for records that would reveal an openly acknowledged Agency affiliation existing up to and including the date the Agency started its search and did not locate any responsive records.

With respect to any other records, in accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). An explanation of exemptions is enclosed for your review and retention.

As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

For your information, we maintain a copy of the roster of OSS personnel. We checked the listing for Mr. Nichols' name, and it did not appear on the roster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lavergne".

Michael Lavergne  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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