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C.I.A. Admits It Destroyed Some of A Californian's File But Refuses To Disclose If Other Records Remain

According to filings by the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) in the Eastern District of California U. S. Court obtained by Philip Mosier during litigation of his Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) claim, the C.I.A. stipulated that some files about Mr. Mosier were destroyed in 1996, 30 years after the events that became the subject of his book. The CIA claims a Glomar Defense, this is it refuses to admit the existence or non-existence of more classified records.

Mr. Mosier's lawyer argued, "Any claim that the records are classified is defeated by length of time and publication of facts. The Denial Letter claims that the records are classified. However, the records requested reflect events that transpired (more than) 45 years ago to one individual. It is specious to claim that the events from so long ago, in such a finite and narrow scope would have any classified relevance today. Additionally, the matter has been published and widely disseminated (Exhibit 3) (better known as ***Operation Blue Light: My Secret Life among Psychic Spies***, by Philip Chabot with Laurie Anne Blanchard © 2008). Thus, the claim that the records are somehow still classified is illogical and unfair and must be stricken."

Chief Judge Morrison C England, Jr. found that the CIA's declaration adequately demonstrated how disclosure of the requested information may reveal an intelligence source or method. And this meant that the court would review no documents and no index of the possibly secret files would be made public.

"I've always known that the story was hard to believe. When I wrote the book I did not change the times and places but I did change most of the names and I used my pen name, Philip Chabot. Of course when I asked my lawyer to file the FOIA claim I had to use my real name," Phil Mosier said.

Operation Blue Light: My Secret Life among Psychic Spies tells the story of his growing psychic ability during his youth, culminating with a unique telephone call to the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) back when A.T. & T. Long Lines did not allow calls to the P.R.C. So he had to impress the then U.S.S.R. to convince them they

should do him the favor of connecting him to the P.R.C. Soon after the call was over he left his motel room in Lebanon, Missouri and found armed government agents were waiting in the parking lot outside.

“Those who interviewed me during that night in July 1966 showed me identifications’ from the C.I.A. and F.B.I. but those from the third intelligence agency never did. The Missouri State Highway Patrolman was in uniform so I never asked to see his identification.” Inquiries from Mosier’s lawyer, Avner Sofer of San Rafael, California, to the Missouri State Highway Patrol revealed that the patrolman was Trooper A. F. O’Dell and that he died July 29th 1997.

The nearly five-year battle to document his story with multiple F.O.I.A. claims has cost over \$200,000.00. The case was closed and the court ruled in favor of the CIA November 26, 2013. Mr. Mosier is filing an appeal but he has nearly used up his savings and is looking for some group to sponsor his appeal before he has to stop his efforts.

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