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Mr. Michael Best  
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Reference: F-2017-01196

Dear Mr. Best:

This is a final response to your appeal, received on 6 June 2017, to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) from your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

***The ARP carefully considered your petition and determined that the appeal should be granted in part.*** As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination, described more fully in what follows.

In reversing some aspects of the initial action, the ARP determined that the fact of the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to this request is not in itself classified. We conducted searches reasonably calculated to locate other responsive records in addition to the two responsive documents you have already found and located two such records. One record may be released in full. A copy is enclosed.

The ARP concluded that the second document must continue to be withheld in its entirety on the basis FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). With respect to our (b)(3) denial, the relevant statutes are Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website at [http://ogis/archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Fong".

Allison Fong  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel

Enclosure

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. C. D. DeLoach

FROM: Robert A. Schow  
Assistant Director

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SUBJECT: Letter Concerning Soviet Threat to Alaska

Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to the Central Intelligence Agency, in which the Soviet threat to Alaska and Canada is discussed in very general terms by Mr. Arthur H. Carpenter of Newman, California. The latter has not been informed of the disposition of this letter and this Agency contemplates no further action on the subject.

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Gentlemen:

My purpose in writing this letter is to call your attention to a hazard that might well develop in the defense of Alaska and North Canada in the event of Russian attack in that area.

During the years of 1943-44-45-46, I was stationed in Northern Canada with Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory as my headquarters. While there I was director of security and intelligence for the Northwest Service Command which later was taken over by the 6th Service Command. Our duties consisted of security and protection of projects along the Alaska Highway and the Canal project together with liaison work with the North West Mounted Police. Our intelligence operations were limited as we were functioning in friendly country however as the projects covered British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, and Northwest Territories. We did however come in contact with large numbers of Canadian Civilians living adjacent to or employed by the US Government on the projects.

While we found the Canadians to be frugal, hard working people we did sense some ill feeling toward their Government and in many cases they were either socialists or communists. Of course at that time Russia was our ally and most of them did not feel constricted in discussing the matter. It must be assumed that many of them would support Canada in the event of attack by Russia, however there was also a good nucleus for a 5th column particularly if they were further supported by direct infiltration of Russian Communists.

There was some evidence although unconfirmed, that Russian infiltration to some extent might be taking place, during the years of 1945 and 1946. During the course of some of our investigations we came in contact with a group that were supposedly running a trucking route up the Alaska Highway and found that their headquarters tied in with a Russian Attorney located at Edmonton Alberta Canada. This attorney was according to reports one of the leaders in the communist movement in that area. The group as a whole were Russians. The matter was dropped however, as we had no instructions to check communists and were in fact instructed not to check that phase.

During the time I was there I became well acquainted with a member of the Northwest Mounted Police who had during his career spent several years working as an under cover man investigating communist activities for the Police and his opinions were that if they (Canada) ever became embroiled with Russia that there was a very militant group of Communists in Canada that would support Russia or a Revolution with all their strength. His opinion was that the largest portion of this group could be found in the foreign elements that live in the Alberta British Columbia areas, or in Northwestern Canada in a more general sense.

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In the event War with Russia should occur together with a probable attack on Alaska, our main life line would be the Alaska Highway and the chain of airports that lead two thousand miles from Edmonton to Fairbanks. Both would be sensitive to sabotage and disruption which could be undertaken by small groups operating anywhere in the vast areas that surround all these important points. Without question, attack by Russia would be preceded by an attempt to infiltrate Northern Canada with trained agents equipped to do the job. How much infiltration has already taken place is the question.

I feel sure that your agency must be aware of the implications that lie in this direction. I hope that a close contact is being maintained with Canada on this phase of the security of our country. On the other hand I have found few people including most Canadians who have much of a conception of the country that is Alaska, The Yukon and Northwest Territories. Of how easily the thousands of deeply frozen lakes in this land could be converted into natural landing fields for large scale air attack on the more populated areas of Southern Canada and Northern United States. Or of the fact that Russia must have a chain of airbases through Siberia if they could fly thousands of planes from Fairbanks during World War II.

I sincerely hope that very close intelligence liaison be maintained with corresponding agencies in Canada. If required that an investigation of the situation in that area be conducted by our own agencies so that there be no slipup.

This letter is being written to try and be helpful and in no sense is it intended to be critical. I do feel that you have many problems all over the world and that if I can pass on something that it took us over three years to begin to see, it is my patriotic duty to do so.

To further identify myself: I am at present a partner in a Ford Dealership at Newman California. I hold a reserve commission as a MI reserve Major.

Sincerely Yours

Arthur H Carpenter  
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