

From jpcavan@nsa Tue Jul 23 10:09:32 1996
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Reply-To: jpcavan@nsa
To: wpcrowe@d.nsa
Subject: names related to venona
Cc: rllerne@n.nsa, debarch@n.nsa, rlbens1@nsa
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Bill,

This is more than you need, however, wanted you to know that we now have foia requests for which the three volume history is in part responsive. We have requests for "all records" on a number of VENONA personalities (see below). We will have to identify the pages, review them for current classification, and do partial releases, whitening out data which is non responsive.

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[redacted] our foia laws require that we look at its responsive parts. Just FYI.

V/R,
Jim
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>From rllerne@n.nsa Tue Jul 23 09:56:35 1996
From: Rona Lerner <rllerne@n.nsa>
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Cc: jpcavan@n.nsa, rlbens1@m5j.m.nsa, [redacted]
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debarch@n.nsa

we currently have four requests for information relating to individuals whose names appear in venona messages. briefly, they are for:

1. earlier versions of messages released relating to the rosenbergs (nancy's case)
2. all records on i.f. stone (jeanette's case)
3. all records on earl browder (carol's case)
4. all records on david greenglass (nancy's case)

following is the way in which these cases will be handled. i am passing this to everyone because there is a chance that any of you may have to process such a case in the future. i will do my best to identify the requests as related to venona if i see them before you do.

for the rosenberg case, lou benson will provide the earlier versions. it has been decided that there is no harm in the release of the earlier versions if information which is classified and protected for personal privacy reasons is deleted. the reviewer will take a clue from the final released version regarding the need to protect similar information in earlier versions of the messages.

regarding the other cases, here's the procedure. the search request (or estimate) should go to lou in m5j with a cc to [REDACTED] there is the potential for the following types of documents being discovered in a search: translations which have been released; earlier versions of the translations; portions of a classified history written by lou and cecil phillips; other agency material; miscellaneous stuff that i can't now identify. this is how each will be considered:

1. translations already released: i have the yellowed and greased copies. lou will point you in the right direction to enable you to find the responsive translations.versions. i will be glad :-> to help you locate them and determine the proper exemptions to cite.

2. earlier versions of translations: hopefully, we won't have to deal with these. we will tell the requester that earlier versions may exist but that we are providing the last and best version of the translations and hope that suits his/her needs. (we are going to do this with the cases currently in appeal and hope that the best version will satisfy those requesters.) if a requester comes back in and asks for the earlier versions, we will locate and process those versions.

3. portions of the history: lou will identify the pages which relate to the subject(s) of the request. i have a copy of the history at my desk which will be our file copy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] . if portions of a page are not responsive [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we will white it out and tell the requester that the whited out portions are not responsive and would require additional analysis. if the requester wants those portions, he can come in and ask for them. if that happens, he retains his place in queue and is not put at the back of the line. his request for the non-responsive portions will be treated as an addition to his original request.

4. other agency material: handle as we usually do.

5. miscellaneous: we'll figure out as we come across it.

this guidance is offered as just that-guidance. this should give you some understanding of what we're dealing with and give you a good head start. as usual, if you have any questions, just let me know.

i will file a copy of this e-mail in our miscellaneous file for future reference. rona

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