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Eugene R. Scheiman, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Scheiman:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 12 October concerning your Freedom of Information request for information on Tscherim Soobzokov.

The offer in my letter of 3 October to provide you all information released in response to an earlier request for information would include any releasable document on Soobzokov found in our files. This is not to say that I can guarantee that you will receive documents fulfilling the demands of the four paragraphs of your letter of 21 September, because I do not even know if there are any documents concerning Mr. Soobzokov in our files, and will not know until the prior search is completed. And if there are any such documents, I cannot guarantee that any classified ones could be released (in whole or in part) after they have been thoroughly reviewed under the guidance of Executive Order 12065.

You have also reminded us of the stipulations of our Freedom of Information Act regulation, section 1900.45. As I mentioned in my letter of 3 October, the Agency has been deluged with requests for information under both Acts. This has resulted in a processing backlog which we have been unable to reduce even with the diversion of the efforts of large numbers of our personnel from their intelligence-related duties. We follow a policy of "first-in, first-processed" as fairest to all our requesters. Since we do not know the number of documents to be reviewed in the requests ahead of yours in queue, we cannot give you a date when we can reply. Since we will be unable to respond

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within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing the request on Soobzokov and to respond to you as soon as feasible. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

George W. Owens  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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October 12, 1979

Mr. George W. Owens  
Information and Privacy  
Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Owens:

I am in receipt of your letter of 3 October 1979 having reference to my letter of 21 September 1979 requesting information in your files pertainint to Mr. Tscherim Soobzokov.

In your letter you informed me that you are presently processing a previous request for information on Mr. Soobzokov and that because of such previous request you are willing to waive search fees. I am certainly amenable to a waiver of fee if you can assure me that the request you are presently conducting encompasses at least the information requested in my communication of 21 September, 1979.

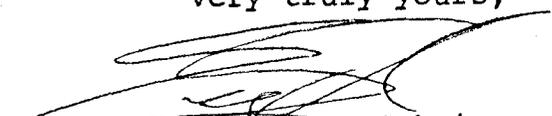
I turn next to your statement that the Agency cannot give a date on which it will be able to give a final reply to my request. I respectfully direct your attention to Section 1900.45 requiring a response to my request within ten days. In light of said section I will expect a reply or a notification of an extension of time within which to reply within the specified time from the date of my original request.

Finally, if your Agency interposes the strictures of the Privacy Act of 1974 after the completion of your search as a purported reason to withhold any documents requested, I will at that time determine whether or not to furnish you with a signed, notarized waiver or to resort to other means (e.g., litigation) to obtain said documents.

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Very truly yours,

  
Eugene R. Scheiman

8 OCT 1979

Eugene R. Scheiman, Esq.  
Baer Marks & Upham  
299 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Schiemann:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21 September 1979 which requested, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, specific information in our files pertaining to Mr. Tscherim Soobzokov.

The Agency is presently processing a previous request for information on Mr. Soobzokov. Normally, we are authorized by the Act to charge search fees for processing FOIA requests according to the schedule which I am enclosing with this letter. However, if it is acceptable to you, we will not institute a new search but, upon the completion of processing the previous request, we will furnish you with all releasable documents (if any are found) at the standard copying fee of 10¢ a page. Unfortunately, we are heavily backlogged with FOIA requests. The Agency component servicing the previous request is many months behind, and I cannot give you a date when we will be able to give you a final reply.

There are several points I would also like to clarify. Under the strictures of the Privacy Act of 1974 and subsection (b)(6) of the FOIA, we may not release any U.S. citizen's records to a third party without the consent of the citizen if that release would constitute a clear invasion of his personal privacy. If Mr. Dennis, or any other attorney, would like to obtain a waiver of those rights, he must present us with a notarized affidavit signed by Mr. Soobzokov waiving those rights, and specifying under what condition personal information can be released to other individuals.

I would also like to point out that the Central Intelligence Agency has only been in existence since September 1947. It would be highly unlikely, therefore, that we would have any employment records, security checks, or other documents you mentioned going back to 1936 or 1940. Even the Office of Strategic Services, our predecessor organization, was not founded until 1942.

Sincerely,

*George W. Owens*

George W. Owens  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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We have a request from  
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September 21, 1979

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST  
Re: Tscherim Soobzokov, a/k/a  
Abdul Karim Soobzaqua

Dear Sir:

I am an attorney involved in the defense of an active civil litigation\* in which the above-named person, Tscherim Soobzokov, is a plaintiff. In order to adequately prepare the defense of this matter, I hereby make demand upon you, pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 9, Part 1900.45 for the following documents:

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1. Each and every document evidencing or referring to the employment of subject by your department during the years 1940 to date.

2. Each and every document evidencing or referring to subject's use as an intelligence agent by or for the use of your department during the years 1940 to date.

3. Each and every document evidencing or referring to any security or other investigation made of subject by your department during the years 1940 to date.

4. Any information obtained by your department having reference to, or concerning, subject's activities as an agent or operative of any Fascist or Communist government during the years 1936 to date.

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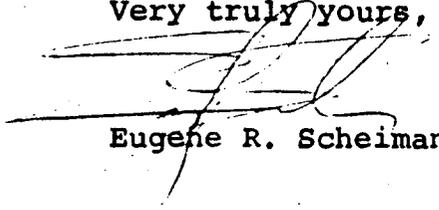
\* Soobzokov v. CBS Inc., et al., 78 Civ. 4908 (GLG).

So that time will not be lost by the interposition of a claim of exemption based upon any alleged right of privacy, should you feel such claim would be appropriate, you are hereby requested to contact Michael F. Dennis, Esq., 600 Old Country Road, Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 741-7050, subject's personal representative and attorney, who has, on behalf of his client waived subject's right of privacy as to these matters.

*We really need something in writing.*

Pursuant to Part 1900.45 of said Title 32, your answer to said demands are expected within ten days of your receipt of this letter. Further, you are advised that we will promptly pay whatever cost is involved in processing our request and in furnishing copies of documents pursuant to said request.

Very truly yours,



Eugene R. Scheiman

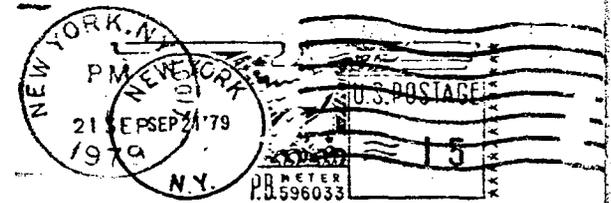
*an out-and-out lie!*

*I talked to Mr. Dennis on 29 Oct. 79. He not only never waived Sobzokov's Privacy rights, but — after Scheiman got our letter of 3 Oct. (para 3) and sent Dennis an affidavit on 9 Oct — Dennis refused to sign it. Hence the threat of litigation in Scheiman's 12 Oct. letter. When I asked Mr. Dennis how Scheiman could say this, he said "Oh that's just Scheiman's way!"*

*Sobzokov apparently is not a Nazi war criminal, never was, and has been cleared by INS, Israeli Govt, U. German & Sov. govts. Got imbroiled in a petty argument with other members of a N.Y. Civicassian Benevolent Society, who thereby accused him of being a "war criminal" & "Nazi". An author named Blum made the mistake of paying attention to this, and lumped Sobzokov with some real Nazi War criminals in his book — published by N.Y. Times. So Dennis has an open & shut libel case, which Scheiman's firm (representing the N.Y. Times) is trying to stall, & hoping for some tid bit from CIA that will make Sobzokov look bad.*

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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

BKR F79-0268 FBI Ref.

**Tscherim Soobzokob**

704-14th AVENUE  
PATERSON, N. J. 07504

June 2, 1978

Re: request number 65,271

DOB: 8-24-24  
born in CAUCASUS, U.S.S.R.

United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FOI/PA Branch  
Records Management Division  
900 Half Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20401

Attn: Allen H. McCreight, Chief

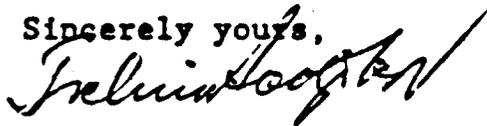
Dear Mr. McCreight:

Thank you for your reply to my letter dated April 21, 1978, requesting complete copies of all documents pertaining to me in your entire files under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

As per your instructions, I am hereby repeating this request, submitted with my notarized signature below.

Thank you for your assistance. Please advise what the expenses for this information will be.

Sincerely yours,



Tscherim Soobzokov

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS THE  
CORRECT SIGNATURE OF MR. TSCHERIM  
SOOBZOKOV, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN MY  
PRESENCE:

*Silvatore Cannata*  
SILVATORE CANNATA

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
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17 AUG 1979

Gary D. Gordon, Staff Counsel  
American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey  
45 Academy Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 August requesting, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act and on behalf of your client, Richard Krieger, information in Agency files on the entry of Tscherim Soobzokov into the United States.

I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found reviewed for relevance and releasability under the Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. Since we will be unable to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denial of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our fee schedule. I note your request for a waiver of fees. It is CIA policy to waive fees based on public benefit expected to result from releasable information. If, upon completion of our search and security review, we are able to release information which increases public knowledge above that which can be learned from information already in the public domain, we can reduce or waive fees entirely. However, until that can be ascertained, we presume that you will pay for services involved in processing your request according to the enclosed schedule. If this arrangement is not agreeable to you, please so inform me at once.

You have also asked for information on "other alleged Nazi collaborators." We cannot process this portion of your request unless you can furnish us with the names of the alleged collaborators and whatever additional identifying information that is available to you. You also mentioned information from Mr. Soobzokov's military records. If you refer to U.S. military records, the Agency would not have any such documents. I suggest, therefore, that you also may wish to submit your request to the Department of Defense, which was not among the government agencies mentioned in your letter.

Sincerely,

*George W. Owens*

George W. Owens  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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August 6, 1979

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey and Mr. Richard Krieger. Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, they wish to obtain access to and the opportunity to copy and inspect any and all documents, memoranda, directives, letters, or other records, pertaining to the entry of Tscherim Soobzokov and other alleged Nazi collaborators into the United States. Mr. Soobzokov is an alleged Nazi collaborator who arrived in the United States on June 28, 1955 pursuant to a visitor's pass from Jordan. Mr. Krieger and the American Civil Liberties Union desire access to any records, memoranda etc. concerning Mr. Soobzokov's allegedly illegal entry into the United States including, but not limited to the following: Any information revealed in Mr. Soobzokov's military records relating to his allegedly illegal entry; records or documents concerning any assistance and/or help given by any United States intelligence agencies including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the General Accounting Office, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service in aiding or assisting the allegedly illegal entry of Mr. Soobzokov into the United States; any records, documents, etc. relating to services rendered or assistance given by Mr. Soobzokov to said agencies in exchange for his allegedly illegal entry or allegedly illegal citizenship to the United States; and information revealed in any polygraph examinations administered to Mr. Soobzokov or to any individual which reflects or evidences Mr. Soobzokov's allegedly illegal entry into the United States. Except for information relating to Mr. Soobzokov's allegedly illegal entry into the United States, my clients do not seek disclosure of

He'll have to name the other collaborators.

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Would we have these

According to Mr. Richard Krieger is under indictment by the U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey for sending a bomb to Mr. Soobzokov through the mail.

August 6, 1979

intimate private details about Mr. Soobzokov's personal life, In addition to the foregoing, my clients seek the same information concerning those individuals similarly situated to Mr. Soobzokov who have allegedly entered the country illegally.

Since none of the statutory exceptions from the Information Act's mandatory disclosure provisions applies, access to the requested records should be granted within ten (10) working days. In the unlikely event, however, that access is denied to any part of the requested records, please describe the deleted material in detail and specify the statutory basis for the denial as well as your reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies in this instance. Please separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Such statements will be helpful to my clients in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination, and in formulating their arguments in case they do appeal. The Agency's written justifications might also help to avoid possible unnecessary litigation.

We anticipate, however, that you will make the requested materials available to Mr. Krieger and the American Civil Liberties Union within the statutorily prescribed period. We thus request, as well, that you waive any applicable fees since disclosure meets the statutory standard for waiver of fees in that it would clearly be "in the public interest, because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." (5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A) ). The information sought is an important matter which is clearly in the public interest. In this regard, we further point out that the ACLU is a non-profit organization which intends to give the requested information the widest possible circulation.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number.

We await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

  
Gary D. Gordon  
Staff Counsel

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Info on Los-zokov + other Nazi Collaborators entering the U.S.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

DATE:

E. Ross Buckley, Attorney in Charge  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit  
Criminal Division

PLY TO  
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT:

Freedom of Information Act Request - Richard Krueger 5383

TO:

George W. Owens  
Information and Privacy Act Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Room 2E42

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The attached request was directed to this Division. Since it involves records maintained by your Division (Office, Bureau), we are referring the request to you.

Request has also been referred to:

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This Division will also process.

This Division will not process.

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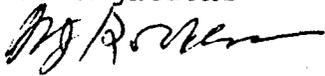
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DATE: August 20, 1979

REPLY TO: Walter J. Rockler, Director  
ATTN OF: Office of Special Investigations

146-2-47

SUBJECT: FOIA Request



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TO: E. Ross Buckley  
Attorney in Charge, FOIA  
Criminal Division

We have received the enclosed letter which purported to make a request under FOIA as to a CIA file or files. I am enclosing a copy of my response to this letter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

August 20, 1979

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Mr. Richard Krieger  
Executive Director  
Jewish Federation of North Jersey  
One Pike Drive  
Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Dear Mr. Krieger:

I have received your letter of August 3, 1979,  
and appreciate your views.

We are not in a position to comment on any particular  
case which we may or may not be considering. It is the  
policy of the Office and the Department of Justice not  
to discuss ongoing investigations.

Since you have stated a request under the Freedom  
of Information Act with respect to a CIA file, which  
is outside my jurisdiction, I am forwarding your request  
to the appropriate FOIA Office.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Rockler  
Director, Office of Special Investigations

cc: Nazi War Criminal WF  
Soobzokov File

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# Jewish Federation of North Jersey

One Pike Drive, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 □ Tel. 595-0555

August 3, 1979

Mr. Walter J. Rockler, Director  
Office of Special Investigations  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 28603  
Washington, DC 20005

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Dear Mr. Rockler:

My belated congratulations on the Appeals Court position that was taken in the Federenko Case. The decision rendered by that Federal Court of Appeals opens up a number of interesting avenues.

I am, therefore, requesting that the case of Tscherim Soobzokov be fully opened on the basis of the Federenko decision.

Soobzokov's Application For Immigration to this country specifically omitted his membership in the Waffin SS and specifically omitted his membership in the Circassian Legion, which was part of the Einsatzgruppen. Since these material facts might presumably have kept him from being permitted into the country at that time, it would appear that they were specifically and deliberately omitted.

This being the case and with the Federenko decision as a precedent, the Soobzokov case should be fully opened for investigation and for further action.

At the same time, I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act that the file on Tscherim Soobzokov, that is in the possession of the CIA, be released and that the CIA be enjoined from both withholding information on Soobzokov or from destroying any of the Soobzokov file.

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I would then request an investigation of the file by your unit and any other units of the Department of Justice to ascertain if Soobzokov has been involved in any criminal activities that would make him an undesirable member of our American society.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Krieger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "R" that loops back under the rest of the name.

Richard Krieger  
Executive Director

RK/dmw  
cc: Martin Mendelsohn