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WILLIAM STEPHENSON (23 January 1897 – 31 January 1989)

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

Tuesday, January 02, 2018

Dear FOIA/MDR officer:

In my capacity as an investigative journalist I am writing your office to request all records, irrespective of media, regarding the Canadian national William Stephenson (23 January 1897 – 31 January 1989), who spent much of WWII in New York City and was a colleague of J. Edgar Hoover as well as leading OSS and other U.S. intelligence officers.

From the Wikipedia biography of Stephenson:

Sir William Samuel Stephenson, CC, MC, DFC (23 January 1897 – 31 January 1989) was a Canadian soldier, airman, businessman, inventor, spymaster, and the senior representative of British Security Coordination (BSC) for the entire western hemisphere during World War II. He is best known by his wartime intelligence codename **Intrepid**. Many people consider him to be one of the real-life inspirations for James Bond. Ian Fleming himself once wrote, "James Bond is a highly romanticized version of a true spy. The real thing is ... William Stephenson."

As head of the British Security Coordination, Stephenson handed over British scientific secrets to Franklin D. Roosevelt and relayed American secrets to Winston Churchill.^[d] In addition, Stephenson has been credited with changing American public opinion from an isolationist stance to a supportive tendency regarding America's entry into World War II.

The Agency's FOIA Library Reading Room sites offers over sixty records responding to a "William Stephenson" query.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/search/site/%22William%20Stephenson%22> There is no need to send me copies of these records.

According to Agency FOIA logs, there has already been at least one request for the same subject (F-2000-00010). *Please release any information that has already been released to other requesters first – other than on the FOIA Library website - and then review and release previously-unreleased records as soon as they are processed.*

Apart from your normal search, please also query the Agency's National Clandestine

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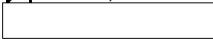



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Service (NCS) archives.

I would like this request to be made under my "representative of the news media" status, which can be attested to by googling my name or visiting the following Internet URL:

<http://www.inthesetimes.com/community/profile/3543/>

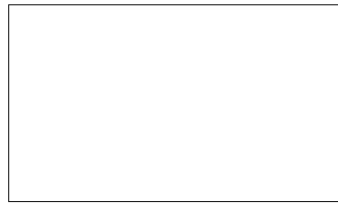
If you have any questions about this request or foresee problems in fully releasing the requested records within the twenty-day period, feel free to call me within that time period. I can be reached on my cell at  Please send the hard copies of the requested documents to the above address or digitized versions to me at my e-mail which is: 

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I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. I intend to inform the public through a variety of media.

Sincerely,



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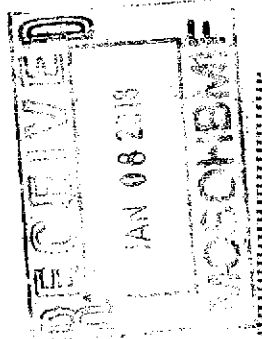
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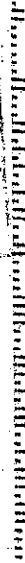
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