

June 17, 1982

Commander
U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and
Administration Center
Attn: AGUZ-PSD
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO., 63132

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

I wish to obtain a copy of all documents retrievable in a search for files listed for Ruben Salazar, the Los Angeles Times journalist killed on August 29, 1970. Mr. Salazar served in the U.S. Army from October 6, 1950, to September 12, 1952. His Service Number was 54021783, as listed in FOIA disclosures by the Immigration and Naturalization. At the time of his service in the military, Mr. Salazar was a Mexican national living in El Paso, Texas. Additional information you may find useful in your search for records are his social security number, 465-34-0679; his birthdate was March 3, 1928.

If all or any part of my request is denied, please list the specific exemptions which are being claimed to withhold information. I am enclosing a portion of a magazine article published shortly after Mr. Salazar's death to show that his right to privacy will not be violated by any release of service records.

If you determine that some portions of the requested material are exempt, I will expect, as the Act provides, that you will provide me with the remaining non-exempt portions. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information.

As you know, the amended FOIA permits you to reduce or waive search and/or copying fees when release of the requested information would be "in the public interest." I believe that this request fits that category since the material will be for a biography I'm writing of Mr. Salazar, a controversial personality in the Los Angeles community who died under equally controversial circumstances at the hands of law enforcement officers. I therefore ask that you waive such fees.

As provided in the FOIA, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Paul Weingarten
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AGUZ-PSA-IF Salazar, Ruben
465-34-0679

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Mr. Steven P. Weingarten
432 S. Alhambra Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

Your recent communication has been received in this Center.

Records of discharged and deceased Army personnel are maintained by the National Personnel Records Center, General Services Administration; therefore, I have forwarded your inquiry to the Director, address shown below, for action and direct reply to you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. NEWTON
LTC, GS
Director, Personnel Services

CF:
Director
National Personnel Records Center
General Services Administration
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