

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF FOIA REQUEST

On 7-9-82 the National Personnel Records Center received your request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Because of the number of inquiries we are receiving, additional time will be required to complete action on your request. Every effort will be made to respond as promptly as possible.

If it is necessary to write to us again, please enclose this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AGUZ-PSA-IF Salazar, Ruben
465 34 0679
23/5/3.8/1

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

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

This is in reply to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act for a copy of the military personnel record pertaining to Mr. Ruben Salazar.

The records of present or former military personnel are considered privileged. In accordance with current Department of the Army policies, information concerning individuals may not be disclosed without the written consent of the individual. In the case of death, the military personnel records may be released to the immediate legal next-of-kin. In order to insure the privacy of the records, we need the written consent of the individual if living or the appropriate next-of-kin if the individual is deceased. You should furnish proof of death in all cases.

The requested information should be sent to this Center, Attention: AGUZ-PSA-IF. Upon receipt of this information, further consideration will be given to the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary C. Willis".

MARY C. WILLIS
LTC, GS
Director, Personnel Services

August 30, 1982
Monterey Park

Dear Sally:

Here's the FOIA letter which only next-of-kin can use for a personal file. I hope they respond better than the FBI did to the request you sent them. If my past experience is any guide, they will respond promptly that they are back-logged with requests, and would you please wait your turn while the others are processed. Then, after some months, a packet should come. I'm not sure what they will say to the request for a waiver of fees. Under the Privacy Act (which, obviously, I've never used on this or any other story) they should waive search fees, and charge a nickel a page for copying. It shouldn't be that much, and I'll be glad to pay whatever expenses they charge. But, since there is some public interest involved as well, we have a fair to middling chance of a waiver on that as well.

Best regards,

Steve Weingarten

Steve Weingarten

August 30, 1982

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re: Salazar, Ruben
AGUZ-PSA-IF
465 34 0679
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Dear Madam:

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

I wish to obtain a copy of all records retrievable listed for my husband, Ruben Salazar, who was killed on August 29, 1970. I am enclosing a copy of a news report concerning his death as proof that I am entitled under the Privacy Act to receive these documents as legal next-of-kin. Mr. Salazar served in the U.S. Army from October 6, 1950, to September 12, 1952. His Service Number was 54021783. At the time of his military service my husband was a Mexican national living in El Paso, Texas. Additional information you might find helpful in your search are his birthdate--March 3, 1928--and social security account number--465-34-0679.

If any part or all of my request is denied, please list the specific exemptions which are being claimed to withhold information. If you determine that some portions of the material are exempt, I will expect, as the Act provides, that you will provide me with the remaining portions. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold files.

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

As a request under the Privacy Act, I request that you waive any search fees. Since this material will be used as research documentation for a book being written about my late husband, I also request that you waive any copying fees, since it would be an unfair burden for me to pay these costs.

Sincerely yours,

Sally Salazar
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