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FOIA/Privacy Act Unit
Attorney General's Office
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C., 20530

Dear Sir or Madam:

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 who was killed on August 29, 1970. Mr. Salazar's social security account number was 465-34-0679; his passport number was F253220; his Certificate of Naturalization number was 7120672, issued on November 27, 1953 in El Paso, Texas. Mr. Salazar was born on March 3, 1928 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. A document recently released from FBI files concerning Mr. Salazar show that he was scheduled for an interview in 1968 with then-Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley. I would like a copy of all documents pertaining to this scheduled interview and/or any other occasions when your office sought to interview Mr. Salazar.

If all or any part 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 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 and expect that you will list the address and office where an appeal can be sent.

As you know, the 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 magazine article I am writing, and I therefore ask that you waive such fees.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Steven Paul Weingarten
SSA# 552-80-4491
Born on May 8, 1951 in
Cleveland, Ohio



U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

August 26, 1981

Mr. Steven P. Weingarten
432 South Alhambra Avenue
Monterey Park, California 91754

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

X Your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request was received by this office which serves as the receipt and referral unit for FOI/PA requests addressed to the Department of Justice. We have referred your request to the Department component(s) you have designated or, based upon descriptive information you have provided, to the component(s) most likely to have the records. Components to which your request has been forwarded are indicated on the enclosed listing. All future inquiries concerning the status of your request should be addressed to the component(s) which now has your letter for response. This office does not participate in the decision to grant or deny access to records.

 Your request designated organizations outside of the Department of Justice as indicated below and will have to be resubmitted by you directly to them.*

 The Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts apply only to the records of agencies within the executive branch of the Federal Government.

 Other:

Sincerely,

William J. Snider
William J. Snider
Administrative Counsel
Justice Management Division

U.S. Department of Justice
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act
Referral/Action Slip

Date: 8/26/81
Organization: OAC:JMD
Room & Building: 6239 Main

- TO FR
- THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 - Deputy Attorney General, Office of
 - Associate Attorney General, Office of
 - Antitrust Division
 - Bureau of Prisons
 - Civil Division
 - Civil Rights Division
 - Community Relations Service
 - Criminal Division
 - Drug Enforcement Administration
 - Executive Office for United States Attorneys
 - Executive Office for United States Trustees
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - Federal Prisons Industries, Inc.
 - Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
 - Immigration and Naturalization Service
 - Immigration Appeals, Board of
 - Intelligence Policy and Review, Office of
 - Justice Assistance, Research, and Statistics, Office of

- TO FR
- Justice Management Division
 - Land and Natural Resources Division
 - Legal Counsel, Office of
 - Legal Policy, Office of
 - Legislative Affairs, Office of
 - Pardon Attorney, Office of
 - Professional Responsibility, Office of
 - Public Affairs, Office of
 - Solicitor General, Office of
 - Tax Division
 - United States Marshals Service
 - United States National Central Bureau (Interpol)
 - United States Parole Commission
 - FOIA/PA Referral Unit
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Requester Steven P. Weingarten
on behalf of _____
Date of Request undated (postmarked 8/20/81)
Received by FOI/PA referral unit on 8/25/81

Remarks: FOIA request
Requester advised of this referral



U.S. Department of Justice

CRM #8084

Washington, D.C. 20530

10 SEP 1981

Mr. Steven Paul Weingarten
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Dear Mr. Weingarten:

This is the response of the Criminal Division to your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, for access to records pertaining to any occasions when the Attorney General's Office sought to interview Ruben Salazar.

You are advised that a search of our central index of records did not reflect any records pertaining to the subject of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Ross Buckley".

E. ROSS BUCKLEY, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
Criminal Division

September 25, 1981
Monterey Park, Ca.

Freedom of Information Act
CRM #8084

E. Ross Buckley
Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Washington, D.C., 20530

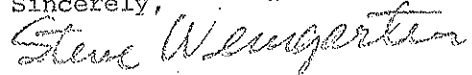
Dear Mr. Buckley:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 10, 1981, in which you informed me that the search I requested under the Freedom of Information Act for files pertaining to Ruben Salazar turned out fruitless. I'm enclosing two files released to me by the FBI concerning attempts by then-Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley to interview Mr. Salazar. Possibly these documents will help you locate the file.

Of course, I'm not positive that the Criminal Division is the proper section of the Justice Department to search. My original request was referred to your division by Administrative Counsel William J. Snider, as communicated to me on August 26, 1981. I'm also sending copies of these two FBI disclosures to Mr. Snider in the hope that, if the Criminal Division isn't the proper location to be searching, he will transfer this request to a more appropriate section of the Justice Department.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



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September 25, 1981
Monterey Park, Ca.

William J. Snider
Justice Management Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C., 20530

Dear Mr. Snider:

On August 26, 1981 you advised me that my Freedom of Information Act request for files concerning Ruben Salazar, the deceased reporter for the Los Angeles Times newspaper killed on August 29, 1970, had been referred to the Justice Department's Criminal Division for a search of that section's files for records of a possible interview with then-Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley. On September 10, 1981, Mr. E. Ross Buckley of the Criminal Division informed me that a search of the central index showed no record for Mr. Salazar.

I'm sending you copies of two FBI disclosures concerning Mr. Yeagley's attempts to interview Mr. Salazar in the hope that you will be able to refer this request to the proper division of the Justice Department, if in fact the Criminal Division doesn't have any record of Mr. Yeagley's investigation.

I have also sent copies of these two documents to Mr. Buckley in the Criminal Division. They have assigned the request the file number CRM #8084.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Weingarten

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U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 8, 1981

Mr. Steve Weingarten
432 South Alhambra Avenue
Monterey Park, California 91754

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

This responds to your September 25, 1981, letter concerning your earlier request for records regarding Ruben Salazar.

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley was the former Assistant Attorney General for the now defunct Internal Security Division. Because the Internal Security Division was abolished and its functions were absorbed by the Criminal Division, your request was assigned to the Criminal Division. We are enclosing Form DOJ-392 for your review. If you would like any other Department of Justice component to conduct a search for these records, you may write to them directly at the addresses provided. However, we know of no other component which is likely to have the information you seek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Shider".

William J. Shider
Administrative Counsel
Justice Management Division

cc: Criminal Division



U.S. Department of Justice

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16 OCT 1981

Steven P. Weingarten
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Dear Mr. Weingarten:

This is in reply to your letter dated September 25, 1981, with which you enclosed two records of the FBI which noted that Ruben Salazar had been designated for interview by Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley. You suggested that they might provide a lead as to Department files pertaining to that interview.

As we have indicated to you, we were not able to locate any records referring to such an interview. We had previously made such a search for the same records for another FOI requester who had furnished the same 12/7/67 FBI memorandum. Our search was conducted in the name Ruben Salazar. Two files were located, but they contained only copies of FBI reports.

It is possible that such records may be indexed in the names of others of the "several persons" designated for interview. It has long been the practice of the Department to index only the first three names of any matter involving multiple persons. It is also possible that they were not indexed at all, but may have been placed in an unindexed subject file. The information you furnished does not provide any leads, since none of the other persons are mentioned, and the FBI's subject line "IS - Cuba" does not provide sufficient information to attempt to locate files.

The Criminal Division would be the appropriate component to the Department to process your request. Mr. Yeagley was Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Internal Security Division. That Division was terminated in 1973, and its functions and records were transferred to the Criminal Division.

If you can furnish us more specific information, we will search further.

Sincerely,

E. Ross Buckley, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
Criminal Division



CRM-8084

Washington, D.C. 20530

31 AUG 1982

Mr. Steven P. Weingarten
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Monterey Park, California 91754

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

While processing your Freedom of Information Act request dated December 15, 1981, the Federal Bureau of Investigation located two documents which it has referred to us for our review and direct response to you. These records are described as follows:

1. January 10, 1968, Memorandum, Mr. Vinson to the Director, FBI, 1 page.
2. Petition for Clemency for Reis Lopez Tijerina, 4 pages.

We have reviewed these documents and we will make them available to you. Item 1 will be made available to you in its entirety. Item 2 will be made available to you subject to the deletion of third party names and addresses. These excisions have been made in accordance with the following exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)):

- (6) Documents which if disclosed would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party; and,
- (7) Investigatory records compiled for law enforcement which if disclosed would:
 - (C) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party.

Copies of the documents are attached.

Pursuant to Department regulations, you have a right to appeal the deletions as a partial denial of your request. This appeal must be made within thirty days in writing and addressed to: Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy (Attention: Office of Information and Privacy) United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked, "FOIPA Appeal". If on appeal your request is denied, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business or the district in which the records denied to you are located or the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas S. Wood". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

DOUGLAS S. WOOD, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
Criminal Division

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 10, 1968

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FMV:FJC:jac
90-1-1-2104

SUBJECT: Clemency Petition for
Reies Lopez Tijerina

REC-66

Attached hereto for your information and files is a copy of a petition for clemency for Reies Lopez Tijerina and four other members of the Federal Alliance of Free City States, recently convicted in United States District Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico. No further action is anticipated by the Department.

Attachment

ENCLOSURE

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EXP. PROC. 35

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ENCLOSURE 1

FBI FILE 89-1340-67

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to 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6), (7)(C)

INFORMATION EXCISED
PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C.
552 (b) (6) and (7)(C)

NO. OF PETITION FOR CLEMENCY OF REIC, LOPEZ TIZERINA

INFORMATION EXCISED
PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C.
552 (b)(6), (7)(C)

ERS OF PETITION FOR CLEMENCY OF REYES LOPEZ TIJERINA

Information excised
pursuant to 5 U.S.C.
552 (b)(6), (7)(C).