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September 16, 1999

U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
Attn: FOIA Officer
Fort Meade, MD 20755-5995

(By fax to 301-677-2956)

RE: Freedom of Information Act request.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request to review all records held by your office, including photographs, documents and other materials, pertaining to [REDACTED] a German national born in or near [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

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I am prepared to pay reasonable search and duplication fees in connection with this request, though the FOIA provides for the waiver of copying fees where disclosure is considered as "primarily benefiting the general public". I am preparing an article for **Harper's**, a New York-based magazine published by the non-profit Harper's Magazine Foundation. The research I am doing and for which I need the above information will be used in an article that will meaningfully contribute to the public's understanding of the international arms trade.

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I therefore request that you waive search and duplication fees, if any, on the grounds that the information will be used in a way that will meaningfully contribute to the public interest. If you deny this request for a waiver of search and duplication fees, please contact me before proceeding with your response to my inquiry.

For any document(s) or portion of document(s) to which you deny me access, please provide an index itemizing and describing justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of the document withheld.

I look forward to receiving your written response within ten working days as required by the law.

Sincerely,

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