

CIA NAME AND SUBJECT FILES

RELEASED IN RESPONSE TO THE NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT and THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DISCLOSURE ACT

NOTICE

Files:

This notice is intended to clarify the nature and record status of the "name files" and "subject files" released by the Central Intelligence Agency in response to the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-246) and the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-567)

The copies of records in this file were released by the CIA and transferred to the National Archives in the form in which they are included in this file. It is NARA's understanding that these files did not exist originally in this form at the agency. The files were assembled into "name files" and "subject files" from disparate record sources within the agency specifically in response to the two Disclosure Acts. NARA does not hold the originals of these documents or any full text copies of the redacted documents. The official, or "record" copies of these documents remain at the agency. These copies are a file created and maintained only for ease of reference in response to the acts.

Researchers seeking release of additional CIA materials on the individuals named in these files or seeking further release of information withheld by the agency from these files should submit a Freedom of Information or other request directly to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Content:

The IWG, in implementing the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, has taken the broadest view in identifying records that may be responsive to the act. In addition, information relevant to the act is often buried in files related to other subjects and actions that lay outside of the act.

The release of records by the IWG is part of a series of openings for research in records related to war crimes, war criminals, and Nazi persecution, looted assets, postwar reparations and restitution. These records will include persons who are war criminals, victims of war crimes and persecution, civilian and military personnel investigating these activities, and persons only tangentially related to these incidents.

In addition, the IWG staff has attempted to have files and file series reviewed and opened in their entirety, so that documentation will be reviewed in an archival context. One result is that many documents and individuals named in the documents will be included, even though they are not related to Nazi war crimes.

The IWG cautions that release of the records related to individuals in no way is intended to label these individuals as "war criminals".

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