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Shedding Light on A Dark Era of American History

Arthur H. Wilson, Executive Director, National Service
and Legislative Headquarters, 807 Maine Avenue, S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20024

As the government recently began to tell the awful truth about secret radiation testing conducted on veterans and civilians following World War II, DAV members in every corner of America were shocked, angered, and outraged.

They were shocked to learn that the VA set up a secret program in the late 1940s to complement research by the Atomic Energy Commission, the predecessor of the current Department of Energy. The VA said 211 radiation studies had been conducted at 33 VA medical centers by the end of 1953 and, five years later, nearly 50 VA medical centers had radioisotope laboratories and the use of radioisotope techniques in biomedical research was widely encouraged.

They were angered to think that veterans — the very men and women who have so valiantly defended the American ideals of freedom and democracy — were callously used as human guinea pigs while receiving treatment for their service-connected disabilities in VA hospitals.

They were also outraged by a 1952 report which told of a former VA chief medical director's calculated decision to classify the existence of VA's Atomic Medicine Division because he was "deeply concerned about the problems that atomic energy might create for the Veterans Administration" regarding service-connected disability claims veterans would likely file if they learned of the radiation tests.

National Commander Richard E. Marbes expressed the DAV's major concerns in a January 11 letter to President Clinton. While commending the President, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown, and Department of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary for their efforts "to shed light on this dark era of American history," Commander Marbes

made no bones about the DAV's displeasure with the government's past actions.

"We find it incredible that our government would treat its veterans in such a manner and then classify the program so these veterans would be unable to later seek damages — or more importantly, determine the true cause of their illnesses — for the resultant painful destruction of their bodies and minds," Commander Marbes wrote the President.

"The VA administrator's statement (in the 1952 report) clearly implies that a conscious decision was made to once again hide the ugly truth because of possible detrimental economic consequences," the commander said.

"For far too many years, our government has chosen to emphasize dollars over decency," Commander Marbes wrote.

"Mr. President, you have the opportunity to bring an abrupt change to this misguided and immoral policy by adopting fair and swift compensation procedures for those Americans who have been so wrongly abused by their government."

Commander Marbes said the October 1991 issue of *DAV Magazine* featured an article detailing other aspects of secret government testing of veterans, such as the



mustard gas tests of the 1940s and LSD testing in the 1950s, and asked the President to investigate these incidents, as well.

He also offered the DAV's assistance in helping determine the best mechanisms to address compensation for affected veterans and said the DAV stood ready to assist the Administration "in restoring the faith of the American public."

In many respects, "restoring the faith of the American public" — especially the faith of America's veterans — is the most crucial task facing the current Administration.

VA Secretary Brown has taken a large step in that direction by ordering a sweeping investigation of all VA files to determine the VA's role in this disgusting state of affairs. He has also ordered VA managers to determine whether research was contracted out to private sector institutions and universities.

Once this information is gathered, Brown pledged to make the data available to the public and contact the veterans involved to determine if they need medical treatment or other types of assistance. Rest assured that the DAV will closely monitor the VA's actions in this regard.

You can also rest assured that all DAV National Service Officers stand ready to assist any veteran who may have been involved in radiation testing or any other

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DAV Commander
Richard Marbes

government experiments. If you believe you may have been involved in a program of this nature, please call your nearest DAV National Service Office right away.

Restoring the faith of America's veterans and the general public will not be fully accomplished, in the DAV's view, until the government adequately answers a number of important questions.

First and foremost, how could a program of this nature even exist in a democratic nation such as ours? While some of the goals of the atomic research program may have been laudable, those goals clearly did not justify the government's abuse of authority and total disregard for the truth.

And, after the horrifying events at Nazi concentration camps during World War II, how could our government completely ignore the ethical standards on patient consent established by the Nuremberg Code. The code, which was hailed as a major advance and widely accepted by the scientific community following World War II, states that "... the voluntary consent of

a human subject is absolutely essential."

Our government also has the absolute duty to let the public know exactly what safeguards are in place today to prevent this type of problem from ever occurring again. And if ongoing Congressional investigations reveal that current safeguards are not strong enough, Congress has the duty to enact legislation to ensure our government does not have the ability to create yet another "dark era of American history."

The VA, meanwhile, has the duty to convince America's veterans that they will never again be used as human guinea pigs without their consent while seeking treatment at VA medical facilities. Our nation's veterans deserve no less.

Our government must also answer yet another question of tremendous importance. How can the government routinely pay \$47 million over a recent three-year

period to attorneys to defend nuclear defense contractors — including corporate giants like General Electric, Rockwell International, Dow Chemical, Martin Marietta, United Nuclear, and Westinghouse — against legal suits brought by people claiming radiation harm, while fighting tooth and nail to deny those harmed even the smallest amount of damages.

It is the DAV's strong conviction that our government must move swiftly to fairly compensate individuals — especially veterans who were unwittingly used as human guinea pigs — for the unspeakable damages done to their bodies and minds in a wide variety of secret government test programs.

The government's shameful days of emphasizing dollars over decency must forever come to an abrupt end. Then, and only then, will the faith of the American public be fully restored.

Whom To Call

If you believe you may have been involved in a radiation experiment or some other type of secret government testing program, call your nearest DAV National Service Office for assistance. For a complete list of DAV National Service Offices, turn to page 15 of this issue. The VA and Department of Energy have also set up toll-free hot lines to provide assistance to radiation victims. The VA number is

1-800-827-1000

and the Department of Energy number is

1-800-493-2998



Department of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown testify before Congress on radiation testing. Both have been commended by DAV National Commander Richard L. Marbes for their efforts to shed light on the involvement of government agencies in secret radiation testing on veterans and civilians following World War II. (Photos: Mark/Liaison)

MARK ALLEN PITT
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

6 MARCH 1995

DEAR SIR,

I AM REQUESTING THE DAILY LOGS OF THE 43RD ORDNANCE
DETACHMENT AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY. ALSO, I REQUEST ALL
INFORMATION DEALING WITH REQUESTS OF THIS DETACHMENT TO
DETONATE ARMAMENTS FOUND OR ABANDONED. I REQUEST THIS
INFORMATION BETWEEN 1 MARCH 1975 THRU 14 MARCH 1975. I AM
REQUESTING THIS THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

SINCERELY, *Mark Allen Pitt*

MARK ALLEN PITT

*Received 17 Mar 95
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INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
400 ARMY NAVY DRIVE
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202-2804



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March 17, 1995


MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, FOI/PA DIVISION
U.S. ARMY INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMAND
CRYSTAL SQUARE #2, SUITE 201
1725 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request - Mark Allen Pitt

This refers to Mr. Pitt's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received in this agency on March 17, 1995. Mr. Pitt seeks information concerning the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for the time frame March 1 to March 14, 1975.

The enclosed request is forwarded for your action and direct response to Mr. Pitt (Enclosure 1). The requester has been advised of this referral action and a copy of my response to him is also enclosed for your information (Enclosure 2).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-9775.


Nadine K. Dulacki
Chief
Freedom of Information Act &
Privacy Act Office

Enclosures

Encl 1



INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
400 ARMY NAVY DRIVE
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202-2884



A&IH

March 17, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

This refers to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 6, 1995, which was received in this Office on March 17, 1995. Your request seeks information pertaining to the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for the period March 1 through March 14, 1975.

Based on the content of your request, the information you seek is under the cognizance of the Department of the Army. Therefore, your request has been forwarded to that Department for their action and direct response to you. A copy of my referral memorandum is enclosed for your information.

If you believe that this action constitutes an adverse determination of your request, you may appeal it by writing to the Appellate Authority, Mr. Nicholas T. Lutsch, Assistant Inspector General for Administration and Information Management, 400 Army Navy Drive, Room 507, Arlington, Virginia 22202-2884.

The appeal must be received in that office within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered, and a copy of my response should be attached along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. It is recommended that the letter of appeal and the envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." In addition, case number "95-FOI-0094," the number assigned to your request by this Office, should be included.

All fees associated with the processing of your request were waived.

I am the person responsible for the determination rendered above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 604-9775.

Sincerely,


Nadine K. Dulacki
Chief

Freedom of Information Act &
Privacy Act Office

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
107 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0107



April 4, 1995

Office, Director of Information
Systems for Command, Control,
Communications, & Computers

Freedom of Information and
Privacy Acts (FOIA 95-389)

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th, #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

This is in response to your March 6, 1995, Freedom of Information Act request addressed to the Department of Defense, Inspector General. You are requesting information pertaining the 43rd Ordnance Detachment, and it's involvement in the detonation of Ammunitions at Fort Knox, Kentucky, during March 1975.

Your request was received in this office on March 21, 1995, for appropriate referral. Subject request has been forwarded to the U.S. Army Forces Command, at the following address, for action and direct reply to you:

Commander
Forces Command
ATTN: FCJ6, OAR
Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330-5000

If this office can be of further assistance to you, please address your request to SAIS-IDF-F/P Suite 201, USA FOIA/PA Office, 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4102, the telephone number is 703-607-3377.

Sincerely,

Rose Marie Christensen
Chief, Freedom of Information
and Privacy Acts Office



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES COMMAND
FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA 30330-6000



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 11, 1995

Records, Printing, and
Publications Branch

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

Your letter, dated March 6, 1995, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by this office on April 11, 1995.

Your request is being processed and will be responded to within the time frame specified by Army regulation.

For additional information or assistance, you may contact Mr. Dennis Monroe, telephone (404) 669-6232.

Sincerely,

for Dennis Monroe

Anthony E. Stepleton
Chief, Records, Printing,
and Publications Branch



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES COMMAND
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 21, 1995

Records, Printing, and
Publications Branch

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

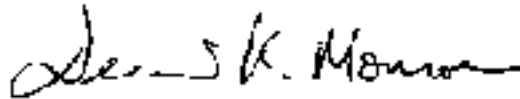
References:

- a. Your letter, dated March 6, 1995, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act.
- b. Letter, this headquarters, dated April 11, 1995, acknowledging receipt of your letter.

Your request for daily logs of the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has been forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, ATTN: DAMO-ZKA (Mrs. Genise Brown), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0403 for review, necessary action, and direct reply to you in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

For additional information or assistance, you may contact the undersigned at telephone (404) 669-6232.

Sincerely,


DENNIS K. MONROE
FORSCOM FOIA OFFICIAL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS
400 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0400
June 12, 1995



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Administrative Executive Office

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request #95-069

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

This is an interim response to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 6, 1995, for daily logs of the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky between the period of March 1-14, 1975.

Notwithstanding any appeal, your request cannot continue its process until you submit a fee declaration indicating your willingness to pay all search and duplication costs appropriate to the "all others" category of requesters. This category of requesters receives the first 2 hours of search and 100 pages of duplication free. The cost for processing your request is estimated at \$150.

Your fee declaration may be submitted by fax to 703-693-2088, on the internet to browng@pentemh12.army.mil or by writing to my attention at the above address.

For additional assistance, you may call me on 703-614-1381.

Sincerely,

Genise E. Brown
Freedom of Information and
Privacy Acts Program Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS
400 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0400
July 17, 1995



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Administrative Executive Office

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request #95-069

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

Per our conversation today, I have enclosed a copy of my letter to you dated June 12, 1995.

Sincerely,

Genise E. Brown
Freedom of Information and
Privacy Acts Program Officer

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August 3, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #613
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mark:

Thank you for informing my office of the difficulties you have had with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the daily logs of the 43rd Ordnance Detachment.

I have contacted the Department of the Army and have initiated a congressional inquiry into the matter. I have described your FOIA request as being 'primarily benefitting the public' and have asked that they waive the \$150.00 processing fee.

I will contact you again as soon as the Army have reviewed this possibility. In the meantime, please phone Paul Augustus in my Portland district office at 503-326-2901 if you have further questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE

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Mark Allen Pitt
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Connie Woods
Congresswoman E. Furse
2701 N.W. VAUGHN # 360
Portland, Oregon 97210

September 28, 1995

Dear Connie Woods,

I am enclosing copies of all letters I received from the Pentagon and Department of the Army regarding my freedom of information request. Further I talked to a Mrs. Genise Brown on the telephone on a couple of occasions regarding the request and was told the file was in their legal department and that she did not know how big the file was, this was after the Department of the Army requested that I sign a disclaimer stating that I would pay an estimated \$150.00 for the information I requested.

I would also like to know why I was not told the information did not exist anymore in the first letter or the following 4 letters I received from the Department of Defense, The Pentagon, and Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. You may call or write me when you find the answer to this very important question.

Sincerely,

Mark Allen Pitt



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 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS
 101 ARMY PENTAGON
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REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF

3 OCT 1995

Operations, Readiness
 and Mobilization

Honorable Elizabeth Furse
 116 Cannon House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515-4704

Dear Representative Furse:

This letter is in response to your request, on behalf of Mr Mark Pitt, to obtain the 43d Ordnance Detachment daily logs from the period 1-14 March 1975.

Mr. Pitt's request was forwarded to the 43d Ordnance Detachment Fort Knox, Kentucky. The unit conducted a search for the information requested. As a result of this search, the Fort Knox representative has certified the requested records do not exist. Besides this response, I am forwarding a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) response to Mr. Pitt. Our FOIA response will indicate to Mr. Pitt that the records he requested do not exist at the unit/installation. It is possible that these records were retired to a Federal Records Center. Mr Pitt was informed he could inquire directly to Washington National Record Center, 4205 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD if he desired to pursue that possibility.

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Sincerely,

George G. Gile
 Brigadier General, U.S. Army
 Director, Operations,
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October 12, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mark:

I am writing to update you on the most recent information I have received from the Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. The letter indicates that the documents which you have requested may be available through the National Records Center.

Enclosed is the letter I received from the Department of the Army. In that letter, the address of the National Records Center is indicated with further directions.

I am very concerned about your situation and would like to be kept informed of your progress. Please notify Connie R. Woods in my Portland office of any decisions or intended actions which will affect the disposition of this claim.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
1600 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20310-1600
October 13, 1995

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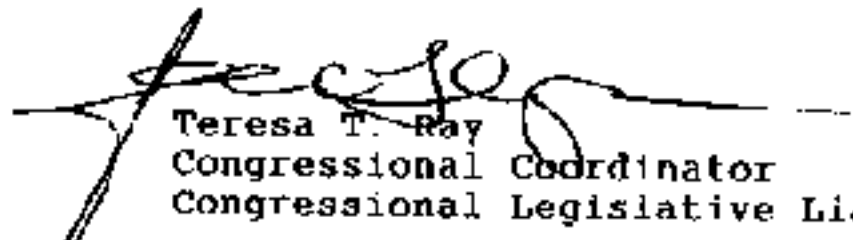
Honorable Elizabeth Furse
Representative in Congress
860 Montgomery Park
2701 Northwest Vaughn
Portland, Oregon 97210

Dear Congresswoman Furse:

Thank you for your inquiry perlaing to Mark A. Pitt.

An inquiry has been initiated. You will be further advised as soon as information becomes available. If you have any questions about this inquiry, please refer to the following case number: 5101038.

Sincerely,


Teresa T. Ray
Congressional Coordinator
Congressional Legislative Liaison



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS
400 ARMY PENTAGON
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ARMY TO
ATTENTION OF

October 19, 1995

Administrative Executive

Honorable Elizabeth Furse
2701 N.W. Vaughn #860
Portland, Oregon 97210

Dear Representative Furse:

Reference your letter dated October 2, 1995 on behalf of Mr. Mark Pitt.

In response to Mr. Pitt's letter dated September 26, 1995, regarding his request for daily logs of the 43rd Ordnance Detachments. It appears there was a misunderstanding of the interim responses provided.

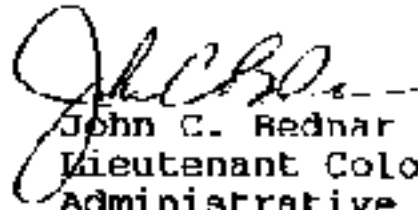
On April 21, 1995, U.S. Forces Command sent a letter to Mr. Pitt acknowledging receipt of his request and indicated the request was being processed. A records search was conducted and no records were found responsive to Mr. Pitt's request. Forces Command forwarded the no record finding to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army for action as initial denial authority.

On June 12, 1995, this office sent a letter to Mr. Pitt acknowledging the receipt of his request from U.S. Forces Command, and requested a fee declaration statement as required by Army Regulation. In accordance with AR 25-55, paragraph 6-104, The Department of the Army Freedom of Information Act Program, a requester must indicate a willingness to pay assessable costs appropriate for the category determined by the Component, prior to the initial processing of a request. In retrospect, a fee declaration statement, although required by Army regulation, was unnecessary in Mr. Pitt's specific case as a thorough search for records had been conducted. This search yielded no records were found responsive to Mr. Pitt's request.

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I apologize for any misunderstanding and delay in Mr. Pitt receiving a determination of no records were found responsive to his request. Mr. Pitt was informed of the no record finding on October 13, 1995.

Sincerely,



John C. Rednar
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Administrative Executive

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October 24, 1995

Washington National Record Center
4205 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Re: Freedom of Information Act

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is a request for information made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

I hereby request copies of all records, notes, electronic information, or other information described as follows:

1. All daily logs dealing with ordnance disposal for March 1, 1975 through March 16, 1975 from the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

I am requesting this information for my individual use.

However, I request a waiver of fees. My interest in the records is not a commercial interest, and disclosure of the information to me will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of our government.

If you have pamphlets or material which will help explain your documents, or the symbols used thereon, I would appreciate a copy.

I would appreciate a response within the 10 working days prescribed by law. If for any reason your decision is to deny me any of the requested information, I request precise information as to why the requested information has been denied, as well as an explanation of my appeal procedure.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, *Mark Allen Pitt*

Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, OR 97205

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October 25, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mark:

I am writing to update you on the most recent information I have received regarding your request for information.

Enclosed is the letter I received in response to my inquiry on your behalf. This letter serves only as an interim response. However, I will remain in contact with Department of the Army and will advise you when I receive any new information.

In the meantime, please contact Connie R. Woods in my Portland district office if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE

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October 30, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mark:

I am writing to update you on the most recent information I have received from the Department of the Army in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

Enclosed is the letter I received from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans which has indicated that the information was not handled in the most appropriate way possible. According to the letter, this lead to a misunderstanding concerning the availability of the requested documentation.

If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, please contact Connie R. Woods in my Portland office.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE

EF: crw



Washington National Records Center

Washington, DC 20409

November 2, 1995

Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW #3th #615
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mr. Pitt:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 30, 1993, concerning the logs and records dealing with ordnance disposal for March 1, 1975 through March 16, 1975. We received your inquiry on October 31, 1995.

This Center is a depository for the inactive records of the Federal Government and is for the storage of records only. Since we have physical, but not legal custody of the records, we do not have access to the finding aids and indexes needed to perform reference service on the records. For this reason, request for copies and/or information should go to the agency which created the records. That organization must request the file from us and provide the information you requested. Since you didn't provide a branch of the military pertaining to the records you are requesting, we can't forward your inquiry to the agency that could help you better in this situation.

I have enclosed a list of agencies of different military branches that could possibly provide information which could help you receive a copy of the requested records.

Please let us know if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

Velesia K. Chance

VELECIA K. CHANCE, Chief
Reference Service Branch

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November 20, 1995

Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
523 SW 13th #615
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your most recent letter.

I have contacted the Department of the Army and have informed them of the Washington National Records Center's inability to access the daily logs from the 43rd Ordnance Detachment.

I have directed the Army to review the matter and report back to me as quickly as possible. In the meantime, please phone Paul Augustus in my Portland district office at 503-326-2901 if you have further questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE
Member of Congress

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
1604 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20310-1600**

December 21, 1995



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

1604 2
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Honorable Elizabeth Furse
Representative in Congress
Montgomery Park
2701 Northwest Vaughn, #B60
Portland, Oregon 97210

Dear Congresswoman Furse,

This replies to your further inquiry on behalf of Mr. Mark A. Pitt, concerning his request for copies of the daily logs from the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, from March 1, 1975 to March 16, 1975.

As indicated in the October 3, 1995, correspondence from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, the records Mr. Pitt is requesting do not exist at the unit or installation. Because the October 3, 1995, letter indicated that the records may have been retired and not destroyed, Fort Knox was queried regarding this possibility. Regrettably, the records were not retired to a Federal Records Center.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,


Teresa T. Ray
Congressional Coordinator
Congressional Inquiry Division

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Mr. Mark Allen Pitt
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Dear Mark:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I received from the Department of the Army in response to my congressional inquiry on your behalf.

The Army has informed me that the daily logs you had requested of the 43rd Ordnance Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky do not exist.

Please take a moment to review the Army's letter. I regret the information you have requested is not available. However, in the event you have further questions regarding this matter, phone Paul Augustus in my Portland district office at 503-326-2901.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH FURSE
Member of Congress

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