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February 8, 2017

Certified Mail

Mr. Dave Roberts  
United Steelworkers Local 12-369  
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Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Roberts:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2017-00219)

You requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the following:

“Letter/Documents generated by Special Agent Daerr regarding the Atomic Council or union organizing: DDTS-Generated-2376, DDTS-Generated-2380, DDTS-Generated-2381, DDTS-Generated-2386 and DDTS-Generated-2387 and any other documents or letter regarding the Atomic Council or unionization of General Electric between the years 1945 through 1949.”

In a telephone conversation on November 30, 2016, with Mr. Bill Collins of the United Steelworkers Local 12-369, Mr. Collins narrowed the scope of this request to only include the following documents: DDTS-Generated-2376, DDTS-Generated-2380, DDTS-Generated-2381, DDTS-Generated-2386, DDTS-Generated-2387 and any documents authored by Special Agent Daerr from January 1, 1945 through December 31, 1949.

We conducted a thorough search of records and located the enclosed documents: DDTS-Generated-2376, DDTS-Generated-2380, DDTS-Generated-2386, DDTS-Generated-2381, DDTS-Generated-2387, DDTS-Generated-2446 and DDTS-Generated-2382. Our search was conducted by individuals within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request. We searched the archive files and databases belonging to the Records Holding Area (the facility that maintains and stores archived Hanford Site records), and records located in the Integrated Data Management System.

Within DDTS-Generated-2381, DDTS-Generated-2387 and DDTS-Generated-2382 we have deleted the names and other personal identifiers belonging to other individuals pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA. Exemption 6 provides that an agency may protect from disclosure all personal information if its disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy by subjecting the third-party individuals to unwanted communications, harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or other substantial privacy invasions by interested parties.

In invoking Exemption 6 we considered 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded by disclosure of information, 2) whether release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the government, and 3) whether disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of private or public interest. DOE has determined that the public interest in the identity and personal identifiers of the other individuals whose information appear in the documents does not outweigh the individuals' privacy interests.

All releasable information in the documents has been segregated and is being provided to you. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for our determination. Your appeal shall be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by e-mail to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. Alternatively, any such appeal may be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your e-mail or letter.

You may contact DOE RL's FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

For the purposes of assessment of any fees, we have determined that your request falls within Section 1004.9(b)(4), ("all other requestors") of our FOIA regulations. See 10 CFR 1004.9(b)(4). You are thus entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication at no cost.

Costs incurred for your request are as follows:

Reproduction – 12 pages @ \$.05 (no charge)	\$ 0.00
Search time – 3.5 hours @ \$39.07/hour + 16% (2 hour at no charge)	<u>59.16</u>
Total	\$59.16

Your check of \$59.16 should be made payable to the U.S. Department of Energy and forwarded to my attention at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352.

Mr. Dave Roberts

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Office of Communications  
and External Affairs

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Enclosures

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Intelligence Office  
Hanford Engineer Works  
Richland, Washington

17 October 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Unionization of H.E.W. re: Wearing of A. F. of L. Badges

On 16 October 1946, a Confidential Informant, reported to this Agent that on 15 October 1946, 22 of the 42 persons employed on the day shift as maintenance men, 200 East Area, H.E.W. wore the standard A. F. of L., white and green colored badge at their work.

This unpredicted action was decided upon at an ATOMIC COUNCIL meeting held Friday, 12 October at Pasco, Washington. Informant stated that at that meeting it was announced that that phase of organization activity at H.E.W. which has been carried on quietly has outlived its usefulness and that a more open, aggressive policy is in order. Accordingly, as part of the plan, each member of the union is requested to wear his badge if engaged other than as an operator. The effect of such action will tend to draw union members together as well as set non-union employees apart.

It is expected that by this action some portion of the unorganized will join the union since it was pointed out that a show of strength (if it is substantial) is very effective in gaining members.

*Robert L. Daerr*  
ROBERT L. DAERR  
Special Agent, MED

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Hanford Engineer Works  
Richland, Washington

31 July 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

**SUBJECT: Proposed Unionization of HEW Employees**

In an effort to learn the sentiment of HEW employees toward the proposed designation of the union bargaining agent for them, Agents of this office discussed the question with a cross section of Subject employees. Conclusions drawn from this activity are set out herein.

Employees, with few exceptions, see no present need for selection of a bargaining agent since they have no grievances. They realize though, that, if a drive is conducted and they are approached, it will be difficult to refuse to join since union representation is now an accepted part of our National Industrial Policy. This then leaves each employee in a position of not desiring union representation but unable to make this known because of fear that he may be labeled as anti-union.

Paradoxically, employees seem to feel that the question of union membership is a problem for project management rather than for the employees. They look upon themselves as being only quasi-privately employed and since their conditions of employment have been handled to their satisfaction by government-contractor agreements, they feel no need to endorse a bargaining agent to represent them in dealing with an authority that appears to partially represent the employees at present, i.e. the present high wages and good housing conditions are an ever present reminder of a benevolent paternalism. This feeling is strikingly illustrated by the often repeated query, "What does the Government and General Electric wish us to do?"

It would seem then that the question of unionization of the HEW employees can be settled by an explanation of policy by the War Department or a designated agency. A statement opposing unionization would most certainly end the matter for a decided majority just as a favorable statement would make unionization relatively easy. In the absence of any statement of policy, the average employee would have no sufficient reason for retaining union membership and it would only be a question of the time needed to complete unionization.

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Intelligence Office  
Hanford Engineer Works  
Richland, Washington  
5 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers  
Union (CIO).

Re : Examination of P. O. Box.

On 4 April 1945 this Agent was informed by a confidential informant that to date no "applications for membership in the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union have been received at P. O. Box 6, Pasco, Washington". This is the box that has been designated as a return mail depository on the membership application cards.

Informant stated there has been some small amount of personal correspondence come to this box but no identification or examination of the correspondence was made.

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Richland, Washington

30 July 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Proposed Unionisation of HEW Employees  
Re Interview with (b)(6)

As per instructions, this Agent interviewed a (b)(6) (b)(6) PASCO BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL, AF of L, for the purpose of gaining information on the activities of the COLUMBIA POWER TRADES COUNCIL which is presently attempting to organize HEW employees. The contact was made under the pretext of a desire to discuss present labor relations with the Mohawk Wrecking and Lumber Company.

By way of background, (b)(6) explained that about two years ago an agreement had been reached with the INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS, LOCAL NO. 77 whereby the ICW would organize HEW employees and would at the same time protect the interests of craft unions at the Hanford Engineer Works. The agreement was made because the CIO had sent organizers into the District to organize the Hanford Engineer Works and the separate crafts were not equipped to combat them. The activity of the ICW was curtailed and the CIO activity abandoned due to the insistence of (b)(6)

(b)(6) that union activity cease at that time. The CWU Local continued a quiet campaign for membership and now claims more than 1000 members.

(b)(6) said it is generally acknowledged that the AF of L is at a disadvantage in a contest with the CIO for organization of operational activities in industry such as the Hanford Engineer Works. The CIO affects organization under one local without regard for any craft unions. The AF of L on the other hand is bound by constitutional restrictions to respect each crafts jurisdiction and independence. AF of L representatives are of the opinion that since GE plants are organized under the CIO banner, the CIO will immediately move for unionization of HEW once General Electric has become the operating contractor. The result would be, if the CIO was designated as bargaining agent, that the crafts would be wiped out and their members be represented by the CIO under a vertical organization set up.

The AF of L saw this danger, and is using a device that allows them to protect their crafts and at the same time act as bargaining agent under a single contract. The arrangement, called the CPTC, is simply a trusteeship with the trustees being selected from AF of L affiliate locals.

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Subject: Proposed Unionization of HAW Employees  
Re Interview with (b)(6)

As presently constituted, and as provided in the Constitution and laws, a copy of which is attached hereto, the CIO is comprised of all craft unions in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. No individual has membership in it and no individual pays any dues into this Council. It is simply a device to correct a situation where employers had been forced to deal with craft unions separately and severally with the result that some part of their labor relations were always in a state of flux and confusion. The CIO simply brings all the crafts together, decides on its demands in council and then is ready to settle all labor contractual relations in one single contact. The (b)(6) of the CIO is (b)(6) (b)(6) BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL. Others on the Executive Board are (b)(6) of the PLUMBERS UNION, (b)(6) of the IRON WORKERS UNION and (b)(6) of the ROOF LABORERS UNION.

The plan to have (b)(6) (b)(6) at HAW was abandoned because of the success of the CIO in dealing with the Bonneville Power Administration. At an afternoon meeting in Reno on 24 July 1946 the CIO agreed to become an affiliate of the NLRB. As a reward for this it was agreed that maintenance personnel at HAW would be taken into the several crafts or the Laborers Union and that operating personnel, with a few exceptions would be taken into the CIO. MARSHALL SHAW, (b)(6) (b)(6) CIO sanctioned the plan and the NLRB was formally made a member of the CIO.

(b)(6) frankly stated that the move to organize was primarily a defensive tactic against CIO intervention. The CIO's immediate objective is to secure a majority of the Hanford on floor work employees as members. They are confident that no barriers will be set up to prevent an orderly membership drive. If the National Labor Relations Board, on the advice of the War Department, refuses an election they will be content. If an election is allowed they hope to be in a position to establish the CIO as the

(b)(6)

(b)(6) explained the opposition of (b)(6) by outlining the action taken against him by the BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL on several occasions for illegal activity. He described (b)(6) as a "shakedown artist", a "racketeer" and a "bully" and as a disgrace to the AF of L. On two occasions formal charges were filed against him but (b)(6) took no action. He indicated that it is practically impossible to secure help from National Headquarters to dismiss even the most corrupt (b)(6) It is (b)(6) opinion that (b)(6) opposed the CIO for no other reason than that his activities would be under close scrutiny under a CIO set up.

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July 1946

Subject: Proposed Unionization of BSA Employees  
Re Interview with (b)(6)

Plans for a meeting on 10 July have been abandoned and the next public meeting will probably be held on the Saturday following so that a greater number of BSA employees will be able to attend. In this meeting it is hoped that the action taken at the meeting in Portland will have been so advanced that memberships in the various unions can be secured at that meeting. Each union selected its delegates to the Portland meeting and each union has indirectly established membership fees under the OPTC plan. The fees will differ with each union, the lowest being the CWA at \$3.00 for a card and \$1.50 per month dues. The fees will be higher in other unions to cover higher insurance and sick benefit payments.

It is (b)(6) opinion that in the absence of a specific prohibition from the (b)(6) organization will proceed at an accelerated rate and hopes are high that a majority membership can be reached by September first.

ROBERT H. DASH  
Special Agent, SAC

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Copy of Constitution and Laws  
of the OPTC

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Intelligence Office  
Hanford Engineer Works  
Pasco, Washington  
22 March 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: International Union of Mill, Mine and Smelter  
Workers Membership Cards.

(b)(6) Pasco Herald reported that Subject cards were printed by the Pasco Herald under an order placed 9 March 1945 for 5000 cards. The cards have been delivered and the account paid. (b)(6) did not know purchaser other than that he represented himself as an organizer for the C.I.O. and stated he would open an office as soon as he found suitable quarters.

Confidential informant discloses that (b)(6) Pasco, Washington (the return address on Subject cards) was purchased 8 March 1945 by (b)(6). Application states that about 500 cards will be sent out each month. Procedure is that cards will be brought to the Post Office where the permit number will be stamped on them and postage paid. Upon return of these cards, they will be counted and postage paid before delivery. As of 20 March 1945, no cards had been presented for mailing and none returned.

The Pacific Telephone Company reports that one (b)(6) arranged installation of a residence phone at (b)(6) Pasco. Installation is not yet completed. Phone Number (b)(6) has been assigned. Clerks stated GATELY said he would request an office phone as soon as he could procure office space.

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Hanford Engineer Works  
Richland, Washington  
30 April 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: Check of Richland Ration Board Files For Possible Security Violations.

On 28 April 1945 Mr. H. F. JOHNSTONE of the E. I. duPont Security Section and this Agent examined the records of the Richland OFA Tire and Gasoline ration board for the purpose of ascertaining whether the files of the board contained any information that might endanger the security of the project and to suggest any changes that would further protect project security.

All information given to the board by applicants is contained in a standard application form. A spot check of these applications reflected that they contain information relative to the project only in one particular; i.e. the area in which the applicant is employed is set out and another point, the exact mileage from his particular area to the city or town in which he resides is also set up. These two items taken together, where a person has access to a series of applications would show the exactitude, the physical location of all the areas individually and with respect to each other.

Because all applications are cleared through and approved by the transportation committee, GEORGE C. TROUGH, the chairman of the committee was consulted on the desirability of eliminating any information which would indicate in what part of the project an applicant is employed. It was agreed that this could be eliminated and E. I. MURPHY, chairman of the local board stated that the board would be satisfied to issue rations on the basis of total mileage without specific data as to the actual site of employment of the individual on the project.

It is particularly important that the files of the ration board contain as little information relative to the project as possible because upon the re-location of an applicant in a different ration area his complete file is forwarded to that new location. Because great numbers of former employees are collecting and have collected at particular points of new construction in other parts of the country it is obvious that many files of the Richland board are now in one or more particular boards throughout the country; i.e. Charlestown, Indiana, Orange, Texas, Coger Ordnance works. Since between 175,000 and 200,000 individual files have been transferred by the local board, it would appear that much information could be unwittingly disseminated and it is the conclusion of these Agents that particular care be exercised in preventing any

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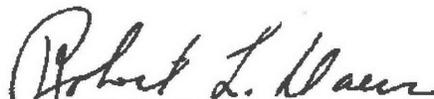
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information going into these files. Except for the above suggested change, it would appear that the problem has been very well handled by the individuals connected with both the transportation committee and the ration board.

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29 July 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

**SUBJECT: Proposed Unionization of Hanford Engineer Works  
Employees - Re Labor Meeting 24 July 1946**

On 24 July 1946, Special Agents John Hall, William Bailey and Robert Daerr attended a labor meeting at the USO Building, La Pasco, Washington. The meeting was called by the INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS, LOCAL NO. 77, and its' purpose, (as set out in the announcement, a copy of which is attached hereto) was to designate, by agreement, a bargaining agent for the purpose of negotiation of all HEW employees in future contractual relations.

The meeting was called to order by one JOHN O'NEIL, President of the COLUMBIA POWER TRADES COUNCIL. The Chairman explained that the CPTC was an organization of all AF of L Crafts in Washington and was set up to act as, and is acting, as the bargaining agent for all Bonneville and Coulee Dam employees. He stated that the CPTC has a union contract with the Bonneville Development and claimed that theirs is the first contract signed with an agency of the United States Government as one of the contracting parties i.e. the Department of the Interior. He suggested that this success with the prestige it had acquired made it the logical bargaining agent for HEW since here again a union would be bargaining with a Federal Agency.

The meeting was opened for the discussion of the chairmans' proposal and for the offering of any counter proposals. A CPTC representative, one (b)(6) proposed that the CPTC be designated as the bargaining agent and stated that presently the AF of L Craft Unions at the Hanford Project now numbered only about 20 per cent of the Hanford Engineer Works employees in their membership. He explained that to make unionization effective, it would be necessary to get bargaining rights for the 80 per cent outside the craft unions and that this could best be done under a set up such as the CPTC offer. He was followed by one (b)(6) of the METAL TRADES COUNCIL in the Pasco Area who objected to any organization at this time. He asked what authority the CPTC had for entering the area and inquired as to whether the METAL TRADES COUNCIL had sanctioned the meeting. His inquiry was answered directly by the Chair who informed him that "We were invited here". (b)(6) then stated that the METAL TRADES COUNCIL was opposed to organization at this time and attempted to read a letter from Secretary of War Patterson to William Green, President of AF of L which was to the effect that machinery of the National Labor Relations Board could not be used to effect organization of HEW employees.

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Re Labor Meeting 24 July 1948**

He was interrupted by (b)(6) who claimed that he was well acquainted with the substance of that letter as well as the subsequent one and is of the opinion that the letter was not intended to bar organization but only to call attention to any proposed bargaining agent that the organizations' activities must be conducted in a manner that will not endanger security. (b)(6) obviously angry discontinued his discussion although it was evident that he had intended to talk further.

Representatives of other Craft Unions spoke briefly for the purpose of inquiry as to the rights of their respective crafts under the proposed single bargaining agent set up. (b)(6) explained that each craft will be represented on an executive committee and that this committee would select a negotiating committee from its members. The question was raised as to what condition would result if one craft was unwilling to accept a proposed contract but that all other crafts found the contract acceptable. (b)(6) answered the question negatively by stating that he was certain that all the other crafts would be used as a lever to force acceptance of the demands of a single craft and that therefore it appeared unlikely that any craft would be forced to accept an unsatisfactory contract.

At this point, (b)(6) stated that he would like an explanation from actual employees of the Hanford Engineer Works whether organized or unorganized at present. An electrical employee at HEW stated that he did not see the necessity of organization at this time because conditions of wages were better than direct union scales and that organization might precipitate wage reduction. Immediately, several successive speakers stated the present wage scale was the result of a special effort of the officers of the craft unions and that everyone at HEW was receiving the benefits of such efforts gratuitously.

Continued request for comment from the floor by unorganized employees brought outright opposition from several persons one, a bus driver who stated he spoke for 200 bus drivers, frankly stated that 95 per cent of the bus drivers were satisfied with conditions and would not organize. Another inquired as to what possible benefits could result from organization. (b)(6) vaguely answered that future benefits could be expected.

It became apparent at this point that the moving force behind the proposed organization was the CHEMICAL WORKERS, LOCAL NO. 77. The various representatives were cool to the proposal until one (b)(6) the CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION stated that in his opinion it was not a matter of whether you like this proposal but rather of whether you want the CIO to come in and organize the plant. Representatives of the craft unions appeared to feel that they were receiving all the benefits they could hope to receive since practically all employees of crafts were unorganized at the Hanford Engineer Works.

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Employees - Re Labor Meeting 24 July 1946**

On the other hand the 80 per cent of the employees who are unorganized would, under this proposed set up become members of the CHEMICAL WORKERS LOCAL. (b)(6) proposed that discussion be ended and that the Chair entertain the motion that all the crafts send representatives to a meeting which would have for its purpose the drawing up of a proposed agreement whereby the CFTC would act as the bargaining agent. Representatives of the operating engineers, painters, electricians, and laborers crafts assented to this proposal. A motion was made and accepted that each craft send two representatives to a meeting at Portland, Oregon on 30 July. The Secretary of the METAL TRADES COUNCIL was present and agreed to post notices of this meeting. The action for organization had been hurried because a large number of persons had left the meeting as was evidenced by the fact that the proposed motion was adopted by a vote of 125 to 5, indicating that at least 100 persons who were in opposition to unionization had left the meeting. The meeting was adjourned after the Chair announced a tentative date for another open meeting 31 July at the USO Hall at which time the results of the meeting at Portland would be made known.

J. N. HULL  
Special Agent

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**2 Incl:**  
**Announcement of Meeting**  
**Cy of ltr from Secty of War**  
**to Philip Murray**  
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