

COPY**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

January 17, 1961

Vice Admiral Laurence H. Frost
Director
National Security Agency
Fort Meade, Maryland

Dear Admiral Frost:

I am enclosing copies of two letters received from Peter D. Triem, an employee of your Agency.

Apparently, Mr. Triem wrote me after he heard about the employment problem being faced by Peter J. Schneider, III, whom I wrote you about on January 10th.

I would greatly appreciate a report on Mr. Schneider's current status of employment.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **STYLES BRIDGES**

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Senator Styles Bridges

Dear Sir:

I am a National Security Agency employee who has been under almost unremitting pressure for the past four months -- first from the Office of Security, then from the NSA Medical Center and from the Office of Personnel. What started as a series of baseless, shocking charges, has been drawn out by an eroding series of interviews with the Agency's consulting psychologist, Dr. Dinwiddie, a man whom I believe to be not only incompetent but psychopathic. Yesterday, by chance, I learned of the involvement of one of your constituents with this man, and without any solicitation decided to make you aware that his case is not an isolated one.

To sum up my experience in brief: I was charged with perversion on 20 September 1960 and demanded that I be given the polygraph test but was not permitted to take it until 12 October after I had written the Acting Director of the Agency; was informed that I was completely exonerated on 9 November; after this I was turned over to the Medical Center for "routine" follow up and after five meetings with Dr. Dinwiddie, one nine minute meeting with a Dr. Frank (who said he disqualified himself because of his involvement in another case we both knew of), and one 27 minute meeting with a Dr. Morse, was told that they were recommending my retirement on a medical disability.

They said the nature of my disability manifested itself in "tension and anxiety due to early poor relationship with father." But when my supervisors were approached for a statement to the effect that I was incapacitated for work, they replied that my work has been excellent despite the harrassment I have been under. I refused to sign the application for disability (Mr. Hulbert of Personnel tried to get me to sign it before it was filled in, but I demurred) and have written the Civil Service Commission advising them that the claim is spurious. I am certain I will be vindicated in the end, if my reserves -- physical, moral and financial -- hold out.

At the start of the Security proceedings, I wrote Senator Henry M. Jackson for advice, and received sound counsel which tided me over that storm. Since then I have written Representative Richard E. Lankford, who I learned had found it necessary to intervene at NSA on behalf of a constituent. I did not and do not need to have anyone intervene on my behalf, but I do feel the responsible citizen must inform the members of the Legislature if they are to act in the best interests of all the citizens and the government.

I enclose a copy of my letter to the Civil Service Commission and will advise your office of the date of my hearing, if, indeed, one is necessary. I think the revelations made there will reflect less than creditably on the personnel practices at the National Security Agency.

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Very sincerely,

Peter D. Triem

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U.S. Civil Service Commission
Bureau of Retirement and Insurance
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your aviso of 12 Jan 61 informing me that a disability claim (CSA-666 629) had been filed in my name:

This is to advise you that this claim was filed by the National Security Agency without my consent and with my express disapproval and will prove to be without substance, on even superficial examination. Although I should very much like to retire at age 33, I know that from a moral and ethical point of view this would be injurious to me and would in fact be an egrigious abuse of the Civil Service retirement system.

I believe the burden of such a retirement claim rests on evidence that the claimant is demonstrably incapacitated and unable to perform his duties. If you will call my section head, Mr. Edward J. Capizzi and my branch head, Mr. Patrick Whalen on code 188 ext. 7637, and my acting supervisor, Mr. Ted Krivoruchka on code 188 ext. 7536, I believe they will reduce the credibility of this claim to a figure approaching zero.

Until such time as I can secure legal counsel, I do not wish to make a further statement about this claim; however, I would welcome any advice from the Civil Service Commission regarding the administrative procedures I should follow to insure that the Commission will have access to all the pertinent facts of the case.

Very truly,

Peter D. Triem

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