

JOSEPH B. CHIN, EA

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Bernard C. Chase
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Dear Bernie:

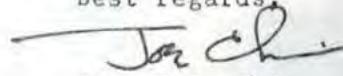
We should establish certain determinable facts, such as these:

1. When was Hyman Forman elected Finance Officer - dates from and to ?
2. Dates that Robert Thornton took over the ADVA accounts, and when he turned them over to Joseph Chin.
3. In mid-April, 1991, Thornton and Chin went to the Provident Institution for Savings in Dorchester, MA, to remove items from the Safe Deposit Box in preparation to closing it out and opening a new one at the Baybank, Lincoln, MA, nearby his residence. A bank passbook was found in the safe deposit box, with \$10,393.02 in the name of the Americal Division Veterans Association. The savings account was closed out and the money was used to purchase a Certificate of Deposit for 1½ years, subtitled "Recovered Passbook".
4. According to Thornton, the holder of the only key to the safe deposit box, he did not open the safe deposit box to review its contents for almost four years, from the Spring of 1987 until April, 1991, when Chin took over the finances of the organization. It was only when Chin opened the box, found what was in it, made the decision to convert the bankbook to a C.D., and put the money to earning interest for the Americal Division Veterans Assn.
5. Thornton has served as the Finance Officer for two terms, or four continuous years, and Chin has served as Finance Officer for two terms plus one year, or five continuous years, a total of nine years for these two men before any questions were ever raised on the ownership of money in the ADVA account.

Bernie, I believe that a trial on the supposed money damages would ultimately show that Forman's quest is in vain. Principally because there isn't any written proof that the money that was in the safe deposit box is actually his. Why should the money in the safe deposit box belong to him, when Thornton had the only key and the box was not touched for many years?

According to Patrick Farino, [REDACTED] (Woburn, MA), ex-Co. G 182nd Infantry, who will be here locally until October 1, 1996, you should contact Arnold Meltzer, Esquire, ex-Co. G 182nd Infantry, to see if he could help.

Best regards,


Joseph B. Chin