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Dear Admiral Zumwalt

Just to keep you
informed:

In 1943 the FBI
kept FHW under
surveillance for 30
days as a 'Invasive'

Apparently when he
was in the Army he
wrote a letter to the
El Paso Times on the
subject of the poll tax,
and another in
defense of the black
press.
How times have changed!

Hope you are well &
happy. Truly,
Lil' Bob

Shirley B. Williams

Feb. 12, 1996

Mr. Timothy J. Quinn
LTC, U. S. Army
Office of the Director of the Army Staff
200 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr. Quinn,

I received a letter dated January 10, 1996 from H. L. Jefferson, acting for the chief of the Records Reconstruction Branch, in Missouri, stating that the army record of my husband, Franklin H. Williams, had been destroyed in the fire in 1973.

Meanwhile, the FBI has provided information which may possibly shed new light on the whereabouts of his record. The FBI states that they requested my husband's G-2 file, XI-562074, and that it was made available to them on 6/23/61 by the CO Colonel Richard H. Merrick, U.S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

Is it possible that this facility still has his file? I am sorry to burden you with this additional request, but I want to assist my husband's biographer in getting the facts straight. (I have enclosed photocopies of his enlistment, discharge and death certificates.)

Thank you. I am most grateful for your help.

Sincerely,



Shirley B. Williams

cc: E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.)



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)

March 3, 1996

Mrs. Shirley B. Williams
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Dear Shirley:

Your note that came in with your letter of February 12 was a painful reminder of just how bad things used to be before Frank and the other great ones began their campaign to change the times.

Please let me know if I can do anything to press the inquiry in your letter of February 12.

Mouza joins me in sending our love to you.

Sincerely,

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