

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
Robert S. Brill, Complainant) Report of Hearing Officer
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against) Docket #FIC76-196
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City and Town of Hartford and)
Redevelopment Agency of the City) December 17, 1976
and Town of Hartford,)
Respondents)

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on December 3, 1976, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined in §1(a) of P.A. 75-342.

2. By letter dated October 25, 1976, the complainant asked to inspect or copy the relocation records of the respondent agency in order to obtain the names of all individuals who had formerly resided on a certain street and the addresses to which they had subsequently been relocated.

3. By letter dated October 25, 1976, the respondent agency denied the above request.

4. By letter of complaint filed with this Commission on November 8, 1976, the complainant alleged that the denial was in violation of P.A. 75-342.

5. The Relocation Handbook, 1371.1 Rev., Chapter 7, of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provides that the aforesaid requested records are not "subject to be treated as public information". The respondent agency contends that such records are therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to §2(a) of P.A. 75-342.

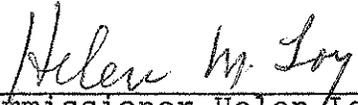
6. The aforesaid handbook is merely a written statement of HUD policy. It is therefore found not to be federal law within the meaning of §2(a) of P.A. 75-342.

7. It is further found that the requested records are not personnel or similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy within the meaning of §2(b)(1) of P.A. 75-342.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint.

1. The respondents shall forthwith permit the complainant to inspect all records containing the information requested, in accordance with §2(a) of P.A. 75-342.

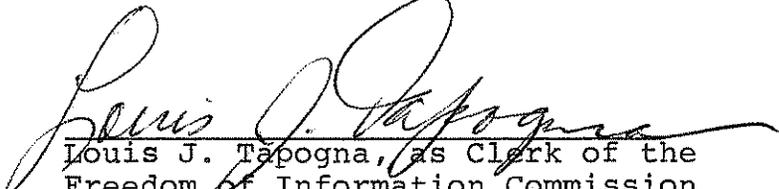
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the disclosure of other information exempt from disclosure under P.A. 75-342, except as hereinabove stated.



Commissioner Helen Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
January 12, 1977.



Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the
Freedom of Information Commission