

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by )  
Cliff Divine, Complainant ) Report of Hearing Officer  
against ) Docket #FIC76-146  
Town of Enfield and Police ) October 6, 1976  
Department of the Town of  
Enfield, Respondents )


The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 30, 1976, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

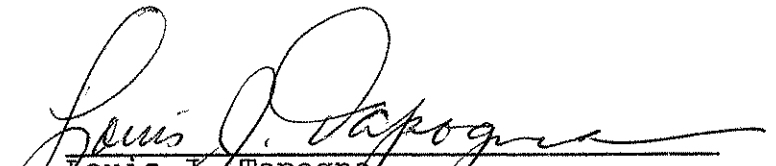
1. The respondents are public agencies under §1(a) of P.A. 75-342.
2. By letter dated August 12, 1976, the complainant requested the radio codes used by the respondent police department.
3. This request was denied by letter dated August 16, 1976. From such denial, the complainant appealed to this Commission by letter of complaint filed herewith on August 20, 1976.
4. The respondents contend that the requested codes are exempt from disclosure under §2(b)(2)(c) as an investigatory technique not otherwise known to the general public.
5. The complainant concedes that the requested codes are not generally known by the public. He also concedes that under some circumstances, radio codes may be characterized as an investigatory technique. In most cases, however, he contends the codes merely a "short-hand" method of communication.
6. It is found that the requested radio codes are an investigatory technique not otherwise known to the general public, within the meaning of §2(b)(2)(c) of P.A. 75-342, and therefore are exempt from disclosure.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

  
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Commissioner Helen Loy  
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
October 13, 1976.

  
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Louis J. Tapogna  
Clerk of the Commission