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Dear Sir,

I have been shown an electronic copy of the Notice of Separation of Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, born 13 March 1911, serial number 113392.

This copy shows only sections 16 through 44 of the Notice of Separation. Section 17 mentions as date of entry into active service: 24 November 1941. In section 35 it shows the name and signature of J.C. Rhodes, and under section 34 the social security number [REDACTED].

However, neither the name nor the signature of the individual concerned is mentioned, and also the date of the document (section 47) is missing in the copy shown to me.

I have been shown by followers of the late L.R. Hubbard a Notice of Separation that seems to be entirely bogus. For example it is signed by a 'Lt. Cmdr. USNR Howard D. Thompson', and I have been given to understand (not by aforementioned followers of course) that no such person existed, let alone that he was attached to the Officer Separation Center in San Francisco. However there seems to have been a Thompson active in the US Navy, nicknamed 'Snake' Thompson and possibly attached to the Medical Corps, who was gathering intelligence in Japan around 1911. Hubbard claims to have met this person around 1923.

Another point of divergence of the suspected bogus Notice with the real Notice is that the bogus Notice mentions in section 17 22 Sept. 41 rather than 24 November 1941.

Now the service record of the individual (which I received earlier through an appeal on the FOIA) says that there were two periods of active duty, one 22 SEP 41-06 OCT 41, and the next one 24 NOV 41-16 FEB 46. The individual was in the Officer Separation Center, San Francisco, on 05 DEC 45-06 DEC 45 according to his service record.

The above may serve as a motivation for my requests, appealing to the Freedom of Information Act:

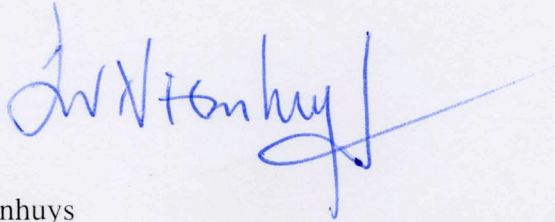
1. May I have a copy of the entire Notice of Separation, showing sections 1 through 48?
2. Is there any document that was issued to L.R. Hubbard at the end of his first period of active service, i.e. around October 6, 1941, ascertaining the end of his active duty, and if so, may I receive a copy of that document?
3. Can you provide me with an authoritative answer to the question of whether a Howard D. Thompson was in the U.S. Navy around 1945 and if so, was he attached to the Officer

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Separation Center of San Francisco?

4. Do you have any record of a navy officer Thompson who was on an intelligence mission in Japan around 1911? His full name, rank and birth year would suffice, but any more information would be welcome, such as: was he in the Medical Corps and/or was he in 1923 in Washington.

Sincerely yours,



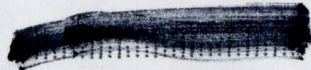
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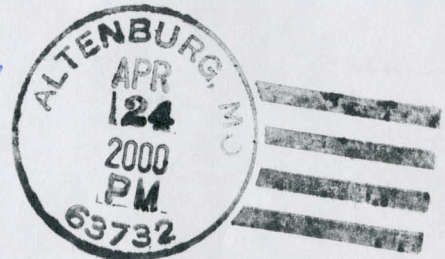


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David J the U.S. Navy & MC January 1, 1911

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