

December 3, 1986

Dear Sir,

I am writing this to your newsletter to inform you of the loss of a former member, a friend, and father.

Robert Prestidge of Coldwater, Michigan, passed away on November 16, 1986, after a short illness.

He was a member of the 306th Bomb Group, 423rd Squadron, based at Thurleigh during 1944. He flew as a ball turret gunner on his primary ship, "The Lady Margaret".

I was fortunate in the fact that he recounted those days with me and gave me an insight into what he and other men like him sacrificed and went through for his family and country.

I feel a deep sense of pride and understanding because of our closeness and he will be missed by many.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the other members of his group if I might carry on for him. I would consider it an honor to help out and receive your newsletter.

If I can be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely

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Hudson, MI 49247

P.S. You may reprint this letter if you wish.

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December 11, 1955

Dear Sir:

I am writing this to you regarding the matter of the loss of a number of copies of the report on the activities of the Communist Party in the United States.

The report was prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities and is classified as confidential.

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the United States Information Council for the Americas and have been in contact with the report.

I am sorry that the report was lost and that it is not possible to recover the copies. I am sure that you will understand the situation.

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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