

Dr. Stephen Fischer-Galati

While I am certain the Vice President would like to be of more assistance to you in this matter and appreciates your concern for your colleague, in the absence of information indicating Federal interest or a violation of Federal statutes, this matter appears to be one solely within the investigative province of authorities in your area.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Note:

Above letter written pursuant to referral from the Office of the Vice President. Xerox copy of the original referral and its enclosures being returned with the copy of the letter to the Vice President.

Riha, Czechoslovak-born, naturalized, former professor of Russian history at Colorado University, departed from Denver area March, 1969, without notifying friends, associates, or his estranged wife. His disappearance has been glamorized in recent months by energetic Denver reporter and spiced up with references to a mysterious paramour under whose influence Riha had fallen.

Fischer-Galati, according to Bufiles, was deferred in World War II for psychoneurosis, anxiety type. He reportedly advised State Department in 1950 he was a close friend of the Director's, an untrue statement. He has been in periodic routine contact in the past with the Romanian Embassy and contacts not of known security significance. He was born in Romania.

[redacted] He communicated with Justice Department 4/7/69 concerning Riha's disappearance. Justice acknowledged his letter. Fischer-Galati has been mentioned in several press items in the Riha case as an acquaintance and University associate. He is a professor of history, Colorado University. Salutation of Dr. taken from established reference book.

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