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I had originally helped\Joyce Howard with a FOIA request. She had a list of approximately ten names (all AKA's of OSWALD) she needed searched on SANCA. I checked each of the names, went over them with her to make certain they were relevant to the FOIA case and made a copy from SANCA, for her, of all names searched. One of the names searched was OSWALD, HARVEY LEE. There was one hit: a reference to OSWALD, HARVEY LEE in Security File Number 269298. The subject of SFN 269298 is KRUPNOV, KIM GEORGIYEVICH and the file is maintained permanently in OS/SAG.

A short time later (perhaps two weeks) I received a request for the Security file on KRUPNOV, KIM GEORGIYEVICH. I remembered we had a file on him but searching SANCA I kept getting 'no hits'. I asked the Chief/Indicies about it and she said if jait was there two weeks ago, it should be there now. I then asked John Bollinger about it and he agreed to check the original FOIA case. He pulled the case and tried to explain to me whey there were 'no hits' on the name I was searching. Unfortunately, as a new employee I was unable to understand the reason. Today I can see that it's simply a matter of entering incorrect data into SANCA. Any deviation, however slight, will result in 'no hits' because the computer will give you exactly what you ask for—nothing more. Apparently the second request had the name spelled incorrectly and although I tried quite a few variations, I never got it exactly correct. I'm completely satisfied now that nothing irregular occurred and that the only reason I couldn't find the file the second time was because I was given an incorrect spelling of the subject's name.

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