## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

) Report of Hearing Officer
Docket #FIC77-71
May 11, 1977

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 6, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondent board appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

- 1. The respondent board is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
- 2. By letter dated March 12, 1977, the complainant requested from the respondent superintendent copies of two letters concerning the character and status of a certain public employee.
- 3. Having failed to receive compliance with the aforesaid request at the time of the present appeal, filed with this Commission on March 22, 1977, the complainant treated such failure as a denial under §1-21i, G.S.
- 4. It is found that the two letters here in issue were destroyed prior to the complainant's March 12, 1977 request.
- 5. Since there does not exist a record containing the information requested, it is found that the complainant has not been deprived of any right conferred by P.A. 75-342, as codified in Chapter 3 of the General Statutes.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

Commissioner Judith Lahey

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on May 25, 1977.

Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the Freedom of Information Commission