

Informant

This is an official
document with blue
watermarks coloring
a page more official
than a hundred
dollar bill. Official
or no, mistakes

still crept in. A time
is given as an estimate
but if it is official
how can an estimate
be official? And
the list is a recital
of disaster. But

line number eighteen-a
has my name, spelled
correctly, officially
identifying me as
informant, the right

word, the official
word, but upon seeing
it I feel like I worked
for the nazis and my hair
is shorn to mark me
a collaborator, not a mourner.

– Jeffery Greb