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December 19, 2018

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FOIPA Request No.: 1386278-000
Subject: ABRAMS, STEPHEN IRWIN

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

You were previously advised we were consulting with another agency concerning information located as a result of your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

This consultation is complete and the enclosed material is being released to you with the appropriate exemption noted next to the redacted information pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section(s) 552/552a as noted below. Below you will find checked boxes under statute headings indicating the appropriate exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold the information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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6 page(s) were reviewed and 6 page(s) are being released.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.


You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 31, 1965

STEPHEN IRWIN ABRAMS

On October 17, 1962 T-1 a confidential source abroad, advised that STEPHEN IRWIN ABRAMS landed at Dover, England from Ostend, Belgium on October 7, 1962 at which time he advised the British immigration officer he had been a lecturer in Moscow in January 1962, also that he had been studying at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, England for the past several years.

According to T-1 ABRAMS possessed U. S. Passport 1813129 issued in Washington, D. C. on October 29, 1959. ABRAMS was born July 15, 1938 in Chicago, Illinois and his address was given as 7 Keble Road, Oxford, England.

On January 27, 1965 T-2 [redacted] furnished information as follows:

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On January 4, 1965 ABRAMS contacted the U. S. Embassy, London, to report his tentative acceptance of a Soviet Government research grant covering two years work at the University of Leningrad and at this time he inquired as to what effect this acceptance would have on his American citizenship. It was indicated to ABRAMS that so long as he did not take an oath of allegiance, or do work on sensitive Soviet governmental contracts his American citizenship would not be affected by acceptance of such a grant.

ABRAMS on this occasion revealed that he had been on close terms with a Czech scientist residing in Czechoslovakia and described as a "staunch anti-Communist". ABRAMS advised he met this scientist through a Soviet scientist, Professor (FNU) VASILIEV. ABRAMS also claimed to have made one or more trips to the Soviet Bloc during which he had discussed with Professor VASILIEV the research grant he claimed to have, beginning the summer of 1965.

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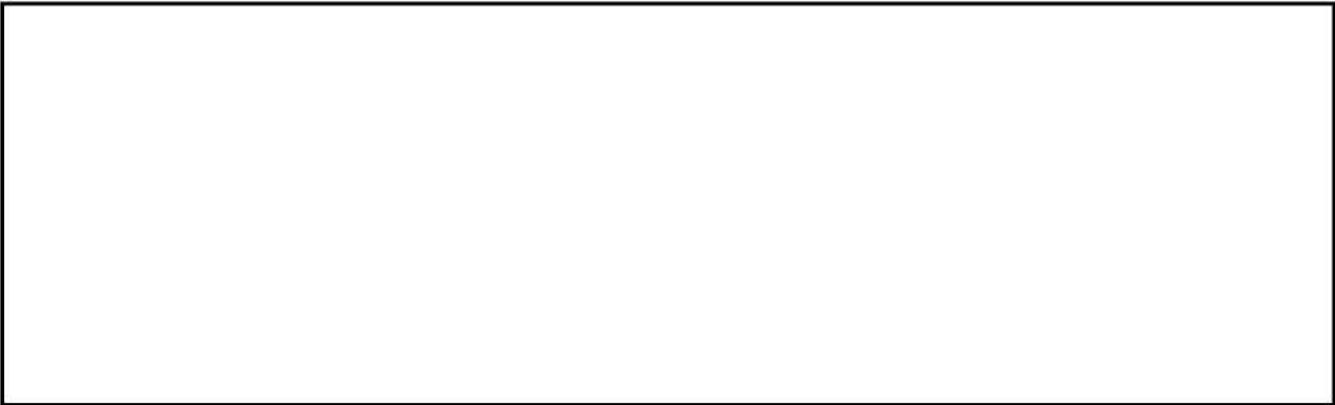
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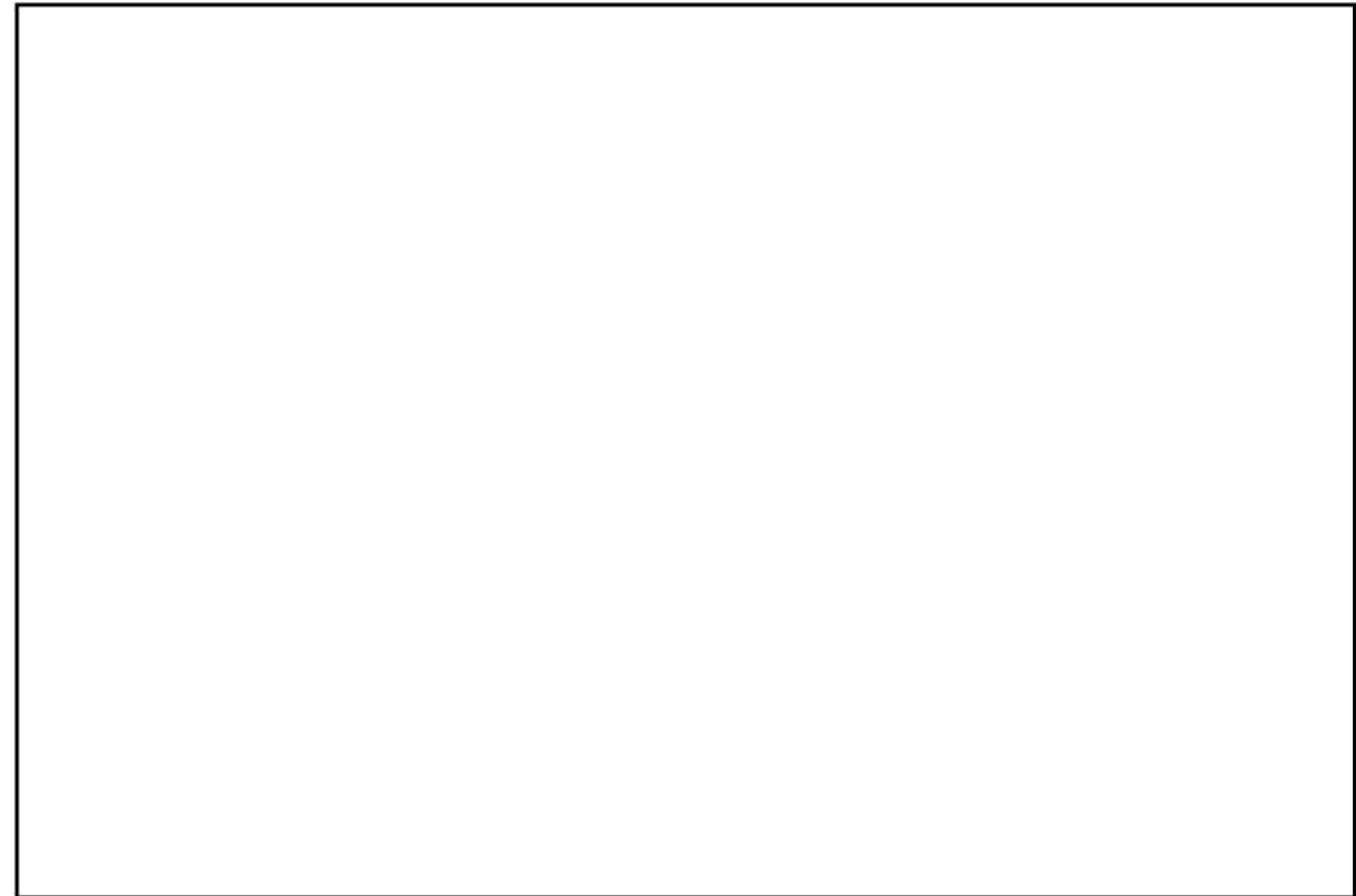
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ABRAMS at this time furnished information denoting he was born July 15, 1938 in Chicago and that he was then residing at 36-D Harrington Gardens, London, S.W. 7, England.



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On February 4, 1965 T-3, a confidential source  furnished information as follows:



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ABRAMS was at Oxford University until at least October 1964. In July 1964 he stated he expected to complete his Doctorate in Philosophy thesis before the end of the year and commented that he had been offered a position, the Perrott-Warrick Studentship of Trinity College, Cambridge University for a period of two years. Reportedly he was also offered a second position as director of a projected Biological Telecommunications Unit at Enfield College of Technology. Reportedly he also expected to receive funds from a research grant and to have filed an application in July of 1964 with the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

In his early years at Oxford ABRAMS was supported by grants from foreign foundations, namely the Bollingen Foundation and the Human Ecology Fund.

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Director, FBI

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STEPHEN IRWIN ABRAMS
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Re London letter 10/17/62 advising that ABRAMS was born 7/15/38 in Chicago and that he had landed at Dover, England on 10/7/62. Rebutlet 11/5/62 which set forth information from Bureau files re an individual known as IRWIN ABRAMS employed as a professor of history at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio from 1947 until about 1952. Since the subject of this case was born 7/15/38 it is not likely he is identical with the IRWIN ABRAMS since he would only have been 9 years old in 1947.

By memo dated 1/27/65 classified ~~secret~~ [redacted] which is T-2 in the enclosure furnished the information set forth therein. T-1 in the enclosure is [redacted] who furnished the information set forth in re London letter of 10/17/62. T-3 in the enclosure [redacted] which furnished the information attributed to it on the dates stated under a ~~secret~~ (U) and personal classification.

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Inasmuch as subject continues to reside in England the Bureau is requested to conduct investigation as follows:

Recheck Bureau files and Identification files regarding subject. Obtain information regarding his application for employment in July 1964 with the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration, obtaining all background information available.

Check passport files, U. S. State Department.

Any additional investigation desired by the Bureau based on the foregoing is left to the discretion of the Bureau.

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 - 1 - Liaison (sent direct)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439448)

4/28/65

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