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Re: FOIA-2022-00630
DRH:AKT

Dear John Greenewald:

While processing your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) located material which it referred to this Office for processing and direct response to you. The FBI tracking number associated with this request is 1363781-001, and this material was received in this Office on January 4, 2021.

I have determined that this material is appropriate for disclosure with withholdings made pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(C) pertains to information compile for law enforcement purposes the release of which could constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2018). This response is limited to those records that are 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.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard", with a small "DR" monogram at the end.

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff

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FM EDWARD H. LEVI, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED], FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NEW YORK, N.Y.
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ATTN: SAMUEL J. WILSON, ASS'T. UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

RE: STATE OF NEW YORK V. ZVONKOBUSIC, ET AL.
SUPREME COURT, STATE OF NEW YORK.

I AM ADVISED THAT YOU ARE IN POSSESSION OF F.B.I. DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO JAMES F. O'BRIEN, WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF A SUBPOENA DIRECTED TO THE F.B.I. BY MARK VLASIC, DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASE.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO THE SUBPOENA ISSUED AND PRODUCE EXCISED COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) THE REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH JAMES F. O'BRIEN, CONCERNING HIS DECEMBER 14, 1967 TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION AND DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO.
- 2) THE INTERNAL MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 30, 1971, SETTING FORTH THE APRIL 29, 1971 TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH O'BRIEN.
- 3) THE INTERNAL MEMORANDUM DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1972, SETTING FORTH THE JANUARY 20, 1972 TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH O'BRIEN.

SHOULD YOU BE DIRECTED TO PRODUCE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SUCH DEMAND SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS (SEE 28 C.F.R. 16.25, 16.28)

EDWARD H. LEVI, ATTORNEY GEN.

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

December 7 1976

Special Agent [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
C/O United States Attorney
New York, New York

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Dear [redacted]:

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I am advised that you are in possession of FBI documents pertaining to James F. O'Brien which are the subject of a subpoena directed to the FBI by Mark Vlasic, defendant in the above-captioned case.

You are authorized to appear in response to the subpoena issued and produce excised copies of the following:

- 1) The report of interview with James F. O'Brien concerning his December 14, 1967 trip to the Soviet Union and documents relating thereto.
- 2) The internal memorandum dated April 30, 1971 setting forth the April 29, 1971 telephonic contact with O'Brien.
- 3) The internal memorandum dated February 7, 1972 setting forth the January 20, 1972 telephonic contact with O'Brien.

Should you be directed to produce any other documents from the files of the Department of Justice, such demand shall be referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate instructions (see 28 C.F.R. 16.25, 16.26).

Sincerely,

Edward H. Levi
Edward H. Levi
Attorney General

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and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



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