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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 26, 2019

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR. SUITE 1203 27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD CASTAIC, CA 91384

> FOIPA Request No.: 1432698-000 Subject: EVANS, MEDFORD BRYAN

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 6 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to - Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.  $\Gamma$ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to-Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed. V One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may make a request to NARA at the following address: National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001

Please reference file number 100-HQ-29382 in your correspondence.

Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

_	Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be
	reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is
	carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
	according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
	Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.

Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. The "Standard Responses to Requests" section of the Addendum applies to all requests. If the subject of your request is a person, the "Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals" section also applies. The "General Information" section includes useful information about FBI records. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the <a href="www.fbi.gov/foia">www.fbi.gov/foia</a> 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: <a href="https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home">https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing <a href="mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov">foipaquestions@fbi.gov</a>. 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.

Sincerely.

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

Enclosure(s)

#### FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. If you submitted a request regarding yourself or another person, Part 2 includes additional standard responses that apply to requests for individuals. If you have questions regarding the standard responses in Parts 1 or 2, visit the <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/foia">www.fbi.gov/foia</a> website under "Contact Us." Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful.

#### Part 1: Standard Responses to All Requests: See Below for all Requests

- (i) 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). Congress excluded three 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). FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the fbi.gov website.
- (ii) National Security/Intelligence Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3); 50 USC § 3024(i)(1). This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that national security or foreign intelligence records do or do not exist.

#### Part 2: Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals: See Below for all Requests for Individuals

- (i) Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E) and (b)(7)(F) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

#### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) Record Searches. The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. Most requests are satisfied by searching the Central Record System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling its dual law enforcement and intelligence mission as well as the performance of agency administrative and personnel functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters ("FBIHQ"), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices ("Legats") worldwide. A CRS search includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records.
- (ii) FBI Records
  - Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) Requests for Criminal History Records or "Rap Sheets." The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks —often referred to as a criminal history record or "rap sheets." These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at <a href="www.edo.ciis.gov">www.edo.ciis.gov</a>. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) The National Name Check Program (NNCP). The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.

#### **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.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. ROSEN MR. NEASE

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss, Secretary of Commerce, called to advise that Honorable Herbert Hoover to planning to change the guard at the Hoover War Memorial Library at Stanfard University and he had asked Bill Buckley, Editor of 'National Review', for a recommendation and had been given the name of Mediord Evans, a professor of Northeast Louisiana State College at Monroe, Louisiana. Strauss stated that Evans over the years has been a defender of Strauss whenever the Oppenheimer issue arose and has written several articles for "Human Events" and National Review. " It assears that Mr. Hoover mentioned Evans to Stranss and asked for his opinion and Strauss stated he had not seen Evans for a long time but he thought Evens was all right. Mr. Strauss stated he then and Mr. Hoover evidently was favorably impressed and intended to recommend Evans. According to Mr. Stranss, Evans told him that after making a speech in Boston some months ago in which he stated the plain facts regarding Oppenheimer it got back to the campus and Evans was informed that his tenure there was over and at the end of the term in June he should look for another job. Mr. Strauss stated that Evans had asked for the reason for this action but was not advised. Mr. Strauss stated that Mr. Hoover would not want to settle for a man with some blemish and he wanted to learn the reason for this action. Mr. Strauss thought this could be viewed as an investigation of a consultant for him and he would appreciate one of our Agents calling on the Dean and finding out why Evans' term at the University had come to an end. I told him I would have our New Orleans Office handle this immediately.

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John Edgar Hoover

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DR. MEDFORD EVANS	
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On January 30 1961	<del></del>
Special Agent John W. O'Beirne of the Crime	visited the Bureau and spoke to
special Agent John W. O'Berrne of the Crime	Research Section.
Both of these ladies described	themselves as widows with children and
stated that she is	General Edwin A. Walker. On
Monday, January 22, she received a telegran	
if he could stay at her home in McLean while	
agreed, although she has had extremely little	
the night of January 22 and remained until Ja	
he was joined by a group of 'rabid right-wing	
	e of Walker's visitors was Dr. Medford ьб
Evans who, she advised, was most violent of	
is a former professor of English and she beli	
	ed with the constant telephoning and
visiting that was done during Walker's stay a	nd she stated this group took over her 💢
home. Because of her concern, she telephone	
to be with her. She said she did not like the	implications of having so many people
in her home and wanted as a co	ompanion during this period
	regarding this group and said that she did found fault with our Government and done about the communist menace.
not trust Dr. Evans. This group continually	found fault with our Government and
complained that absolutely nothing was being	done about the communist menace.
Dr. Evans observed on one occasion that the	trouble with the anticommunist was that
they used attractive women in their work and	
uninteresting type of woman. This observati	on, she felt, indicated that Evans is
in fact a communist who has infiltrated this g	stoup. Due but diat diet wete obviously
members of the John Birch Society and that t	
discussions seemed to be whether or not Gen	
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Re: GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER

DR. MEDFORD EVANS JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Walker took both of the women to dinner on Friday, January 26. One of the persons who joined them was Congressman John Bell Williams, who appeared to be a close associate.

Both of these ladies felt that this kind of extremism is intolerable and that the FBI should know about their activities and line of thought. They were informed, of course, that the Bureau was unable to offer any observations or comments in this regard and that as an investigative agency of the Federal Government we could make no evaluation. They were both thanked for their interest.

General Walker, is the former United States Army General who, in 1961, was relieved of his command in Europe for indoctrinating his troops with extreme conservative views regarding communism and as a result he voluntarily resigned from the Army. Dr. Medford Evans was the subject of an inquiry from Lewis L. Strauss, Secretary of Commerce, when Evans was being considered, in January 1959, by former President Herbert Hoover for employment at the Hoover War Memorial at Stanford University. Evans was investigated in 1947 as an Atomic Energy Act applicant when it was alleged that he drank considerably and was unreliable and irresponsible. In May 1959 Evans furnished the Bureau with an affadavit, concerning his dismissal from Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, allegedly because of his strong stand opposing Dr. Oppenheimer and defending Mr. Strauss when he was a member of the Atomic Energy Commission. In a newspaper article in "The Abilene Reporter News," Abilene, Texas, Evans was described as "coordinator for the John Birch Society and former university professor," who would speak in Chicago in April, 1961, on the subject, "The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren Can Be Successful.

We have had cordial relations with John Bell Williams; however, in February, 1957, he remarked to the press during a civil rights controversy in Hinds County, Mississippi, that "outside" FBI Agents had been brought in to conduct the investigation which had been harassing local law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. Williams was visited by Mr. Holloman and was most apologetic when the facts were explained to him. The Director commented, "I want no part of him. He is just a rabble rouser. H."

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### SAYS SOCIETY HEAD

## Anti-Communist Efforts Caused Educator's Firing

One of the projects proposed by the head of the John Birch Society is a "Committee to Protest the Firing of Medford Evans."

Evans was academic dean of McMurry College in 1953-54 after leaving his job as Chief of Security Training for the Atomic Energy. Commission in order to write a book, "The Struggle for the A-Born." The book disclosed thefts of separate parts of the the atomic project from various plants and transfer of those parts to Russia.

Birch Society founder Robert Welch said Evans was slated to be fired (not rehired) in June 1959 by Northwestern State College in Louisian "for no other reason than his uncompromising stand against communism. This can be shown conclusively to the satisfaction of any reasonable man, even a college professor...In fact, as of now the Leftists behind this deal seem to want it known that Dr. Evans shouting about academic freedom. him."



. . . former McMurry dean

is losing his job because of his They have arranged several anti-communism — again as a nationally publicized tantrums in warning and threat to others like educational circles when college professors with. "Now the Communists and their records have been dismissed. But allies and dupes," Welch said in they have been quietly causing his Blue Book, "are always professors who oppose the ComMr. Tolson Mr. Parsons M.r Mr Mr. Mr Mr. Evans Mr Malone Rosen Tavel Mr. Mr Trotter Mr W .Sullivan Tele. Room Mr. ingram. Miss Gandy.

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munist line to be eased out of jobs wherever the can. They have made it hat r such conservatives to get has. And they have used this pressure and threat unhesitatingly to make anti-Communist professors, who are still on faculties, tone down their anti-communism or abandon the fight altogether."

Relative to the Louisiana situation on Evans, Welch continued, "It is a long story, in which some of the left-wing forces at Harvard seem to be definitely involved, and I'll not go into the details. But Medford Evans' scholarship is unquestioned. He is an excellent and popular teacher, as shown by the enrollment in his classes. And he is a fairly well-known writer for conservative publications. Also, he has friends, both inside and outside of academic circles, all over the United States.

"I believe that, if Medford were willing, and especially if we had the letter-writing observed available... to support such it front, a 'Committee to Protest the Firing of Medford Evans' could attrict enough support to make quite a 'cause celebre' out of the affair, to make this small college and its president look sick, and to throw quite a scare into some others contemplating doing the same thing. A few similar actions would slow, down some of the brazen squeezing out of conservatives from teaching jobs, and give new courage to these that remain."

Relative to Evans' book, written after eight years service with the U.S. atomic energy project, Welch said:

"The book dealb with a matter of literally vital importance to the safety of our country. It told of treason at work beyond any conception of the American people. It should have rocked the nation from one end to the other. Instead, it sold 0,600 copies! There is no clearer proof of the effectiveness of the blanket of obfuscation, with which Communist influences have been able to keep the truth about their activities from being known."

Evans came to McMurry in the fall of 1953 as academic dean and news editor of Facts Forum, the conservative national radio program originating in Dallas and supported by H.L. Hunt, Dallas millionaire.

The following summer, Evans, along with moderator Dan Smoot and O. M. Spence, circulation manager of the News Bulletin, all left Hunt's employment on Facts Forum. The radio program's president, Robert H. Dedman, said at the time that Facts Forum was changing its format, but added that the controversial adult educational organization is "definitely not retrenching."

Dedman added that "propriety" prevented him from discussing reasons for the three men's departure:

been no "rupture of relationships between Facts Forum and myzelf," and that 'ne "just tell that I could bety present my views by giving only one opinion about current topics—my own." He said he planned to start his own program of broadcasts on "Current Events of the Day."

Evans made no comment on his reason for leaving. Abilene acquaintances said they did not know where Evans went immediately, but assumed he went from Facts Forum to the Louisiana college that brought Welch's wrath.

One former colleague at Mc-Murry said Evans had not been popular during his brief stay at the Abilene college, but that he apparently left McMurry because of a friendship he developed with Smoot after, Smoot had made a talk in Abilene on communism.

Dr. Evans' current whereabouts was unknown here.

The February. March issue of The Independent American published Dr. Evans' picture and said he would speak on "The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren Can Be Successful," at the Independent American Forum scheduled in Chicago April 13-14. The Independent American is a conservative newslaper published at New Orleans It described Dr. Evans as "coonlinator for the John Birchi Society and former university professor."

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INFORMATION CONCERNING IS - C

By letter of 4/18/60,

Special Agent of the FBI, who is presently
in Jackson, Mississippi and was

TOT ROSS BARNETT, present governor of the State of
Mississippi, forwarded to this office a multigraphed
letter from MEDFORD EVANS, 207 Pine Street, Natchitoches,
Louisiana.

The letter invite to attend a meeting of The John Birch Society to be held at the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, 4/26/60, "to hear an analysis of the current program of the Communist Party, and a plan to save the South and the whole country from the social wreckage which that program will bring if not checked."

Background information concerning Dr. MEDFORD EVANS was furnished in my letter of 2/9/60 bearing the same caption as above. Additional data was furnished in my teletype to the Bureau, 1/7/59, entitled, "MEDFORD EVANS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments.

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