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FOIPA Request No.: 1363781-001
Subject: BUSIC, ZVONKO

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1)

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Section 552a

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140 pages were reviewed and 63 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agencies [OGA].
- ☒ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

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.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, 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 transmitted within ninety (90) 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." 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). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 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. 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,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your negotiated Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed are the processed documents.

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Inquiries regarding your Other Government Agency (OGA) referral(s), designated within the release as "Referral/Direct," may be directed to:

Mail sent via USPS - Address:

Department of Justice
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
3 CON Building
175 N Street, NE
Suite 5400
Washington, DC 20530

Mail sent via another carrier (e.g., FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.) - Address:

Department of Justice
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
3 CON Building
175 N Street, NE
Suite 5400
Washington, DC 20002

Office of the Attorney General
Office of Information Policy
Department of Justice
Suite 11050
1425 New York Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Keeney Building
1301 New York Ave.
Suite 1127
Washington, DC 20530

Records that may have been 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), 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.

For your information, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were additional records potentially responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in their expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to 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 FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. 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 any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on 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 about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **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), (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 systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-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 sheet. 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 www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **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.

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are
responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis

SUBJECT:

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On 3/15/68,

Indiana University (IU), Bloomington, Indiana, advised

[REDACTED] New Jersey, attended IU during the summer of 1961. He was enrolled in the Summer Russian Workshop, Slavic Language and Literature Department of IU, which, consisted of six weeks of intensive language study and six weeks Russian language study tour of the Soviet Union.

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he gave a home address of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New Jersey; and he listed his parent as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New Jersey.

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[REDACTED]

On 3/15/68, [REDACTED], Bloomington Police Department, advised [REDACTED] could locate no record in [REDACTED] files for subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 1/17/68

FROM :

SUBJECT:

Princeton, New Jersey

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Subject telephonically contacted the NYO on 1/17/68 and advised that he was instructed by the Embassy in Paris and Moscow to notified the nearest FBI Office upon his return from the Soviet Union concerning a incident while he was visiting the Soviet Union.

Subject advised that he left for the Soviet Union on 12/14/67. While in the Soviet Union he was arrested for a travel offense and expelled on 12/20/67 from the Soviet Union.

Subject advised that he is

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Subject advised that he could be reached at the above number for further information.

SAC [REDACTED]

2/7/72

[REDACTED] is a Yugoslav national employed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NY, NY.

On 1/20/72, [REDACTED] who has had contact with SAS of the NYO on previous occasions, telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

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During his previous employment with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had a business association with [REDACTED]. Since leaving [REDACTED] employ, [REDACTED] occasionally has a social drink with [REDACTED].

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On 1/19/72, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] for a few drinks. During their conversation, [REDACTED] was very complimentary toward [REDACTED] stated that it appeared as though [REDACTED] was "buttering him [REDACTED] up." [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he would like to do him a favor. When [REDACTED] asked what the favor is, [REDACTED] requested [REDACTED] to attend a conference concerning Yugoslav emigres and which is to be held at the NY Hilton Hotel 1/29-30/72. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to report to him the details of the conference.

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[REDACTED] was hesitant about getting involved, so he told [REDACTED] he would think it over and give his answer on 1/21/72.

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[REDACTED] advised that he called [REDACTED] for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he should comply with [REDACTED] request. [REDACTED] was advised that the FBI could not assist him in this matter and that the decision was entirely his. He was, however, cautioned about dealing with a foreign national, since this could in some way lead to a violation of some US law.

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During conversation, [REDACTED] advised that he is unemployed and that he is temporarily residing in [REDACTED]

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telephone number PL 3-6800. He also advised that he spends some time at the University Club, telephone number 247-2100.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/30/71

FROM :

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Subject telephonically contacted [REDACTED] the NYO on 4/29/71, and related the following:

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]. He no longer is associated with Columbia University. He is presently employed by [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED].

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He is friendly with one [REDACTED], whom [REDACTED] described as a young Soviet "defector" who entered the U.S. on [REDACTED] under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee. [REDACTED] has lived with "friends" at various apartments in NYC since his arrival in the U.S. At the present time [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED], NYC. [REDACTED] is employed as a technician by [REDACTED], NYC; however, [REDACTED] is actually working [REDACTED], NYC. [REDACTED] is actually [REDACTED] by training although he never obtained his doctorate degree.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] "friends" are most probably [REDACTED] only method of contact with his friends is through a "mail drop", according to [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised that yesterday, 4/28/70, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he was calling from Washington, D.C. and that he wished to see [REDACTED] in NYC as soon as possible. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] described himself to [REDACTED] as being short, a little fat, and about [REDACTED] years of age. [REDACTED] made an appointment to meet [REDACTED] at 11:00 a.m. at Rockefeller University. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of this,

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[REDACTED]

and he further advised [REDACTED] that he was concerned about [REDACTED] because he has a foreign accent. [REDACTED] speculated that [REDACTED] may be a Soviet national. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that his telephone number is [REDACTED]. No area code was given.

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[REDACTED] stated that he related the above because of his concern for [REDACTED] safety. He requested the Bureau's assistance in this matter. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] he would be recontacted as soon as possible.

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[REDACTED] was recontacted by [REDACTED] and advised that he and his friend [REDACTED] should not be concerned about [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] may keep his appointment with [REDACTED] if he so wishes.

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FBI

Date: 3/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

For information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed at his own request
on 1/19 and 1/25/68. The results of interview were
set out in first referenced communication and
case was closed by NY.

Since subject has been interviewed,
[REDACTED] discontinue
efforts to cover leads [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If any investigation has already been
conducted, NY should be furnished same for information
purposes.

[REDACTED]

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

DIRECTOR, FBI ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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SAC, WFO ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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[REDACTED]

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Referenced New York communication sets forth information concerning subject's visit to Soviet Union in 1967, following his interview by New York Office, and closes case.

Inasmuch as additional background information is no longer pertinent, ~~the following New York Office~~ Offices are requested to discontinue investigation, ~~and~~ WFO will discontinue record check this Division.

[REDACTED]

[Handwritten signature]

DIRECTOR, FBI

2/27/68

SAC, WFO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Enclosed are copies of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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The passport file concerning [REDACTED] was reviewed on
2/8/63, at the Passport Office, USDS. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C., 20535

February 29 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[REDACTED]

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS) were checked on February 8, 1968, by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the following is a summary of information contained therein:

Passport, Number [REDACTED]

On the passport application, [REDACTED] indicated that he was at that time residing at [REDACTED]. He requested that in the event of death or accident, his mother, [REDACTED] New Jersey, be notified. On this application [REDACTED] set forth that he intended to reside abroad until August 31, 1966. He, however, listed his permanent address as that of his mother's set out above.

Passport Number [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED] Washington. On the passport application dated [REDACTED] Washington, O'Brien indicated that he planned to depart from the United States [REDACTED] on a study tour from the [REDACTED] for the purpose of improving his command of the Russian language. On this application he indicated that from [REDACTED]

At the time of filing this application [REDACTED] listed his mailing and permanent address as [REDACTED] Washington. He listed his mother, [REDACTED] as also residing at the above address.

On [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C., [REDACTED] filed an application for renewal of the passport issued to him in [REDACTED] and it was renewed as requested on the following day. In the renewal application he indicated that he planned to visit [REDACTED]

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study and pleasure. It was further set forth that he had visited in [redacted]

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[redacted] first passport, number [redacted] was issued [redacted] at Washington, D.C. On the application for passport dated [redacted] he indicated that he planned to leave the United States from the [redacted] on approximately [redacted]

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[redacted] At this time he furnished his mailing address as [redacted] [redacted] His mother was also listed at this address.

On [redacted] filed a renewal application for the passport issued to him in [redacted] and his passport was renewed on [redacted] On the renewal application [redacted] stated that he had been in [redacted] [redacted] He indicated that he planned to depart from the United States at [redacted]

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The following descriptive data concerning [redacted] is contained in the files of the Passport Office, USDS:

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Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Hair:
Eyes:
Visible Distinguishing Marks:
Occupation:
Marital Status:
Father:

[redacted]

6 feet 2 and a half inches
Brown
Hazel

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[redacted]

Mother:

Permanent Residence:



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: FEB 23 1968

SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at his request [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED] on 1/19 and 1/25/68. The interview of [REDACTED] was not completed on 1/19/68, as he had to return to work. At his request, the interview was continued on 1/25/68.

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At the outset of the initial interview, [REDACTED] was advised of the Bureau's responsibilities and jurisdiction in matters relating to the internal security of the US.

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[REDACTED] was cooperative and friendly during both interviews, although he was quite forceful during his conversation.

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The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that at no time during the interviews did [REDACTED] say that he knew he was travelling in a closed area, or had he been so advised by his Soviet interrogators. The Bureau should also note that [REDACTED] stated to Buagents that he was interrogated at two different railroad stations, whereas he advised Embassy officials that he was only questioned at one railroad station in Golitsyno.

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The above two points were discussed with [REDACTED] in great detail. He maintained that he was questioned at two railroad stations and that at no time was he aware, or was he advised that he had travelled in a closed area.

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[REDACTED] maintained that he did not conduct himself in a manner which would have provoked the Soviet police into the interrogation in question.

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The names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were discussed with [REDACTED] stated that he met [REDACTED] when she visited Dartmouth College in 1960 for a Ford Foundation seminar. [REDACTED] stated that he met [REDACTED] during his visit to the Soviet Union in 1961. [REDACTED] was a student at the Foreign Language Institute, Moscow, in 1961.

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Therefore,
this case is being placed in a closed status.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 23, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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[redacted] telephonically contacted the New York City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 17, 1968 to arrange an interview concerning his recent trip to the Soviet Union. [redacted] advised that he had been instructed by the United States (US) Embassy in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), to contact the FBI upon his return to the US.

[redacted] who is employed by [redacted] New York (NY), was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI at his residence, [redacted] NY, [redacted] on January 19 and 25, 1968. During the course of these interviews, [redacted] furnished the following information relating to his recent visit to the Soviet Union.

He travelled to Moscow, USSR, as a tourist, arriving there on December 14, 1967. While in Moscow he wished to purchase some Russian books, do some research in the libraries and visit with [redacted] He had previously met [redacted] during the latter's visits to the US in 1963 and 1964, with a Russian tour group.

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During these visits, [REDACTED] acted as one of the guides for the tour groups. [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] apartment on numerous occasions during his 1963 and 1964 visits. Since 1964, [REDACTED] has corresponded with [REDACTED] and they have exchanged books.

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On December 18, 1967, he attempted to locate [REDACTED] telephone number and home address in the local telephone directory; however, he was unable to do so. He then went to the Intourist Office in order to obtain the address and telephone number of [REDACTED] and also to get an itinerary and authority to travel to the town in which [REDACTED] resided. The Intourist representative recognized the Soviet's name and obtained the phone number and placed a call to his home. A woman, who identified herself as [REDACTED] wife, invited [REDACTED] to their home and said they would be expecting him. [REDACTED] then made travel arrangements and was cleared by Intourist to leave Moscow for [REDACTED] home at about 5:00 p.m., December 18, 1967.

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Intourist is the official travel organization of the USSR.

At approximately 5:40 p.m., [REDACTED] departed from Moscow at the Byelorussian Station. [REDACTED] believed he was the only American on the train. There were four or five Soviets sitting in his compartment on the train.

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One Soviet suggested that he have a smoke in the corridor. This fellow, a young man, was an engineering student. He was reading a Russian newspaper, which carried a front page story concerning the British spy, PHILBY.

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The Soviet made a remark that "some Westerners are heroes". This was interpreted by [REDACTED] to mean that PHILBY was not a Soviet spy, but was a spy for the British Government operating against the Fascists.

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While standing in the corridor with the young fellow, having a cigarette, a militiaman, who was travelling on the train, went to [REDACTED] empty seat and then approached him and asked him why he was smoking. [REDACTED] said he was smoking because he had the urge to do so and his Soviet acquaintance whom he had met on the train invited him to smoke. [REDACTED] said that the Soviet with whom he was smoking asked the militiaman why he made such a request of [REDACTED], at which time he was told to be quiet. The militiaman then told [REDACTED] to return to his seat and leave the train when told. When he returned to his seat, all the other Soviets riding in that compartment left at the direction of the militiaman. The young engineering student had a bag under the seat, however, he was not permitted to return to pick up the bag.

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About 63 kilometers from Moscow, the train stopped at a small town. He does not know the name of the town. He and the militiaman departed the train. All other occupants remained on the train. He was taken into the railroad station where he was met by two local militiamen who appeared to be assigned to the railroad station and two plainclothes Soviet males.

When [REDACTED] entered the railroad station, the plainclothesmen requested that he present his visa, which he did. They did not ask to look at his passport or any other documents. After presenting his visa to plainclothesmen, the three militiamen left the room. The two plainclothesmen would not identify themselves to [REDACTED] but merely stated that their names were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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Most of the questioning was done in the Russian language; however, on occasion, [REDACTED] resorted to English in order to clarify certain points which were brought up by the two Soviets. He noted when he did speak in English, ~~he~~ proceeded to speak in what [REDACTED] thought was excellent English, which was covered with a British accent. [REDACTED] observed that ~~he~~ was carrying a small leather bag which he believed contained a tape recording device.

They remained at the train station from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., during which time the two plainclothesmen interviewed [REDACTED]. At no time were they hostile towards him, and at no time did they indicate through their actions or conversation that he was in trouble. The entire discussion was on a very low key. There was no food during this period. Several trains passed the station in the direction of Moscow during this period.

The type of questions asked of him concerned his background. The Soviets were interested in knowing the type of employment his mother has, and when he told them she does not work, they concluded that perhaps his father is very wealthy. They questioned him about his schooling and related matters.

At about 11:00 p.m., the two plainclothesmen, the militiaman who escorted him from the train, and [REDACTED] boarded a train heading towards Moscow. This train appeared to be a non-passenger train since there was only one car and the engine, and they were the only passengers on the train. They rode, continuing on the train until they reached the town Golitsyno. [REDACTED] recalled that this was three train stations beyond the point where they boarded this train. The conversation on the train was very social. There were no probing questions asked of him.

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They all departed the train at Golitsyno and entered the small railroad station where the two plainclothesmen continued the same type of questioning. According to [REDACTED] they seemed to ask the same questions over and over again. When asked to identify themselves at this time, they refused to do so. [REDACTED] told them that he would like to have a member of the American diplomatic establishment present during the questioning, but they told him this would not be necessary. When he said that he would like to have such a person present to assist in translating, he was assured that if any question arose which he had difficulty in understanding, they, the Soviets, would be the first ones to contact an American diplomat.

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During the second interview, which lasted about two hours, [REDACTED] was asked questions concerning the identities of Columbia University professors. He was asked about their background and whether any of them had been born in the Soviet Union. When interrogated by the plainclothesmen and questioned about professors at Dartmouth College and Columbia, he furnished five names of professors. Although asked to furnish names of students, he did not do so. He said he felt by giving the names of the professors, he was not violating any friendship or association, since each name was or is published in school catalogues. [REDACTED] noted that during this conversation with the two Soviets, they remarked about having knowledge of his prior trip to the Soviet Union in 1961.

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After the questioning was completed, [REDACTED] was escorted by the two plainclothesmen and the first mentioned militiaman to a regularly scheduled train which was departing for Moscow. [REDACTED] and the three Soviets arrived back at the Byelorussian Railroad Station in Moscow at approximately 2:00 a.m. There was no conversation between the Soviets and [REDACTED] during the trip from Golitsyno to Moscow. During the trip from the town of Golitsyno back to Moscow, [REDACTED] was seated toward the rear of the car on one side of the train while the two

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plainclothesmen sat opposite him on the other side of the car. The militiamen kept the other Soviet passengers from [REDACTED]. On one occasion during this trip, two Soviets attempted to enter the section of the car in which [REDACTED] was seated, but they were stopped by the militiamen and [REDACTED] believes they were arrested for attempting to determine what he was doing in the rear of the car by himself.

When they arrived in Moscow, the two plainclothesmen who, by this time, were quite worn out in appearance, said that they had worked a long day, they are family men and that perhaps [REDACTED] could make his way to his hotel by taxicab. They suggested that they get together the following day at 12:00 noon in Red Square, near the Gun Department Store. They said they would go to a cafe and have something to drink and talk. [REDACTED] suggested that he bring a representative of the Embassy with him, but the plainclothesmen assured him that it would not be necessary, since there was nothing for him to be concerned about. They departed and [REDACTED] went to his hotel.

The morning of December 19, 1967 he was a bit restless. He got up early and at about 11:00 a.m., he went out into Red Square. He decided to use his Minox camera and photograph the area and a number of people working and visiting the area. On each occasion he asked the person he was going to photograph for permission to do so. He took about fifty pictures on this occasion.

Concerning his use of the Minox camera, [REDACTED] stated that he did not use this camera to photograph any material in any library in Moscow. He stated that while he was in Yugoslavia, prior to entering the Soviet Union, he did some research work in the library and used his Minox Camera with the permission of the library authorities. He said this was a common practice, since he had the equipment and to have used the photostatic

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equipment in the library would have resulted in a delay. Although he indicated that he intended to do similar work in Moscow, he said he did not photograph any documents in the library and did nothing with his camera, nor did he do anything else or say anything else, which could have been interpreted as a provocation.

At 12:10 p.m., the two same Soviet plainclothesmen arrived in an automobile. They were no longer cordial in their attitude towards him. They ordered [REDACTED] into the car and drove him directly to his hotel. Upon arriving at the hotel, [REDACTED] was escorted by the plainclothesmen to a room in the hotel which was similar to his own. He believed that this room was merely used as an interrogation office by the Soviet police.

During this period of interrogation, the Soviets continued to ask questions concerning [REDACTED] background, as well as ask questions concerning various professors employed at Columbia University and Dartmouth College. During the period of the three hours in the hotel room, the Soviets continued to say to [REDACTED] that they were not satisfied with his answers and they did not believe he was sincere in his answers. Some time between their arrival at the hotel room and 3:30 p.m., the Soviets left the room for a brief period. At approximately 3:30 p.m., the interview was concluded and [REDACTED] was told by the Soviets that he had 24 hours, from 1:30 p.m., to leave the country. They stated that they could not be responsible for his safety after that time. [REDACTED] advised that he is certain the men were acting under orders from someone else, since they specifically told him his time of departure was based on 1:30 p.m. rather than 3:30 p.m., at which time their interview stopped.

[REDACTED] was asked by interviewing agents if he felt the change in attitude by the Soviets was caused by his use of the Minox camera in Red Square. He replied this was not so, since he had prominently displayed the Minox on several occasions.

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[REDACTED] stated that he felt the entire incident was prearranged, in view of the way he was removed from the train and questioned by two plainclothesmen in a small railroad station.

At the conclusion of the interview on December 19, 1967, [REDACTED] returned to his room in the hotel. As he approached the woman on the floor who was responsible for the maintenance and security of the hotel floor, [REDACTED], a personal friend, was standing next to her desk. He told [REDACTED] of his experience and that he had been ordered to leave the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] suggested that they at least spend some time together before he leaves, but [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he thought this was unwise for [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] went into his room, washed and did some preliminary packing and immediately went to the American Embassy, where he told his story to members of the American Consulate. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He told the Embassy people that he was going to return home, his booking was by way of Warsaw, Poland, and they advised him against proceeding to Poland. He returned to his hotel and began packing and checking on his arrangements for leaving the country the following day, December 20, 1967.

Since he had intended to purchase some Soviet books while in the Soviet Union, he decided that he would spend the evening of December 19, 1967 shopping in book stores, since he had not been advised to remain off the streets by his Soviet interrogators. When he left the hotel, he noticed that he was being followed by five men. [REDACTED] went to the biggest and finest book store in Moscow.

[REDACTED]

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Immediately upon walking into the book store, which was very crowded, he noticed [REDACTED] at the other end of the selling area. He said that [REDACTED] presence was immediately noticeable to him. [REDACTED], who was a considerable distance away from him, waved to him in a very noticeable manner.

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He made a book selection and went over to the cashier to obtain the ticket which would entitle him to return to the counter and purchase this book. [REDACTED] joined him and offered him a ticket for the purchase of a book as a token of his affection for [REDACTED] and a going away gift for him. They left the book store, still under surveillance. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he was going back to his hotel.

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In order to cross over to the other side of the street, it was necessary to go under-ground. As he and [REDACTED] were walking under-ground, [REDACTED] told him that he had 150 rubles in his pocket. He said he had been able to accumulate this money the day before. He told [REDACTED] that he would like to exchange this for American dollars which money he would use to make several purchases for members of his family and would spend 60 of these dollars for a pair of shoes for himself. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he did not think it was wise for him to exchange his dollars for [REDACTED]'s rubles. They continued to the street where they entered the subway for the return trip to [REDACTED] hotel. [REDACTED] suggested that they attempt to lose the men who were following [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] does not believe he and [REDACTED] were successful. After leaving the subway, [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] and went to his hotel.

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[REDACTED] stated that he met [REDACTED] on his first trip to the Soviet Union and has continued a correspondence with him. He wrote [REDACTED] and told him he was coming to the Soviet Union. Immediately after arriving in Moscow and getting settled in the hotel, [REDACTED] proceeded to the subway. As he entered the subway station,

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on the very first step of the first platform, he met [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told him that he had not received his letter and had no advance notice that he was arriving. He had several contacts with [REDACTED] and on one such contact, [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] take a manuscript of his, and two other manuscripts prepared by Soviet friends, to the United States for publication. Although there was nothing in these manuscripts detrimental to the Soviet Union, [REDACTED] did not think this was wise and he refused to do so. [REDACTED] said to the best of his recollection, the names of [REDACTED] friends were [REDACTED] (Phonetic), a playwright, and [REDACTED] (Phonetic), a writer.

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On December 20, 1967, [REDACTED] was scheduled to fly out of Moscow. The only flight he could obtain was on the Polish Airways to Warsaw. He notified the American Embassy officials whom he had spoken to on December 19, 1967, that it was necessary for him to fly to Warsaw.

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[REDACTED] explained that the Polish Government issues three types of visas, one for the Polish citizen, a transit visa and a tourist visa. Lacking any of these visas, [REDACTED] asked a stewardess when arrangements could be made for his travel, and a brief stay in Warsaw, if it was necessary for him to remain there any length of time prior to making a connecting flight.

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After a brief huddle with airline officials, it was suggested to [REDACTED] that he return to Moscow and arrange his accommodations again. He said that was not possible. He made a telephone call to the American Embassy in Warsaw and was told that somebody would meet him there in a very short time so that arrangements could be made to clarify the matter. In a very short time, representatives of the American Embassy arrived at the airport and following a confrontation with the Polish officials, he was permitted to remain in Warsaw for two and one half days until he could make a contact with a plane leaving for Paris. He did make such a contact and proceeded to the United States.

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[REDACTED] said that he believes that [REDACTED] is either a naive individual, or if he was a member of this planned situation, he was very clumsy. He said he does not feel that [REDACTED] is in jeopardy because of this incident, and he intends to communicate with him in the future so as to continue their friendship. He said that although he does not plan on returning to the Soviet Union "next week", he has no fear of returning there some time in the future.

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In view of subject's call to the NYO on 1/17/68, NY has contacted [REDACTED] to arrange an interview which will be conducted at his [REDACTED] on 1/19/68.

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Interviewing agents will accept any information [REDACTED] wishes to elicit concerning his recent trip to the USSR; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Bureau will be advised of the results of the interview and recommendations will be made concerning any further investigation relating to subject.

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Court Subpoenas Files on Interpreter In Croatians' Case

By DENA KLEIMAN

Special to The New York Times

A New York State Supreme Court justice yesterday ordered the Central Intelligence Agency, the Justice Department

hearing at 100 Centre Street to clarify Mr. O'Brien's involvement, but thus far the proceeding has raised more questions than it has answered.

Defense lawyers said yesterday that if the documents were not produced, Mr. O'Brien's role would never be resolved. According to papers filed to quash the subpoena, Mr. O'Brien had applied for a job with the C.I.A. in 1961—when he was 21 years old and a student at Dartmouth—but he was rejected. The F.B.I. acknowledged that it also had a file on him, but that he had never been employed

and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to turn over all records concerning an interpreter assigned to the Croatian airliner hijacking case who has been accused of serving as a police informant.

In so doing, Justice James J. Leff denied a motion by the agencies to quash a subpoena for the records, in which it was disclosed that files did exist on the interpreter, James F. O'Brien, but that he had never been employed by the agencies. In fact, the files show, he was once rejected for a job with the C.I.A.

A spokesman for the United States At-

by them and had never been paid as an informant.

Richard J. Weisberg, an assistant United States Attorney, argued to quash the subpoena on the ground that the Federal Government had "sovereign immunity" and could not be ordered by a state court to produce documents. In addition, he told the judge that the records requested were "sensitive" and had no bearing on the immediate case.

J. Jeffrey Weisenfeld, a defense attorney in the case, argued that the case was a unique one in that Mr. O'Brien

torney's Office said that it had not yet been decided whether the decision would be appealed.

Mr. O'Brien had been assigned as an interpreter to five Croatian nationals allegedly involved in hijacking a Chicago-bound T.W.A. flight last Sept. 10. He was dismissed last month when the Manhattan District Attorney's Office disclosed that he had been supplying the police with confidential information obtained from conversations between the defendants and their lawyers.

Justice Leff has been conducting a

had become involved in the state proceeding as a result of a recommendation by the Federal Government.

According to the testimony Mr. O'Brien had first been assigned to the case by the United States Attorney's office in Brooklyn upon the recommendation of the State Department and the Department of Justice in Washington. Mr. O'Brien had been employed part-time by the State Department as an interpreter assigned to extensive travel with visiting dignitaries. Until the hijacking, he had never served as a court interpreter.

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Enclosed herewith are four copies each of excised documents furnished by your office and FBIHQ files which have been reviewed and approved for release by [] Criminal Division, Department of Justice. Release of these documents has been coordinated with the Intelligence Division at FBIHQ. [] advised enclosed documents for release to the Court should be made available to SA [] who should be present in Court to hand them over.

[] advised that the U. S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York (SDNY), will receive additional instructions from the Department in this matter. As to all other documentary material the Department at this time intends to claim privilege.

You should keep the Bureau advised of developments in this matter.

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On 12/16/76, AUSA [redacted] SDNY, advised
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Dismissal Denied in Croatian Case

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice James Leff denied yesterday defense motions alleging prosecution misconduct, which sought dismissal of murder and kidnap charges against five Croatian-Americans accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner to Paris last September.

The motions alleged that James S. O'Brien, a court-appointed interpreter for one of the suspects, had divulged confidential information obtained from the suspect to police in an attempt to become a paid informer. Defense lawyers also suggested that O'Brien had been "planted" in the defense camp as an eavesdropper by the CIA or other federal agencies.

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Croatian Terrorists Tied to LaGuardia Blast

By FRANK PASO, STEWART AIN
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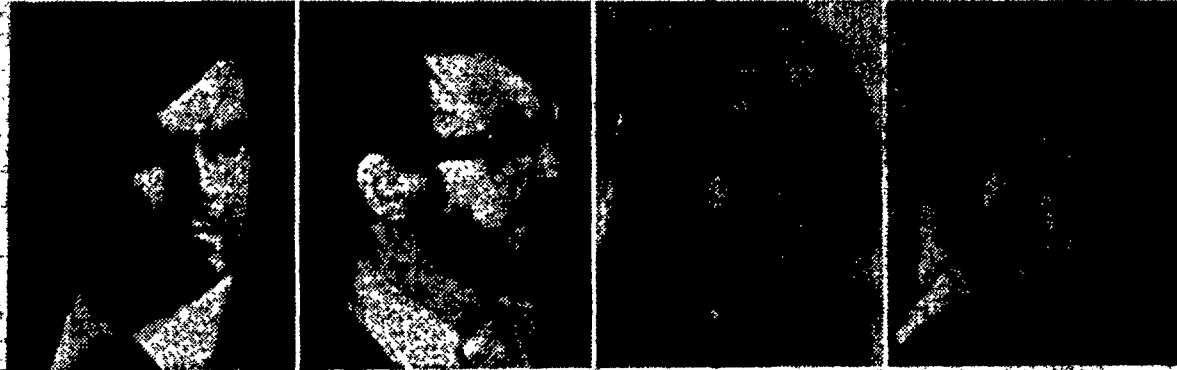
A federal grand jury has been gathering evidence indicating that a Croatian nationalist group whose members hijacked a jetliner last September also was responsible for the LaGuardia Airport bomb blast that killed 11 persons and injured 75 on Dec. 29, 1975.

Four Croatian men and an American woman are awaiting trial on federal charges of air piracy and state charges of murder.

The murder victim, Police Officer Brian Murray, was killed and three other cops were seriously hurt when they tried to dismantle a dynamite bomb allegedly planted by the Croatians in a locker at Grand Central Terminal.

The dynamite bomb was discovered at the terminal, and it exploded at the Police Department's bomb disposal range in the Bronx, shortly after the five terrorists seized a Trans World Airlines Boeing 727, bound from LaGuardia to Chicago, and forced the pilot to fly to Canada, Iceland, London and Paris.

French authorities captured the terrorists and freed the passengers, ending the 30-hour hijacking. The terrorists were identified as Zvonko Busic, 38, leader of the group; his blonde American wife, Julianne, 27; Petar Matanic; Frank Pesut, and Marc Vlasic.



Frank Pesut, Zvonko and Julianne Busic and Marc Vlasic — four of the terrorist suspects.

When they were returned to New York, Busic claimed sole responsibility for the hijacking and for the bomb found in Grand Central Terminal. He also said he had been at LaGuardia an hour before the bomb went off there, but he denied any connection with this explosion.

The News learned yesterday that the federal grand jury, sitting in Brooklyn, considers Busic the key to the LaGuardia investigation.

Sources close to the case said that evidence indicates that Busic's wife and the other three skyjackers were not involved in the airport blast. However, these

sources added, some other members of the same group are being sought for questioning about the explosion that created the biggest mass murder case in New York City history.

The five hijackers had been scheduled to go on trial on murder charges in Manhattan Supreme Court next Monday, a week before their air piracy trial was to begin in Brooklyn Federal Court. But Brooklyn Federal Judge John R. Bartels ruled yesterday that the federal trial takes precedence over the state case.

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Therefore, he said, "no writ or order issued by a judge of any other jurisdiction shall be issued until the (air piracy) trial is concluded."

He later signed another order permitting Matanic, Pesut and Vlasic to appear in Manhattan Supreme Court for a pretrial hearing yesterday afternoon, but he stipulated that they "shall remain in the custody of U.S. marshals" and be returned to the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center after the hearing.

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Busic and his wife were not allowed to leave the federal jail, where they have been held in \$1 million bail each since their arrest.

At the state hearing, before Supreme Court Justice James Leff, Vlasic was allowed to plead guilty to a charge of attempted kidnaping. It was stipulated that federal authorities also will offer him a plea and that if he does not accept it, the state plea will be nullified. If he pleads to a federal charge, he will be sent to a federal prison before serving a state term. The federal offer reportedly will involve a sentence of 20 to 30 years.

After pleading guilty, Vlasic said he was "willing to suffer the consequences" because he had acted "in the cause of freedom." Co-defendants Matanic and Pesut refused the state's plea offer and face eventual trial on state charges of murder, kidnaping, assault and conspiracy.

The grand jury investigation of the LaGuardia bombing had been a closely guarded secret.

Defense lawyers thought the grand jury was still investigating the hijacking and complained to Bartels last week that the jury could not legally investigate a criminal case that had already resulted in indictments.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Schlam then informed the judge that the grand jury inquiry concerned "other aspects of this case involving other activities." He added that the inquiry "may result in another indictment against other people who may be involved."

Federal sources said this cryptic statement referred to the LaGuardia bombing. The grand jury inquiry has

been suspended until after the air piracy trial.

"We feel we know who did it," one of these sources said. "We believe Croatian terrorists were involved. The question is whether we can nail it down tight enough for an indictment."

The Croatians allegedly staged the hijacking to publicize their campaign for Croatian independence from Yugoslavia.

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Stamford defendant in hijacking, pleading guilty, avoids testifying

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the Croatian nationalists accused of hijacking an airliner to Europe and the bomb death of a policeman has pleaded guilty — on condition he will not have to testify against his companions.

Mark Vlasic, 29, of Stamford, Conn., entered his guilty plea Wednesday as another of the Croatians, Zvonka Busic, 30, reportedly was linked to a 1975 bombing at LaGuardia Airport which killed 11 persons and injured 75.

The New York Daily News reported that sources close to a grand jury investigation into the LaGuardia bombing said Busic, who has admitted being at LaGuardia shortly before the bomb blast, is the key to the investigation.

The News said authorities do not believe the other four hijackers, Vlasic, Busic's wife, Julianne, 27, Peter Matanic, 31, and Frane Pesut, 25, were involved in the airport bombing but that other Croatian nationalists are being sought for questioning about it.

The five hijackers are accused of murder because another bomb, planted in a Grand Central Terminal locker, exploded in a Bronx disposal lot, killing Police Officer Brian Murray and injuring three others.

When Vlasic entered his guilty plea in Manhattan State Supreme Court, he read a statement saying he realized his conduct was unlawful "and I am willing to suffer the consequences because I acted in the service of principles more important to me than the statute and my own liberty."

"I acted in the cause of freedom for the Croatian people and all other people and I believe that but for people like me this court today could not exist."

The hijackers, all natives of Croatia except Mrs. Busic, were seeking the independence of their homeland from Yugoslavia.

Justice James Leff said he wanted it understood Vlasic was pleading guilty "to a serious crime," adding:

"One police officer died and three others are horribly disfigured."

Vlasic said he had no personal knowledge of the manufacture or planting of the Grand Central bomb.

By his plea Vlasic escapes a possible death penalty and faces a sentence of six to 18 years.

He also agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn to a charge of air piracy resulting in death. This charge also carries a possible death penalty, but Vlasic was assured there would be a recommendation that he get 20 to 30 years on the federal charge, not the death penalty.

Sentencing of Vlasic was set for April 29.

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Morgy, U.S. Prosecutor Squabble Over Croat Case

By STEWART AIN

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau yesterday personally accused Brooklyn U.S. Attorney David Trager of reneging on a secret agreement to give the state first crack at trying four Croatian suspects in an air hijacking.

Appearing in Brooklyn Federal Court before Judge John R. Bartels, Morgenthau said that he had made the agreement with Trager Jan. 25 or 27, and that he had been preparing his case "under the assumption" that he would prosecute first.

"Mr. Trager said that he wanted us to proceed promptly and, in my opinion, we were proceeding promptly," Morgenthau said.

The defendants are charged in state court with second-degree murder and kidnaping and in federal court with air piracy. The charges stem from the hijacking to Paris of a TWA jetliner on Sept. 10 after it took off from La Guardia Airport to Chicago.

The conflict between the two prosecutors developed because Manhattan Su-



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David
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Conflict between prosecutors

preme Court Justice James Leff last week set for yesterday the start of the trial of the hijack suspects. The federal trial date had been set Feb. 3 for March 14.

Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Korman told the court that his office considers the agreement with Morgenthau void because no trial date had been set in state court until last week.

Bartels said that he would rule at 3 p.m. today. He added: "Whatever decision this court makes, it is going to be an embarrassing one. My mind is wavering both ways. I could decide either way. I'm a little, frankly, disturbed by what I've heard this morning."

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DAILY NEWS

Date Set for Hijack Trial of 4

The trial of four self-styled Croatian patriots accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner last September, will begin March 22d in Brooklyn Federal Court, Judge John R. Bartels ruled yesterday.

Bartels issued the ruling despite arguments by Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau that state prosecution of the suspects on murder and kidnaping charges should proceed first, under an agreement worked out last January with U.S. Attorney David Trager. In his decision, Bartels noted that neither he nor Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Joseph Leff had been apprised of the agreement and that counsel had said it would take at least four weeks to prepare the defense to the state charges, while they were ready now to face the federal air piracy charges.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Croat Hijacker Gets 18 Years

Croatian air pirate Mark Vlasic got an 18-year jail sentence plus a severe tongue-lashing from Manhattan Supreme Court Justice James Leff yesterday after prosecutors disclosed details of Vlasic's role in a 30-hour cross-Atlantic hijacking last September. Leff said it was fitting for Vlasic, 26, to face a future surrounded by murderers and other criminals, for "He is a mad man," a "lunatic," and a "vicious criminal" who scarred the lives of the aircraft's 140 passengers.

Moments before the sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Alan Broome disclosed that while the plane was grounded in Paris under the control of the hijackers, Vlasic dunked the head of a Las Vegas television personality into an overflowing sanitary fixture and did other things to terrorize other passengers.

One passenger, Broome said, was the son of an Army veteran whose face had been blown off in World War II. Broome said the passenger felt sure that Vlasic planned to blow up the plane and asked the hijackers for a pistol with which to kill himself, rather than suffer his father's fate. —Robert Crane

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ZVONKO BUSIC, [REDACTED] ET AL,
SUPREME COURT, STATE OF NEW YORK,
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On 6/1/77, AUSA [REDACTED] SDNY, advised that he previously informed the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, of the outcome of this matter.

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For the information of the Bureau, the Department approved for release to the defendants copies of documents from FBIHQ files. The NYO made these documents available to [REDACTED] on 12/16/76. New York Supreme Court Judge JAMES J. LEFF was unavailable for a hearing on the subpoena until January of 1977.

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In February of 1977, LEFF made available to the defendants the documents mentioned in referenced Bureau airtel. These documents were approved for release by the Department of Justice. All other documentary material was reviewed by LEFF In Camera. He decided they were not relevant to the defendants' case and declined to release any additional information to them. All of the documents reviewed by LEFF were ordered sealed and are presently in the possession of AUSA [REDACTED]

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This subpoena matter will receive no further attention at the NYO.

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12. BUREAU OF PRISONS PHOTOS - [] / [] PICK UP
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3. NEWBURGH RA - (914) 564-0277. 883-6115 FTS.
4. JTF-2 - 553-2778, 553-2900.
5. COMMAND POST - 553-2901.
6. FCI [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] ACTING WARDEN. b7C
7. ALBANY DIVISION - 561-8110 (FTS)
PLATSBURG RA - 832-6741 (FTS)
8. LT. [REDACTED] FCI [REDACTED]
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9. LEGAL OTTAWA - [REDACTED], HOME PHONE
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COMMAND CENTER OPERATIONAL LOG

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A. - COMMAND CENTER ESTABLISHED. PERSONNEL PRESENT:

1. [REDACTED] INSPECTOR, U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE.
2. [REDACTED] INSPECTOR, U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE.
3. [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, NYO, JTF-2.
4. [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, NYO, JTF-2.
5. [REDACTED] DETECTIVE, NYCPD / JTF-2.
6. [REDACTED] DETECTIVE, NYCPD / JTF-2.
7. [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, NYO, JTF-2.

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P 8. [REDACTED] DETECTIVE, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, NYCPD.
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P 9. [REDACTED] DETECTIVE, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, NYCPD.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION VIA TELEPHONIC CONTACT.

1²⁵_P - SA [REDACTED] FBI, ADVISED BUSIC'S WIFE, A PRISONER IN PLATTSBURGH, CALIF. IS SCHEDULED TO A MEDICAL EXAM OUTSIDE THE PRISON TODAY.

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FBI [REDACTED] PRISON OFFICIALS UNCOVERED EVIDENCE OF ESCAPE MATERIAL (TIED TOWELS, UNNAMED IRMS) IN SEARCH OF CRIMINAL ACTIVISTS CELL, INDICATING OF A COORDINATED NATIONAL ESCAPE PLAN BY CRIMINAL TERRORISTS.

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- [REDACTED] ACTING WARDEN, [REDACTED]
ALBANY DIVISION.

1⁴⁰_P - [REDACTED] PLATTSBURGH RA, ALBANY DIV. TWO CO-DEFENDANTS OF BUSIC WERE DISCOVERED BY BUREAU OF PRISON OFFICIALS TO HAVE ESCAPE MATERIALS IN THEIR CELLS.

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[REDACTED] - SHEETS, ROPE LADDERS FROM SHELTER/STOCKPILE OF FOOD.

[REDACTED] - CO-DEFENDANTS OF BUSIC.

2⁰⁰_P - NEW ROCHELLE RA NOTIFIED TO PICK UP PHOTOGRAPHS OF ZVONIKO BUSIC FROM STATE POLICE AT PALISADES BARRACKS.

2²⁵_P - LT. [REDACTED] SIS, [REDACTED] FBI, [REDACTED] TO COORDINATE INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WITH SA [REDACTED] AND MIKE HAYS, INSPECTOR, U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE.

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3⁰⁷_P [REDACTED] U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE, ADVISED A SUMMER HOME LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES FROM OTISVILLE FCI WAS BROKEN INTO LAST NIGHT.

BUSIC'S [REDACTED] FINGERPRINTS ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING DELIVERED.

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LEGAT OTTAWA, [REDACTED], ADVISED NOTIFICATIONS WERE

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ZVONKO BUSIC; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER (EFP); OO: NEW YORK.

RENYTEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL OFFICES, DATED APR. 18, 1987 AND
NUMEROUS TELCALs TO BUREAU, DATED APR. 18, 1987.

REFERENCED TELETYPE AND PHONE CALLS SET FORTH DETAILS OF
BUSIC'S ARREST BY MILFORD, PA. POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), ON APR. 18,
1987.

THE FOLLOWING WILL SET FORTH SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES

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SURROUNDING BUSIC'S ESCAPE. THIS INFORMATION RESULTED FROM
INTERVIEW OF BUSIC BY UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SERVICE (USMS)
FOLLOWING HIS ARREST:

BUSIC HAD BEEN PLANNING HIS ESCAPE SINCE DEC. 1986. AT THAT
TIME HE FOUND THAT HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] WAS DENIED PAROLE AND
WOULD BE INCARCERATED FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS BEFORE REVIEW. BUSIC
BELIEVED HE WOULD FACE AT LEAST THAT MUCH MORE TIME, AS HE WAS THE
LEADER OF THE SKYJACKING. HE FELT HE HAD SERVED ENOUGH TIME SINCE
THE SENTENCING JUDGE HAD RECOMMENDED PAROLE AFTER 10 YEARS. BUSIC
CLAIMED HE WAS ACTING ALONE AND TOLD NO ONE ABOUT HIS PLANNED
ESCAPE. HE INTENDED TO MAKE HIS WAY TO MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK, AND
CATCH A BUS TO QUEENS. THERE HE EXPECTED TO CONTACT SUPPORTERS WHO
WOULD SUPPLY HIM WITH MONEY TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

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BUSIC SAID HE ENDED UP IN MILFORD, PA. BECAUSE HE LOST HIS
SENSE OF DIRECTION. HE SPENT TIME IN A BAR ON FRIDAY, APR. 17,
1987, FROM ABOUT 8 PM UNTIL CLOSING. HE MADE NUMEROUS COLLECT CALLS
TO SUPPORTERS IN THE NEW YORK AREA, USING THE NAME OF SOMEONE STILL
INCARCERATED. AFTER THE CALLS WERE ACCEPTED, HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF

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AND GAVE HIS LOCATION. HE STATED HE DID NOT ASK SPECIFICALLY FOR AID BUT GAVE HIS LOCATION AND IMPLIED HE NEEDED HELP. HE WAS TOLD BY PEOPLE HE CALLED THAT THE FBI HAD VISITED THEM AND EVERYONE WAS LOOKING FOR HIM.

AFTER THE BAR CLOSED, HE LOOKED FOR A PLACE TO STAY. HE EVENTUALLY FOUND AN ENCLOSED PORCH WHERE NEWSPAPERS WERE KEPT BEHIND SOME SORT OF STORE. AT ABOUT 6:00 AM, APR. 18, 1987, A NEWSPAPER DELIVERY MAN CONFRONTED HIM AND STATED HE WOULD CALL THE POLICE. BUSIC TOLD THE MAN TO GO AHEAD AND CALL THE POLICE. WHEN POLICE OFFICER [REDACTED] ARRIVED, HE ASKED BUSIC FOR IDENTIFICATION. BUSIC STATED HE HAD NONE, BUT IDENTIFIED HIMSELF BY NAME AND INDICATED HE WAS AN ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. BUSIC WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE MILFORD, PA. PD WHERE HE WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

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BUSIC WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE US MARSHAL'S OFFICE IN SCRANTON, PA. AND SUBSEQUENTLY LODGED IN LEWISBERG FEDERAL PRISON. ON MONDAY, APR. 20, 1987, BUSIC APPEARED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA., UNDER RULE 40, FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURES. ON WEDNESDAY, APR. 22, 1987, BUSIC WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE

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METROPOLITAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER (MCC) AT NEW YORK CITY FOR AN
ARRAIGNMENT SCHEDULED IN THE AFTERNOON OF APR. 23, 1987.

BUSIC WILL BE CHARGED WITH ESCAPE UNDER TITLE 18, SECTION 751,
PUNISHABLE BY 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND/OR A \$5,000 FINE.

NEW YORK MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH USMS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK (SDNY), AND INTENDS TO INTERVIEW BUSIC AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. NYO COORDINATING WITH USMS SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH
THEIR PENDING PROSECUTION.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE

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ATTN: DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT

ALL FBI FIELD OFFI IMMEDIATE

LEGAL ATTACHE OTTJWA IMMEDIATE

LEGAL ATTACHE PARIS IMMEDIATE

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ZVONKO BUSIC: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER (EFP); (OO:NY)

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELCALLS TO FBIHQ, CLEVELAND, LOS ANGELES,
NEW HAVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO, DATED APRIL 17, 1987.

REFERENCED PHONE CALLS GAVE DETAILS CONCERNING THE ESCAPE OF

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ZVONKO BUSIC FROM OTISVILLE FEDERAL PRISON, OTISVILLE, NEW YORK
BETWEEN 11:00 PM. APRIL 16, 1987 AND 7:00 AM, APRIL 17, 1987.

A PRISONER CHECK WAS MADE AT 9:00 PM APRIL 16, 1987, AT THAT
TIME, IT APPEARED AS IF BUSIC WAS SLEEPING IN HIS BUNK. AT THE
NEXT CHECK AT ABOUT 7:00 AM, APRIL 17, 1987, IT WAS DETERMINED THE
BED WAS NOT OCCUPIED. HOWEVER, A HUMAN LOOKING DUMMY HAD BEEN PLACED
UNDER THE BLANKETS.

A SEARCH OF THE GROUNDS DETERMINED A HOLE HAD BEEN CUT IN THE
FIRST OF TWO FENCES SURROUNDING THE PRISON. THE SECOND FENCE WAS
UNCOVERED. WIRECUTTERS WERE FOUND NEAR THE FENCE. NEW YORK STATE
POLICE (NYSP) WITH TRACKING DOGS FOLLOWED BUSIC'S SCENT TO THE MAIN
ROAD WHERE IT WAS LOST.

INVESTIGATION AT OTISVILLE CONCLUDES THAT BUSIC PROBABLY
ESCAPED BETWEEN 11:00 PM APRIL 16, 1987 AND 1:00 AM ON APRIL 17,
1987. ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT CERTAIN.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, BUSIC AND FOUR OTHERS

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SEIZED A TWA AIRLINER ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976. THE FLIGHT, SCHEDULED FROM LA GUARDIA, NEW YORK TO CHICAGO, WAS HIJACKED TO PARIS, FRANCE TO PUBLICIZE THE FLIGHT OF CROATIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA. THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE A BOMB ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND ANOTHER IN A LOCKER AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION. THE GRAND CENTRAL STATION BOMB WAS LOCATED AND REMOVED TO THE RANGE AT RODMAN'S NECK. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RENDER THE DEVICE SAFE, IT EXPLODED, KILLING POLICE OFFICER BRIAN MURRAY AND INJURING THREE OTHERS. BUSIC (DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 23, 1946) WAS CONVICTED OF AIR PIRACY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

BUSIC IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: ZVONKO BUSIC

SEX: MALE

RACE: WHITE

HEIGHT: SIX FEET

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WEIGHT: 180 POUNDS

DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 23, 1946

PLACE OF BIRTH: GORCIA, YUGOSLAVIA

EYES: BROWN

HAIR: BROWN, CURLY BEARD, FULL

ALIASES: "TIKE" MR. LUBIN

FBI NUMBER: 82972L1

SSAN: 294-54-8429

NYSIS: 4058581N

NEW YORK IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH US MARSHALS SERVICE (USMS) TO
COORDINATE INVESTIGATION. USMS IS ASSUMING PRIMARY AGENCY ROLE.

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INFORMATION FROM USMS DETERMINED TAHT A SUMMER HOUSE WAS BROKEN INTO ON APRIL 16. 1987 DURING THE NIGHT. THE HOUSE IS LOCATED ABOUT FOUR MILES FROM OTISVILLE. NEW YORK STATE POLICE RESPONDED AND ARE CONDUCTING FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION.

THE BELOW LISTED LEADS MAY HAVE BEEN SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE CALLS. THEY ARE BEING SET FORTH AGAIN TO CONFIRM THE INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

LEADS

CLEVELAND

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

CLEVELAND IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OHIO [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OHIO

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b7C

NEW HAVEN

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING:

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[REDACTED] CONNECTICUT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CONNECTICUT (DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] CONNECTICUT

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[REDACTED] CONNECTICUT. TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONNECTICUT.

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MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE. WISCONSIN

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MILWAUKEE IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH SUBJECTS' ASSOCIATES. HE IS APPARENTLY AFFILIATED WITH A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN WISCONSIN. MILWAUKEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT CROATIAN CHURCHES IN MILWAUKEE IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THE CHURCH LOCATION AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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LEGAT OTTAWA

AT OTTAWA, CANADA

LEGAT OTTAWA IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALSO REQUESTED. LEGAT OTTAWA SHOULD HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BOTH INDIVIDUALS IN ITS FILES.

ALL OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT SOURCES IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING BUSIC'S ESCAPE.

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