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Washington, D.C. 20535

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FOIPA Request No.: 1542561-000  
Subject: HATCH, ORRIN GRANT

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 6 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. 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 to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☐ 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 to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (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.**
- ☐ 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 file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:  
  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001
- ☐ 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. **"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](http://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.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

## 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](http://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 and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is 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. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
  - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
  - b. *Reference Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (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](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

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

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

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

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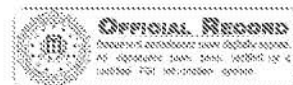
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) Opening EC, Threat to U.S. Senator  
Orrin Hatch, and lead to FBI Portland  
Field Office (FO)

**Date:** 03/25/2016

**CC:** PD-15 (SSA)

[Redacted]

**From:** WASHINGTON FIELD

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**Contact:**

[Redacted]

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**Approved By:** SSA

[Redacted]

**Drafted By:**

[Redacted]

**Case ID #:** 89A-WF-7316387

(U) [Redacted] - subject  
ORRIN GRANT HATCH (U.S. Senator) -  
victim  
THREAT TO A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

**Synopsis:** (U) To open an investigation into a threat to U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch and to set a lead to FBI Portland FO for subject interview.

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 03/25/2016

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) 03/17/2016 threat letter to Sen. Hatch
2. (U) 02/25/2016 Sen. Hatch threat letter
3. (U) [Redacted] DL photo

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**Details:**

On 03/24/2016, Special Agent (SA) [Redacted], U.S. Capitol Police (USCP), Threat Assessment Section (TAS), [Redacted] notified writer of a threatening letter received by U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch's Washington, DC office.

Orrin Grant Hatch (Date of Birth (DOB) 03/22/1934) represents the state

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of Utah in the U.S. Senate.

SA [ ] advised writer that, on 03/24/2016, [ ]  
(staff, Senator Hatch's Washington, DC office, [ ] notified  
USCP TAS of a threatening letter from [ ]  
[ ] provided a copy of the letter to  
SA [ ] and a copy is attached hereto in a digital 1A package.

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The envelope is postmarked in Portland, OR on 03/17/2016 and contains a return address label bearing the aforementioned name and address. The envelope is addressed to "Sen Oran Hatch, Sen. Bldg, Washington, DC 20510" and contains the handwritten words, "Death to Tyrants" on the front of the envelope.

The card inside contains the following handwritten text:

*"Hatch, There's a Vietnam movie I've watched many times. The Sgt. Is stalking to the Lt. Sgt. says, 'We're here to change people's minds. If we can't change their minds, we put a bullet in their heads. That helps change their minds.' You are a tyrant who is destroying democracy in US. Fortunately we have enough guns and ammo to put more than 1 bullet in each of your families' brains. That will change their brain pattern to a flat line. We will kill each of your family so that you can see that no genetic info is passed into the future. After your family, you need ammo in your brain. Treason is punishable by death. It is time to kill Repubs who are destroying democracy. I vote every election. I've voted for 44 years. I chose Pres. Obama. You will be killed for your sins. (And your family 1<sup>st</sup>. [signed] [ ]*

Sen. Hatch's staff advised SA [ ] that they had also received a letter from [ ] in February 2016. A copy of that letter is attached hereto in digital 1A package.

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The envelope is postmarked in Portland, OR on 02/25/2016 and contains a return address label bearing, [ ]  
[ ] The envelope is addressed to "Sen Oran Hatch, Sen.

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Bldg, Washington, DC 20510."

The card inside contains the following handwritten text:

*"Hatch, There is a way that seems right to a man, but this way leads to death in the end. I pray that the trials of Job come to stay with you. May your entire family be killed in front of your eyes, so that you are entirely alone. May God turn His back on you. May you find yourself in utter darkness for eternity, in a total black void alone, without God. May you contemplate you sins and find yourself deserving of all your punishment for eternity. [signed] [redacted]"*

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A check of CLEAR confirmed [redacted] address, provided his full name as [redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted] and Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

SA [redacted] queried the USCP TAS database for [redacted] which revealed that [redacted] sent similar correspondence to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Boehner, in October 2013. [redacted] was telephonically interviewed by USCP TAS at that time. During the interview, [redacted] agreed not to send any additional threatening correspondence to members of Congress.

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SA [redacted] conducted a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) query on [redacted] which yielded negative results for wants/warrants or criminal history.

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FBI Washington Field Office's Command and Tactical Operations Center (CTOC) conducted a driver's license query on [redacted] which revealed a valid Oregon driver's license [redacted] driver's license described him as [redacted] CTOC obtained a driver's license photo of [redacted] which is attached hereto in a digital 1A package.

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Writer queried FBI databases for [redacted] which met with negative results.

FBI WFO and U.S. Capitol Police respectfully request the assistance of

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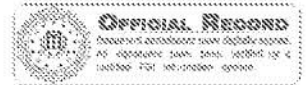
FBI's Portland Field Office (FO) to interview [REDACTED]  
regarding the (02/25/2016 & 03/17/2016) threatening mailings to U.S.  
Senator Orrin Hatch. Please confirm that [REDACTED] authored the threatening  
mailings, determine the legitimacy of the threats, and [REDACTED]  
means/capabilities of carrying out said threats. Additionally, it is  
requested that interviewing agents present the findings to the U.S.  
Attorney's Office in the Portland area for potential prosecution.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) Case Summary for Closure**Date:** 04/09/2018**From:** WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CR2

**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** SSA [REDACTED]b6  
b7C**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 89A-WF-7316387

(U) [REDACTED] - subject  
ORRIN GRANT HATCH (U.S. Senator) -  
victim  
THREAT TO A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

**Synopsis:** (U) Case Summary for Closure**Details:**

On March 24, 2016 Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] U.S. Capitol Police (USCP), Threat Assessment Section (TAS), [REDACTED] notified Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Washington Field Office (WFO) Task Force Officer (TFO) [REDACTED] of a threatening letter sent by [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] home address [REDACTED] home telephone number [REDACTED] received by U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch's Washington, DC office.

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On March 29, 2016 [REDACTED] was interviewed at his Oregon residence and the interviewing agents determined [REDACTED] has no means or intent to travel to Washington D.C. to carry out any alleged threat he has made. He also stated he was just frustrated with our government, and wanted "someone's attention."

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The FBI WFO Violent Crimes Task Force considered this matter resolved and merits no further investigation.

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