

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 3, 2023

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR. THE BLACK VAULT SUITE 1203 27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD CASTAIC, CA 91384-4520

> FOIPA Request No.: 1360028-000 Subject: HISKEY, CLARENCE FRANCIS

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the 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		Section 552a		
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50 U.S.C. Section 3024(i)(1)	(b)(7)(D)	(k)(2)		
	(b)(7)(E)	(k)(3)		
	(b)(7)(F)	(k)(4)		
(b)(4)	(b)(8)	(k)(5)		
(b)(5)	(b)(9)	(k)(6)		
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12 pages were reviewed and 11 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.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the places reasonably expected to have records. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

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

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.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above 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 emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. 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. You may also contact 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.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Bender, Jr. Acting Section Chief

Record/Information Dissemination Section Information Management Division

Enclosures

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 Confidential Informant Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C.§ § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C.§ 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. 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) **Foreseable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) 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.ebo.cjis.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.ebo.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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The above information was received from the Department of the Army May 24, 1949.
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Memorandum from the Department of the Army dated January 20, 1950. Subject: Subversive and Disaffected Personnel.

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Report of Special Agent G. E. JENNINGS, Philadelphia,

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AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the subject's additional name, ZOGA SCHOWSKIE, and the name of his wife MARTIA S. HISKEY.

This a joint report of Special Agent R.E. SHERK, and the

The reference letter from the Memphis Field Division referred to a letter of August 29, 1940, to Lieutenant Colonel STACY KNOPS, Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning Dr. CLARENCE HISKEY. This letter advised that inquiries at the University of Tennessee Medical College, Memphis, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt University, Fisk University, Scarrett Gollege, and Peabody College, all of Nashville, has failed to disclose a Dr. CLARENCE HISKEY being a member of the faculty of any of these institutions. The letter continues by requesting the Knoxville Field Division to determine if Dr. HISKEY is a member of the faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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GEORGE SLOVER, Chiof of the Employment Division, Personnel Department, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, advised that the records contained in that office indicate that CLARENCE FRANCIS HISKEY was born Milwaukoe, Wisconsin, June 5, 1912. He attended the Lincoln School for eight years and graduated in 1925, the LaCrosse Central High School for four years and graduated 1929, the LaCrosse College four years discontinuing in 1923 without graduating, all of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. HISKEY continued his education at the University of Misconsin from which he received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy. HISKEY lists his employment from June 1931 to September 1931 with the Northern Engraving Company, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. From June 1932 to September 1932, the John Deere Works, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. June 1933 to September 1933, Automotive Foundry, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, from September 1934, to June 1936, HISKEY was employed by Dr. LOREN C. HURD at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. to September 1936, HISKEY was employed by the University of Wisconsin on a special research. September 1936 to June 1937, HISKEY was employed by Dr. R. C. HERRIN of the University of Wisconsin. The highest salary received by HISKEY was \$75 per month while employed by Dr. LOREN C. HURD. HISKEY lists his address as of September 4, 1937, as 314 N. Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin, and his permanent address as 813 King Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. On June 17, 1938, HISKEY became an officer in the Reserve Corps, according to this application. HISKEY lists as references on the application, Dr. LOREN C. HURD, Dr. R. C. HERRIN, Dr. N. F. HALL, Dr. J. W. WILLIAMS, all of the University of Wisconsin and JAMES A. FAIRCHILD, Dean of LaCrosse State Teachers College, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. On April 1, 1941, HISKEY entered on duty with the Tennessee Valley Authority as an associate chemist, Department of Chemical Engineering, and under the supervision of R. L. COPSON, Chief Chemical Engineer, Research Division, Wilson Dam. A description of the duties for this position is set out as follows: "Under general supervision, with considerable latitude for independent action individually or with trained assistants, to perform responsible professional and scientific work of moderate difficulty and importance in the field of chemistry, or to have charge of and develop an ordinary project or several minor projects."

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Detailed information concerning BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JILIER and his wife, ZELMA BAKER MILLER, is set forth in another section of this report.

HISKEY'S UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RELATING TO ATOMIC RESEARCH

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on May 8, 1944 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Confidential Informant TK-8 received certain classified material, which was found during an authorized search, in the possession of Lieutenant CIARENCE HISKEY. This material consisted of highly classified material relating to HISKEY'S work with the Manhattan Engineer District, which were in the form of notes apparently in HISKEY'S handwriting.

Concerning the a forementioned material, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that they consisted of the following:

Exhibit I - Seven lined pages, approximately $8\frac{1}{2}^n \times 11^n$, from Spiral-type notebook, containing information considered classified by the War Department.

Exhibit II - Spiral-type notebook, approximately

4" x 6"

Exhibit III - Spiral-type notebook, approximately

8" x 11".

In July, 1946, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that an analysis of these exhibits as of November, 1945, reflects the following

1. 'xhibit I contains material of restricted classification now, but which was of confidential or secret classification in 1944.

2. Exhibit II contains material which is unclassified now and was unclassified in 1944:

as secret. A breakdown of the material in Exhibit III shows that it contains:

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a. Danger coefficients for most of the elements. As these coefficients are related to neutron cross sections (the measure of the amount of reaction achieved by passing neutrons through a block of material of unit size), they are still classified secret.

b. A list of fissionable isotopes, the existence or fissionability of some of which still being classified secret.

c. Exact fission cross sections (see 3a for definition) of many fissionable isotopes for neutrons, protons, deuterons, and gamma ray reactions. All this material is classified secret.

d. The neutron background (average number of neutrons found in an isolated unit volume of substance) in several uranium compounds. This is classified secret.

e. The exact dimensions for the Clinton Pile at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the exact dimensions of the uranium slugs for the pile, the total amount of uranium in the operating pile, and measurements of the approximate distribution of the slugs in the pile. In addition to this entrance and exit temperatures of the coolant fluid and two values of the temperature of the coolant fluid in two places in the pile, all under operating conditions. All this material is still classified secret.

f. A listing of the problems involved at various times during technical conferences. This discloses a number of the chemicals used in separating plutonium from the other substances in the pile. This material is still at least confidential.

g. A listing of the critical masses (above which there will be an explosion, or at least a violent nuclear chain reaction) for several uranium compounds. These exact figures are still classified secret.

4. These exhibits were apparently compiled as personal notes for an aide de memoir, after the fashion of note taking customsry in college classrooms. There appears no attempt to record information systematically so that at some future time an operating pile could be constructed from calculations to be based on the notes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 5, 1952

FROM :

V. P. Keap

SUBJECT:

CLARENCE FRANCIS HISKEY

INFORMATION CONCERNING

As you know, the captioned individual allegedly was involved in Soviet espionage activity.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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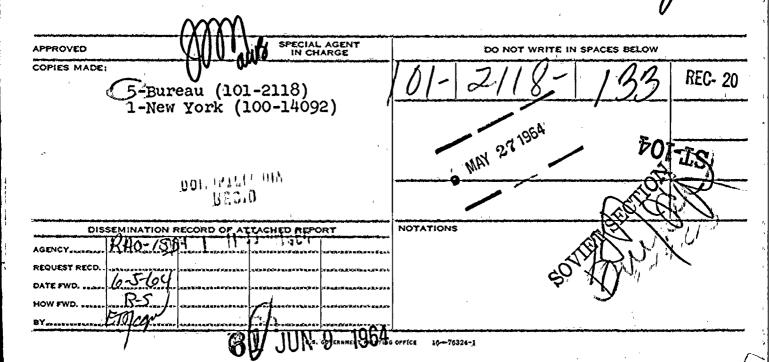
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The pretext under which the subject's wife was contacted on 5/12/64 was in the nature of a television survey.

No pretext was necessary in the attempted contact of the subject at his place of employment on 5/12/64 since he was not then at work.



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By memo to the Director, Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C., dated 9/17/63, from HERBERT B. FINCHER, Deputy Director, Security Division, Savahhah River Plant, a photostat of which was furnished to the FBI, it was pointed out that a chemist with the Savannah River laboratory, ROBERT COOPER PROPST, had reported that while having dinner on 8/25/63 with Dr. CLARENCE F. HISKEY and four others attending the Gordon Research Conference, New Hampton, New Hampshire on 8/25-30/63, HISKEY asked as follows when he learned that PROPST was from the Savannah River Plant:

"Why didn't we make the big H-bomb with Li-6? Why did we miss the boat?"

PROPST answer was, "I don't know as anything about such things and couldn't discuss it if I did". That part of the conversation was dropped and HISKEY spoke of the work he did with WREY on separation of lithium isotopes.

This information is not being included in the report inasmuch as it was pointed out via letter dated 11/20/63 to the FBI, Washington, D.C., from CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Research Branch, Division of Security, US Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C., that the question asked by Dr. HISKEY was speculative and related to published information which is undassified.

INFORMANTS

The confidential informants contacted concerning the subject are set out below:

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