



July 8, 2021

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

FOIPA Request No.: 1487846-000
Subject: AARON, HENRY LOUIS

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.

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11 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.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency [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)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

Records which 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 additional information, a record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file number 63-HQ-4296-37.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

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.

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Date: MARCH 18, 1974

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

Via TELETYPE NITEL
(Priority)

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TO: ~~DIRECTOR, AND~~
ATLANTA,
SAN FRANCISCO (7-855)
FROM: MIAMI (9-NEW) (P)

GHS - WA - 735
LAP - AT - 828
MXG - SF - 1115/P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; HENRY AARON, AKA, HANK, - VICTIM,
EXTORTION, OO: MIAMI.

HANK AARON, ATLANTA BRAVES BASEBALL TEAM, RECEIVED A
POSTCARD MARCH 15, 1974, AT BASEBALL TRAINING SITE, WEST PALM
BEACH, FLORIDA. POSTCARD MAILED MARCH 13, 1974, CONTAINED TYPE-
WRITTEN MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS:

"IF PATRICIA HURST IS NOT RELEASED BY THE KIDNAPPERS,
SOON, YOUR ATTRACTIVE WIFE WONT SEE YOU BREAK THE HOMERUN RECORD.
GET TO THE NEWSPAPERS AND MAKE AN URGENT APPEAL FOR THE GIRL'S
RELEASE. IF THIS DOES NOT SOUND FAIR TO YOU, THEN KIDNAPPING IS
NOT FAIR TO ANYBODY. SIGNED, 'STILL A FAN'".

AARON WILL NOT COMPLY WITH REQUEST OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS WIFE'S SAFETY.

SERGEANT [REDACTED], ATLANTA, GEORGIA, POLICE
DEPT., ON FULL-TIME ASSIGNMENT WITH AARON DURING TRAINING SEASON,
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, MADE AVAILABLE ORIGINAL POSTCARD WHICH

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]

Approved: JJC/mes
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

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WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU UNDER SEPARATE COVER FOR SEARCH THROUGH AND ADDITION TO ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.

AUSA, SDF, ADVISED MARCH 18, 1974, AFOREDESCRIBED FACTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE PROSECUTABLE OFFENSE.

COPY OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION BEING FORWARDED SAN FRANCISCO AND ATLANTA DIVISIONS FOR INFORMATION.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

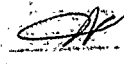
(Title)

(File No.)

Date Filed		Disposition
CPR	1 Orig of post card <i>Buddy Head Room</i>	sent to Gen. <i>H. J. S. P.</i>

9-2681 VA

WA WA



File No. Q - 2681 1A'

Date Received 3/18/74

From SS [Redacted]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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Atlanta GA. PD

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

% Braves Trainwreck W. Pulu Bel

By [Redacted]

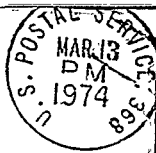
To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
 No

Description:

original of Post
Card rec'd by
Hank Adam

Sent to Bess.
4/2/74 me



HANK LLOYD WRIGHT



U.S. Postage 6¢

Hank Aaron,
Atlanta Braves Tng. Cp.
West Palm Beach, Fla.

9-56175 QI PN



If Patricia Hurst is not released by the Kidnappers, soon, your attractive wife won't see you break the home run record. Get to the news papers and make an urgent appeal for the girl's release. If this doesn't sound fair to you, then kidnapping isn't fair for anybody.

Still a Fan

905
3/18/74

DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

4/2/74

SAC, MIAMI (9-2681) (P)

UNSUB;
HENRY AARON, aka
Hank - VICTIM
EXTORTION

(OO: MIAMI)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 3/18/74.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is a postcard, the original and one xerox copy, addressed to HANK AARON, Atlanta Braves Training Camp, West Palm Beach, Florida.

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, HANK AARON, Atlanta Braves Baseball Team, received a postcard on March 15, 1974 at the Baseball Training Site, West Palm Beach, Florida. The postcard, which was mailed March 13, 1974, contained a typewritten message as follows:

"If Patricia Hurst is not released by the Kidnappers, soon, your attractive wife won't see you break the home run record. Get to the news papers and make an urgent appeal for the girl's release. If this doesn't sound fair to you, then kidnapping isn't fair for anybody.

"Still a Fan"

Sgt. , Atlanta, Georgia Police Department, on full time assignment with AARON during the training season at West Palm Beach, Florida, made available the original postcard.

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② - Miami

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Assistant U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, advised on March 18, 1974 that the aforescribed facts do not constitute a prosecutable offense.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search the enclosed postcard through the anonymous letter file and thereafter add to same the xerox copy of the postcard as the Atlanta, Georgia Police Department requests the original be returned.

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Miami

April 19, 1974

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Re: UNSUB;
HENRY AARON, aka
Hank - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Your No. 9-2681

FBI File No. 9-57333

OO: MIAMI

Lab. No. D-740409038 PN

Reference letter dated 4/2/74

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is returned herewith.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q1 Postcard postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. 368 MAR 13 PM 1974," bearing typewritten address "Hank Aaron, Atlanta Braves Tng. Cp. West Palm Beach, Fla." bearing typewritten message on reverse side beginning "If Patricia Hurst is not..."

Enclosure

9-2681-3

9-2681

Post Office Box 520157
Biscayne Annex
Miami, Florida 33152

May 2, 1974

Honorable Robert W. Rust
United States Attorney
300 Ainsley Building
Miami, Florida 33132

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney

[Redacted]

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
HENRY AARON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation between Special Agent [Redacted] and Mr. [Redacted] of your office with regard to the following:

Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves baseball team, received a postcard on March 15, 1974 at the baseball training site at West Palm Beach, Florida. This postcard, which was mailed March 13, 1974, contained the following typewritten message:

"If Patricia Hurst is not released by the kidnapers, soon, your attractive wife won't see you break the home run record. Get to the newspapers and make an urgent appeal for the girl's release. If this does not sound fair to you, then kidnapping is not fair to anybody.

"Still a Fan"

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- ① - Miami (9-2681) (2) - P
- JJC:mej
- (3)

[Redacted]

[Handwritten signature]

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*The stopped by
Date 5/8/74*

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Close on this
5/8/74

*Letter to USA went out in
Close by let to Bureau giving
U.S.A's opinion.*
9-2681-4

Consolidated
Date
File

The aforescribed postcard was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory and thereafter searched in the Anonymous Letter File, without effecting an identification.

As Mr. advised on March 18, 1974 that the aforescribed facts do not constitute a prosecutable offense, no further investigation is being conducted and this matter will be placed in a closed status.

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Very truly yours,

KENNETH W. WHITTAKER
Special Agent in Charge