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U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

June 28, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1375793-000  
Subject: BUCKLEY, WILLIAM FRANCIS

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 30 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", is positioned above the typed name.

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

Enclosure(s)

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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IIIA CASE REPORT RUN ON 02/19/03

-----CASE INFORMATION-----

CAS-NO: 276127

CASE FILE INFORMATION

CAS-FILE-NUMBER: 256A-WF-202676

AO-FILE-NUMBER: 256A-AH-202676

SECURITY INFORMATION

CAS-CLASS-LEVEL: ~~S~~

CAS-AUTHORITY: G-3

CAS-REVIEW-DT: OADR

GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

CAS-STATUS: C

CAS-CTRY-S: LE

CASE-AGENT: [REDACTED]

CAS-OO-SQUAD: IT2

CAS-AFFIL:

CAS-US-PERSON-FLAG:

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CASE TITLE:

KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F BUCKLEY, 10-4-85,  
BEIRUT, LEBANON  
HT-IT  
OO WFO

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

PRIMARY PROGRAM	CTRY	A/H	FROM DT	TO DT
X	COUNTERTERRORIS	LE	H 19960301 A	20030214 P

TYPE-CASE-INFORMATION:

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CASE DATE INFORMATION:

CAS-OPEN-DT: 19960301 - SO  
CAS-CLOSED-DT: 20030214 - B

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; OO: WMFO. [REDACTED]  
HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; CAA - MURDER; OO: WMFO (256A-WF-13).  
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AS CAPTIONED TITLE OF WF-256A-202676.  
CASE RE-ASSIGNED FROM SA [REDACTED] TO SA [REDACTED] ON 2-18-98.

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FOIMS CONVERSION INFO

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CAS-MANDATORY-FLAG: Y

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CAS-NO: 276127

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REASON: 1.4 (C)  
DECLASSIFY ON: 04-25-2039  
DATE: 04-25-2014

CASE FILE INFORMATION

CAS-FILE-NUMBER: 256A-WF-202676

SECURITY INFORMATION

CAS-CLASS-LEVEL: ~~S~~  
CAS-AUTHORITY: G-3  
CAS-REVIEW-DT: OADR

GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

CAS-STATUS: P  
CAS-CTRY-S: LE  
CASE-AGENT: [REDACTED]  
CAS-OO-SQUAD: NS14  
CAS-AFFIL: U  
CAS-US-PERSON-FLAG: U

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CASE TITLE:

KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F BUCKLEY, 10-4-85,  
BEIRUT, LEBANON  
HT-IT  
OO WFO

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

PRIMARY PROGRAM	CTRY	A/H	FROM DT	TO DT
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TYPE-CASE-INFORMATION:

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CASE LINK INFORMATION

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; OO: WMFO. [REDACTED]  
HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; CAA - MURDER; OO: WMFO (256A-WF-13).  
FBI-WF SEPARATED INFO AND RE-CREATED ANOTHER CASE FILE NUMBER TO READ  
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CAS-FOIMS-DT: 19980219  
CAS-MANDATORY-FLAG: Y

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Status . . . . . : P PENDING  
Squad. . . . . : NS14 NATIONAL SECURITY 14  
Source . . . . . : 07 U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY  
Case Type. . . . . : INVESTIGATIVE  
Opened . . . . . : 03/01/1996

Title

BUCKLEY, WILLIAM, F

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KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F BUCKLEY, 10-4-85, BEIRUT, LEBANON;  
HT-IT;OOWMFO

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Doc. Type : EC

Doc. Date : 03/01/96

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From . . . . :

Case ID . . : 256A-WF-202676

Serial : 1

Topic . . . : RECOMMENDATION THAT BUCKLEY SEGMENT OF LEBNAP BE SEPARATED

Author . . . :

Approver . . :

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 Source . . . . . : 99 UNKNOWN  
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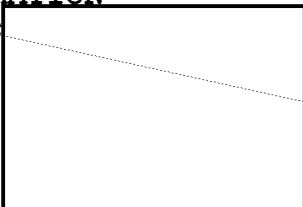
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SECURITY INFORMATION

CAS-CLASS-LEVEL: ~~S~~  
CAS-AUTHORITY: G-3  
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GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

CAS-STATUS: P  
CAS-CTRY-S: LE  
CASE-AGENT:   
CAS-OO-SQUAD: NS12  
CAS-AFFIL: U  
CAS-US-PERSON-FLAG: N

CASE TITLE:

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HOSTAGE TAKING TERRORISM  
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NAR-SECURITY-FO-S: XX

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CAS-MANDATORY-FLAG: Y

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/29/1996

To: ADIC WMFO

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From: WMFO

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 256A-WF-1 (Pending)

Title: LEBNAP;  
IT; MAJOR CASE 81  
OO: WMFO

TITLE:

*3/1/96*  
KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F.  
BUCKLEY, 15/4/85, BEIRUT,  
LEBANON; HT-IT; OO: WMFO

*CODE: 07*

**Synopsis :** Recommendation that WILLIAM FRANCIS BUCKLEY segment of the LEBNAP investigation be separated from that case file and a new 256 file established and assigned to the writer.

**Classification:** This document is classified ~~"SECRET"~~ in its entirety unless otherwise marked.

**Details:** WILLIAM FRANCIS BUCKLEY, Chief of Station, U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), Beirut, Lebanon, was kidnapped in the vicinity of his residence in West Beirut, Lebanon, on March 16, 1984.

On October 4, 1985, the ISLAMIC JIHAD, an underground splinter group of HEZBOLLAH, announced that BUCKLEY had been executed; labeling the action a response to an Israeli military strike against the PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) in Tunisia. Information secured from various sources, to include that gleaned from American newspapers, led to certain speculation

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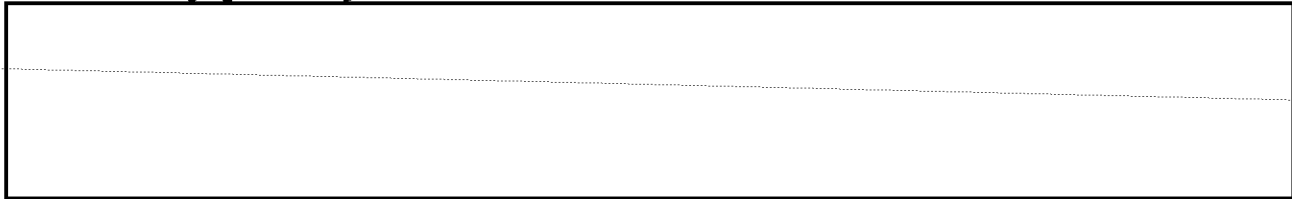
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

To: ADIC WMFO From: WMFO  
Re: 256A-WF-1, 02/29/1996

that BUCKLEY had been housed and interrogated in Lebanon, Syria and finally Tehran, Iran, during his captivity. BUCKLEY is believed to have died of a heart attack in a Tehran hospital following prolonged torture.



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The BUCKLEY investigation has been subsumed within the LEBNAP major case file from its inception. The investigation should be afforded separate case status:

(1) Of the LEBNAP victims, BUCKLEY was the single individual living in Beirut as a result of a U.S. Government assignment.

(2) Unlike the other LEBNAP victims and, according to informed speculation by American newspapers, the BUCKLEY abduction precipitated an extensive and costly effort by CIA in his behalf.

(The FBI has not been given access to any information developed as a result of this effort).

(3) To be afforded a proper investigative effort the BUCKLEY file data must be separated from the administrative morass that is LEBNAP.

(4) Recently developed information (see LEBNAP for [redacted]) suggests the existence of substantial new lead information.

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It is recommended that the BUCKLEY investigation be separated, administratively, from the LEBNAP case file and assigned to the writer.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/02/1999

To: WFO

From: WFO

NS1-4

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: ~~(S)~~ 256A-WF-202676 (Pending)

(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY;  
LEBNAP;  
MAJOR CASE 81;  
HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Requesting case be reassigned to [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Classified By: 4749, NS1-4/WFO  
Reason: 1.5 (c)  
Declassify On: X1

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ The writer is requesting above captioned case be reassigned to [redacted] This case was originally on [redacted] and was inadvertatly reassigned to [redacted] conducts investigations regarding Americans involved in terrorist activites overseas. The writer requests this case be reassigned to [redacted]

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CITE: //3920//

(S) SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [redacted]

[redacted] HOSTAGE TAKING -

TERRORISM; OO:WMFO.

[redacted] HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM;

CAA - MURDER; OO:WMFO (256A-WF-13).

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REFERENCE WMFO TELETYPE, DATED 9/27/95, AND CAPTIONED

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(S) ON OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 1995, SPECIAL AGENTS FROM WMFO MET

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[REDACTED] THE MEETING WAS HELD AT ROME, ITALY.

(S) THE REFERENCED WMFO COMMUNICATION SET OUT THE PARTICULARS OF PRIOR TASKING FOR [REDACTED] AS WELL AS THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING TO OUR CURRENT INTEREST IN THIS INDIVIDUAL.

(S) PRIMARY TASKING FOR [REDACTED] DEALT WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED] A LEBANESE NATIONAL SUSPECTED OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE

(S) [REDACTED] THE INTERVIEWEE FURNISHED

SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS ISSUE:

(S) [REDACTED]

RESIDING WITH HIS SPOUSE, IN [REDACTED] BEIRUT.

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[REDACTED]  
WITH HIM.

(S) [REDACTED]

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(S) [redacted] INQUIRY INTO THE [redacted] MATTER UNCOVERED

INFORMATION THAT

[redacted]

NOW HARBORS

GREAT ANIMOSITY TOWARD HIZBALLAH AND IS, ACCORDING TO [redacted]

[redacted] NO LONGER AFFILIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO

[redacted]

IT IS NOTED THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [redacted]

[redacted] WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND

OCCUPATION, AS WELL AS HIZBALLAH DISENCHANTMENT AND

DISENGAGEMENT COINCIDES WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TWO (2)

OTHER CREDIBLE AND DISPARATE SOURCES. FURTHER, IN THE COURSE

OF CONTACT WITH [redacted]

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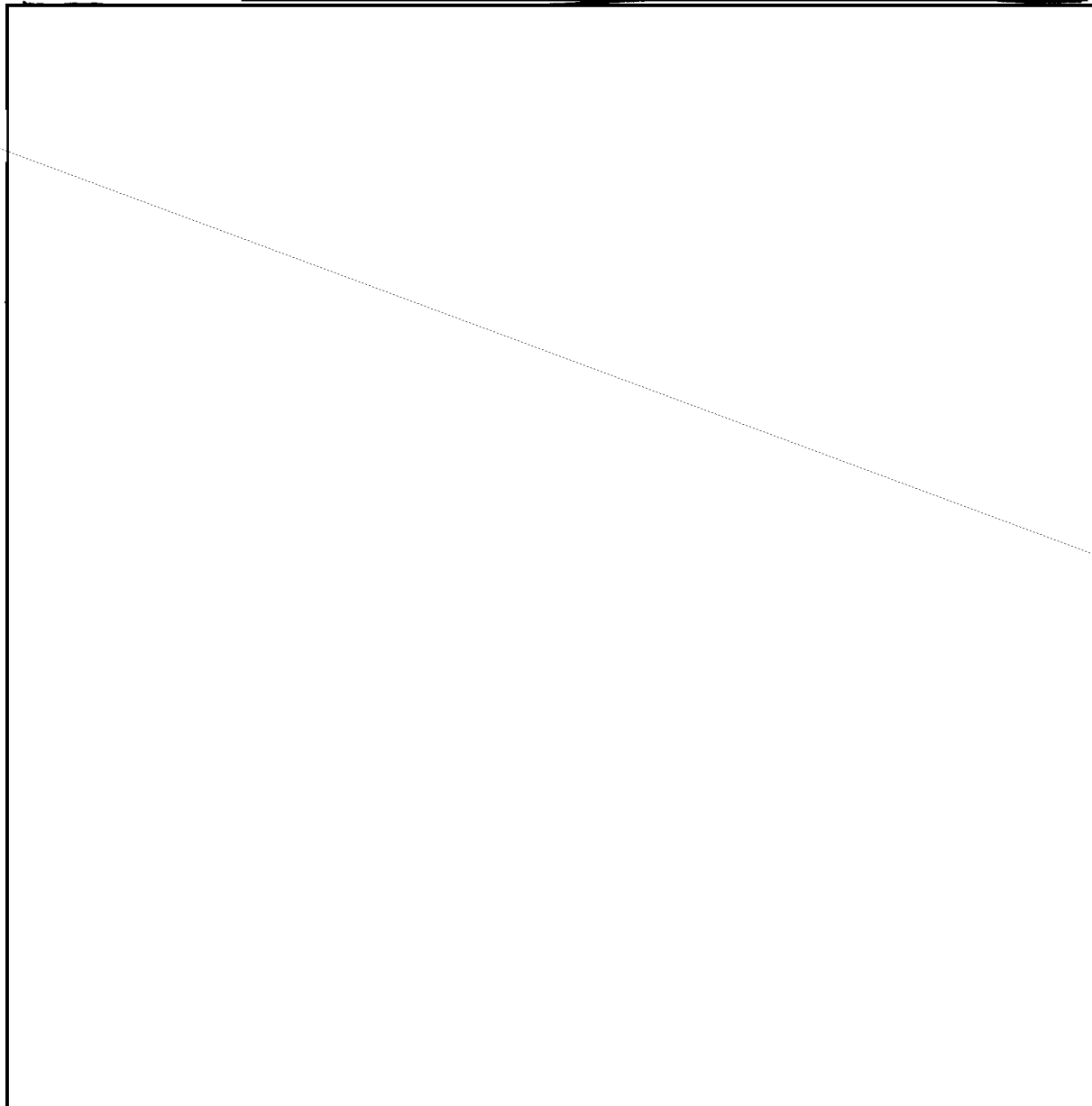
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STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION IN THE  
LEBANESE TERRORIST EVENTS OF THE 1980'S, [Redacted]

(S) [Redacted]

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CONSTANT COMPANION IS ONE [Redacted] IS THE

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CITE: //3920//

(S) SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOSTAGE TAKING -

TERRORISM; OO:WMFO.

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TEXT CONTINUES:

(S) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN APPROACHED FOR

INTERVIEW BY REPRESENTATIVES OF WMFO.

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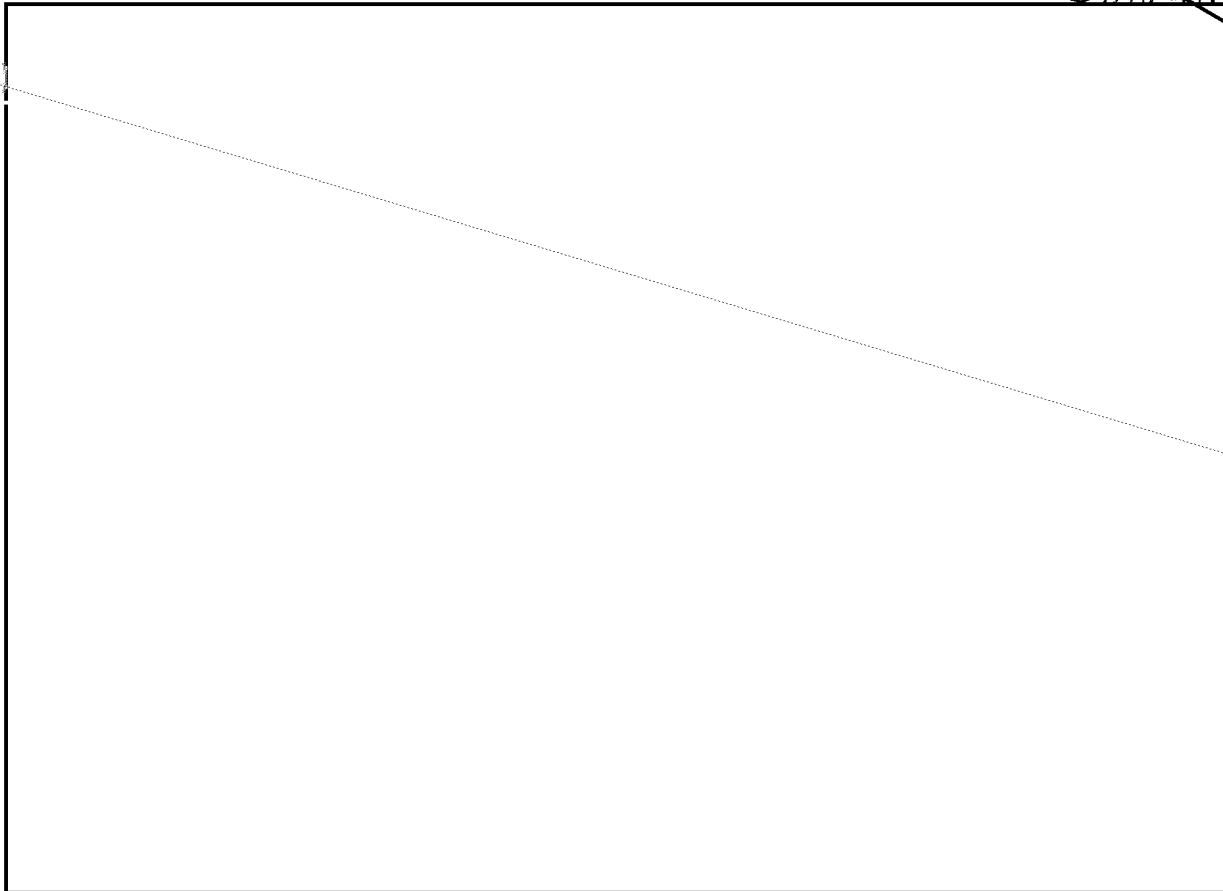
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(S) [REDACTED] WILL PURSUE THIS ACTION UPON APPROVAL FROM THE FBI. IF SUCCESSFUL, HE WOULD EXPECT REMUNERATION AS OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT REWARDS PROGRAM.

(S) THE CONTACTING SPECIAL AGENTS ADVISED [REDACTED] AGAINST

(S) TAKING ANY INDEPENDENT ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE [REDACTED] PROPOSAL. HE WAS TOLD THAT A FORMAL OPERATIONAL PROPOSAL

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WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
PRIOR TO ANY ACTION BEING TAKEN BY HIM OR HIS ASSOCIATES.

(S) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WISHES THE  
RELATIONSHIP TO BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

(S) [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE A WILLING AND CREDIBLE SOURCE OF  
INFORMATION. HIS INTEREST IN ASSISTING THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT IN THE NOTED MATTERS IS TO REALIZE FINANCIAL GAIN.

(S) BY VIRTUE OF [REDACTED] HE  
HAS LEGITIMATE ACCESS TO COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

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(S) HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ONLY  
INFREQUENT CONTACT WITH FBI REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE POSSIBLE.

(S) NO FUTURE MEETING WITH [REDACTED] IS SCHEDULED. WMFO WILL  
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH HIM THROUGH [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/10/2000

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTC/HB

SA [redacted]

Washington Field Office

From: Washington Field Office

NS-12

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: (S) 256A-WF-202676 (Pending)

(U) Title: (S) WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY;  
LEBNAP;  
MAJOR CASE 81;  
HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM

(U) Synopsis: (S) To advise SA [redacted] of change of assignment  
of captioned case to SA [redacted]

(U) (S) Derived From : G-3  
Declassify On: X1

(U) Details: (S) Per telephone conversation between writer and SA  
[redacted] captioned case has been assigned to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] If deemed necessary, SA [redacted] is available for any  
discussion in regards to captioned case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/30/2001

To: OPCA

Attn: [Redacted]

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SSA [Redacted]

From: Counterterrorism  
[Redacted] IU/Room 5438

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Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID # 190-0 <sup>77656</sup> (Pending)

Title: FOIPA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON  
WILLIAM BUCKLEY.

Synopsis: Advises OPCA that investigation on the kidnapping  
and murder of William Buckley is a pending case.

Reference: 07/31/2001 telcall of [Redacted] to IOS  
[Redacted]

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Details: This communication memorializes referenced telcall  
wherein IOS [Redacted] advised [Redacted] that WFO investigation  
of the kidnapping and murder of William Buckley is a pending  
case. Therefore, OPCA is requested to deny the requestor  
information relative to the ongoing investigation.

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OPCA From: Counterterrorism  
256A-WF-1, 07/30/2001

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Set Lead 2:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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On 09/10/2001, SA [Redacted] discussed captioned case with Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney [Redacted] Attorney [Redacted] informed SA [Redacted] that the Statute of Limitation for captioned case have already expired.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/28/2002

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 256A-WF-~~WE~~-202676 <sup>(b)</sup> (Pending Inactive)

Title: WILLIAM BUCKLEY-VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING;  
IT-LEBANON

Synopsis: To place captioned case in pending inactive status.

Details: On 09/10/2001, SA [redacted] discussed captioned case with Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney [redacted]. Attorney [redacted] informed SA [redacted] that the Statute of Limitation for captioned case have expired. SA [redacted] requested captioned case be closed on 09/11/2001.

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Due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, current laws and regulations have been changed and thus, affecting the Statute of Limitation on captioned case.

On 02/28/2002, SA [redacted] contacted Department of Justice (DOJ) attorney [redacted] in regards to the new rules and regulations affecting captioned case.

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[redacted] informed SA [redacted] that the new rules of charging subjects in captioned case are new "possibilities". [redacted] also stated that there are no solid precedence to these rules thus. [redacted] finalized by saying that any further legal action would be "a shaky case" and described the BUCKLEY murder as an "Pending" case".

SA [redacted] requests placing captioned case in the pending inactive status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/11/2003

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 256A-WF-WF-202676 (Closed)

Title: WILLIAM BUCKLEY-VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING;  
IT-LEBANON

Synopsis: To close captioned case.

Details: On 09/10/2001, SA [redacted] discussed captioned case with Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney [redacted] Attorney [redacted] informed SA [redacted] that the Statute of Limitation for captioned case have expired. SA [redacted] requested captioned case be closed on 09/11/2001.

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Due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, current laws and regulations have been changed and thus, possibly affecting the Statute of Limitation on captioned case.

On 02/28/2002, SA [redacted] contacted Department of Justice (DOJ) attorney [redacted] in regards to the new rules and regulations affecting captioned case (Patriot Act).

[redacted] informed SA [redacted] that the new rules of charging subjects in captioned case are new "possibilities". [redacted] also stated that there are no solid precedence to these rules thus. [redacted] finalized by saying that any further legal action would be "a shaky case" and described the BUCKLEY murder as an "Pending" case".

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On 02/11/2003, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] to query her of any new possibilities for prosecuting captioned case. [redacted] stated that exploring the Patriot Act for captioned case is possible but captioned case is a weak candidate.

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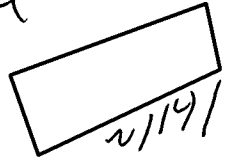
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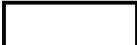
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SA  requests closing captioned case.

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