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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

September 21, 2015

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD



FOIPA Request No.: 1227532-002  
AF Case No.: AF 2014-00151-C  
Subject: KLASS, PHILIP JULIAN

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

You were previously advised we were consulting with another agency concerning information related to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

A portion of that information has been returned to the FBI and is enclosed. Deletions have been made pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552as noted below. See the enclosed form for an explanation of these exemptions.

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7 pages were reviewed and 7 pages are being released.

Deletions were made by Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI). If you wish to appeal those denials, please write directly to that agency.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of your request.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

You may file an appeal by writing to the Secretary of the Air Force and it must be postmarked within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. Include in the appeal the reasons for consideration and attach a copy of this letter. The letter and envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal", and sent to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru: AFSOI/SILI, Attn: FOIA Office, 27130 Telegraph Road, Quantico VA 22134-2253.

Enclosure(s)

## 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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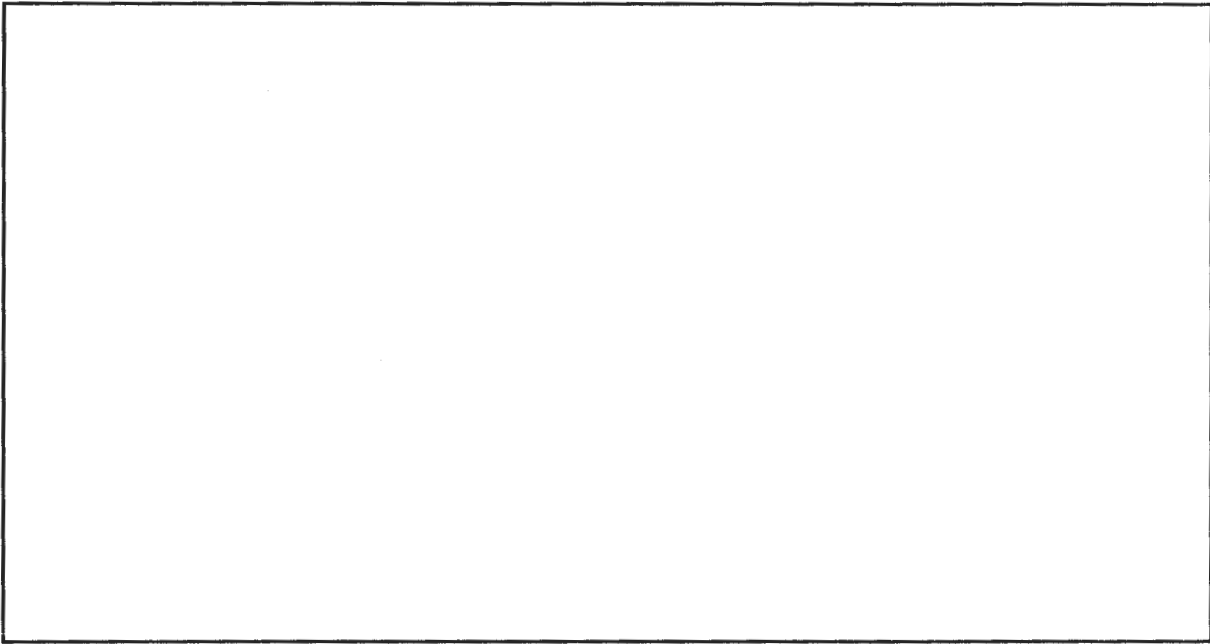
DIRECTOR, FBI

January 23, 1958

SAC, WFO (65-new)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Unauthorized Disclosure of Information Classified ~~SECRET~~ in "AVIATION WEEK" Magazine article Entitled "Exclusive Report on Counter Measures" by PHILIP J. KLASS in 18 Nov 57 and 25 Nov 57 Editions  
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In accordance with existing policy, WFO recommends that the Bureau discuss this matter with appropriate authorities in the U. S. Air Force on a Departmental level in an effort to ascertain whether Department of the Air Force would release documents necessary to warrant further investigation seeking the ultimate prosecution of possible subjects.

65-17634-3

An appropriate reply is being directed by this office to 4th OSI.

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Colonel [redacted]  
District Commander  
4th District  
Office of Special Investigations  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

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b7C

Re: ~~(Confidential)~~  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S); Unauthorized Disclosure of Information Classified ~~SECRET~~ in "AVIATION WEEK" Magazine article Entitled "Exclusive Report on Counter Measures" by PHILIP J. KLASS in 18 Nov 57 and 25 Nov 57 Editions  
VIOLATIONS OF AFR 205-1

[redacted]

b1 Per AFOSI

Dear Sir:

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I shall advise you very promptly upon receipt of the advice of my Headquarters. The records of this office contain no information which can be identified with Philip J. Klass.

b6 Per AFOSI  
b7C

Your courtesy in bringing this matter to our attention is indeed appreciated.

Yours very truly,

65-7634-4

WILLIAM M. WHELAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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2 - Col. [redacted]  
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Colonel   
District Commander  
4th District  
Office of Special Investigations  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

b6 Per AFOSI  
b7C

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Unauthorized Disclosure  
of Information Classified ~~SECRET~~ in "AVIATION  
WEEK" Magazine article Entitled "Exclusive  
Report on Counter Measures" by PHILIP J. KLASS  
in 18 Nov 57 and 25 Nov 57 Editions  
Your file 34-736

Dear Sir:

With regard to your letter of April 3,  
1958, please be advised that I have been notified  
by my Headquarters that certain matters relating  
to this case have been referred to the Department  
of the Air Force for a determination as to whether  
necessary documents would be released for prosecu-  
tive purposes in the event of further investigation.  
I am advised further that my Headquarters have not  
yet received a reply from the Department of the  
Air Force.

I shall notify you immediately upon  
receipt of pertinent information from my Head-  
quarters.

Yours very truly,

b6 Per FBI  
b7C

Information telephonically received  
from Supervisor  of the Bureau  
on 4/11/58.

*WJ*

Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ T. J. McANDREWS  
Serialized: \_\_\_\_\_ Acting Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Col. Rees  
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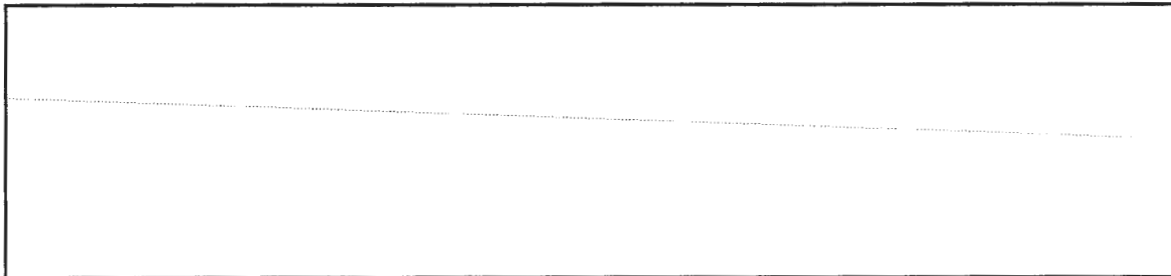
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: Unknown Subject(s) Unauthorized  
Disclosure of Information  
Classified ~~SECRET~~ in "Aviation  
Week" Magazine Article Entitled  
"Exclusive Report on Counter-  
measures," by Philip J. Klass,  
in 18 and 25 November 1957  
Editions

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your correspondence concerning above  
subject under dates of 29 January, 27 March, 3 July 1958.

b1 Per AFOSI  
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Your office will be furnished completed results of this evaluation  
upon receipt.

Sincerely,

F. L. WELCH  
Assistant Chief  
Counterintelligence Div.  
Dir of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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Washington Field Office, Room 506  
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Washington 25, D. C.  
October 24, 1958

Colonel [redacted]  
District Commander  
4th District  
Office of Special Investigations  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

b6 Per AFOSI  
b7C

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Unauthorized Dis-  
closure of Information Classified  
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article Entitled "Exclusive Report on  
Counter Measures" by PHILIP J. KLASS  
in 18 Nov 57 and 25 Nov 57 Editions

[redacted]

b1 Per AFOSI

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to my letter of April 15, 1958.

b1 Per AFOSI  
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Upon receipt of a final determination in this  
matter from my Headquarters, I shall advise you promptly  
as to what further action is contemplated by this office.

b6 Per AFOSI  
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Searched \_\_\_\_\_ Yours very truly,

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L. V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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2 - Colonel [redacted]  
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Date: November 4, 1958  
To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Unauthorized Disclosure of  
Information Classified Secret in  
"Aviation Week" Magazine Article  
Entitled "Exclusive Report on Counter-  
measures," by Philip J. Kless,  
in 18 and 25 November 1957 Editions  
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b1 Per AFOSI



Since it is indicated therein that the classified information involved in this matter cannot be declassified for purposes of prosecution, this Bureau is taking no further action in this matter. A copy of the referenced communication with its enclosure is being forwarded to the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, for the completion of the Department's files.

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure - 2)  
Internal Security Division (By 0-6, same date)

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Washington Field Office, Room 506  
Old Post Office Building

February 13, 1959

Colonel [redacted]  
District Commander  
4th District  
Office of Special Investigations  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

b6 Per AFOSI  
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Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to my letter of October 24, 1958, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Unauthorized Disclosure of Information Classified ~~SECRET~~ in "AVIATION WEEK" Magazine article Entitled "Exclusive Report on Counter Measures" by PHILIP J. KLASS in 18 Nov 57 and 25 Nov 57 Editions, [redacted]

b1 Per AFOSI

Please be advised that I have been notified by my Headquarters that by letter dated October 30, 1958, the Department of the Air Force advised that the classified information involved in this matter cannot be declassified for purposes of prosecution.

Consequently, no further action is being taken in this matter by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Yours very truly,

*W*

L. V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

CONSOLIDATED

Date: 10-15-71

Initials: *CR*

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2 - Colonel [redacted] *and 2/13 pm*  
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