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November 30, 2017

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FOIPA Request No.: 1359997-000
Subject: SILVERSTEIN, MORTON

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. 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 exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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107 pages were reviewed and 10 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- ☒ Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agencies [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGAs 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.
- ☒ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (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 given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the 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.

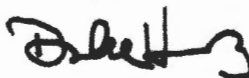
You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. 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) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. 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.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure 2

The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

As previously indicated, documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning another agency. We are consulting with the other agency and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

Records which may have been responsive to your request were destroyed in November of 1977. 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.

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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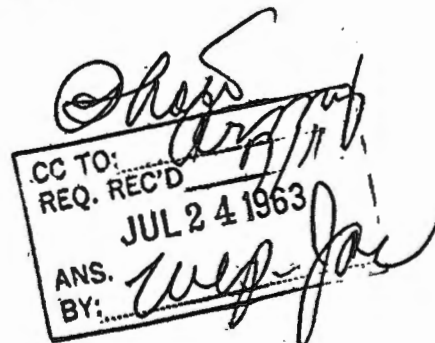
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REPORTING OFFICE <i>dh</i> NEW HAVEN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 9/21/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/30 - 9/19/62
TITLE OF CASE MORTON SILVERSTEIN		REPORT MADE BY SA W. W. MATHIESON, JR.	TYPED BY nem
		CHARACTER OF CASE VOA (USIA)	

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 8/20/62.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA W. W. MATHIESON, JR. Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: September 21, 1962
Field Office File No.: NH 123-1867 Bureau File No.:
Title: MORTON SILVERSTEIN

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA (USIA)

Synopsis: MORTON SILVERSTEIN attended 1947 summer session at Cheshire Academy, Cheshire, Conn. He passed English and Spanish, but failed Geometry. He was rated satisfactory as to mental ability, but did not apply himself to his full capacity. Credit and arrest records negative in Cheshire and Stamford, Conn.

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DETAILSEDUCATION

NH 123-1867

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HANISCH:

On August 30, 1962, Miss GERTRUDE COLBY, Assistant Registrar, Cheshire Academy, Cheshire, Connecticut, produced her record which reflected that MORTON SILVERSTEIN, 4611-12th Avenue, Brooklyn 19, New York, attended the summer session in the Academy starting July 5, 1947.

The summer session was concluded by Labor Day, 1947. SILVERSTEIN was born December 26, 1929, and previously attended New Utrecht High School, Brooklyn, New York, from September, 1944 to January, 1947, and Eastern Military Academy, Stamford, Connecticut, from February, 1947 to June, 1947. His father was listed as JULIUS SILVERSTEIN, associated with Jane Lynn, Inc., 1384 Broadway, New York City.

At the Cheshire Academy, SILVERSTEIN studied English, Spanish and geometry, passing the two language courses, but failing geometry.

Miss COLBY stated that in view of his short attendance and the lapse of time since his attendance, no one presently available at the Cheshire Academy would be in a position to recall him. However, from comments made by his instructors at that time, he was rated as having a satisfactory mental ability but had not yet learned to put forth his best efforts in pursuing his studies.

There was no derogatory or unfavorable information concerning SILVERSTEIN in the school record.

NH 123-1867

CREDIT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HANISCH:

On August 30, 1962, Officer RUSSELL TREAT, Cheshire, Connecticut, Police Department, reviewed his records and advised there was no information identifiable with SILVERSTEIN in the file.

On September 5, 1962, the records of the New Haven, Connecticut Credit Bureau, which also covers Cheshire, Connecticut, searched by Mrs. ALVINA HODGE, contained no information identifiable with MORTON SILVERSTEIN.

NH 123-1867

On September 14, 1962, MAX BARON, Manager, Stamford Credit Rating Bureau, Incorporated, Stamford, Connecticut, advised his bureau has no record for MORTON SILVERSTEIN.

On September 14, 1962, Sergeant DANIEL HANRAHAN, Records Bureau, Stamford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised his department has no record for the applicant.

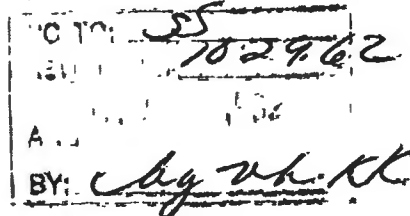
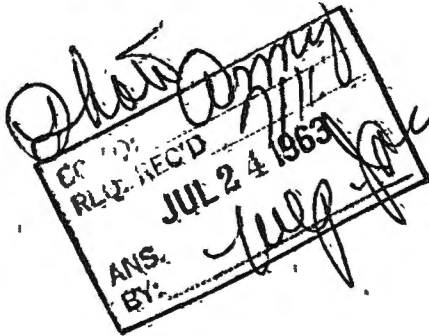
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TITLE OF CASE MORTON SILVERSTEIN		REPORT MADE BY LEON O. PRIOR	TYPED BY egh
		CHARACTER OF CASE VOA (USIA)	

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 8/28/62.

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Copy to:

Report of: **LEON O. PRIOR**
Date: **September 24, 1962**Office: **Miami, Florida**Field Office File No.: **123-1385**

Bureau File No.:

Title: **MORTON SILVERSTEIN**Character: **VOICE OF AMERICA
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)**

Synopsis: Attendance at University of Miami, 10/47 until voluntary withdrawal 2/49, verified. Was below average student on scholastic probation during entire enrollment period. Not subjected to disciplinary action. No credit or police record.

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Details: **AT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

On September 6, 1962, Dr. KEITH SMITH, Registrar, University of Miami, advised that MORTON SILVERSTEIN was admitted to the University in October, 1947, to study Liberal Arts. At the time of admission SILVERSTEIN said he was born December 26, 1929, place not indicated, and gave his home address as 4611 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. SMITH said that SILVERSTEIN voluntarily withdrew from the University in February, 1949. While attending the University, SILVERSTEIN was a below average student and was on scholastic probation during the entire period of his attendance.

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On September 19, 1962, Dean of Men BEN DAVID, University of Miami, advised he has no record of any disciplinary action against MORTON SILVERSTEIN while SILVERSTEIN was enrolled at the University.

On September 6, 1962, Investigative Clerk CLIFFORD M. WERNER checked the records of the Miami Police Department, Miami Municipal Court, Miami Credit Bureau, Miami Beach Police Department and Dade County Department of Public Safety, and found no reference to MORTON SILVERSTEIN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Evans *W*DATE: October 1, 1962 *McGee*FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WV*

SUBJECT: MORTON SILVERSTEIN
 VOICE OF AMERICA
 (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

dh This is to advise we are currently investigating captioned individual at the request of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress, in connection with Silverstein's contemplated employment by the United States Information Agency (USIA), exact position unknown. The basis for referral of this request to the Bureau by CSC was that Silverstein, a free lance writer, interviewed Fidel Castro in the mountains of Cuba in 1958, during which time the Cuban revolution was in progress. Also, Silverstein in the past had allegedly been associated with the former United Nations delegate from Cuba who in 1960 defected and denounced Castro.

Silverstein was born December 26, 1929, Brooklyn, New York, and has been self-employed as a free lance writer since 1958. Prior thereto he was employed by several advertising agencies and a television network as a writer.

REC-1 Investigation to date has revealed that Silverstein wrote and directed the National Broadcasting Company television special entitled "LEHIGH 5-7700" which pertained to the New York Office (NYO) of this Bureau and which was televised during the early part of 1962. In connection with the filming of the above-mentioned show SA [] of the NYO assisted Silverstein as a technical advisor. Based on this association Silverstein listed SA [] as a reference on his application for a position with USIA. The comments of SA [] will be included in the New York report in this matter and will clearly show the basis for the association between SA [] and Silverstein. A statement will also be included indicating that SA [] comments concerning Silverstein are based on his own personal knowledge and that his comments should in no way be construed as a recommendation of Silverstein by the FBI.

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 Bureau files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Silverstein.

ACTION *QH*

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You will be advised of any unusual developments.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach *WV*

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Date: 10/4/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (123-10610) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MORTON SILVERSTEIN
VOA (USIA)

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau, 9/26/62; report
of SA PAUL J. STAPLETON, 9/26/62, at NY.

Chicago requested NY to report information
furnished by CG-1 [redacted] regarding in-
formation furnished by him concerning relationship between
applicant and TERESA CASUSO. A review of this information
disclosed that [redacted] advised that MORT SILVERSTEIN, an
employee of the National Broadcasting Corp., is a boyfriend
of CASUSO. No other information furnished by [redacted]

Since the NYO has already reported information
establishing this relationship between SILVERSTEIN and
CASUSO and has sufficiently interviewed a representative
number of individuals who were cognizant of this association,
information previously furnished by [redacted] is not being
reported since it adds nothing pertinent to this in-
vestigation not already known.

3-Bureau
1-Chicago (123-2804) (Info)
1-New York (123-10610)

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