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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

September 27, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

FOIPA Request No.: 1347678-000 Subject: ASIMOV, ISAAC

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552		Section 552a	
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16 pages were reviewed and 12 page	es are being released.		
Document(s) were located which agency (ies) [OGA].	originated with, or contained ir	nformation concerning, other Government	
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.			
In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. \S 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 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. 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. Your patience is appreciated.

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 web site: https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within sixty (60) 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 that 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@ic.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 that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which 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 when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they 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

Enclosures

Enclosed is a processed copy of the two documents that are responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

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 investigations 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 he 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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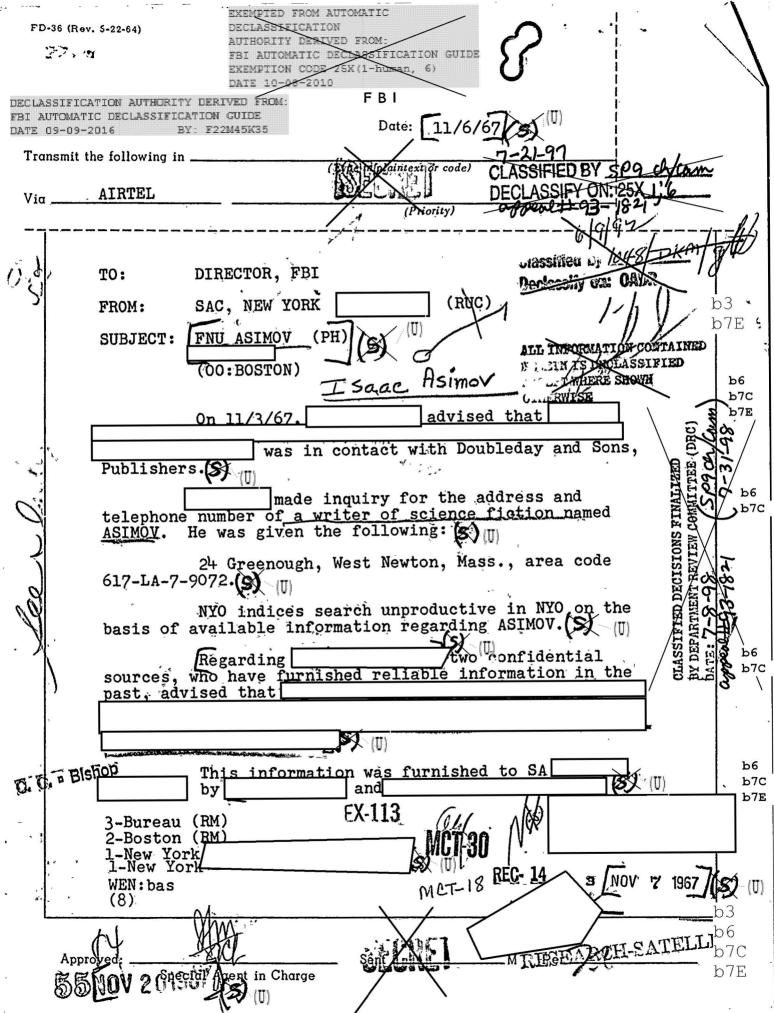
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in February, 1964.

In the event of dissemination, the instant information should be classified "Secret - No Foreign Dissemination" as it was obtained from a highly sensitive source of continuing value. The documentation data concerning would otherwise be classified "Secret" b66 b7C b7D

Boston will conduct appropriate investigation to identify ASIMOV and furnish background information to the NYO, with recommendations regarding possible future interview.



b3 September 21, 1960 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED BATE 6 LIST 92 BY 10 48 DKM ofte Dear Your letter of September 14, 1960, with enclosures, has been received. Thank you very much for bringing the information in your communication and enclosures to my attention as you did. Enclosed is some material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, and I am returning the data which you thoughtfully forwarded with your letter. Sincerely yours. John Edgar Hoover Director Enclosures (13) Correspondent's 8 enclosures 3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention Communist Farty Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality One Nation's Response to Communism: Communist Target--Youth Expose of Soviet Espionage Tolson Mohr NOTE: Enclosures were a letter from to Dr. Isaac Asimov Belmont Callahan dated 7-7-60; two postal cards from Asimov dated 7-14 and 9-7-60 to Other letters from to Atomic Energy Commission and Itomic Energy installation. All this oprrespondence pertains to whether the Soviets had the first nuclear-No record Bufiles, concerning Asimov. Bufiles NOTE CONTINUED NEXT P

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indicate prior correspondence from Last outgoing 8-26-57 at which time he furnished us information regarding the Russian Revolution of 1917. He was thanked for his observations. It is believed above acknowledgement is best suited although we have no particular interest in his observations.

ASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FRO OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 BI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE NITED STATES GOVE emorandum DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: SAC. b3 b7E # 360351 (XX(n) CHANGED: SUBJECT: ISAAC ASIMOV (W) DKM Classified by Declassiv on: U 00: BOSTON Title of this case is being marked "Changed" to show the subject's full name as set forth in Boston/Telephone Directory. 5 Re New York airtel to Bureau, 11/6/67, captioned "FNU ASIMOV (PH); b7E Boston West Suburban Telephone Directory shows the above captioned individual as subscriber to 527-9072 at 45 Greenhough, Newton, MA-SSACHUSETTS **b**6 ASIMOV Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as checked by IC on 11/20/67 shows the above, date of birth 1/2/20, as a licensed driver in this state. His wife GERTRUDE, born 5/16/17, was also a licensed driver. Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston. 6 St. James Ave., Boston Mass., as reviewed by IC on 11/20/67 show that the subject and his wife, former residents of 4762 Broadway Street, Somerville, Mass., and 265 Lowell Street, Waltham, Mass., were current residents of the above address. He is employed as a teacher at Boston University and no derogatory credit data is contained therein. CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMETTEE (DRC) DATE: 7-8-98 (2/- Bureau (RM) 2 - New York (RM) b3 1 - Boston EX-113 b7E RBN/mab. VILLIANCE TELEGICAL CONTAIN (5)REC 18 (1) HEREIK IS WICL TO I D EXCEPT THERE 3.364 TE OPPLETATION. RESEARCH-SATELLITE JAN 8 1988/1750(4) CONSDUMNION

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The records of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all traffic and criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massaon 11/16/67 railed to chusetts, checked by IC reflect any information identifiable with the subject and his wife. . . \

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The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service as caused to be reviewed by Supervisor 11/20/67, failed to show any information regarding subject.

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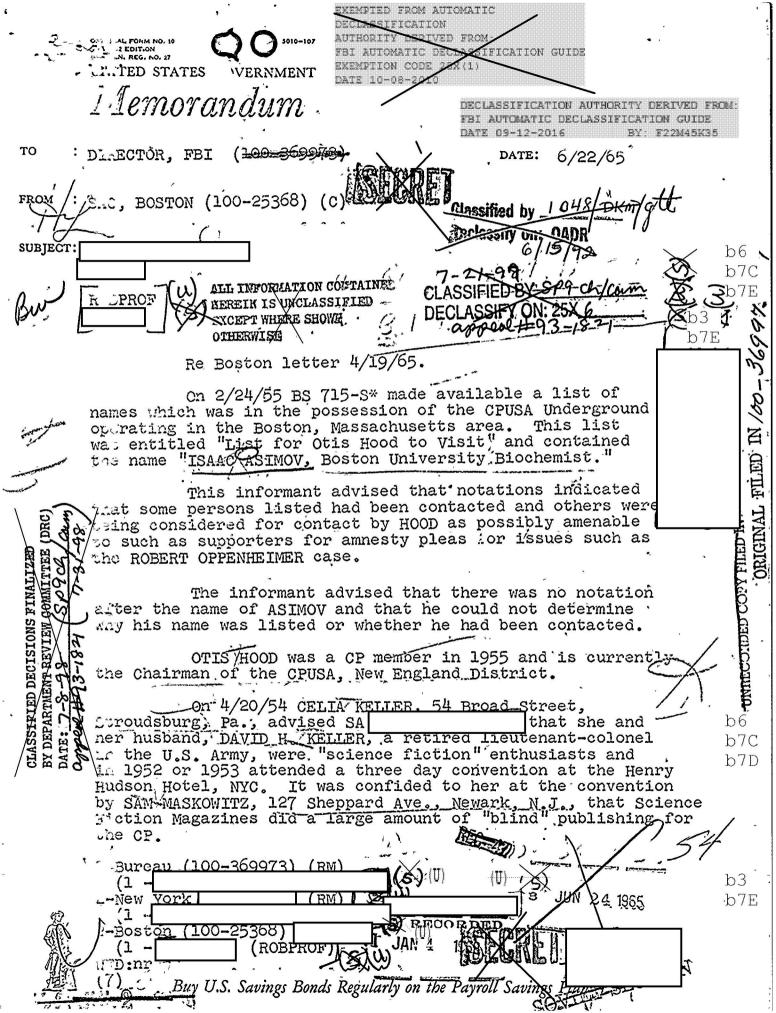
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Boston letter to Bureau dated 6/22/65 (Bufile 100-369973) with copy for New York. New York fi-le b3 ROBPROF Sets forth b6 information re ASIMOV. Included in this letter are the results of a check of the records of the Boston Office and b7C information listed in "Who!s Who" b7E On 12/6/67, Captain

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Boston University, advised that the subject continues at Boston University as a Professor of Biochemistry. unable to furnish additional information regarding the subject.

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Mrs. KELLER named ROBERT LOWNDES and DAMON KNIGHT as editors of the Science Fiction Magazines and ISAAC ASIMOV, a cancer researcher at the Boston General Hospital, as a contributor to Science Fiction Magazines. She stated I that ASIMOV also wrote book reviews for the defunct publication named "Compass."

The following excerpts were taken from SAC letter 54-62 dated 11/3/54:

on 10/14/52 advised that the organization "National Compass Clubs" formed in March, 1951, by members of the CP with approval of the "higher committee" of the CP. According to the informant, the aim of these clubs was to hold CP meetings under the guise and name of the Compass Club and at the same time watch the policies of the New York daily newspaper "Daily Compass."

In 1952 advised that the editorial and reportorial staff of the "Daily Compass" was composed in the majority of Communists and Communist sympathizers.

The "Daily Compass" suspended publication on 11/3/52.

• The 11/16/64 edition of the Boston Herald, page six, column one, contained an article which set forth that Dr. ISAAC ASIMOV is a noted Biochemist and an Assistant Professor at Boston University.

The 1962-63 Boston University General Catalog Lists ASIMOV as an Associate Professor in Biochemistry with offices at 80 East Concord Street, Boston.

D14 14 1.7 The 1964-65 edition of "Who's Who In America" lists ASIMOV as an author and educator born 1/2/20 at . -etrovichi, Russia, son of JUDAH and ANNA RACHET ASIMOV nee BERMAN. ASIMOV arrived in the United States in 1923 and was naturalized in 1928. He received a B.S. degree From Columbia University, New York, in 1939, an M.A. degree 111941, and a Ph.D in 1948.



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His wife is shown as GERTRUDE BLUGERMAN he married in 1942, b7C b7D He has been associated with the Boston University School of Medicine since 1949 and became an Associate Professor of Biochemistry in 1955. Who's Who also lists a number of books authored by ASIMOV. His home address was shown as 45 Greenough Street, West Newton 55, Massachusetts. has advised that Unsub ROBPROF is a noted person in the field of Microbiology, which, according to the medical dictionary, is the science of nature, life and actions of micro-organisms (bacteria). Biochemistry is the study of the chemistry of the living tissues of plant and animal life. Boston is not suggesting that ASIMOV is ROBPROF has advised that ROBPROF is in the field However, as in the case of cf Micropiology. should be considered as a possibility in light of his lackground, which contains information ipimical to the best interests of the United States. 🔀 Massachusetts General Hospital, Easton, Mass., was contacted on 6/14/65 and he advised is acquainted with but that is unknown to him. He further advised that re is not aware that is acquainted with or has associated with any Soviet nationals. Boston is closing the case on and 3 placing the ROBPROF case in a pending inactive status atil such time as more definitive descriptive data is or other sources as to his identity. socived from To the interim Boston will remain alert during pursuit of ceneral investigative duties in other cases of this nature or additional suspects in the ROBPROF case. (X

