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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

October 23, 2015

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
[REDACTED]
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FOIPA Request No.: 1335887-000
Subject: REICH, WILHELM

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the FBI, enclosed are processed documents responsive to your request.

Material consisting of four pages has been reviewed pursuant to Title 5, U.S. Code § 552, and this material is being released to you in its entirety with no excisions being made by the FBI.

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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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

Enclosure

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: *Dr. Leon A. Utikin*
Chief Medical Officer
U. S. Penitentiary
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

January 2, 1958

Re: **WILHELM BEICH, DECEASED;**
UNKNOWN CAUSE OF DEATH

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. *Reg. No. 38357-NE*
FBI FILE NO. *95-72780*
LAB. NO. *PC-51239 IX*

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Examination requested by: *Addressee*

Reference: *Letter 12/3/57*

Examination requested: *Chemical Analyses - Spectrographic*

Specimen:

Q1 Stomach contents

Results of examination:

Specimen Q1 was examined chemically for the presence of poisons. Formaldehyde was detected in this specimen. No other materials commonly considered poisonous were detected in specimen Q1. Those substances tested for included cyanide, strychnine, barbiturates, chloral hydrate, arsenic, and others. The presence of formaldehyde in specimen Q1 interfered with and prevented the testing of this specimen for alcohols.

Specimen Q1 was consumed during the course of the Laboratory examination. The container for this specimen will be disposed of in the Laboratory two weeks from the date of this report unless you request its return.

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Medical Officer in Charge
U. S. Penitentiary Hospital
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Wilhelm Reich

- See below -

Bronchopneumonia.
Myocardial scarring with congestion of viscera.
Fatty changes in liver and kidney.

MICROSCOPIC:

Heart: Sections reveal hypertrophy of many muscle fibers and extensive patchy interstitial fibrosis.

Lungs: One block shows extensive consolidation with a purulent exudate in the bronchi and a fibrinocellular alveolar exudate, neutrophils predominating. The other block reveals scattered patches of alveoli containing proteinoid material and large mononuclear cells, some laden with hemosiderin.

Liver: Sections reveal centrilobular congestion and fine fat droplets in nearly all liver cells. Some periportal areas show a moderate increase in fibrous tissue and a chronic inflammatory infiltrate.

Spleen: Malpighian corpuscles are small. Hemosiderin deposition is moderate.

Kidney: Sections reveal autolysis, slight fibrous thickening of the intima of some arterioles and fine fat droplets in the epithelium of many tubules, chiefly distal convoluted.

Pancreas: Sections reveal some interlobular and focal intralobular fibrosis.

Brain, pituitary, prostate, and adrenal: No striking changes are seen.

L. L. Ashburn, M. D., Chief
Section on Pathologic Anatomy



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

U.S. PENITENTIARY
LEWISBURG, PENNA.

December 9, 1957

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PC-51239

RE: REICH, Wilhelm
Reg. No. 23937-NE

Director of F.B.I.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly examine the enclosed stomach contents on Doctor Wilhelm Reich, Reg. No. 23937-NE, who died suddenly on November 3, 1957. Post mortem examination showed severe aortic stenosis and myocardial scarring.

Your examination of this specimen for abnormal chemicals will be greatly appreciated since his family fears that he may have been poisoned. Dr. Janney, Medical Director, Bureau of Prisons has instructed us to send this to you.

proof for metals. only
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Autopsy report inclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Leon A. Witkin

LEON A. WITKIN, M.D.
Sr. Surgeon (R) USPHS
Chief Medical Officer

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB
FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: WILHELM REICH, DECEASED
UNKNOWN CAUSE OF DEATH

File # 95-72739-1
Lab. # PC-51239 IX HB

Dr. Leon A. Witkin
Chief Medical Officer
U. S. Penitentiary

Examination requested by: Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
(Let. 12/9/57)

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses (Tox.) - Spectrographic - Date received: 12/10 rm

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ~~HOUVER~~ ✓
~~HEBERSER~~

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Stomach contents

Stomach contents examined physically, nothing unusual noted. Odor of formaldehyde. Ph mental. About 80 grams. 10 grams Reusch run. 16 grams steam distilled + following volatiles run: chlorinated hydrocarbons → neg. with pyridine. Dodecane → neg. Chromotropic acid unoxidized, + for formaldehyde. Vanillin for acetone neg. Benzidine for cyanides → neg. FeCl₃ for phenols → neg. Stomach run + extracts acid + basic, chloroform ether neg. Reusch run on stomach contents neg. Portion of stomach contents run on spectrum after ashing + no unusual elementary analysis.

LAB. REPT.
12/21/57
G. E. H.
mp.