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Text: This is an associated case to FOIA 1288912-0

ELSUR Requested.

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To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of all documents, electronic or otherwise, that pertain to or mention: James Scott "Jim" Brady. James Scott "Jim" Brady (August 29, 1940 – August 4, 2014) was an assistant to the President and White House Press Secretary under U.S. President Ronald Reagan. After nearly being killed and becoming permanently disabled as a result of the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan in 1981, Brady became an ardent supporter of gun control.

Born James Scott Brady August 29, 1940 Centralia, Illinois, U.S.
Died August 4, 2014 (aged 73) Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.

According to his obituary, published by the NY Times at http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/05/us/politics/james-s-brady-symbol-of-fight-for-gun-control-dies-at-73.html?r=0:

James S. Brady, the White House press secretary who was wounded in an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan and then became a symbol of the fight for gun control, championing tighter regulations from his wheelchair, died on Monday in Alexandria, Va. He was 73.

His family confirmed the death but did not specify a cause.

On the rainy afternoon of March 30, 1981, Mr. Brady was struck in a hail of bullets fired by John W. Hinckley Jr., a mentally troubled college dropout who had hoped that shooting the president would impress the actress Jodie Foster, on whom he had a fixation. Mr. Hinckley raised his handgun as Reagan stepped out of a hotel in Washington after giving a speech.

To be clear, I am requesting copies of the above files and I am also requesting you to search your automated, manual, ELSUR, and “June Mail” indices for any other records that may pertain to my subject and thus be responsive to my request.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
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MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1288932-000
Subject: BRADY, JAMES SCOTT

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI. 

☑ Your request has been received at FBI Headquarters for processing.

☑ Your request has been received at the [_____ Resident Agency / _____ Field Office] and forwarded to FBI Headquarters for processing.

☐ We are searching the indices to our Central Records System for the information responsive to this request. We will inform you of the results in future correspondence.

☑ Your request for a fee waiver is being considered and you will be advised of the decision at a later date.

☐ Please check for the status of your FOIPA request at www.fbi.gov/foia by clicking on Check the Status of Your FOIPA Request under Records Available Now located on the right side of the page. Status updates are adjusted weekly. The status of newly assigned requests may not be available until the next weekly update. If the FOIPA has been closed the notice will indicate that appropriate correspondence has been mailed to the address on file.

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.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Records Management Division
November 24, 2014

FOIPA Request No.: 1288932-000
Subject: BRADY, JAMES SCOTT

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Records which may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. 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 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

Additionally, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were records potentially responsive to the FOIA. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in their expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results. Therefore, we are closing your request administratively.

By standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) [5 U.S.C. § 552] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §552a], 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 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.

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.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet and Explanation of Exemptions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)
The primary functions of the FBI are national security and law enforcement.

The FBI does not keep a file on every citizen of the United States.

The FBI was not established until 1908 and we have very few records prior to the 1920s.

FBI files generally contain reports of FBI investigations of a wide range of matters, including counterterrorism, counter-intelligence, cyber crime, public corruption, civil rights, organized crime, white collar crime, major thefts, violent crime, and applicants.

The FBI does not issue clearances or non-clearances for anyone other than its own personnel or persons having access to FBI facilities. Background investigations for security clearances are conducted by many different Government agencies. Persons who received a clearance while in the military or employed with some other government agency should contact that entity. Most government agencies have websites which are accessible on the internet which have their contact information.

A criminal history summary check or "rap sheet" is NOT the same as an "FBI file." It is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and related documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization or military service. The subject of a "rap sheet" may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Record Request, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306. Along with a specific written request, the individual must submit a new full set of his/her fingerprints in order to locate the record, establish positive identification, and ensure that an individual's records are not disseminated to an unauthorized person. The fingerprint submission must include the subject's name, date and place of birth. There is a required fee of $18 for this service, which must be submitted by money order or certified check made payable to the Treasury of the United States. A credit card payment option is also available. Forms for this option and additional directions may be obtained by accessing the FBI Web site at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background_checks.

The National Name Check Program (NNCP) conducts a search of the FBI's Universal Index (UNI) to identify any information contained in FBI records that may be associated with an individual and provides the results of that search to a requesting federal, state or local agency. Names are searched in a multitude of combinations and phonetic spellings to ensure all records are located. The NNCP also searches for both "main" and "cross reference" files. A main file is an entry that carries the name corresponding to the subject of a file, while a cross reference is merely a mention of an individual contained in a file. The results from a search of this magnitude can result in several "hits" and "idents" on an individual. In each instance where UNI has identified a name variation or reference, information must be reviewed to determine if it is applicable to the individual in question.

The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for records and provides copies of FBI files responsive to Freedom of Information or Privacy Act (FOIPA) requests for information. RIDS provides responsive documents to requesters seeking "reasonably described information." For a FOIPA search, the subject's name, event, activity, or business is searched to determine whether there is an associated investigative file. This is called a "main file search" and differs from the NNCP search.

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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 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.

FBI/DOJ
Good Afternoon,

I am sorry to bother you, but I wanted to follow up regarding my e-mail below. If you are unable to assist, could you provide me with the name of someone who could help.

Thank You,

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:05 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FOIA Request on James Brady --- UNCLASSIFIED
Good Morning,

I apologize for contacting you, but I was given your names as people that may be able to help. We have received a Freedom of Information Act request on James Brady and one responsive file is not located at the Arlington Records Center, so we were trying to determine if it is still at your office. Any information you could provide on where we could locate this file would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You.

Expert Government Information Specialist

Good Afternoon-

I am having computer issues and not sure if this sent. I spoke to the Cleveland's records people and they would like to verify that the case number and the division you are requesting is correct. They do not have any record of Cleveland case numbers with that classification number being that high numerically. The file you requested is not in Cleveland's closed files and is not on our destruction list. According to the Cleveland records people, we do not have a list that old of items sent to NARA. If the case number you gave me is correct, Cleveland has no information to provide.

Thanks-

Paralegal Specialist-CDC
Cleveland Division

From:
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 10:02 AM
To:
Subject: RE: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Good Morning, 

Have you heard anything back from NARA on this? 

Thanks, 

End Text
Good Morning,

Have you had a moment to look into this file inquiry?

Thanks,

From:
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:18 AM
To:
Subject: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Good Morning,

I've located a file at your field office for a FOIA request. I'm unable to find any record of the file so it's likely that it's been destroyed or sent to NARA. Could you provide me with a status for the following file?

Subject: Brady, James Scott

Thank You,

Government Information Specialist
Winchester, VA
RMD/RIDS

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 11/13/2014 08:07:49, User:

Subject: Emails Re: CV File

Text: From:
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 2:53 PM
To:
Subject: FW: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Good Afternoon,

I have checked our closed files on the off chance it got missed when all Cleveland's closed files got trimmed, but it was not there. I also checked our manual destruction list and had no luck there. I am asking our records people if it could be at NARA and am waiting for a response. As soon as I have a response I will tell you.

Paralegal Specialist-CDC
Cleveland Division

Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:53AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

TRANSITORY RECORD

Good Morning,

Out of office message, I'm forwarding this to you. Could you answer the below inquiry or forward it to the correct individual?

Thank You,

Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:12AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

TRANSITORY RECORD

I've located a file at your field office for a FOIA request. I'm unable to find any record of the file so it's likely that it's been destroyed or sent to NARA. Could you provide me with a status for the following file?

37-CV-24073

Subject: Brady, James Scott
Good morning,

Butte's records indicate that Las Vegas file 97-2 was destroyed. The destruction log does not list the date of destruction in this case.

Thanks,

Government Information Specialist
Records Management Division
Butte Operation Support Center

Good morning,

I am not locating Las Vegas file 97-2 here so may be maintained at Butte and have copied Butte's file request email for their information and response.
Good morning butte,

Would you please check and see if you have Las Vegas file 97-2 and if so, please send all volumes to [Redacted] at the address below?

Let me know if you are unable to locate 97-2 and I will look further here.

Thank you!

FBI Las Vegas

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 6:13 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

TRANSITORY RECORD

Good Morning,

I've located a file at your field office for a FOIA request. I'm unable to find any record of the file [Redacted], so it's likely that it's been destroyed or sent to NARA. Could you provide me with a status for the following file?

97-LV-2
Subject: Brady, James Scott

Thank you,

Government Information Specialist
Winchester, VA, [Redacted]
RMD/RIDS

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 11/05/2014 14:22:40, User [Redacted]

Subject: Emails Re: DE File

Text: From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 10:42 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

TRANSITORY RECORD
Detroit file 97-DE-165 was destroyed in March of 1988

Happy Wednesday!

CDC Assistant/Paralegal Specialist
Detroit Division - Legal Unit

From: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:08 AM
To: Subject: File Inquiry - FOIA 1288853 --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

TRANSITORY RECORD

Good Morning,

I've located a file at your field office for a FOIA request. I'm unable to find any record of the file so it's likely that it's been destroyed or sent to NARA. Could you provide me with a status for the following file?

97-DE-165
Subject: Brady, James Scott

Thank You,

Government Information Specialist
Winchester, VA, RMD/RIDS

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 11/05/2014 09:19:22, User: b6

Subject: File Inquiries

Text: Emailed CV, DE, LV, and AN about the status of files, ie destroyed, NARA, etc.

Waiting for a POC for Mexico City.

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 10/29/2014 09:44:15, User: b6

Subject: Analyst Removed

Text: Subject James Brady is only referenced.
97-DE-165 was destroyed in March of 1988

Las Vegas file 97-2 was destroyed per email above from LV

See below for

From
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 10:04 AM
To:
Subject: James Brady request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
________________________________________
TRANSITY RECORD

I spoke to [redacted] at the Mexico City Legat. He advised that MX sends all files to the ARC. Since the ARC is saying they do not have it, we will need to consider it unable to be located.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

mention subject James Brady

End Text

Type: Administrative, Sub Type: Search Date: 10/27/2014 15:39:55, User

Subject: Search - approved

Text: Search - approved

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 10/27/2014 15:24:41, User

Subject: Complete Manual Search

Text: 1 ident file found in ACS.
5 ident files found in Manual search

End Text

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 10/27/2014 15:20:55, User

Subject: Guidance

Text: from Expert. If the cards will not open, I will determine what I can from the main search results pages.
Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 08/19/2014 13:53:18, User

Subject: ACS/MANUAL

Text: ACS - 1 main ident file found. Many ident references/fields.

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 08/13/2014 08:19:10, User

Subject: Mailed IPRL

Text: 8/13

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 08/13/2014 06:31:11, User:

Subject: Approved: IPR letter

Text: within 3 day time frame

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 08/12/2014 13:27:10, User:

Subject: IPRECEIPT

Text: Submitted for approval.

Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 08/12/2014 13:26:35, User:

Subject: Opening Request

Text: No prior requests located for subject.

Willing to pay $25.

Date range of Jan 1, 1975 - Present makes this its own separate request.
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