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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

March 10, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
THE BLACK VAULT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1358210-000
Subject: WILLIAMS, MAURICE A

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

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Section 552a

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38 pages were reviewed and 12 pages are being released.

☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☒ 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. § 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 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 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

Enclosure(s)

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

The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your FOIA request.

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

Inquiries regarding your OGA referral(s) designated within the release as "Referral/Direct" may be directed to the following agency(ies) at:

Daphne Berwald, Acting Bureau FOIA Officer
MS-3070-MIB
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

A search of the FBI Headquarters electronic surveillance indices has been conducted, and no responsive record which indicates that Maurice A. Williams has ever been the target of electronic surveillance was located.

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 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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JUL 9 1967
FBI — WINNEBAGO

Field File No. 206I-87

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Date Received 6/81

From [Redacted]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[Redacted]
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[Redacted]
(CITY AND STATE)

By [Redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes
☒ No

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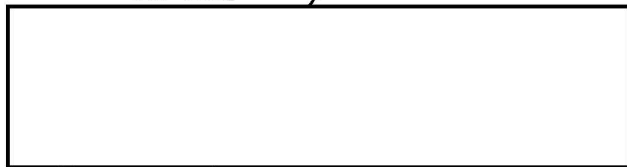
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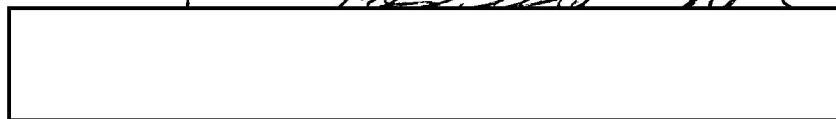
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Big Steel Building
of front 6 mi
20 mi
Roping around
N 2 mi - call
- on one - increased view
for E-W 1 mi.



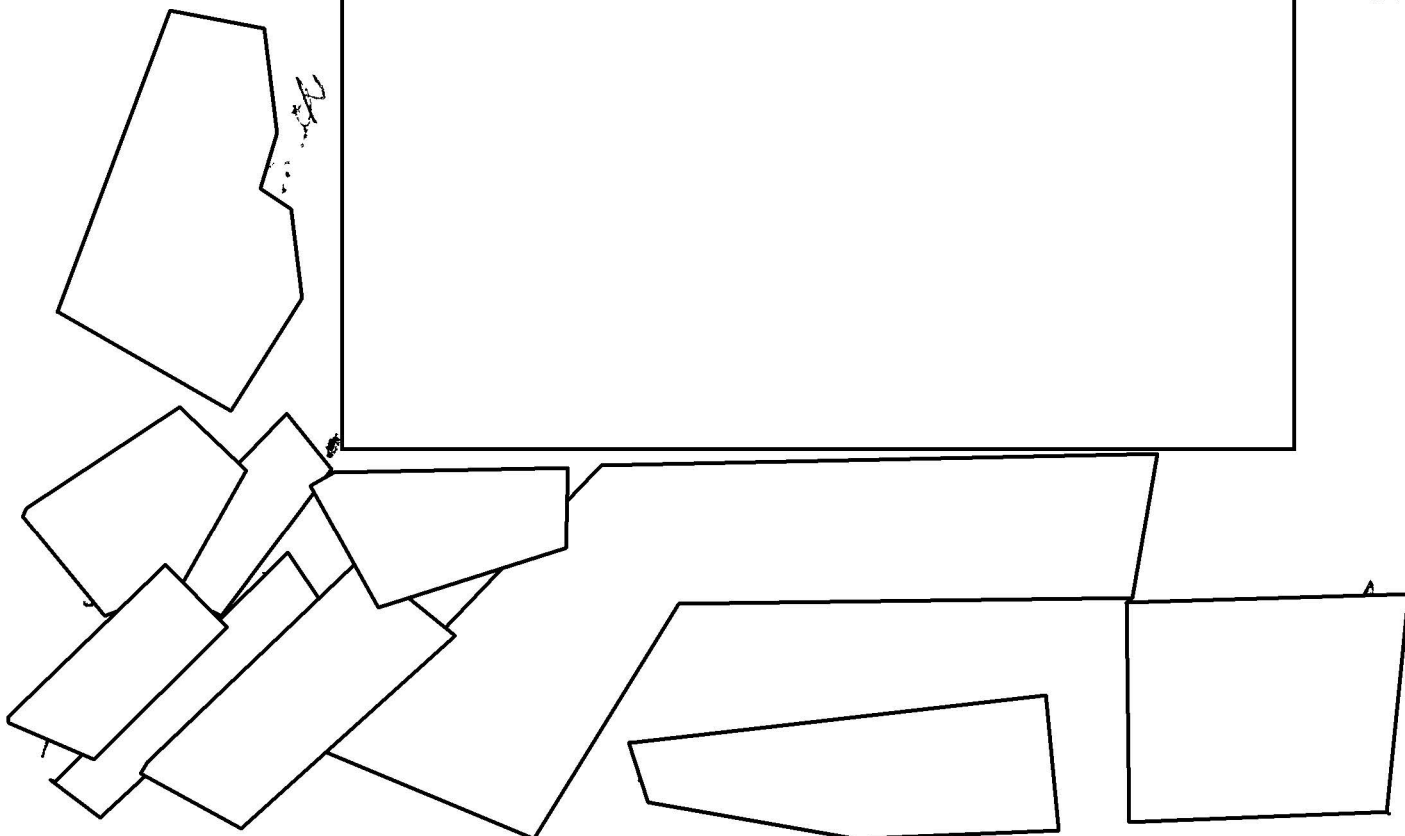
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Sent to collecting cattle in
afternoon.



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(1) Grocery materials worth \$30000 were secured by the [redacted] BIA & allocated by a [redacted] to all the food growing people & tribal officials without a public offering.

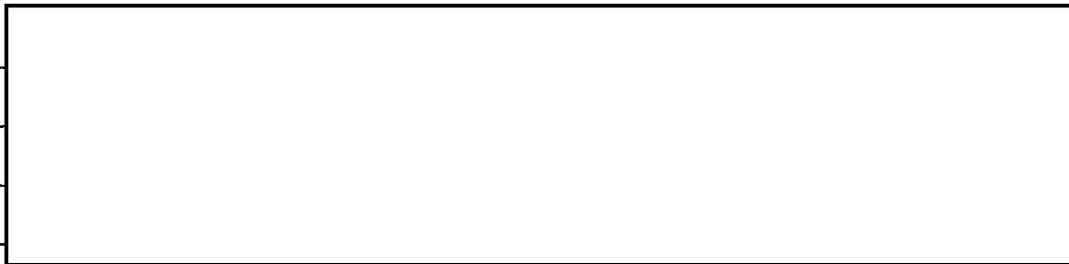
[redacted] asked [redacted] the [redacted] BIA & [redacted] about [redacted] over [redacted] (for area credit office) [redacted] No knowledge of bikes

Mr. M. Williams was arrested contacted with [redacted]

[redacted] and different growing land which seeds getting paid for. Sum of \$879. 200 seed - received 14,000 for [redacted] found letter in Williams BIA Trust for [redacted]

[redacted] too occurs to [redacted]

- has papers



could document how many
bans

74-75 [redacted] said that the
[redacted] were after him (he
was just (banned) - [redacted]
~~6-5-50~~

[redacted] would pay all my
back - revolving fund

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Land office - CRST

Maurice Williams - deferred 2080 acres

Paid 5,262.40 on the
deferred survey project approved 8/7/79.
by [REDACTED]

Count Tite rock 7/31/79
15 head on the returned land and
seen by [REDACTED]
Only count.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription June 23, 1981

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] enrolled on the [redacted]
address of [redacted]
telephone number [redacted] or [redacted] appeared at the
FBI Resident Agency. [redacted] was advised of the matter
to be discussed concerning the various allegations he has
made concerning misuse of funds on the Cheyenne River
Indian Reservation and then [redacted] provided the following
information:

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[redacted] detailed allegations concerning fencing
materials on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. He advised
that fencing materials worth \$30,000 were received by the
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and allocated by a [redacted]
[redacted] Evidently, no public notice was
made to tribal members concerning the availability of the
above fencing materials. [redacted] provided these fencing
materials to tribal officials and BIA employees. [redacted]
indicated that it was not the fact that tribal officials
or BIA employees did not have the right to have these
fencing materials, but it was the fact that there was no
notice given to other tribal members that there was
materials available and when it came time for distribution,
the materials were already given out.

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[redacted] stated he has allegations concerning a
Mr. Maurice Williams. He stated that Williams allegedly
ran livestock on land on which he received a BIA deferred
grazing grant under the BIA Deferred Grazing Program.

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[redacted] indicated that under this program Williams was paid
\$14,000. Under the condition of this payment, he was not
to raise any cattle on the property. Williams, according
to [redacted] contracted in the Summer of 1979, with the
[redacted] to have 200 head of cattle graze
on the deferred land.

[redacted] advised that a letter to the [redacted]
[redacted] was found laying in a BIA vehicle driven
by Williams indicating that the above information is valid.

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Interviewed on 6/22/81 at Pierre, South Dakota File # Minneapolis 206I-87 - 2
by SA [redacted] :arw Date dictated 6/23/81

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A letter dated December 7, 1979, to a [redacted] of the [redacted] was shown to [redacted] and [redacted] indicated this was the letter he was referring to.

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[redacted] advised that under the BIA Revolving Fund Loan Program, all funds have been held up to individuals of the tribe since 50 percent of the loans have been made to Tribal Council members and their close relatives and no payments have been made.

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[redacted] advised this is a political problem also inasmuch as the Council has failed to vote a resolution to have these loans paid as it is the Council who has the loans. Again [redacted] advised that it is probably not illegal that the Council members receive the loans but it is highly improper that they should have the loans and not pay their payments and hold the other loan possibilities from tribal members.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 6, 1981

[redacted] Land Office, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, was contacted regarding any information she has concerning Maurice Williams and the Deferred Grazing Program and then [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that Maurice Williams had 2,080 acres deferred during 1979. She advised that the tribe paid him \$5,262.40 on the Deferred Grazing Program and this amount of money was approved by the tribe on August 7, 1979.

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A count by tribal authorities of cattle grazing on Williams' land was made on July 31, 1979, and it was found that 15 head of cattle were grazing on deferred land. The count was made by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised after researching records concerning the grazing contract with Maurice Williams, she indicated that only one count was made by the tribe of the Williams stead while the program was in operation. [redacted] could not explain why only one count was made and could not explain how approval of the program could be made by only having one count made during the program.

Interviewed on 8/4/81 at Eagle Butte, South Dakota File # Minneapolis 2061-87-7

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/5/81

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription September 10, 1981

[redacted] of the [redacted]
[redacted] telephonically contacted the inter-
viewing Agent at the Pierre, South Dakota, Resident Agency
and was advised of the matter to be discussed concerning
information he may have regarding the transaction which
occurred between [redacted] and Maurice Williams during 1979.
[redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he [redacted] the
Maurice Williams ranch during [redacted] He advised on [redacted]
[redacted] the Williams ranch. He
stated on [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] He advised [redacted] of the above cattle to an
area located east of Faith six miles and north 22 miles.
This area was near a big steel building which they used as
a roping arena. The cattle from this site was actually
located two miles north and the cattle ran on the Morreau
River east and west from this point for a four mile distance.
The pasture had a north south distance of approximately two
to three miles. [redacted]
Williams' ranch in the [redacted] trucks.

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[redacted] indicated that he [redacted] of the
[redacted] and [redacted]
He indicated that he was [redacted]
when the cattle were returned to [redacted] He stated one cow
died en route to Williams' ranch during the spring and did not
count.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] a month to Williams
for [redacted] and upon receiving a letter from
Williams, indicating that Williams had been shorted money and
after receiving a visit from some tribal people at [redacted]
[redacted] then paid an [redacted] to Williams to complete
the deal.

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Interviewed on 9/8/81 at Pierre, South Dakota File # Minneapolis 206I-87 -9
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/9/81

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DIRECTOR, FBI (206-817)
Attention: Governmental Fraud Unit,
White Collar Crime Section
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (206I-87) (C)

11/19/81

MAURICE A. WILLIAMS;
FAG - DOI (I)
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau 6/29/81.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and three copies
of an LHM suitable for dissemination concerning investigation
mentioned in referenced letter.

AUSA has declined prosecution in this matter.

3 - Bureau (Enclosures 4)
1 - Governmental Fraud Unit
1 - Minneapolis
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(4) *[Signature]*

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Hotline Call for 11/16/81

[redacted] in Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, among other places [redacted] and have been contacted by residents of that reservation expressing their concern over their belief that feed grain that was to be donated to owners of livestock last winter. Some of it was sold rather than being donated as Federal Government had intended. They also have made complaints there have been some certifying vouchers for services not received. I don't have a personal knowledge of this. I have been contacted by the residents who believe something improper has been going on. They advise me that the branch of the agency they contacted in administering these programs is Land Operations Branch [redacted] I have also been informed there [redacted] same reservation and [redacted] Land Operations Branch of Washington Office of BIA, has some information regarding federal grain program and administration on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Thank You.

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Anonymous Male Caller