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#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

August 7, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

FOIPA Request No.: 1381448-000 Subject: LANSDALE, EDWARD GEARY

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 17 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. <u>See</u> 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

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section

Records Management Division

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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.

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- (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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It is also recommended that consideration be given to an interview of LANSDALE at an appropriate time.

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CHANGED SUBJECT:

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E. G. LANSDALE

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Re Bureau 0-7 to WFO dated 1/12/78, and WFO airtel to the Bureau dated 1/3/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an FD-302 concerning interview of subject.

Information contained herein is classified "Secret" unless otherwise noted.

As indicated in enclosed FD-302, subject was interviewed on 2/11/78, by SAs at which time he furnished the information contained in the FD-302, and established himself as the person reported by in contact with TRUONG DINH HUNG on 12/23/77.

Information obtained during the interview will be further reported under the TRUONG DINH HUNG caption. (U)

Inasmuch as subject's identity has been determined and the nature of his association with TRUONG DINH HUNG established, this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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General LANSDALE was advised that he was being interviewed in order to determine the nature of his association with TRUONG DINH HUNG, recently arrested on charges of espionage.

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General LANSDALE stated that he had known
TRUONG's father, TRUONG DINH DZU, while serving as a
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LANSDALE added that apparently he was one of the few
Americans who would have anything to do with DZU.

According to General LANSDALE, his first contact with TRUONG was in 1969, when TRUONG visited him at his home, then near Mt. Vernon, Virginia. LANSDALE stated that, at the time, TRUONG was living in New York City, and had come to visit LANSDALE in order to try to secure LANSDALE's assistance in getting TRUONG's father out of prison in South Vietnam, which assistance LANSDALE was unable to provide.

General LANSDALE advised that since the one 1969 meeting, he had not seen TRUONG in person, but that he thought there might have been a telephone call, and Christmas cards were exchanged. As to how TRUONG had known about him, LANSDALE could only presume that TRUONG's father had possibly written to TRUONG and advised him to contact LANSDALE.

General LANSDALE was unable to provide any further information concerning TRUONG or TRUONG's activities. He stated he had no knowledge of any contact by TRUONG with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV). LANSDALE did add parenthetically that he had information while serving in Saigon, that TRUONG's father,

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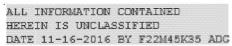
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