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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

January 13, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD, JR.



FOIPA Request No.: 1359835-000  
Subject: ADULYADEJ, BHUMIBOL

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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5 pages were reviewed and 5 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](http://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.

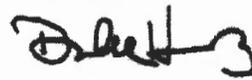
You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov](mailto: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 documents. The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your FOIA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

The FBI is a criminal law enforcement agency as well as an intelligence agency. The records located, processed and released to you pertain to the FBI's criminal law enforcement mission and functions. In its capacity as an intelligence agency, the FBI compiles records while carrying out its responsibilities to investigate threats to national security and gather foreign intelligence. The nature of your request implicates records the FBI may or may not compile pursuant to these national security and foreign intelligence missions and functions. Accordingly, the FBI cannot confirm or deny the existence of any records about your subject as the mere acknowledgment of such records existence or nonexistence would in and of itself trigger harm to national security interests per Exemption (b)(1) and/or reveal intelligence sources and methods per Exemption (b)(3); 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1).

## 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.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/21/2000

To: Counterterrorism  
Investigative Services

Attn: SSA [redacted] CIU  
SSA [redacted] IOUUII, IOS

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From: Bangkok

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163A-BK-395-1 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB;  
IMPERSONATION OF BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ,  
KING OF THAILAND; FPC

Synopsis: Unknown subject impersonating the King of Thailand on the internet.

Details: On May 26, 2000, [redacted] requested the assistance of the FBI in attempting to identify and locate the individual who is responsible for impersonating the King of Thailand on the internet. [redacted] furnished ALAT [redacted] with copies of various internet sourced documents, some of which are copies of documents [redacted]

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[redacted] The impersonation came to the attention of [redacted] after a Thai citizen residing in the United States noticed someone using the King's name at the Yahoo game site.

On 6/5/00 and 6/20/00 copies of these documents were sent to UC [redacted] and SSA [redacted] via internet to their respective "fbi.gov" addresses. The documents are as follows:

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1. Copy of an email from [redacted] to the "King" dated 12/4/99;
2. Email from "King Bhumibol Adulyadej" to [redacted] dated 11/7/99;
3. Yahoo profile of the "King";
4. Email from [redacted] forwarding an email from [redacted] to the impersonator and the impersonator's return message;

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To: Counterterrorism From: Bangkok  
Re: 163A-BK-, 06/21/2000

5. Domain information for Presidency.com;
6. Domain information for telia.com;
7. Routing information for IP addresses [redacted]  
and [redacted]

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The impersonation of the King in Thailand is considered  
a felony [redacted]

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[redacted] If the impersonation continues at the  
current level, that is, disrespectful, there is no intention to  
cause the arrest of the unsub.

In the event the perpetrator is not located in  
Thailand, then their request would be routed from the Thai  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs to its counterpart in that country  
and eventually to the appropriate police agency.

To: Counterterrorism From: Bangkok  
Re: 163A-BK-, 06/21/2000

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Attempt to determine that identity and whereabouts of the individual who is impersonating the King of Thailand on the internet.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/15/2000

To: Bangkok

From: Bangkok

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 163A-BK-395 (Pending) *a*

Title: UNSUB;  
IMPERSONATION OF BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ;  
KING OF THAILAND; FPC

Synopsis: Investigation to date.

Reference: 163A-BK-395 Serial 1.

Details: On July 19, 2000, SSA [Redacted] CIU, Counterterrorism Divison, advised via email that a court order is required to obtain the information necessary to identify the unknown subject. SSA [Redacted] further noted that [Redacted] Department of Justice, advised that a court order could be obtained even if there is no United States' violation, as long as there is a substantial violation in a foreign country. In this particular case, the facts do not show a violation of sufficient seriousness to warrant a court order.

On August 1, 2000, ALAT [Redacted] advised [Redacted] of the information in the above paragraph and inquired as to the availability of any additional information that could be used to obtain a court order in the United States. [Redacted] noted that no additional information was available and that there had been no more instances of impersonation by the unknown subject.

On August 15, 2000, ALAT [Redacted] telephonically advised [Redacted] of the information in the above paragraph.

ALAT [Redacted] advised both [Redacted] and [Redacted] [Redacted]

*Recommend  
close investigation  
no further info.  
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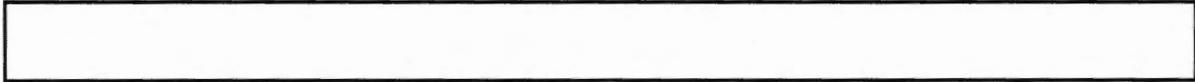
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Re: 163A-BK-395, 08/15/2000



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Both officers advised that they would attempt to develop additional information.

Investigation continuing.

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