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Department of Justice,

Atten. Mr. G. Edgar Hoover,

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Dear Mr. Hoovers

The appended article was printed in the New York Times issue of Sunda NW September 22, 1940 and if based on proven facts, should be of vital importance to cur War Department as well as to that of other nations now controlled oy insame dictators.

If , as the author states, the teleforce <u>has</u> oven perfected by Nikola Tesla, it would be a measure of foresightedness to insure his constant guarding against his bein molested , possibly kidnapped and tortured, by alien enemies for the purpose of seizing the secret of such an invaluable instrument of war and/or defense

The foregoing is offered just in case the article and its inferences have not been called to your attention.

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'Death Ray'' for Planes

Nikola Tesla, one of the truly great invintors who celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on July 10, tells the writer that he stands rrady to divulge to the United States Government the secret of his 'teleforce.'' with which, he said, simplane motors would be melted at distance of 250 miles so that an a distance of 250 miles, so that an invisible Chinese Wall of Defense

would be built around the country against any attempted attack by an enemy air force, no matter how large

This "teleforce," he said, is based on an entirely new principle of physics that "no one has ever dreamed about," different from the principle embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of elec-trical power from a distance, for which he has received a number of basic patents. This new type of force, Mr. Tesla said, would oper-ate through a beam one one-hun-dred-millionth of a square centi-meter in diameter, and could be generated from a special plant that would cost no more than \$2,000,000 and would take only about three This "teleforce," he said, is based

aie through a beam one one-hun-dred-millionth of a square centi-meter in diameter, and could be generated from a special plant that would cost no more than \$2,000,000 and would take only about three months to construct. A dozen such plants, located at strategic points along the coast, ac-cording to Mr. Tesla, would be enough to defend the country against all possible aerlal attack. The beam would melt any engine, and would also ignite the explosives aboard any bomber. No possible all-penetrating. High Vacuum Eliminsted The beam, he states, involves four new inventions, two of which al-ready have been tested. One of these is a method and apparatus

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sil, for a for producing rays manifestations of er air, eliminating the . thigh vacuum; a second is a method and process for producing "very great electrical force"; the third is a method for amplifying this is a method for amplifying this force, and the fourth is a new method for producing "a tremen-dous electrical repelling force." This would be the projector, or gun, of the system. The voltage for propelling the beam to its objec-tive, according to the inventor, will attain a potential of 50,000,000 volts.

With this enormous voltage, he said, microscopic electrical parti-cles of matter will be catapulted on their mission of defensive destruction. He has been working on this invention, he added, for many years and has recently made a number of improvements in it. Mr. Tesla makes one important

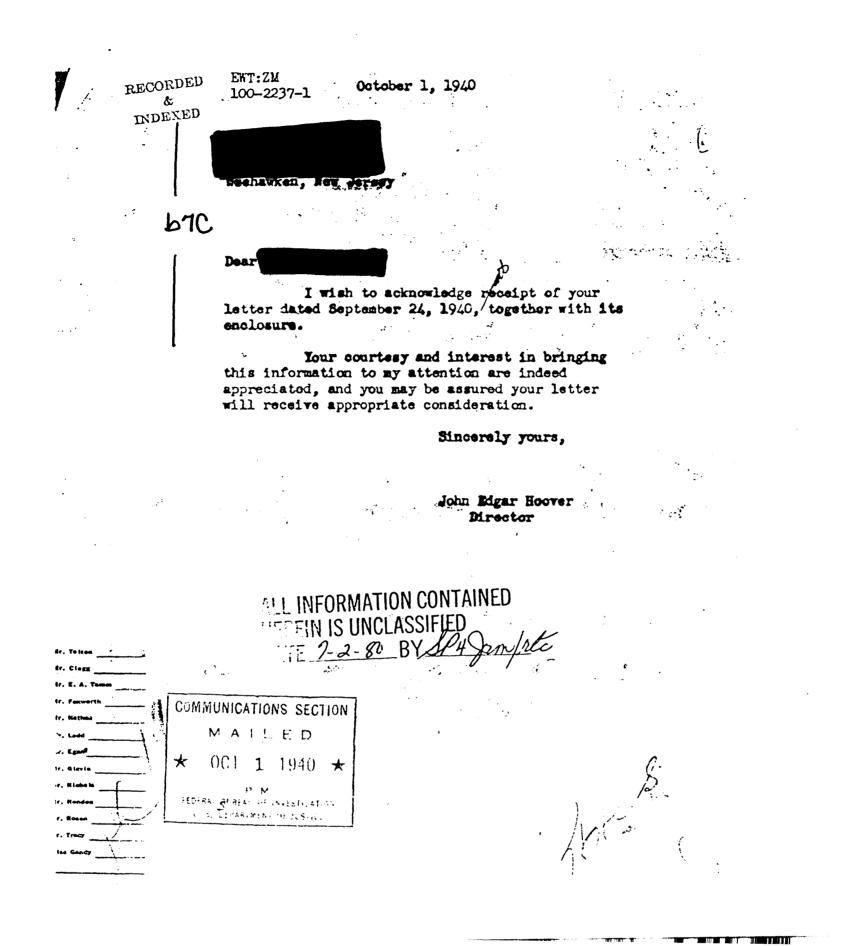
stipulation. Should the government decide to take up his offer he would go to work at once, but they would have to trust him. He would suf-fer "no interference from experts." In ordinary times such a condition would very likely interpose an tion would very likely interpose an insuperable obstacle. But times be-ing what they are, and with the nation getting ready to spend bil-lions for national defense, at the same time taking in consideration the reputation of Mr. Tesla as an inventor who always was many years ahead of his time, the ques-tion arises whether it may not be advisable to take Mr. Tesla at his advisable to take Mr. Tesla at his word and commission him to go ahead with the construction of his teleforce plant.

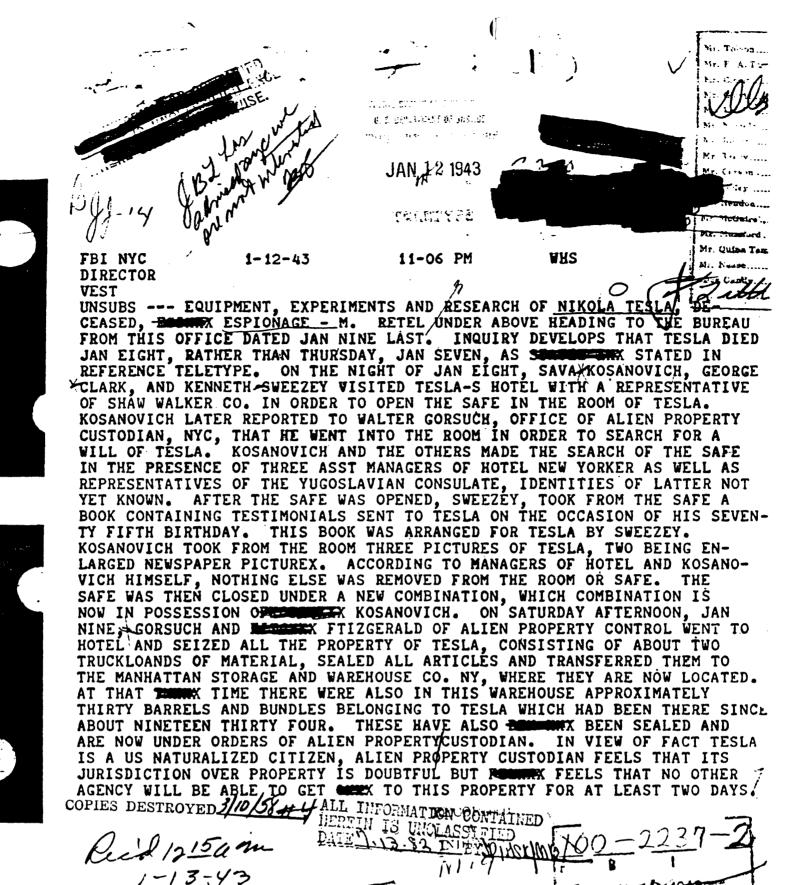
Such a Device "Invaluable"

After all, \$2,000,000 would be rela-After all, \$2,000,000 would be rela-tively a very small sum compared with what is at stake. If Mr. Tesla really fulfills his promise the re-sult achieved would be truly stag-gering. Not only would it save bil-lions now planned for air defense, by making the country absolutely impregnable against any air attack, but it would also save many more billions in property that would built it would also save many more billions in property that would otherwise be surely destroyed no matter how strong the defenses are as witness current events in Eng-land.

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Mr. Tolson\_ HOHN FOGAR HOOVER Mr. E.A. Tamm\_\_\_ DIRECTOR Mr. Clegg\_ Mr. Glavin Federal Gureau of Investiga Mr. Ladd\_ United States Department of Interes Mr. Nichols\_ Mr. Rosen\_ Mashington, D. C. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Tracy\_ Mr. Carson\_ January 11, 1943 Mr. Coffey Mr. Hendoa\_ Mr. Kramer\_ MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. McGuire Mr. Harbo\_ PE: UNKNOWN SUBJEC Mr. Quinn Tamm\_ EXPURIMENTS AT Tele. Room\_ OF NIKOLA TESL Mr. Nease\_ ESPIONAGE - L Miss Beahm\_

Nikola Tesla, one of the world's outstar the electrical field, died at his residence in the New York City, on January 7, 1943. In the course of h *incted* many experiments with respect to the transpission of show by means of radio and what is commonly called the Death Ray 2 His en a n th respect to the wireless transmission of electrical power were a tc have a b been completed and perfected, and Tesla had also completed and revolutionary type of torpedo which is not in use by any nationation time. The specifications, explanations of the basic theories, in the present Frking models of Tesla's scientific endeavors are reported to be those his effects. Tesle is reported to have some 80 trunks in different places containing transcripts and plens having to do with his experiments as well as a working model of one of his developments in the safety deposit box at the Governor Clinton Hotel. Town of the

Miss Gandy

Information concerning/Tesla's experiments has been reported to the New York Office by A. N. Spenel and Bloyce Fitzgerald, the latter an electrical engineer who had been onlite close to Tesla. Both of these individuals have indicated that no steps have been taken to preserve Tesla's records and models or to keep them from folling into the hands of individuals sympathetic to the Axis powers.

Tesla has a distant relative by the name of Sava Kosanovich, whom he intensely disliked. Kosanovich is reported to be taking steps to get possession of these important documents and plans, and Spanel believes there is a strong likelihood that Kosanovich will make such information available to the enemy. On January 7, 1943, Mosanovich, accompanied by Peorge Clark, in charge of the N Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Swezey of Brooklyn, New York, entered Tesla's rooms at the Hotel New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, them LASID broke into a safe in which Tesla kept some of Apportugble papers, including important electrical formulae, designs, et cetera.& D63

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INDEXED Mr. Spanel, in addition to reporting these developments to the Eureau, has also advised the headquarters of the Military Intelligence Division, a Mr. Workin of the Department of Justice in Washington, and Dr. JAN Lo18 01943e GFOP,VICTORY of the advisors to Vice President Wallace. Lozado advised Spanel that Dote Government was vitally interested in the effects of Tesla and requested that BUY Spanel loose no time in doing all he could to preserve them. ONDS

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Yemorandum for the Director

The New York Office was instructed to discutive take the matter up with the State's Attorney in New York City with the **Lerie** possibly taking Kosanovich into custody on a burglary charge and obtained the various papers which Kosanovich is reported to have taken from Teslature. It was pointed out that any activities pursued by the State's Attorner wild be hardled in a most secret fashion in order to avoid any publicity despect to Tesla's inventions. The New York Office was also instructed the function of Tesla both in his hotel and any other points, in particular, the **afer point** boxes that he may have in order that no one may enter them without a **furshing to the secret** being present and every precaution taken to preserve the secrecy of the last's inventions. The New York Office is to keep the Bureau advised of all deviationents.

Respectfully, Ladd

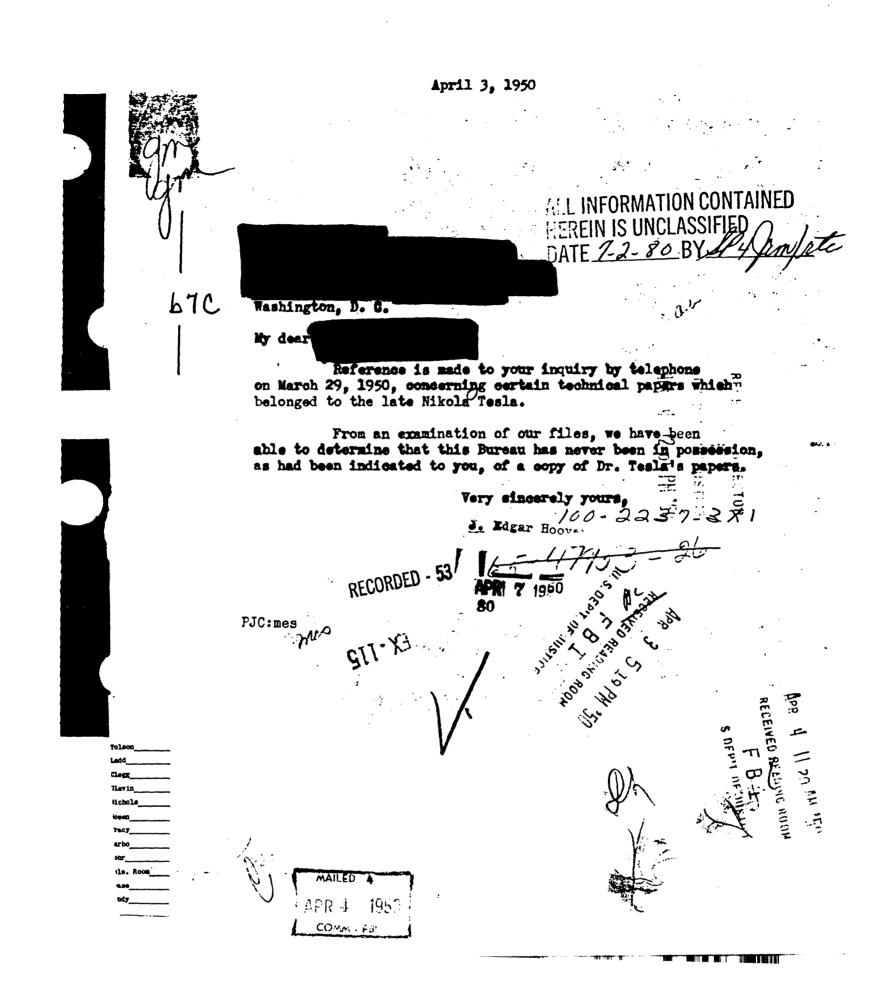
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7Mr. Tolson\_ LIOH. LOL R HOOVER Mr. E. A. Tamm\_ Mr. Clegg\_ Federal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Glavin\_ Mr. Ladd\_ United States Department of Justice Mr. Nichols\_ Mr. Rosen\_ Mashington, D. C. Mr. Tracy\_ Mr. Carson\_ Mr. Coffey\_ EAT:DS January 12, 1943 Mr. Hendon\_ Mr. Kramer\_\_\_ MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD ( Mr. McGuire\_\_\_ Mr. Harbo\_\_\_\_ Mr. Quinn Tamm\_\_\_ Tele. Room\_ Mr. Nease\_ Miss Beahm\_ On Friday, January 8th, Mr. L. M. C. Smith called me Miss Gandy in connection with the death of Nikola Tesla. He ad vised me that he was concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the trunks of Tesla, who had died on January 7th. He understood What the War Department was interested in this matter and that apparently the Alien Property Custodian's office was taking some action. He desired to know whether the Bureau would take some steps to refrain relatives of Tesla from taking the contents of his trunks and whether the Bureau would seize possession of the trunks. Mr. Smith indicated that he was talking to the Alien Property Custodian along the same lines. I told him that in view of the fact he was going to handle the matter with the Alien Property Custodian's office, there did not appear to be any action which the Bureau could or should take. ' UOUA Edw. A. Tamm RECORDED B **OPVICTORY** JAN 13 1943 BUY JAN 22 15-

**b7C** Wilwanker 6, Wis april 16, 1948 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Mr. J. E. Hooner DATE 2-3-82 BY SP4 Federal Beacan of Investigation Washington D.C. Dear Mr. Kaomer, I am a student at the Minwanker School of Engineering, studying Electrical Engineering. I am also futures ted in the life and work of Michola Testa I understand, that at the time of his death. your department took his manuscipto and appriment data for national security. Nem preparing a basis The prevented before the student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engines on Trila. SE 14 SE 10. 100-2237-3X Tila. If it is precise , Twould appreciate and methods of & presiment.

This information would help ine in a better presentation of this paper and consequent a par quater appreciation of his work in the piete of science. I know that a part office perments and theory have a scenet classification, and it do not expect any of it. I am intuested in Gunno & arent Transmitsion" as the resis of my this for graduation. If is presible totain this information, I would be very grateful. Mours ner, trale, 67C

AINED 3X April 22, 1948 KHOORDEE LOCILES DA FOUVIL Ь Tour letter of April 10, 1948, has been received and I must be appress an appre-ciation to you for having written as an you did. The effects of Nickska Tesla more handled by the Office of Alien Property, and not by this Bureau. It is suggested you may destre to com-municate with the Office of Alien Property. Duited States Department of Justice, 101 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D. C. Stacerely yours, 55 52 1.9 John Edger Boover Director NOTE: This individual requests information relative to the work of Nickola Tesla relative to electrical experiments he was conducting, which Swain under-stands were taken by this Dursau and held for security reasons. Bureau file 55 47952 reflects that the effects of Tesla were handled by the Office of Alien Property. WPsjec den-SAMUNICATIONS SECTION 80 PH . MAILED 8 ☆ APR 20 1949 P.M. 1211111 har FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Perc.TR Qui.s. TUS, DEFAILS AND INSTICE - COT C CLARY AIGAR .... 811 11 1811



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### Rebulet dated April 3 last.

On April 7, 1950 agents of this office interviewed Mr. J.V. POTTS, Vice President of the Manhattan Warehouse and Storage Company, 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City, and at that time Mr. POTTS advised that the rules of his firm required that all persons gaining access to goods stored by Monhattan first had to fill out an appropriate form setting forth their names, date of visit, and reason for requesting access to the goods.

In a review of the file pertaining to the storage of the effects of NUR LA TESLA, MR. POTTS revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons outside of the management of Manhattan Storage itself. This one occassion took place on January 26 and 27, 1943, at which time representatives of the Alien Propert, Custodian made a thorough review of the entire effects of the TESLA estate. NIKOLA I ESLA

The TESLA effects are stored in rooms 5J and 5L of Manhattan Storage's marehouse at 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City. MR. MICHAEL MING, who stated he had been Floor Supervisor for approximately 10 years on the floor in question, stated that he could recall only the one occassion in early 1943 when an examination was made of the TESLA effects. He stated that at that time numerous photographs were taken by the examiners. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of some of the papers of the deceased scientist. MR. MINO added that several of the group making the examination wore U.S. Mavy uniforms, and during the two days required to complete the examination the civilian assistants in the group were identified to him only as "FEDERAL AUTHORITIES". According to MR. MINO, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TESLA estate has taken place since that time.

It should be noted that the Bureau was informed of the examination mentioned above by New York letter (with attachments) dated October 17, 1945; entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SAVA KOSANOVICH; Experiments & Research of NIKOLA TESLA (Disceased), Espionage-Me

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MR. POTTS stated that no inquiry had been received by Manhattan from SAVA N. MOSANOVICH, nor had Manhattan informed him, in any way, that an examination of the TESLA effects had been made by anyone. In fact, added MR. POTTS, the only correspondence relating to the TESLA estate has been in the form of bills for storage.

MR. POTTS stated that any personal inquires regarding the estate would of necessity be directed to him, and to date no such inquiries have been made.

Interviewing agents explained to MR. POTTS that the examination made, as mentioned above, was not instigated by the Bureau, nor had the Bureau taken part in that examination.

Unless advised to the contrary, this investigation is being placed in a closed status, and no further investigative action is contemplated by this office. CLOSED.

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Gentlemen:

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In a manner of introduction, I wish to state that I am working toward a degree in Electrical Engineering at the Institute of Technology of the University of Minnesota.

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For several years, I have been engaged in a study of extensive compass and detail concerning the researches and writings of the late, world renowned scientist, Dr. Nikola Tesla. At considerable expense, I have acquired an extensive collection of materials relating to Dr. Tesla and his works which include:

- 1) Personal letters written by Tesla to his close friend.
- 2) Numerous periodicals, some of which are to be found in only a few libraries throughout the United States.
- 3) A few rare books which have now become "collector's items".
- 4) A collection of issued patents.

Although the items listed are considerable in number, the specific information desired is lacking.

As I understand it, because of the nature of Dr. Tesla's role in scientific developments, all research papers, patent applications, etc., were secured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the time of Dr. Tesla's death in January of 1943.

The purpose of this seizure, as described in numerous articles, was to determine whether these papers contained suggestions leading toward advancements in the field of science.

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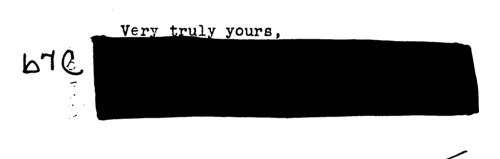
Now it seems that sufficient time has elapsed for an investigation of this kind. If Dr. Tesla's Estate has been released by the department in charge, any records that can be made available for examination will be welcomed.

A letter from Harold I. Baynton, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Office of Alien Property, informed me that the Library of Congress listed Certain works, writings and research studies prepared by the late Dr. Tesla. However, a letter addressed to the Library failed to bring results as the Library "has no files on the researches of Tesla".

A similar result was obtained from the Bureau of Naval Research and the Department of Commerce.

I am especially interested in the research work in which Tesla was engaged in his later years. There are various unpublished works, such as a 10-page typewritten statement presented in 1937 at a meeting of several well-known editors outlining his discoveries and giving a resume' of his work in the fields of gravity and cosmic ray research, etc. Also, Tesla prepared various papers, one of which was in effort to secure the Pierre Gutzman Prize from the Institute of France. My inquiry is in effort to determine whether any of these documents, as well as others, are at this time available.

I will greatly appreciate any information in regard to any records which you may have.



August 26, 1952 INFORMATION CONTAINED (a) (7)(3) EL - 28 Minneapolis\_14, Minnesota 68 67CINDEXED 68 100 100- 22-9 = 4 CANCEL (CHIER) With reference to your letter of August 18, 1952, our files disclose that the effects of Nikola Tesla were taken into custody at the time of his death by the Office of Alien Property, and not by this Bureau. Consequently, you may wish to communicate further with that agency, which may be addressed as follows: (65-47953) Assistant Attorney General Rowland F. Kirks Director, Office of Alien Property United States Department of Justice : RECEIVE ຣ 101 Indiana Avenue, N. W. 92 Washington 25, D. C. တ Sincerely yours, 1 07 5 O B DELO DE DE DESE **5**7 UN John Edgar Hoover FILL Director cc - 1 - Assistant Atterney, General (with copy of Rowland F. Kirks incoming) Director, Office of Alien Property United States Department of Justice MAILED IU 101 Indiana Avenue, N. W. W. W. S. Washington 25, D. C. **州**, SP **W** 温 AUG 2 7 1952 Par merios Charles set a PJC: awy , V. JECENE WORK WOON WIT 100-2237 NOTE: No reference Bureau files on correspondent in Minnesota.. 8-22-52...per 2 67C ŗ.,. -- 2 -- 7 11-1-

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was interested in the life and works of Tesla. The stated that he understood at the time Of Tesla's death the Bureau took his manuscripts and experiment data for national security. The Bureau on April 22, 1948, advised that the effects of Tesla were handled by the Office of Alien Property and not by the FBI.(65-47953-18)

I called Lr. The this morning and told him that it was the office of Alien Property and not the FSI which took over the effects of Tesla following his death. Accordingly, I suggested that Mr. Might wish to communicate with the office of Alien Property for further information concerning this matter.

The book "Prodical Genius - The Life of Nikola Tesla" is not in the Bureau Library. A copy is being obtained from the Library of Congress. It will be examined to determine specifically the reference made to the Bureau's taking these ATC papers. At that time a determination can be made as to what further action should be taken.

### ADDENDEL': LLL:mer 5-14-53

Page 277 of the "Prodigal Genius - The Life of Nikola Tesla," describing Tesla's death, contains the following statement: "Operatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation came and opened the safe in his room and took the papers it contained, to examine them for a reported important secret invention of possible use in the war."

Since this work was published in 1944, it is not felt that any particular purpose would be served by raising an objection with the publishers at this time. The individual who raised the question, has been set straight and, therefore, no further action is being taken.

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Mr. GEORDE H. SCHEFFF. JR., 149 Bee ord Road, New Hochelle, New Edvised that he received two letters from LELAND TRANSPORT, 127 Seymour Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, photostatic copies of which are being furnished the Eureeu and Minnespolis. · · · O

Mr. SCHERFF stated that he was an associate of Dr. MIKCIA TESIA in <u>Mr.</u> 1914 and that for many years his father had been Dr. TISIA'S private secretary. Mr. SCHERFF said that he never heard of IELA D I. A DERSCH for did he ever hear of any of the maxes mentioned in ANDERSON'S letteres

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February 3, 1954

Mr. George H. Scherff, Jr. 149 Seacord Road Westchester, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Scherff:

re .: The Life and work of Dr. Nikola Tesla.

Recently, I have founded an organization in name and honor of Dr. Tesla in cooperation with several people who were intimately associated with Tesla during his lifetime, and with others who are interested in Dr. Tesla and his achievements from a scientific and historical standpoint. (See enclosed brochure.) I nave had some difficulty locating a few of Tesla's associates, and, the name of George Scherff is among them. Therefore, it is my sincere hope that you, Mr. Scherff, are the person I seek as having been associated with Tesla.

I have personally studied the works of Tesla for a number of years, being particularly interested in elaborating upon his researches regarding high-tension radiant beams. Through some travel and other efforts, I have been fortunate to locate many original collections of Tesla's correspondence and manuscripts, and in a few cases obtained a number of interesting items.

I was in New York a short time ago on pusiness, and while there I visited Mr. Kenneth M. Swezey. He intends to undertake some significant work on benalf of Tesla in the near future, and since he knew Tesla for so many years during his later life, it will be handled with great understanding.

I hope that you may have some interest in the work which I have initiated on behalf of Dr. Tesla. There are many matters that I wish to discuss with you, provided of course, that you are the Mr. Scherff related to the Tesla story. I would be most happy to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and will send you all publications of the organization if you wish to receive them.

Very truly yours,

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To Those Who Are Interested in the Life and Work of DR. NIKOLA TESLA

Following the death of Dr. Nikola Tesla on the 7th of January, 1943, Mr. John J. O'Neill, former Science Editor of the New York Heral & Tribune, presented the biography

### PHODIGAL GENIUS The Life of Nikola Tesla

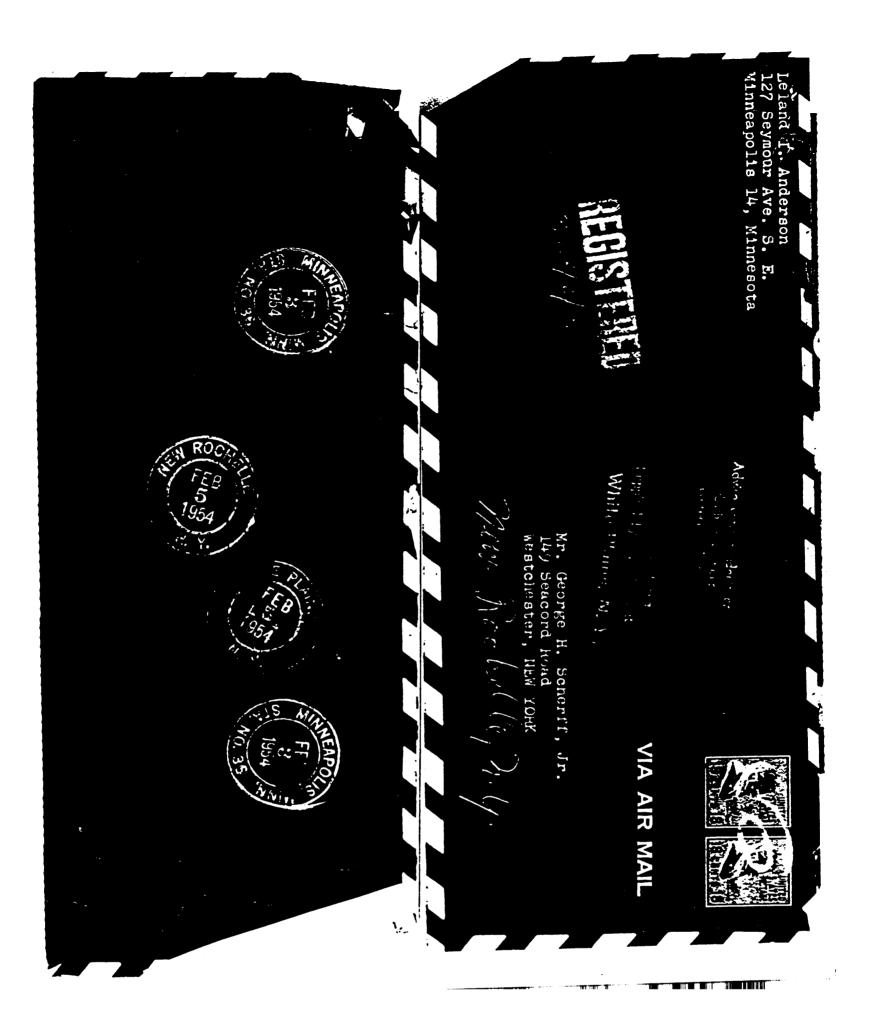
- a memorable tribute to one of the most outstanding figures in the entire field of electrical science. Many reading this biography learned of Nikola Tesla for the first time, despite his monumentous achievements with which he has won world-wide acclaim in scientific circles. Even those closely associated with the fields of science and engineering discovered a remarkable story not generally known of the brilliant genius Tesla whose sensitive personality and seclusion kept his fame in a shadow

The TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization is being established in the United States in name and honor of Dr. Nikola Tesla by those staring a mutual interest in his life and works. The organization has as its objective the promulgation of the truth about Nikola Tesla; that a full recognition be made for his unparalleled research work on the affects of currents of high frequency and high potential, and for his achievements in the realms of polyphase power transmission and telecommunication. It would be the duty of the organization to do all in its power that the name of Tesla win in the eyes of the nation the fame deserving of a truly great American for his contributions to science, industry, and to this country.

A journal of the TESLA-INTERVATIONAL organization was issued beginning the month of November, 1953. In addition to items of rec nt and historical interest related to Teals, the journal will include

- 1) A formal roster of all those who have an interest in the tepla organization and wigh to engage in its activities.
- 2) An opportunity of editorial ecoled go by members of the organization through the medium of the journal.
- 3) A comprehensive biblic propried listing of all available stand concerning Tesls, which would include a cataloging of the various collections of Tesliana not generally known. Such a listent will be of particular inpervance to scholars in the research field.
- 4) A presentation of hitherto unpublished writings and enalyzes of Tosla's technical research studier as they become available.

The journal of the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization will be forthcoming at intervals of  $l_{2}^{2} = 2$  months. Subscription rate is \$1.00 for 10 issues. Membership in the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization is concurrent with subscription to the journal.



Leland I. Anderson 127 Seymour Avenue Southeast Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

February 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Scherff,

It was so very rewarding to receive your reply concerning Dr. Nikola Tesla... I have initiated an undertaking on benalf of Tesla because I feel that in all right and justice something should be done to perpetuate the name of Tesla and see to it that his name becomes a part of the heritage of this nation. A great task perhaps, but as time goes on I believe the name of Tesla will become more significant in scientific developments. I hope that you may have an interest in the organization which I have proposed and established, and I will be honored to have you as a member. The organization is presently set up on the basis of those having a mutual interest in Tesla, with a free exchange of information between members. The first two issues of the journal of the organization are being sent to you under separate cover, and should reach you in a day or two.

Some other members which may be of interest to you are; Muriel Arbus, Dorothy Skerritt, Kenneth Swezey and W. W. Wilhelm. The recent deaths of John O'Neill and Edwin Armstrong were very unexpected, and it is with a great sadness that I received the news and loss of these two members.

Do you know if Mr. Lowenstien had a daughter? The reason I ask is that a woman visited Mr. O'Neill before his death and told him that she inherited a great amount of Teshiana from her father - whom I presume to be Mr. Lowenstien. This woman was afraid of disclosing the information by reason of her mistaken notion and fear that she would rudely be raided by the army. You see Mr. O'Neill related to her that a few army officials visited his nome with insistent requests for information. Of course all this sort of government interest was aroused by Tesla's "Death-Hay" rumors, played up by enterprising journalists. Well, the result of all this is that she refused to give Mr. O'Neill her married name - only that she married a Siamese prince no less, and moved to some mid-western city. If this woman has the amount of material that Mr. O'Neill intimated, it would certainly be important to locate her.

I believe that one of the valuable efforts of the Tesla organization would be to catalog every piece of information concerning Tesla. I have made a beginning effort along this line, and I nove that before too long all collections of Tesliana may be located, cataloged, and reproduced for fear of eventual loss. Through Mary A. Benjamin (of Walter R. Benjamin Autographs in New York) I have obtained a number of significant items of correspondence between Tesla and hobert U. Johnson. The entire collection of correspondence with Mr. Johnson numbers in excess of 70 pieces. I snare this collection with Mrs.

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James W. McChesney of Long Island. The period of this correspondence runs from 1594-1930. Mrs. McChesney has another group of correspondence between Tesla and George Sylvester Viereck which is very interesting in that it is from a period later in Tesla's life. (If you wish to receive any unconstatic copies from these collections I will be happy to such that it is is a period later in these collections I will be happy to s-nd them to you.)

I at interested to learn whether you have collected any mementoes, correspondence, writings, etc. of Tesla. For a long while I have been trying to locate a copy of the brochure which Tesla issued the first week of February, 1904. It came in a large square envelope bearing a large red wax seal with the initials "N.T." stamped thereon. Quite a number of them were distributed throughout New York and elsewhere by the Tesla enterprise in an effort to secure financial backing for the tower and power plant creeted at Wardenclyffe, Long Island. You no doubt know of the brochure of which I speak. I thought it would be interesting to reproduce this prochure and disthought it would be interesting to reproduce this prochure and dis-tribute it among the mempers of the Tesla organization as a memento. Although I have written and inquired about this brochure extensively, I have not been able to locate a copy. Did you ever have one?

I have hopes that in 1956 (The Tesla Centenary) some significant observance may be organized here in the United States in honor of observance may be organized here in the United States in honor of Tesla. The Tesla Museum in Yugoslavia has obtained the Tesla inneritance, which amounts to 9 tons of apparatus, writings, etc. It is the intention (so stated) of the Museum to publish the entire writings of Tesla, including those in the inneritance, on the Tesla Centenary. I don't know what sort of political propaganda might be injected in this publication, but it occured to me that it may the appropriate to arrange an advance publication in this country lesla's unpublished works. Unfortunately, there is not much to work on as yet. While the Tesla State remained in this country, instates of nearly every important paper in the estate were made under ender of aright Field Development Center in Onio. If these thotostate could be located there would be much material for a cullection. However, in working with the Library of Congress in

violication. However, in working with the Library of Congress in preparation of a file on Tesla, these photostats have excaped the most extensive search thus far.

Hoping that you may be interested in the efforts of the [TESLA-ATERNATIONAL on behalf of Tesla and wish to associate yourself with it, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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To Members of the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization and those interested in the works of Dr Nikola Tesle

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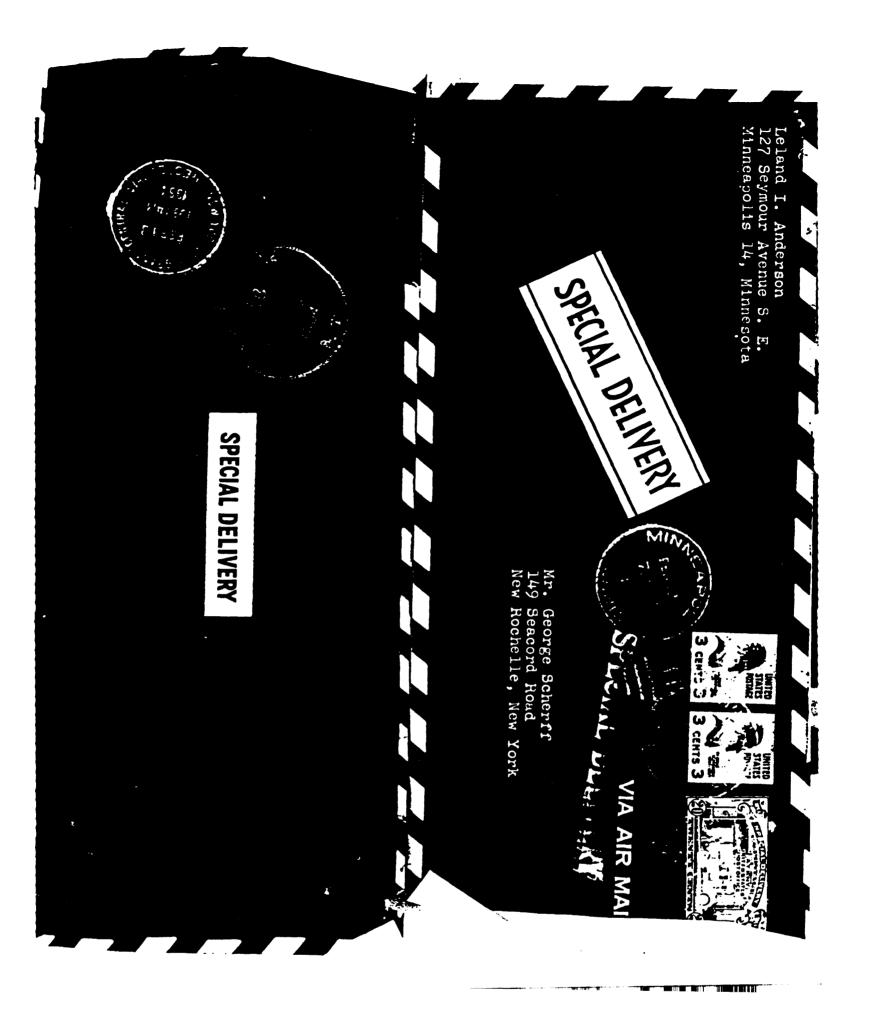
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KENNETH M. SWEZE Mr. Mr. Pa **CHARTOR MATION CONTAINED** 163 Milton Street Rosen Brooklyn 22, 1 M. Tamm June 25, 1992, Winterrowd IS UNCLASSIFIED 1-2-80 Tele. Room Mr. Hell-man ... Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Miss Gandy Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. Hoover:

Back in 1943, the local Alien Property Custodian searched through the belongings of the late electrical inventor, Nikola Tesla, stored in the Manhattan Storage Warehouse in New York City. Tesla had been a naturalized American for more than fifty years, so I believe that the search was made on the grounds that the property was to be sent to Yugoslavia, through Tesla's nephew and heir, Mr. Sava Kosanović (Mr. Kosanović had been Minister of State under the King's government, later became Ambassador to the United States from the present government, and is now a Minister serving in Belgrade).

According to the attorney who handled the Tesla estate, Lr. <u>Philip Nittenberg</u>, the Alien Property Custodian assured him that nothing had been held. I have a letter from the Office of Alien Property, dated March 15, 1955, which confirms this statement.  $N_{\rm e}V$ 

In gathering material to help in a nation-wide commemoration of Tesla's hundredth birthday next year---which will be participated in by leading scientific and engineering societies, museums, and universities---I have just discovered, however, that Tesla's solid gold Edison Medal somehow vanished during that search.

As a friend who had known Tesla well during his last twenty years, I was with Mr. Kosanović in Tesla's room in the Hotel New Yorker on the day he died A safe expert was called in to unlock Tesla's safe. Among its contents were several honorary degrees, a volume of greetings which I had gathered for him on his seventy-fifth birthday, a bunch of keys, and the Edison Medal. We kept out the book of greetings (I mentioned this at the time to the assistant manager of the hotel and later to a Mr. Gorsuch of the Alien Property Custodian's office), but everything else, including the medal and the keys, was replaced and the safe was lowed. RECORDED . 82 Meret State St

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ari ded in Belgrade (where Tes. 's property was to be installed in a special Tesla Museum) and was there opened by Mr. Kosanović. According to his former secretary, both the bunch of keys and the medal were missing. The keys were later found in a tin box outside the safe; the medal was never found.

I learned of the disappearance of the medal only by accident. Mr. Kosanović had asked his former secretary to get permission from the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (who gave Tesla the Medal) to have it duplicated. This was given, but the cost, it turned out, would be about four hundred dollars. In the meantime, the Tesla Museum, in Yugoslavia, is quietly trying to raise the money to pay for it.

The irony of this situation is more disturbing than the money involved. By giving us a system which made electric power universally available, Tesla---probably more than any other one man---helped put America on top of the world. At the time he died, his gold Edison Medal was the only material evidence left of this country's appreciation. That this last token should have disappeared ---to have to be replaced by his materially poor countrymen overseas for whom he had done nothing---seems a tragic denouement.

John O'Neill, in his biography of Tesla, states that the FBI broke into Tesla's safe on the day he died, and an article in the current (June) Coronet repeats this. I know this isn't true. I did hear, however, that the FBI somehow lent a hand to the Alien Property Custodian during the latter's search in the warehouse.

If that is so, I thought that perhaps some of your men might remember the conditions under which the search was made and therefore might have a suggestion as to what could have happened to the medal. After this long time, I have no hope that the medal can actually be restored, and I am already trying to interest Americans in making a replacement But future biographers might be spared a lot of wild guessin and wrong blaming if some hint could be obtained as to whether the original got lost, strayed, or stolen---and who might have been responsible.

With best regards and sincere appreciation for any help you can give,

Sincerely,

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Kenneth MASwezey NY P.S.: I am enclosing an editorial from last month's POWER magazine which outlines Tesla's contribution to the electric power industry.

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# Strange Genius

A SK ANY CROUP of power men to name those who laid the foundation for today's electrical generation and distribution. You'll wind up with an impressive list— Edison, Brush, Thomson, Westinghouse, many others. But there is almost sure to be a significant omission.

Yet this forgotten man conceived the polyphase ac motor—still basic—and devised a suitable system of generation and distribution for applying it. To grasp the magnitude of this contribution, we must turn back to the 1880's when the electrical era was being born, and the "battle of the systems" held sway.

Arc lights and motors were being operated on constantcurrent series systems. Edison's Pearl Street generating station had opened in 1882, supplying incandescent lamps and, later, dc motors on a constant-potential system. Under the leadership of Westinghouse and Stanley, the advantages of ac distribution were demonstrated. But there was no successful ac motor.

In May, 1888, a young Yugo-Slav engineer, but four years in the United States, read a paper before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. In it he described a new ac system. Its heart was the induction motor with its basic and beautiful concept of the rotating magnetic field. The man was Nikola Tesla, the system he described was destined to sweep the field.

With characteristic vision, George Westinghouse realized the fundamental importance of the polyphase ac system and acquired the basic patents. Its first impact on the general public was at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. There a 2-phase generator supplied motors and lamps, and, through rotary converters and motor-generators, a variety of dc equipment.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERHIN IS UNCLASSIFIED But it remained for the Niagara Falls power project to demonstrate in the most dramatic way possible that polyphase ac was the system of the future. Since 1886 when a charter to develop its power had been granted, the eyes of the world had been on Niagara. An international commission, headed by Lord Kelvin, had reviewed 17 proposals, found none acceptable. Later, just five years after Tesla's AIEE paper, it was officially decided to use the polyphase system.

In August, 1895, Niagara power was delivered to the first industrial customer and in 1896 ac transmission to Buffalo, 22 miles away, was begun. By that time, the steam turbine had been introduced in America and the modern age of electric power had truly opened.

For Nikola Tesla, these far-reaching inventions were but a beginning. Still to come was brilliant work in high frequencies, thinking basic to much of today's radio art. Yet by the time of his death in 1943, both he and his work had begun to slip into obscurity. Why?

A man of flashing insights and enormous brilliance, Tesla was largely indifferent to the development of his ideas. This he left to others while he followed the lure of new challenges. In later years, his projects became more grandiose, his ways more mysterious, his pronouncements more Olympian. And working alone, as he did, he formed none of the institutional ties that help to perpetuate a record of accomplishment.

Next year—July 10, 1956—will be the 100th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth. It would be fitting for our engineering societies to commemorate this occasion, to acknowledge our debt to this strange and lonely genius who changed our world for the better.

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#### RECOGNITION FOR IESI

Largely thru a young American engineer's efforts, the world today is re-scanning the record and achievements of our inventive genius, Nikola' Tesla. Of late, even the big-time magazines have devoted space to the amazing career and fascinating character of the pioneering electrical wizard.

The man behind this belated recognition for the one-time ION CONTAINED Serbian immigrant boy who made millions but died almost a pauper is Leland P. Anderson, head of the Tesla Society, which has headquarters at the University of Minnesota.

Thru travels, correspondence and detailed research, Mr. Anderson has dug up many friends of the late genius and induced them to join in his noble work. A good many of these are American-Serbians. They serve Mr. Anderson and he serves them, with information issued thru his TESLIAN publication. This is, at present, a mimeographed publication issued monthly which casts new light on the known life and record of the late Dr. Tesla.

The latest issue (March-June) informs of progress plans to honor Dr. Tesla even more. It also presents an account of a fascinating editorial, "Strange Genius", by the POWER magazine of the powerful McGraw-Hill publishing line. This editorial traces the introduction of Dr. Tesla's polyphase system described by Mr. Anderson, as the "most tremendous event in

all engineering history."

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Editorialist Louis N Bowler, according to the TESLIAN. answers the perplexing question why, in view of Tesla's important discoveries, he fell short of the comparative popularity won by Edison and Bell. Then in closing, he suggests: "It would be fitting for our engineering societies, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth (July 10, 1956), to acknowledge our debt to this strange and lonely genius who changed our world for the better.".

This appears to be just what Mr. Anderson was waiting for. For now, in the same issue of his TESLIAN, he has prepared a form to petition Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to issue a Tesla commemorative stamp next year.

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Office Mema and um • United Sim res government TO : L. V. BOARDMAN 17 DATE: June 29, 1955 Belm ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Harbo Mohr FROM 'A. H. BELYON Parsons ..... **HEREIR IS UNCLASSIF** Rosen Témm DATE <u>7-2-80</u> 0 Sizoo . SUBJECT: NIKOLA TESLA Winterrowd \_ Tele. Room \_ MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE Holloman \_\_\_\_ Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ Nikola Tesla, a native of Yugoslavia, was a famous electrical inventor who died in New York City in 1943 where he had lived for many years. In attached letter to Bureau dated 6-25-55 Kenneth M. Swezey, Brooklyn, New York, advises he is gathering material to help in a nation-wide commemoration of Tesla's hundredth birth anniversary in 1956. Swezey relates he was present when Tesla's safe was opened by friends after his death and advises the contents were thereafter replaced and then impounded by the United States Alien Property Custodian. Later the safe was removed to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to be installed in Ta Fesla Kuseum. Wissing from Tesla's effects is a gold Edison medal he had been awarded. Swezey is seeking to locate the medal and has been advised by the Office of Alien Property (OAP) that OAP held none of Tesla's property. Swezey states he has heard the FBI assisted OAP in handling Tesla's effects while in storage, and accordingly, he asks whether Bureau could assist him in locating the Edison medal. He FBI's assistance to OAP Swezey mentions that in the Tesla biography ("The Prodigal Genius" - 1944) by John O'Neill it was stated FBI broke into Tesla's safe the day he died (1-8-43 to protect contents from enemy hands). Swezey notes this same comment appears in article ("The Genius Who Walked Alone") by Alfred H. Sinks in the June, 1955, "Coronet." Swezey says he knows FBI did not do this. || Bufiles not pertinent re Swezey. Bureau did not enter into Tesla safe matter upon Department's advice it was being handled by OAP. Bureau previously aware of comment in O'Neill's book. Per Buriles Sinks was officer of American Civil Liberties Union in 1930-40; staff member of Communist lane newspaper "The Anvil," 1933-37; member of Laque American Writers ("CUA report-1944); close friend of reported CP member and suspected underground member -In 1945 Sinks requested for his use as author data re Bureau's microfilm procedure. Was advised no such data available for publication. Enclosurelect 6-20-55 1. 100-2237 cc - 1 - 65 - 47953Ticklers - Mr. Bird Mr. Belmont ETB: jaa / Mr. Boardman **J**R# 50 (5) 105

## Memorandum For Mr. Boardman

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Swezey advising Bureau did not participate in the handling of Tesla's effects and that the matter was handled by OAP. Therefore, Bureau unable to be of assistance; that no action be taken relative to Sinks' comment in "Coronet" article.

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June 30, 1955 **INFORMATION CONTAINED** EIN IS UNCLASSIFLED (Original) IE 2-2-80 BY SP4 Mr. Lenneth M. /Swezey 163 Milton Street Brooklyn 22, New Tork Dear Mr. Swezey: With reference to your letter of June 25, 1955, our files disclose the effects of <u>Nikola Tesla</u> were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property and not by this Bureau. Since we did not participate in the handling of Wr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested. 1 ... Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoo<u>v</u>er COMM - FB 100-2237-6X JUN 3 0 1955 John Edgar Hoover Directoj MALED 25 RECORDED - 26 **C**(3) INDEXED - 26 ٠ **24** JUL 1 1955 NOTE: NOTE: A cover memorandum Fom Belmont to Board man was prepared by ETB: jaa on 6-29-55 Th connection with this outgoing mail. Bufiles contain no derogatory data re conves-pondent; reflect only that he was close friend and and admirer of Tesla. Frank BE DI DEN admirer of Tesla. Tolso ETB: jaa ad Boardman Nichols Belmoon (5) Harbo Nobr Parso Roses Tamm Sizoo . ł Winterrowd Tele. Room Holloman \_ Gandy 64.101 8 1955

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August 1, 1955.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Dear Hoover:

In his book, "Prodigal Genius", The Life of <u>Hikola Tesla</u>, Er. John J O'Heil says, on page 277, that the F.B.I. went to Tesla's hotel room, opened his steel safe and removed from it, the papers it contained.

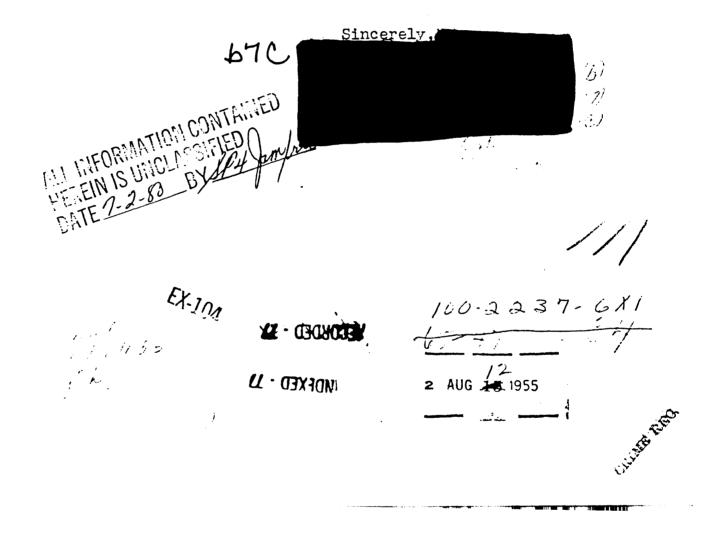
Was there ever any publication of what these papers contained? If so, could you inform me where I might obtain a copy of such publication?

If there was no publication of the Safe's content, after more than 10 years, would it be improper to publish them?

If there was no publication of the safe's content, but there were no particular secrets found there in, could you inform me where I might learn what the safe contained?

Any information on this matter will be appreciated.

Thank you for your trouble.



2237-6X1 00-August 11, 1955 11 - mm+0035 <u>.</u>, ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Downey, California DATE 2 Dear alt Your letter dated August 1, 1955, has been received, and in response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Mikola Tesla were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property and not by this Bureau. Since we did not participate in the hondling of Mr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested. fair: Sincerely yours, 5 John Edgar Hoover Director 0 or NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record on correspondent. This type of reply utilized by Internal Security Division in answering similar inquiries on 6/30/55. (65-47953-33) Cover memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 6/29/55 R.I Mr. Toilson\_ Mr: Boandman Mr. Michals\_ set out background of this matter which concerned the death Mr. Polymont. of Tesla, a famous electrical inventor. Bureau was not involved in this matter, and the opening of the safe men-tioned was done by the Office of Alien Property. Mrs. Works .... No. F. Ser . . . . . . . . . . . . ----2,5 12 cms. 1. 12 121 3. 5RH: 5m8 6 5 SEP 28 1954 M . W.S. Trrwd\_ Toka Barne an They II I wan. The Granus. 

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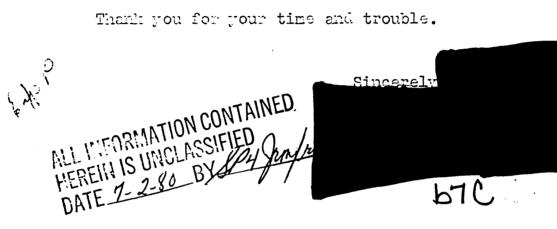
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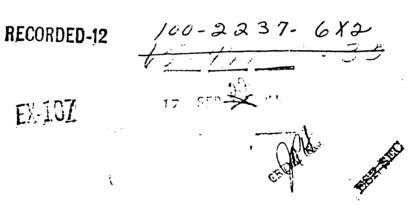
On August 26, I wrote the office of Alien Property regarding this matter, indicating that I had received the information from you that it was their department which had taken the Tesla Property into custody - not yours ..

I have a letter from Mr. Henry G. Hilken - that Department - File Humber HGH: M SM:elk 017-3568, in which I am told that office "never had custody, nor has vested, any property of Hikola Tesla".

As I began this matter with you - because it was stated in Mr. O'Neill's book that it was your department who opened Tesla's safe f I am wondering if you have any further suggestions along lines I might follow to obtain some information in this regard?



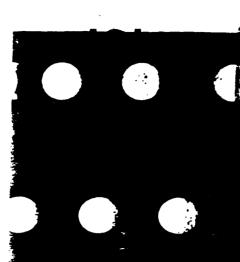
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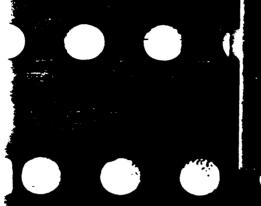
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ME 2-3-80 BY Set Panfate **RECOGNITION FOR TESLA** (Please fill out this form and mail to the address appearing below.) THE TESLA SOCIETY • University Station, Box 135 Minncapolis 14, Minnesota (date) (city & state) Hon. Arthur E. Summerfield Postmaster General, Postoffice Dept. Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: Dear Sir: Nikola Tesla's contributions to science, industry, and to his adopted country have greatly inspired engineering progress. His electrical sys-tems helped create an American conomy of world pre-eminence. We respectfully request issuance of a 1956 commemorative stamp to be issued on the centennial of Tesla's birth (1856-1943). *,* } (signed) -<sup>"</sup>AMERICAN SRBOBRAN" June 29, 1955 Pittsburgh, Pennsylwania EX. JOE INDEXED-50 NOT RECORDED 138 JUL 1. 1955 6C .... 13 1955









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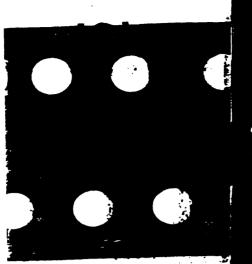
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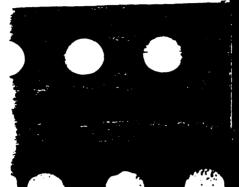
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worked with—a feeble force at best —could be sent no more than a couple of pulles over wires because its power leaked away rapidly into the surrounding atmosphere. Eights near the power station might burn brightly and steadily, but those near the end of the line would be dim and fluttering. Testa sold his basic alternating-current patents in 1888, for a mil-lion dollars down. By 1895, the first great power station at Niagara Talls had been installed. Within a few years, the pace of life over half the earth had changed from a crawl to a fast gallop—and it has been gath-cring speed ever since. 

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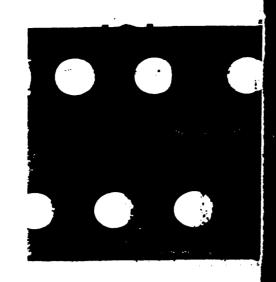
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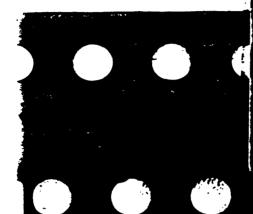
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vorite was an "engine" powered by 16 June bugs, harnessed in sets of four to spokes which radiated from the drive shaft. <u>Mikola was a frail lad, often ill;</u> and he nearly went blind from too <u>much reading. He read everything</u> <u>be could get his hands on, not only</u> <u>science, but also religion, philoso-</u> phy, history, literature. By the time he finished high school, he was flu-ent in French, German and Italian, as well as his native Serbo-Croat. He got his school afford—at Gospic, Carlstadt, Gratz, the Uni-versity of Prague and, finally, at Budapest. At the University, he saw his first electric motor, a new type direct-current affair whose brushes and commutators, with all that noise and loss of energy, we'd have a much better motor," Nikola told his professor. "Perhaps it might be done with an alternating current." "Nonsense!" barked the profes-sor. "An alternating current would never run anything. You're not the brilliant student 1 thought you were. Forget it."

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Where the average engineer or inventor would reach instinctively for drawing board, paper and pen-cil, Tesla would simply switch on that uncarny magic lantern inside his brain. He would fix a mental image there. Then he would alter this detail or that, discard one plan, try another, witbout ever putting a line on paper. Tears later- from these mental images alone- he could give his workmen exact instructions on how to build each part of a new device, though it was unlike anything ever seen before.

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mentioned alternating current to an electrical engineer, the man would look at him as though he were

But then came the moment when he knew he had solved it. He was walking with a friend in the Bois de Boulogne. Suddenly, he stopped short and began jabbing with his cane at some invisible object in the air.

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drawings with which is y to con-vince him. But Edison, is to con-vince him. But Edison, is to him a job, for he had excellent training as an engineer and Edison needed trained men. Busy with routine electrical work, Tesla waited nearly three years for a chance to turn his mental image into an actual motor he could show to others. In 1887, he was able to horrow enough money to start his own laboratory, and the following year the alternating-current motor and generator were practical reali-ties- on a laboratory scale - though much practical engineering would still be needed to fit them to com-mercial use. Genree Westinghouse, another inventor, was the first to see their value. He bought the patents and gave Tesla a job as engineer in his Pittsburgh factory. But Tesla couldn't get along with the other Westinghouse engineers. From his standpoint, the alternat-ing-current job was done. Even "schoolboys" could now iron out the few remaining kinks. Mean-time, his brain had started to hatch even bigger dreams. He went back to his laboratory in New York. "Be alone-" he once told a science writer. "That's the secret of imention. Be alone - that's where great ideas are born."

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by his fame, those words made a tremendous impression. <u>He lectured at every</u> scientific

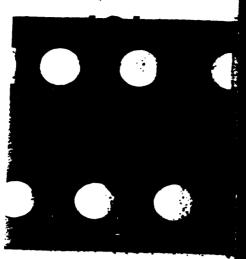
He lectured at every scientific center in this country and in all the important capitals abroad. Things which, as yet, existed only inside that amazing brain of his were so real to him, he made them real to his listeners. <u>He described radar and radio</u> <u>broadcasting and even television</u>. He advocated electro-therapy. He foresaw a day when man would control nature in every respect— even the weather—when machines of all kinds, and the power to run them, would be so cheap that pov-erty would vanish from the world. <u>Without wanting to be, Tesla</u> was a superb actor. After listening to him and seeing his wonders, au-diences were ready to believe nearly anything.

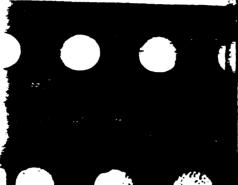
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# -RECOGNITION FOR TESLA-

At long last Serbians—American and Canadian—have acted to honor the memory and achievements of one of berbia's greatest sons.

For the world-wide Centennial celebration of DP. Nikola Tesla's birth next year, Serbs on this Continent plan to erect a bust statue of the electrical genius to stand before the entrance of the Monastery at Libertyville, III.

Steps looking towards that end were taken at the recent SNF convention following the reading of a letter by President <u>Mile Radakovich from His Grace, Bishord Vicolai</u>. As the universally-renowned churchman stated, erection of a suitable monument, by Serbians, would forever remind other Serbs of the honor and glory of Dr. Nikola Tesla . . . And that he was a SERBIAN, son of a SERBIAN ORTHODOX clergyman, born in the SERBIAN SELO of Smiljan in Lika.

Further, His Grace urged that the undertaking be a joint one and representative of ALL the Serbian organizations, in the United States and Canada. He naturally looked to the SNF for leadership, and the greatest monetary contribution. Buthe also besought the help of the Serbian Nat'l Defense and the Jedinstvo beneficial society.

The Convention voted \$1000 for the project and a hand collection was taken up among the delegates and guests, kinsmen Milos Konjevich of Joliet, Ill., giving \$200. It is probable that the balance of the needed \$3000 will be raised thru public good-will offerings and via cash gifts of the other two organizations mentioned.

And after a suitable bust has been erected for Dr. Tesla, Bishop Nicolai suggested similar-like monument honor the memory of Dr. Mihailo Pupin, also a world-renowned scientist, author and educator.

This is a subject near and dear to all good Serbian hearts

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PITTSBURGH, PA. --- The Serb! Nat'l Federation Executive Board has acted quickly to implement a Convention decision to honor the memory of the illustrious Dr. Nikola Tesla.

At its first meeting of October 8, the Board drafted a resolution calling on all SNF members and good Serbians to help finance a memorial project for the late scientist-inventor genius.

This would stand be ore the entrance of the Monastery in

Libertyville, MI. ard done at the Cost of the contemplated project, in New York, which would clarion to the world Seek N that Dr. Tesla was a Serbian, is estimated at \$3000. The Convention voted \$1000 to the cause and a hand lication. Mr. Anderson revealed the collection among 122 delegates work, by Princess Vilma Lwoffyielded several hundred dollars Parlaghy, is missing. more.

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#### **Public Aid Sought**

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A fund, similar to the one be-ing conducted to help defray mortgage expenses on Shadeland, has been established. It is hoped to raise the neces-

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sary monies and complete the project in time for the worldwide Centennial, celebration for the genius next year.

Spearheading the movement for recognition, especially approng American elements, is the TESLA SOCIETY, founded by scientist-engineer Leland Anderson, a fanatical admirer of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla.

Mr. Anderson right now is conducting a search for a famous portrait of the Serbian electrical wizard done at the turn of the century

Seek Missing Portrait

In his current TESLAIAN pub-

Reviewing developments, Mr Konjevich of Anderson wrote:

Balance of the needed sum is now her latest protrait of Nikola Tesla. ings of the general Serbian popu- TIMES for March 2, 1916, stated--" It was one of the beliefs  $c^{\mu}$ Mr. Tesla that there was some-

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light in it and the much desired North exposure was missing. " 'At the suggestion of Mr. Tesla, a cluster of powerful incandescents was put up in the corner of the apartment and the rays, filtered thru blue glass, were just the right

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quality. The portrait was shown under the same illumination. At Ease for Sitting " 'Mr. Tesla, having solved the problem of the artifical sun, fell to thinking about other parts of the

universe, and there he sat oblivious to his surroundings. " 'The painter was able to pro-duce a likeness in which there is

no evidence that the subject wa conscious that anybody way watching him, much less studyine his features from the other side of the eased.

" 'Among those who attended the reception were Mrs. C. B. Alex-"On March 1, 1916, the Princess ander, Henry P. Davison, the gave a reception in her new studio Countless de Rittenburg and Mrs. in New York especially to exhibit E. T. Isham."

After the Princess died. in 1923, being sought thru good-will offer- An article in the NFW YORK her studio and all objects of art, was sold at auction.

The Telsa portrait, 53x48 inches, appeared on the cover of TIME mugazine (July 26, 1631) and in the ELECTRICAL EX-PFRIMENTER (January 1919), Mr. Andemon says. Mr. Anderson says. Its location is not now known.

AMERICAN SREOBRAN October 26, 1955 Pittsburgh, Pa.

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# LAF\$1580 Half of \$3000 Costs **For Statue Pledged**

# Cadiz, O., Serb Gives \$100 For Bust Image of Inventor To Be Placed at Monastery

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Half of the \$3000 fund goal for a statue memorial of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla has been realized, the SNF announced today.

In fact, total contributions counted so far come to \$1580.

The Fund is an outgrowth of a plea by Bishop Nicolai for Serbians to do honor for the

memory of the noted electrical historians, writers, educators, wizard during the world-wide Centennial celebration planned for the genius next year.

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In the wake of the plea, voiced at the recent 7th Convention at Niagara Falls, Canada, the delegates approved a \$1000 gift from the SNF and decided to raise, by public their donations are as follows: grant, the balance of \$2000.

A hand collection among the Delegate M. Konjevich 122 grass-roots leaders of the Socieft raised another \$450. Then, Petar Borovich at in first meeting October 5, the SNF Counsel N. Stone newly-elected Executive Board of Delegate N. Stepanovich the SNF appealed to the membership at large to fulfill the bal-, ance required.

#### First Contribution \$100

A scant 24 hours after the appeal was published in the Society's "Srbobran" organ last Wednes-

NUT 14 day, Sime Zelich of Cadiz, O., gave \$100.

The proposed memorial, a statue image, would be placed before the entrance of the St. Sava Serbian Monastery in Libertyville, m.

scientists, etc., would not be misled, Bishop Nicolai believes. Be that as it may, the SNFs goal is to amass the needed monies in time to erect and dedicate the memorial before the Tesla

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Centennial celebration ends.

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Iso listing Dr. Tesla's date of irth. birtholace. parents, etc., could counter the old mide nd make certain that future -the honoring, forever, of two of Serbia's best-known immigrant sons who contributed so greatly to the welfare and prosperity of their adopted America. ١.

We hope to report developments as soon as they take place, remembering Bishop Nikolai's concluding remarks:

"Nikola Tesla, in the field of science, brought the Serbian name great glory—just as did the greatest Serbian knights on the field of battle."

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D.C.

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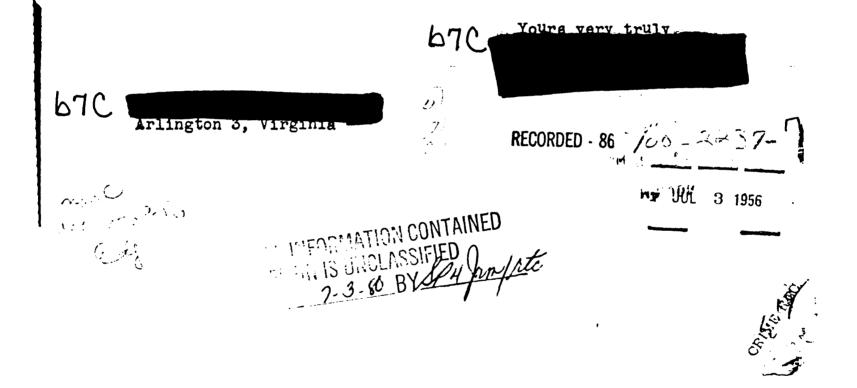
#### Gentlemen:

During my senior year at Georgetown University I read J.J.O'Niel's Biography of Nikoli Tesla; the book, entitled "Frodigal Genius" described quite a few of Tesla's experiments, most of which I tried myself in the physics lab. I am interested in reviewing Tesla's experiments in wireless electric power transmission.

Unfortunately, Tesla died in 1945 just at the time he supposedly had developed a system of wireless power transmission. Since World (War 11 was then in progress his papers were seized and sealed by the F.B.I. I suppose that by now Tesla's papers have been released for publication, but a call to the Library of Congress produced no results. Therefore, I have two questions:

- 1) Does the F.B.I. now have Tesla's scientific papers?
- 2) If so, are they available for public inspection? If they were released, who has them?

I will certainly appreciate any help you can give me along these lines. Tesla published very little of his findings; this, coupled with the fact that wireless power is connected by most people with "Death Rays" and crack-pots has made it nearly impossible for me to find anything on the subject.



) **RECORDED** - 86 INDEXED - 86 INFORMATION CONTAINED June 29, 1956 EIN IS UNCLASSIFJED EX-122 DATE 7-3-80 BY 5 Arlington 3, Virginia Dear Nikoli Tesla Your letter dated June 23, 1956, has been received, and in response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Nikola Tesla were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property and not by this Bureau. Since we did not participate in the handling of Mr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested. đ Sincerely yours, L'S DEMI £ 2 John Edgar Hoover 6 Т Director - B ŝ COMM - FBI NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record on correspondent and reveal the correct spelling of Tesla's name as "Nikola." Bufiles reflect this type of reper ha JUN 2 9 1956 been utilized by the Domestic Intelligence Division in answering similar MAILED 24 ing Kries. (65-47953; 100-2237) Cover memo from Mr. Belmont to Boardman 6-29-55, set out background of this matter which concerned the death of Tesla, a famous electrical inventor. Bureau was not involved in this matter, and the opening of the safe containing his effects was done by the Office of Alien Property. Boardm HALL ROOM Nichols Belmont Harbo . 1055 - 350 00.11 ELJ:jh:mmh Mohr 10 machill Parsons Rosen \_ Tamm Sizoo . Winterrowd Tele. Boom Holloman .... Gandy \_

STAND' HE FORM THE 64 то 🦳 : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 7/25/57 FE-DINIT'S EROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-12290) NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased) SUBJECT: TITE 2 IS -YU Street, New York 24, New York, a United States citizeh of Yugoslav 671 extraction, who on occasion, voluntarily furnishes the New York Office with information he considers to b7C. be in the interests of the Security of the United States Government, furnished Special Agent NICHOLAS J.MASTROVICH the following information on July 3, 1957: MR. J. ALS, JDHT, STORM Mrs. MARGARET STORM who lives with her husband, 67D 570 JOHN, at the Calonial Hot31, 51 West 81st Street, New York 24, New York, has been issuing newsletters which contain information pertaining to flying saucers and interplanetary matters. NEWSLETT stated that in his opinion Mr. and Mrs. STORM are exploiting the reputation and genius 67) of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased, inventor of Yugoslav extraction who achieved world wide fame as a result of 67C his inventions in the United States. TESLA was born in Smiljan, Yugoslavia in July, 1859 and came to the United States in 1894 and became a naturalized United States citizen. In 1886 TESLA designed the arc-lighting system and two gears later he invented the Tesla motor and designed a plan for the transmission of alternating current. -In subsequent years, TESLA's discoveries and inventions included such fields and appliances as wireless communication, electrical oscialistion, radiant power and communication, electrical oscillation, radiant power and radio active matter. After 1900, communications is and wireless power transmission occupied most of his research. 2 - Bueau (RM) (Encs.2) L - Los Angelesco (Info) (Encl.1) (RM) 1 - New York (65-12290) RECORDED-56 RECORDED-56 14 JUL 29 1957 INDEXED - 56 NJM:mcd (4) A 1957

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TESLA's only military invention was a method to which he once eluded but new fully described. This invention was a means whereby an inpenetrable "wall of force" can be erected around the United States' borders which would render helpless any military attack. TESLA disclosed the existence of his plan in 1934 and stated he intended to present it to the Geneva Conference but seldom referred to it afterward.

The "New York Times" dated 9/22/40, carried an article setting forth <u>NICDLA TESLA's</u> plan for a "Death Ray". This article included information to the effect that TESLA, on his 84th birthday, July 10, 1940, advised <u>New York Times reporter WILLIAM 1 LAWMENCE</u> that he was ready to divulge to the United States Government the secret of his "teleforce", with which he said airplane motors would be melted at a distance of 250 miles so that an invisible Chinese wall of defense would be built around the country against any attempted attack by an enemy airforce no matter how large. According to TESLA, this "teleforce" was based on an entirely new principle of Physics that "no one has ever dreamed about" and was different from the principle embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of electrical power from a distance, for which he received a number of basic patents.

TESLA stated that this new type of force would operate through a beam one hundredth millionth of a square content in diameter and could be generated from a special plant that would cost no more than two million dollars and would take only about three months to construct. TESLA stated that a dren such plants located at strategic points along the toast, according to TESLA, would be enough to defand the United States against all possible aerial attacks. TESLA stated that this beam would melt any engine and would also ignite explosives aboard any bomber. TESLA stated that no possible defense against it could be devised and he asserted that the beam would be all penetrating.

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TESLA stated to Mr. LAWRENCE that he makes one important stipulation before he would divulge this secret to the United States Government and that was that should the United States Government decide to take up his offer, he would go to work at once but that the United States Government would have to trust him. TESLA stated that he would suffer "no interference from experts."

In this "New York Times" article Mr. LAWRENCE commented that with conditions as they were in 1940, and with the United States getting ready to spend millions of dollars for National Defense, Mr. TESLA's great reputation as an inventor, who always was many years ahead of his time, should be given careful consideration. Mr. LAWRENCE stated, in his opinion, the United States Government should take Mr. TESLA at his word and commission him to go ahead with the construction of his "teleforce" plant.

The New York file of Mr. TESLA bears no indication that any additional developments were carried on in connection with TESA's invention and whether or not TESLA fully divulged his new plan to the United States Government.

TESLA died at the age of 85 on January 7, 1943.

Mr. The provided a two page copy of the above mentioned newsletter which Mr. and Mrs. STORM have been distributing in connection with the alleged invention by TESLA, which, according to Mr. and Mrs. STORM, consists of a radio type machine known as the Tesla Set which was invented by Mr. TESLA in 1938 for interplanetary communication. Mr. and Mrs. STORM claim that TESLA's engineers did not complete the Tesla Set until after TESLA's death in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. STORM claim that this Set was placed in operation in 1950 and since that time TESLA engineers' have been in close touch with space ships. etc.



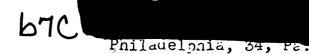
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Lear Sir: I an hopeful that you can help me obtain certain information on records and data, which belonged to Dr. Nikola Tesla. He was an Electrical Engineer and prolific inventor.

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He was born in Yugoslavia in 1856 and died in the United States, New York City, January 7th, 1943. He was a naturalized citizen of this country.

The only information I could find of his records was a report that the F.B.I. removed his papers for examination, and that the records were sealed by the custodian of alien property.

I have been doing some theoretical research of my own, which I believe may be along the same lines he followed in certain of his experiments. I also believe the development of his ideas would be in the interest of our country regardless of who developes them.

If it is at all possible for me to have access to at least some of his experimental work, I would certainly appreciate it. I am not able, by reason of the vast finances, which would be required, to conduct such experiments myself, so the data he made and collected would be invaluable.

Of course, it is possible that his records do not contain material pertinent to his electronics work, because from what I understand from reading about him, he kept most of his records in his head and wrote down very little of his data.

It is also possible that some of his ideas are impractical, but I feel sure that certain of his ideas will be of immense value to our country within the next several decades or even before, if they are developed at a rapid rate.

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I would appreciate hearing from you on the subject, if you have any information pertaining to it, which you could make available to me.

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Dr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

#### ohn Edgar Hoover Director

MOTE: Bufiles reflect no record on correspondent. Buffles reflect above type of reply has been utilized in the past in answering similar inquiries. (100-2237-7) Cover Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman 6/29/55 set forth background of this matter which concerned the death of Tesla, asymous electrical inventor. Bureau was not involved in this matter, and the property.

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) June 24, 1959 Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, d. C. INFORMATION CONTAINED dear Sirs, EIN IS UNCLASS'FIED THE 7-3-80 D' Stypenple Is am doing a research study life of Dr. Nikola Tesla of New York City (1856 - 1943), and desire information which you may have. It was reported in the book "Prodigal serius" that Dr. Feela's papere were seized brom his New York hotel room upon his death in 1943 by the F.B.J. I am very interested in getting copies of his papers for my study and would like to know if this report is true and where I might obtain further information about them or if you are Holding them. EX 101 Sencerely yours a 1. 18 M. . 29 Willuncker 15, Wis

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 Tolson UNITED STATES GGVERNMENT Belmont lemorandum Malone McGui Rosen 12-6-60 INFORMATION CONTAINED MR. TROTTE TO DATE: Tamm Trotte W.C. Sullivan \_ Tele. Room Ingran A. K. Bowles FROM ું નુવ  $\mathcal{O}$ NIKOLA TESLA (DECEASED) SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING Boston, Massachusetts, telephoned December 5 and was referred to Ident by switchboard because he wanted to talk with someone in charge of records said he is making a research study for U. S. Air Force of deceased. on subject of geophysics. His deadline is ten days from now. said he just discovered a sentence in a book by John JX O'Neill entitled "The Prodigal Genius -- The Life of Nikola Tesla," which states the FBI took Justody of papers from Tesla's safe after his death in New York City in 1943. Tesla was a world-famous Yugoslav scientist and inventor in the electrical field who died January 7, 1943, in New York City. requested immediate access to Tesla's scientific works which may shed light we would have somebody from research study. I told on our Boston Office contact him immediately. Bureau file 100-2237 shows no investigation of Tesla has been con**b7C** ducted by Bureau. Since erroneous statement concerning FBI's taking custody of papers from Tesla's safe after his death appeared in O'Neill's book published in 1944, Bureau has received numerous inquiries from scientists desiring to review Tesla's writings. Each inquiry has been answered by stating FBI did not participate in handling Tesla's effects, but information has come to our attention that Office of Alien Property of Department of Justice may have examined Tesla's effects. (File indicates that representatives of Office of Alien Property did actually review Tesla's possessions, including his writings, but file does not show what final disposition was made of Tesla's possessions.) A teletype to Boston Division was prepared, but before it was sent telephoned again to furnish me the exact page in O'Neill's book in which he refers to the FBI. At that time I told the statement in the book was untrue -- that the FBI had not examined or taken custody of Tesla's papers. I suggested to that he might contact Office of Alien Property. (Therefore, teletype to Boston was not necessary.)/(0 - 2237 -3. EX-113 REC- 385 DEC 8 350 -16 **ACTION:** For record. 뵨€131960 Bu file 100-2237 1- Mr. Belmont 11 11 18 18 19

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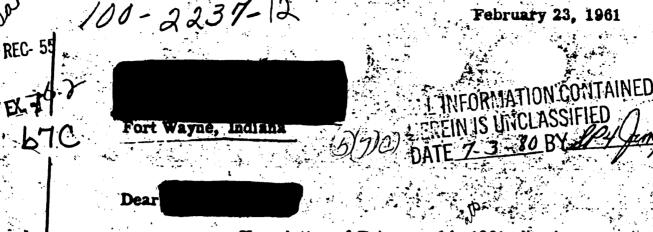
I am a college student who is doing a research paper on Nikola Tesla. As I was collecting the material for my paper, I discovered that at the time of Tesla's death, the department of the F.B.I. confiscated the data and papers that Tesla had collected from his research in the field of electricity. This confiscation of his material was stated Joint J. O'Neil in the PRODIGAL GENIUS by J.J. O'Neil, published in 1944 at New York city by Washburn Inc.

I have developed an interest in the discoveries and accomplishments of Tesla that is presently limited by the shortage of factual material. If in your files, you have any information concerning Nikola Tesla that you are permitted to release, I will sincerly appreciate your cooperation in helping me give the proper recognition to this REC- 55 100 - 3737 - 122great scientist and American. Below I have listed the **s** FEB 28 1961 facts that may be helpful to you; EX. /O X 1. Born in 1856 at Smiljan, Crotia, now Yugoslavia

Came to America in 1884 and was employed for a 2. short time with the Edison Co. at Orange, N.J. 3. Died on January 7, 1943 at New York city

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diff Thanking you for your time and co-operation that I have



Your letter of February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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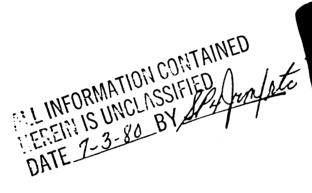
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#### Gentlemen:

I am making a study, motivated out of personal curiosity, into the life and works of Nikola Tesla. Mr. Tesla died on January 7, 1943 in the Hotel New Yorker. Since F.B.I. Operatives opened his safe and took his papers for examination, I wonder if these papers are available for perusal? If they are available, where would they be located, and are copies available to the public?

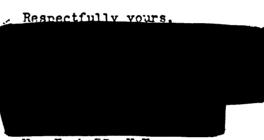
I am a citizen of the United States, and have been cleared for security --the latest one being for work on Air Force Contracts for Eastman Kodak Company /

Thank you very much for any information or help you may be able to give me in this matter !!



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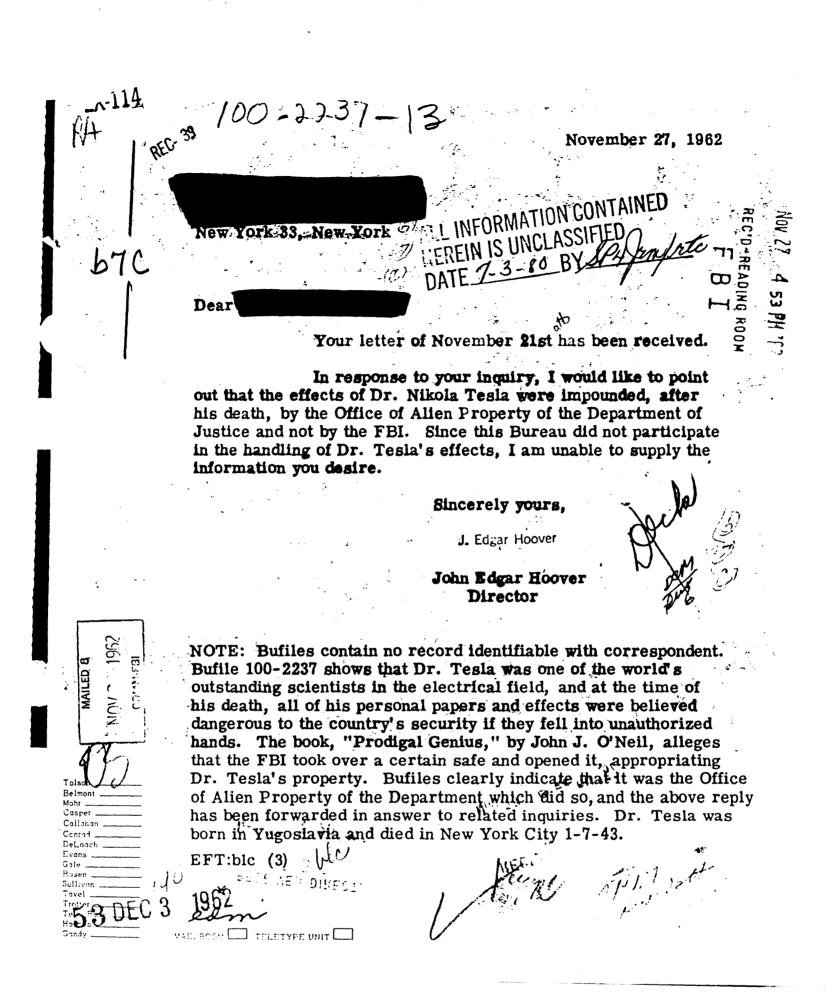


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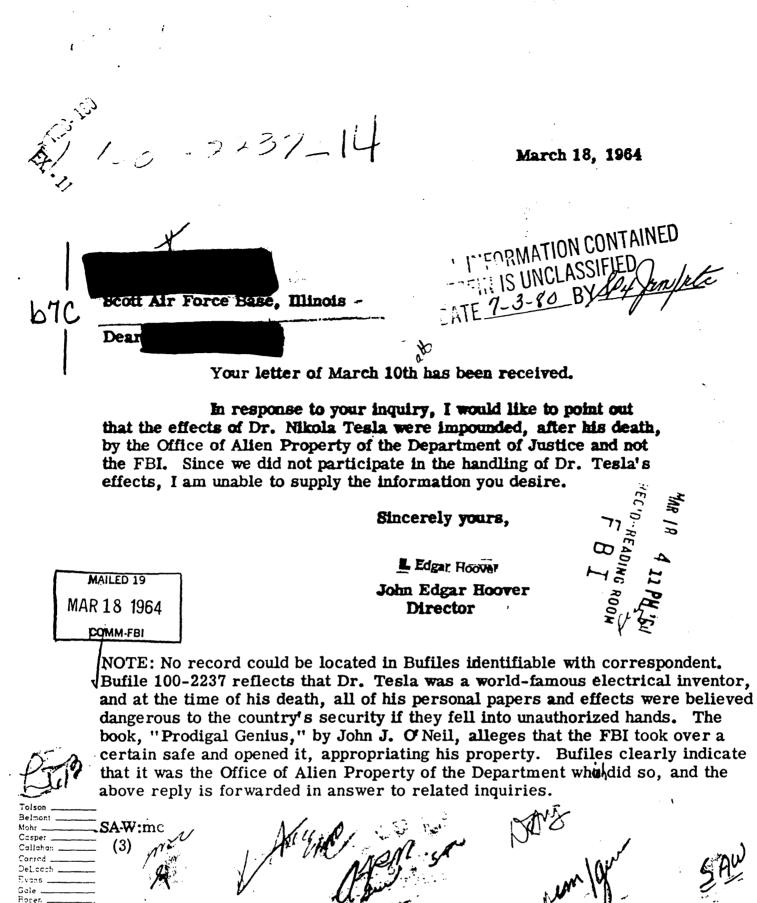
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Dear Sirs,

For some time, have been wondering about the matter of what was reported on the late Nikola Tesla, the inventor. He died during early January 1943, while in residence at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City. Accounts have it that his belongings (papers, etc.) were studied. Would appreciate learning if anything can be learned about this.

Am hoping to be on leave, and in Washington, along the third week of April. This is mentioned, in case it is possible to view anything relating to the question.

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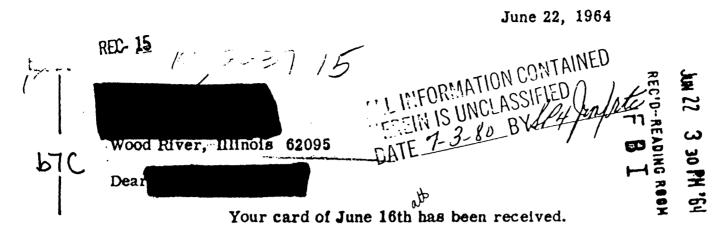
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Sincerely yours,

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Reply to: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SCIENCE

March 28, 1967

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Dear Sirs:

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I am a student of the history of science at Oregon State University, and I am attempting to write a research paper on a very eccentric scientist who died in 1943. His name was Nikola Tesla, a naturalized American of Serbian extraction, and he died in his hotel room in New York City on January 8, 1943.

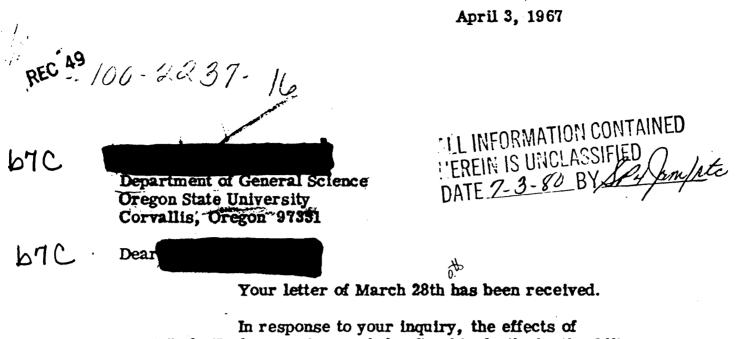
During the years leading up to World War II, Nikola Tesla supposedly invented a "Death Ray" which could destroy several hundred aircraft. Mr. Tesla was a very prolific and creative genius during his early years but gradually became something of a crackpot in his old age. As a student of the history of science, it is important to determine whether or not Tesla had any valid ideas in the plans for his death ray. Tesla invented the fluorescent light and also was one of the first scientists to discover X-Rays--hence there may be some possibility that his death ray might actually have been some crude type of laser.

In Tesla's biography, "Prodigal Genius", by John J. O'Neill, the author states on page 277:

"Operatives from the F.B.I. came to Tesla's hotel room shortly after his death and opened the safe in his room. They took the papers that it contained in order to examine them for a reported secret invention of possible use in the war..."

I am trying to locate Tesla's secret and unpublished writings concerning his death ray. I have searched the literature quite thoroughly and have found nothing. Does the F.B.I. still have these papers or can you tell where I might be able to obtain these writings for examination? Any assistance or information that you may lend me will be very much appreciated.

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# Feb. 25, 1969

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I have studied all of the material on this man and have found him to be more intelligent than the great "Brain" of his time, Thomas Edison.

Why without Nikola Tesla there would be Westinghouse Company as we know today. This is the man who harnessed Niagara Falls, and was the one and only man who could see the possibilities of Alternating Current when men like Edison said "it would never work."

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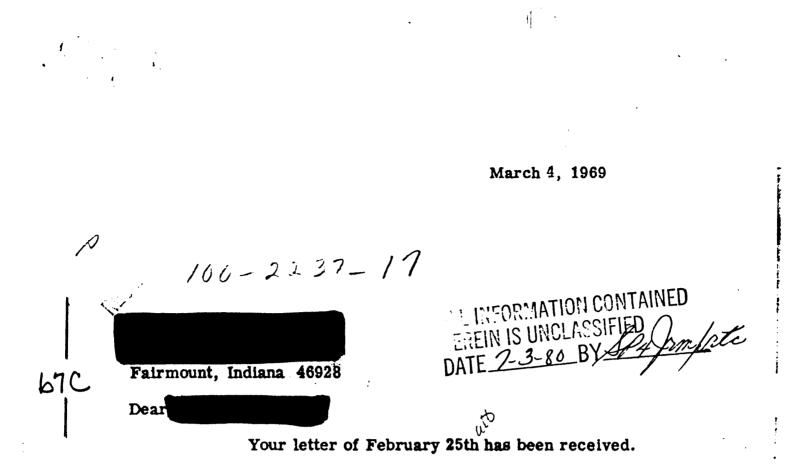
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Thank You,

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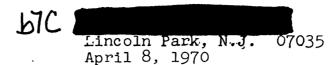
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Federal Bureau of Investigation Director of Central Records Washington, D.C.

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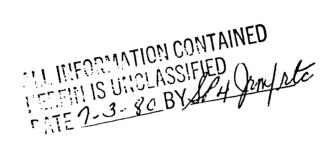
0 I am doing a research paper on Nickola Tesla and would appreciate it if you could please provide me with the following information.

That information being why did your Bureau impound his personal effects immediately after his death on January 7, 1943. Secondly, could you provide a list of those effects, and lastly, when were they released and to whom were they given.

Thanking you for the information



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REG 44 104 21 37-18 April 14, 1970 FORMATION CONTAINED IS Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035 67C Dear d, In reply to your inquiry of April 8th, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. A copy of your communication has been referred to the Department of Justice for any help it may be able to offer. Sincerely yours, 1 Edgar Hoover ふ MAILED 9 John Edgar Hoover Director APR 1 4 1970 COMM-FBI NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Tolson Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Hesla was a world-famous electrical DeLoach inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and Walters . Mohr. effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell Bishop Casper into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. Callahan Conrad . O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, Feli Gale appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Rosen Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above Sullivan Tavel assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department. J. AIL ROCM TELETYPE UNIT MHB:cfj (3) 4. Gandy

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoever, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

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I am writing this to you as I believe that most of the government is infiltrated with foreign agents, and there is a very good chance this could be of extreme importance for the defense of our nation.

I met a man a number of years ago that was raised on Long Island in the neighborhood where Mr. Tesla, inventor of the Tesla Coil, had his lab. He told me of Mr. Tesla's notes blowing down the street when the junk men were dismantling his equipment. It would be a wonderful thing is some of these notes were salvaged and could be found.

Mr. Tesla was at least a century ahead of his time. He sent radio signals around the world seventeen years prior to Mr. Marconi, who received the credit, and pioneered many fields. He was so far advanced that he had to invent a special math to keep up with his work.

He, on several accasions talked before the scientists of the world and became very angry at their inability to understand him, and due to this was violently disliked and didnot receive acknowledgement for his discoveries. One of the notes read by this man told of the radio transmission of electricity being brought to a high degree of effiency.

Now here is the thing that should be investigated throughly. During my High School education, in the winter of either 19-25-26 or 1926-27, I made a currant events report on an article appearing in a small publication of that name that was received weekly at the Troy Highschool, Troy Montana. It stated in this article that Mr. Tesla had made an offer to the Congress of the United States that if they would install radio transmission towers at every 150 miles around the border of this country, that he would install equipment that would broadcast a vertical plane of energy beyond the atmosphere through which no material object could pass as it would shatter or lose it's monecular coohesion. It was refused.

There is a good chance that this data is in the files of congress. What a defence, and boy do we need it. **EX-117**, **REC-3** 100-2337-19

I have had some results along this line with structured vortices of magnetic fields, but do not have the technical equipment or knowledge to carry out further experiments. The theory is quite simple and deals with particle acceleration, and it works to the best of my knowledge. 9 JULIC 1970

Sincerely Just b7C

July 15, 1970 REC-3 100-2237-1 INFORMATION CONTAINED DATE 2-3-83 BY California 30066 Aar Vista, Ь Dear Your letter was received on July 13th and the interest

which prompted you to write to me is appreciated. With respect to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and the FBI did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings. In addition, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and matters such as you mentioned do not come within the scope of this Bureau's authority.

## Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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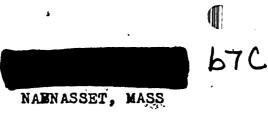
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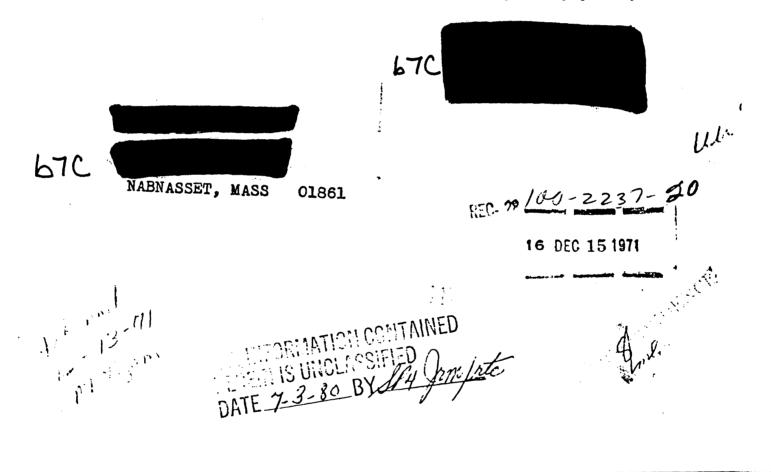
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently begun a collection and reading file of all matters pertaining to Nikola Tesla. In so doing I was amazed to find that upon his death; January 7, 1943, in NYC, your bureau confined his papers. May I ask if you still "have them in jail". I am extremely interested in his work(s) and am trying to establish my own "Tesla" library. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.





December 14, 1971 **LL INFORMATION CONTAINED** 00-2237: REC- 28 ASSIFIED 80 Mabnasset, Massachusetts. 01863 67 Dear Your letter of December 6th has been received. In response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. We did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings in any way. Copies of your communication and my reply have been referred to the Department of Justice. Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover John Edgar Hoover Director NOTE: Bufiles contain no record correspondent. Dr. Tesla was world-famous electrical inventor, and at death, his effects believed dangerous to country's security. "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges FBI took safe and appropriated his property. Above reply previously given to same inquiries. (100-2237) Material sent to the Assistant Attorney, Civil Division, of the Department. MLN:jam (4) Tolson Jar. Felt\_ Rosen . Mohr . Bishop Miller. E.S. MAILED 8 Cullahan Casper Conrad Dalbey Cleveland FBI Ponder Bates Tavel Walters Ðð Sovars Tele. Room Holmes MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT Gandy .... THE PARTY

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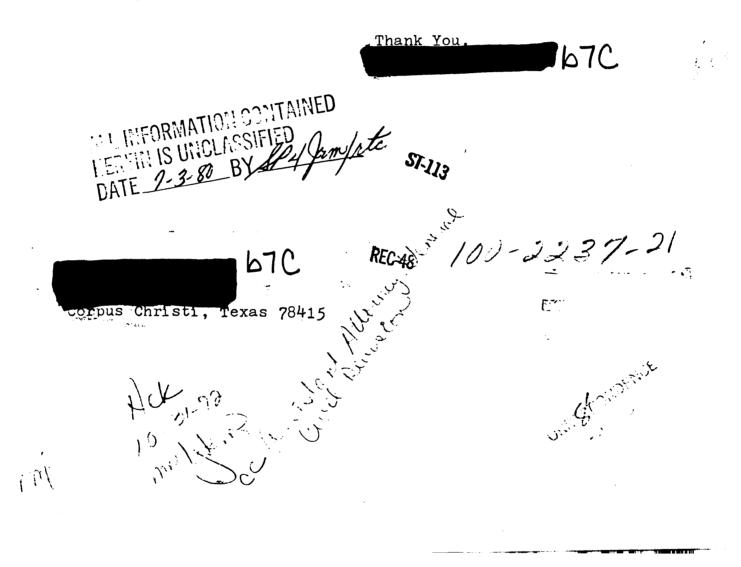
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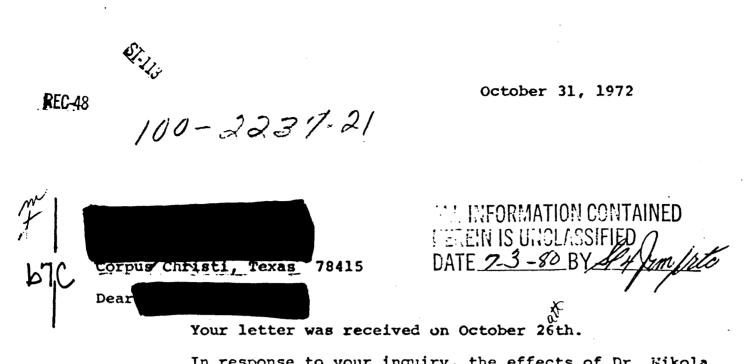
Upon rea ding a biography on <u>Nikola Tesla</u>, I found the urge to read more on him and his works. At the end of the book it was stated that the F.B.I. went to his hotel room gathered up his papers and locked them in a vault. The thing I would like to know is the real reason they were locked up and if it would be possible to see some of these records and any other works of his.

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I can think of only one possible reason as to cause of his records being locked up and that is because he was too far advanced for his time. This seems to be the only logical solution, but, with technology much more advanced now than in his time it would seem likely that scientists take over where he left off.

Please let me know If I can look at the records and if you can please answer my question of the real reason his records were locked up.





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Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III Acting Director

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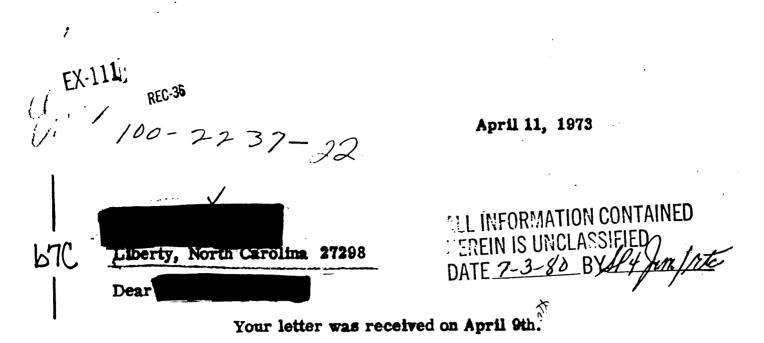
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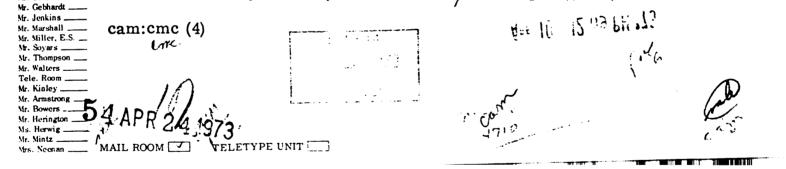
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## L. Patrick Gray, III Acting Director

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Mr. Felt ... Mr. Baker

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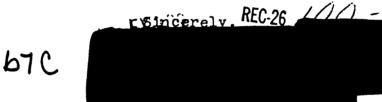
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#### Gentlemen:

I would like to know if any microfilm or other reproductions of <u>Mikola Tesla</u>'s notes and papers exist at your office. Tesla was a famous scientist who died in New York City. The Federal Bureau of Investigation entered his safe shortly after this to remove his papers for examination for the war effort. After the war the papers were offered to any group that would start a museum to house them. No one accepted and the papers were finally sent to the Tesla Museum in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, sometime in the early 1950's, possibly just before 1954. Tesla was the inventor of all ac motors and the polyphase system, as well as all flourescent and neon lamps. He was a major pioneer in the early days of radio and discovered many of the early principles of radar. He declined nomination of a Nobel Prize. He was a naturalized citizen of America and said he valued his citizenship papers above all his awards and possessions. Despite this, all his papers were sent to another nation.

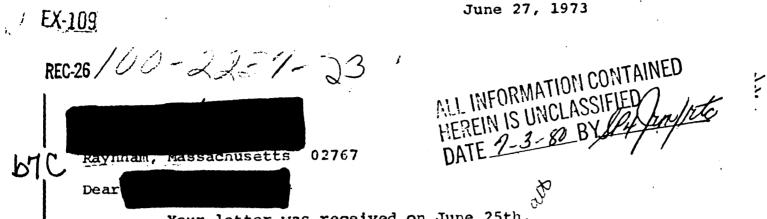
I would like to examine some of his papers from 1899 and later without having to fly to Yugoslavia. I have only seen a condesnsed copy of his research from Colorado Springs, but am unable to obtain copies. The principles and equipment are rather out-of-date and well-known, but still useful in my research.

I would greatly appreciate help in this matter.





P.S. Tesla died in January of 1943 and shortly after this the papers were removed from his safe. The original I believe it was in that year the Yugoslavs founded the Tesla Museum (not to be confused with the mark copies of these papers were sent abroad prior to 1954, as Tesla Museum (not to be confused with the Tesla Institute).



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Your letter was received on June 25th.

In response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. A copy of your communication and of this reply have been referred to the Department of Justice.

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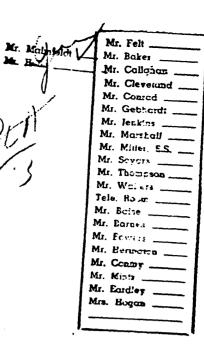
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Sincerely yours,

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William D. Ruckelshaus Acting Director

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## United States Senate

June 26, 1973

Respectfully referred to:

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Congressional Liaison Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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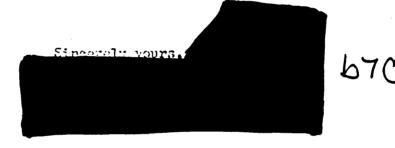
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Bear Senator Packwood,

Though in Alaska temporarily working on a military contract, I still consider myself an Onegon resident, hence it is to you than I write. lesin 1. 1 During my days at Reed College, I became interested in a fascinating Green physicist, Nicolai Tesla. Proffessor Tesla emmigrated to this country in the twenties, I Delleve, and did some of his most original here. Tesla had a peculiar bent of mind, in his younger days he was often called a final scientist, and did not publish extensively when he came to the US. Most of the extant primary material is in untranslated Czech. Tesla was however, an extensive note taker. It thought it strange that upon his death, none of his notes from his American period ever appeared. Upon discussing this with a friend, I was informed that all of Mr. Tesla's motes were confiscated by the FBI. I cannot conceive how these notes on physics and electricity can in any way endanger the national safety. It seems that Mr. Hoover in his zeal, had confiscated material whose only sin was a radical approach to science. There is indication that much of Professor Tesla's later work concerned a very novel approach to time theory. Needless to say, it has been radical approaches to physics that have oeen our greatest scientific advances in modern times, viz. Einsbein, Heisenberg, et al.

I was wondering if your office might be able to determine if these papers are still extant, and if so, see to it that the public has access to them, It would be a shame to see all of Nicolai Teslas work to have been in vain.

Please excuse my typing, in all the thousands of words I typed trying to get a liberal education, I never did master the typewriter.



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July 5, 1973 ST-105 **REC-15** 100-22:7-24 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-8-80 BY 44 Honorable Bob ...... Packwood United States Senate 1 Washington, D. C. 20510 Dear Senator Packwood: This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated June 26th enclosing a letter from your constituent, who is temporarily employed in Alaska. Mr 67C In response to Mr. inquiry, central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicate that the effects of Dr. Rikola Tesla were impounded after his death by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the PBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. I am returning your enclosure as you requested. 2 Æ Sincerely yours, William D. Ruckelshaus William D. Ruckelshaus Acting Director Enclosure \_ 1 - Portland - Enclosures (2) Mr. Felt\_ Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_ 1 - Congressionaf Services Office - Enclosures (2) Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_ NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence with Senator 67C Mr. Conrad \_ - Packwöod. Mr. is not identifiable in Bufiles Mr. Gebhardt \_\_\_\_ Mr. Merkins \_\_\_\_\_ Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous Mr. Merkall \_\_\_\_\_ electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his Mr. Miller, E.S.\_\_\_\_ personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the countr Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_\_ security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodig Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_\_ Genius," by John J. O'Neill, alleged that the FBI took over a ce Mr. Baise \_ safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearl. Mr. Barnes Mr. Banes \_\_\_\_\_\_ Findicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Depar' Mr. Heingun \_\_\_\_\_\_ Which did solve and the above reply is forwarded in answer to re Mr. Commy \_\_\_\_\_\_ inquiries /\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Eardley \_\_\_\_\_ /PLA : RODS [\_\_\_\_\_) TELETYPE UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ (14) C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

Richardson; Texas, 75080 12 July 1973 11 INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>7-3-85</u> BY <u>14 pm/rt</u>

It has come to my attention that upon the death of Mr. Nikela Tesla, the founder of modern A.C. power systems, and the original inventors of radio, and innumerable other devices, operatives of the F.B.L. opened his safe and removed his papers

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ment\_since his\_death\_live uld alike to know WHY and also to be informed as to whe was; and is responsible for keeping the lid on these records. Live uld also like to know where they are new. I do hope you enjoy a good laugh over the sparent nalevity of . such a request as this, but it is a trather strange situation to exist in a country like this, that a man of such genius and the second secon

achievement could be systematically cut sut of history books; and that the facts about his works could be concealed to the

degree they have been all wish to obtain access to all these old records which have been concealed for thirty years all would all the

appreciate your kind consideration and attention to this matter 9

and any assistence you may care to give. 7/007

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July 19, 1973 2237-1 TIGN CONTAINED -EX-105 DATE 7-3 67C Richardson, Texas 75080 Dear Your letter was received on July 16th. In response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did that participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. A copy of your communication and of this reply have ł been referred to the Department of Justice. Sincerely yours, IMAILED 4 C. M. Kelley ⊴\_\_1⊜1973 N F81 Clarence M. Kelley Director NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. (Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and Assoc. Dir. at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects Asst. Dir.: Admin. were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into Comp. Syst. \_ unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neill Files & Com. \_\_\_ alleged that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, Gen. Inv. \_\_\_ Ident. appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was Inspection \_\_\_\_ the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and Intell. the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy Laboratory \_\_\_\_ of letter referred to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.) Pion. & Evol. \_\_ Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_ Training .... Legal Coun. \_ jkb:cmc (4)Cong. Serv. \_ L 211.0 Corr. & Crm. Research Press Off. \_ トウジ NК Telephone Rm. \_\_ Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_ MAIL ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ TELETYPE UNIT \_\_\_\_

Clarence M. Kelley Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley,

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CORRESPONDENCE

Richardson, Texas

Thank you for your letter of the 19th of July. I appreciate the information about the Office of Alien Property and its connection with the impounding of the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla. In my letter of the 16th I did not mean to imply the FBI had impounded his effects, as I was aware of the O.A.P.s general part in the affair. The fact remains that to the best of my knowledge, it WAS agents of the FBI who did in fact break into his safe only hours after his death, and did remove the papers therein. Now, in so far as the Bureau was connected, I wish to understand that extent. I do appreciate your refering my communication to the appropriate persons in the Justice Department, but perhaps you could see that the above mentioned connection of the Bureau could be further looked inte. I am curious as to who asked the Bureau to perform such an act, whether is was a person in the O.A.P. or what, and on what grounds they were carried out, and to whom they were responsible. Also, to what person were the perloined papers delivered? Names: of the agents involved would be appreciated. As to what happened to any other effects of his, that is probably 2 question more ably -2-37-26 REC 68 100 answered by the O.A.P., yet if Bureau agents participated once. they may have done so on other occasions. If the persons who gdid 1973 open the safe were NOT FBI agents, then we are faced with the fact that persons aparently posed as Bureau operatives, an even more

interesting situation. Pebhaps this whets your own curiosity about

this affair, c'ugh on the surface it only las historic interest. Are you aware that before the year 1900 he was able to transmit thousands of watts of electric power to any point on the globe WITHOUT WIRES. This and other feats would make him a prime target for vested interest groups, netably the J.P.Morgan combine with whom he had connections. I am aware of the well earned tradition of the Bureau of NOT serving any master but the common good, so again we have a curious point if indeed strings were pulled. Quite frankly, it looks as if someone went to a lot of trouble to see that his ideas were not breadly available to ensure the stability of their own electric technological apple cart financially, at the expense of unguessable benefits to to humanity as a whole. How would you like to be able to draw unlimited power out of the air to run say a lightbulb with ONE wire? He did it, and much more. My sincere thanks for your thought and

attentions to these matters.

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> dt, Your letter, which was received on July 30th, has been reviewed and I would like to point out that FBI Agents were not involved in removal of papers from the safe of Dr. Nikola Tesla, nor did we at any time have custody of his property.

> I realize there have been some written accounts that our Agents acquired Dr. Tesla's belongings; however, these accounts are simply not true. You can be assured we were absolutely not responsible and there was no impersonation involved.

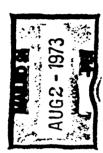
> > Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

NOTE: Correspondent had written in mid-July and asked about the effects of Dr. Tesla and he was advised that the Office of Alien Property had participated in removing his effects from his hotel room. A copy of his communication was referred to the Department of Justice. Bufiles indicate clearly that after Dr. Tesla's death some relatives opened the safe in his hotel room with the help of a locksmith and, thereafter, the Office of Alien Property confiscated all of his belongings. Bufile 100-2237 mentions the that the FBI was advised of the existence of this property; however, inasmucl as the Office of Alien Property was handling Dr. Tesla's effects, the Bureau had absolutely no hand in the entire matter.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Department of Justice Washington D.C. 20535

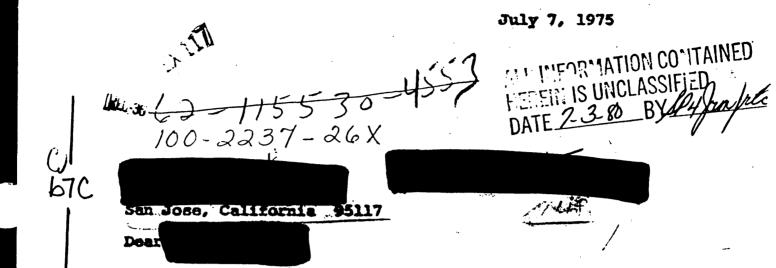
Sirs:

We recently contacted the San Francisco FBI office and a review of their files revealed information concerning the scientist Nikol Fesla or his papers which we understand to have been impounded.

If you could make a thorough investigation of all files and materials available to you, we would greatly appreciate the correspondence of any information that might be discovered.

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This will acknowledge your letter of June 9th.

In response to your inquiry, the papers of Dr. Mikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice.

### Sincerely yours,

## C.M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

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NOTE: Bufile 100-2237 indicates that Dr. Tesla was a world famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death his personal papers and effects were impounded by Office of Alien Property for national security reasons. Since Tesla's death in 1943 the Bureau has received numerous inquiries about the disposition of his technical papers. The above reply is forwarded in answer to these inquiries. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with requesters.

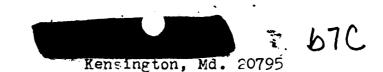
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Mr. Clarence Kelley Director F.B.I. Washington, D.C. 20535

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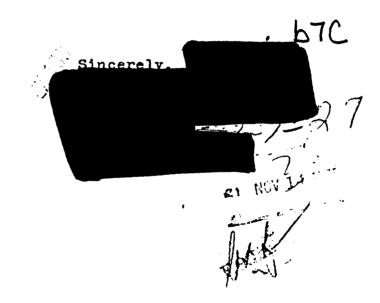
In reply to the letter of 10 November from your office:

I restate that I was not asking about the existence or non-existence of any investigative information on <u>Nikola</u> <u>Teals</u>, but on his technical papers seized on his death in 1943 and reported in the papers of that time.

The reason given in the reply from your office, the second paragraph, as to why I cannot get any information on Tesla's papers makes no sense in itself or in reply to my inquiry. The third paragraph stating the conditions under which a search will be made is a clear bureaucratic circumvention of the Freedom of Information Act and an excuse on the part of the individual handling my request for doing any work beyond the drafting of a letter. Will it be the decision of your office to let the situation stand like this?

As I stated in my first letter, I am following up the Tesla data for a magazine article. I am tempted to have your reply of the 10th printed and run nationally as an example of how bureaucratic manoeuring is used to get around the FOIA. Does the bureau need more of this type of publicity?

It is disheartening to see an agency entrusted to uphold the law using its resources to mock the law.



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REE. 57 EX 103 160-22-27-27 November 26, 1975 **MULINFORMATION CONTAINED** EIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-3-00 BY Kensington, Marylanda .67C Dear This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Bureau on November 14th. at In response to your inquiry, the papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice. Sincerely yours, C. M. Kelley Clarence M. Kelley Director 3/01 164. 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure 1 Attention: Susan M. Hauser NOTE: Bufile 100-2237 indicates that Dr. Tesla was a World famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death his personal papers and effects were impounded by Office of Alien Property for National Assoc. Dir. \_\_ Dep AD Adm. Security reasons. Since Tesla's death in 1943 the Dep AD hv - Bureau has received numerous inquiries about the Asst. Dir.: disposition of his technical papers. The above Admin. \_ come system reply is forwarded in answer to these inquiries. Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_ Files & Com. \_\_ baf:gjd (5) Gen. Inv. \_ \_\_\_\_ Ident. Inspection \_\_\_\_ :\ Intell. \_\_\_ Leberatory \_ Plan. & Eval. ... Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_ ų Training \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Coun. Telephone Rm lή DEC 24 1975 GPO : 1975 O - 569-920 TELETYPE UNIT

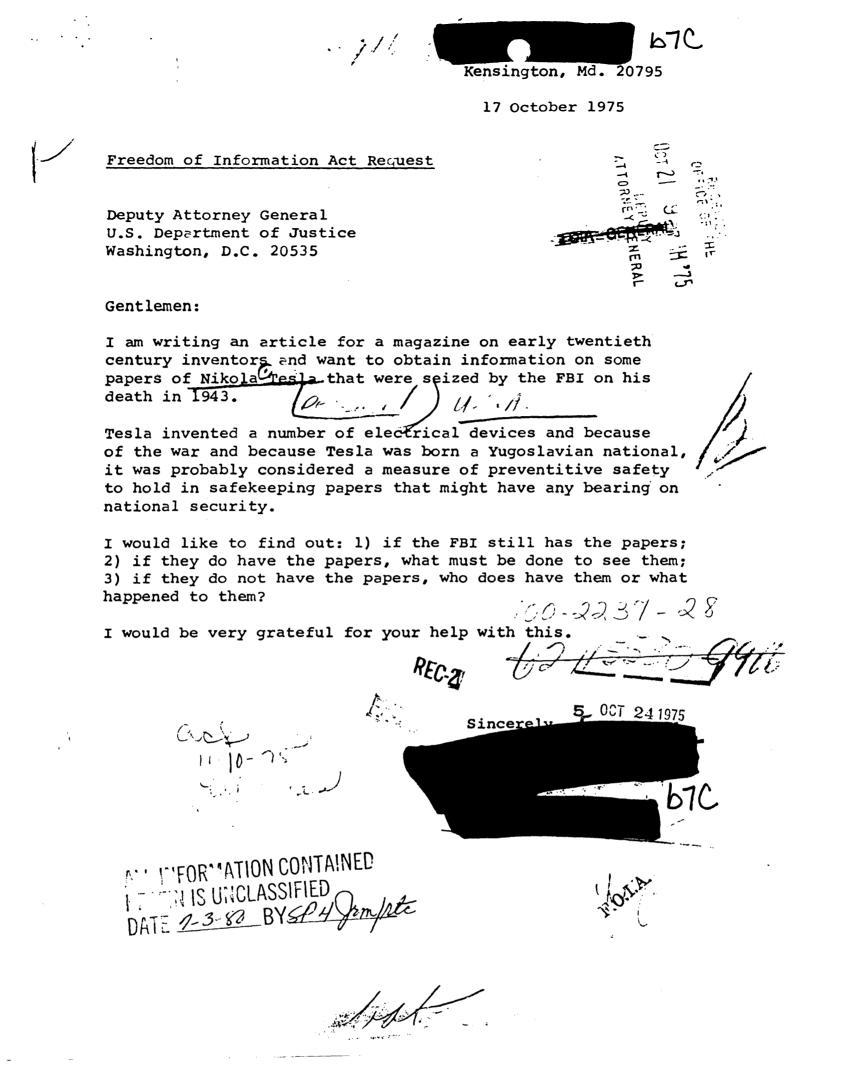
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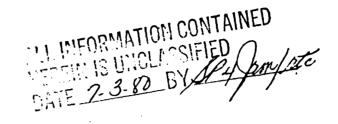


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Mr. Clarence Kelly Director F.B.I. Washington, DC



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Dear Mr. Kelly:

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Mr. Allen and Mr. Ruchlehaus, former acting Director of the FBI, contacted me in 1973 regarding the unavailability of American microfilm records of <u>Nikola Tesla's</u> unpublished diary (now in the Belgrade museum, arranged by month per folder).

At the time I discounted the possibility that these unpublished discoveries had military significance. But because of experiments now under way at Hill AFB, I now suspect such military applications exist and feel it imperative that you be notified, particularly in view of the fact that the Soviets have primary access to the entire collection.

Two photos of each page exist.

After Tesla's death, scientists from the Navy and OSS performed a cursory examination of the diary and notes, which if my memory serves me correctly, was one month long, hardly enough time to decipher Tesla's torturous handwriting. Though Tesla wrote in English, his penmanship was small, blurred, and as difficult to translate as a foreign language.

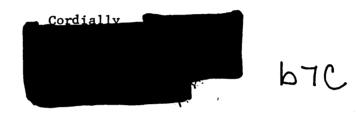
According to the museum director (1971), the Soviets had made copies of some portions, but not the Colorado Springs diary, which numbers 500 pages, 20 that directly pertain to ball lightning, and 20 or so relevant to the equipment construction. (We copied the most significant portions, but feel more exists) I have been associated with Project Tesla for four years, have just completed an article for my magazine, EDN (an electrical engineering magazine), but only with the very recent receipt of an unpublished manuscript from John J. O'Neill's book (PRODIGAL GENIUS) did I place credence on Tesla's later claim to military applications. Incidentally, some of O'Neill's descriptions were inaccurate and exagerated, as we have exceeded Tesla's results and are familiar with the experiments. At any rate, there are three possible military applications.

First, Tesla claimed that the lightning balls (which destroyed his equipment) could be used to destroy aircraft. I have talked to AF personnel --such as the engineer at Micro Networks, who saw one inside his plane in flight--and found AF personnel fear these "rf balls," as they call them.

Second, it is a suspicion of mine that ball lightning, if injected with lithium, could produce a cheap fusion bomb.

Third--and this may be no more than a suspicion--the propulsion mode of ball lightning involves electro-gravitic interaction, by which means air vehicles of revolutionary configuration may be constructed. There are no presently-known laws of physics that can account for the propulsion (400 mph or so when following an airliner). Other hitherto unsuspected applications may exist.

None of these applications were the goal of Project Tesla, which centered on producing ball lightning as Tesla did and studying it as a plasma confinement technique for fusion reactors. Incidentally, Tesla's claim to setting up standing waves on the earth's surface (wireless power) was erroneous and involved techniques similar to Project Sanguine, that is, using the earth's atmosphere as a waveguide technique is aware of our research).



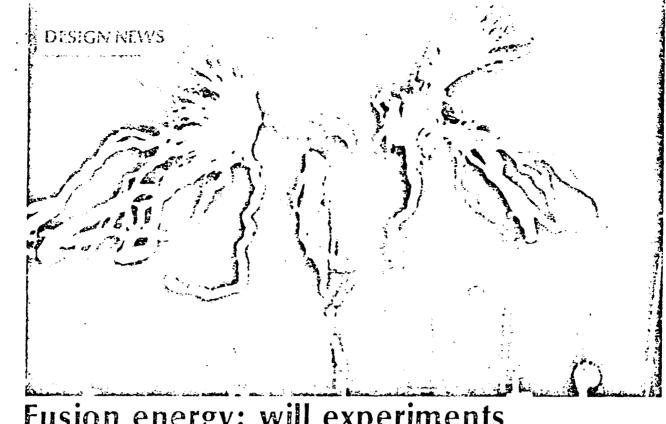
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# Fusion energy: will experiments in ball lightning provide the key?

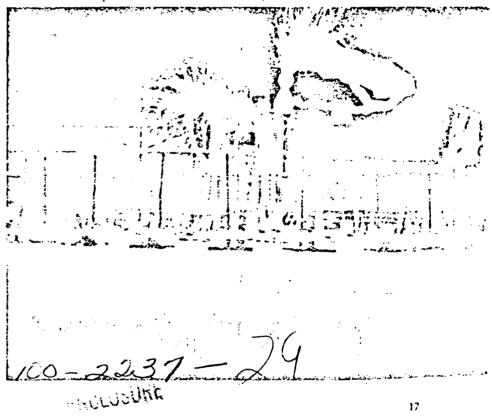
Paul Snigier, Associate Editor

In the vast and empty hangar where the first atomic bomb was assembled, a man-made lightning storm is now being unleashed. The voltages of these lightning bolts—20 million volts—are the highest discharge voltages ever produced by man.

Project Tesla, headed by Robert K. Golka and Dr. Robert W. Bass, is an attempt to artificially duplicate one of nature's rarest and most terrifying phenomena--ball lightning. The experiments are based upon the unpublished notes of Nikola Tesla, who, in 1899 at his Colorado Springs laboratory, used a secret magnifying transmitter to produce 1.5-in. lightning balls that floated for 30 sec.

# The energy surplus

Many physicists, including the eminent Dr. James Tuck, founder of the U.S. fusion program, believe that the lightning ball holds the key to a fantastic, cheap and endless energy source—fusion power, or the energy source used by the stars and sun. The fuel is deuterium, or heavy water, that can be inexpensively extracted from ocean water to provide mankind Highest voltage continuously oscillating damped-wave lightning generator (ever produced by mankind) creates a current of 1100A at 12.5 MV! Subsequent improvements raised this to a peak current of 2200A at 20 MV. Further improvements could conceivably produce bolts that exceed natural lightning (100 MV)!



with millions of years of -i -y. · Unfortunately, programmin fusion research, which has centered on magnetic confinement and laser implosions, has been frustratingly slow and full of unpleasant surprises; and scientists warn that success could be as far off as four decades! But if these promising experiments under way at Wendover, UT, are successful, ...aw

\_nexpected confinement technique could unleash this energy source.

#### In search of nature's secrets...

Ball lightning, a glowing sphere of red, orange or yellow plasma, often materializes during lightning storms and floats about, often against a strong wind. The ball may bounce along the floor and, on occasion, the sphere will "slip" through glass without breaking it. (The author recently investigated one such case in a hospital, in which the lights were damaged.) At times it materializes inside or even outside aircraft in flight, seemingly impervious to deformation from the wind force.

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Witnesses of ball lightnir have included such notables as along the wall for a distance or Niels Bohr and Victor Weisskopf, the Director of the MIT Physics Department. Another witness was Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who reported seeing it cross the breakfast table aboard the presidential plane.

The accidental formation of ball lightning has been observed about once per year for the past decade inside building 985 at Hill AF Missile Radiographic Facility, UT. The volleyball-size fireballs drop out of the space adjacent to the high voltage supply of the 25 Mev linear accelerator.

The ball of blue fire floats down to the floor, rolls around randomly and then rises again to the power-supply area where it dissipates without detectable damage. Despite troubleshooting, no explanation can be found for this occurrence.

On one occasion, lightning struck the building—a large concrete structure with a 60-ft. ceiling inside-and, simultaneously, an intense sphere of fire above the conduit on the wall at sun!

arly shoulder level. It moved some 30 ft., floated out and around the neck and shoulders ( of a person standing near the wall, moved back to the wall and continued along for several fect until it intercepted a duplex outlet on the conduit. At this the ball exploded, causing electrical damage throughout.

#### A new state of matter?

No presently known laws of physics can account for the stability and bouncing of fireballs unless it includes surface tension. This hitherto unobserved state of matter is a new concept, since plasmas have never previously exhibited such strong surface tension. Also, presently known laws cannot account for the propulsion.

Project Tesla has developed a rigorous mathematical model of the lightning ball's absolute, asymptotic, fluid-dynamical stability. Initial computer studies indicated a density range of  $10^{13}$ - $10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, with a tempera-

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Chapter 34 TEC TRIES TO PREVENT WORLD II Tohn J. Meiling book . O'Meil was very When Tesh was talking as a scientist he was opposed to some very wars on moral, oconomic and all practical and theoretical grounds. I discould But, like most scientists, when he stopped thinking as a scientist, discould and let his emotions rule his thoughts, he found exceptions in which he felt some wars and situations were justifiable. As a cloins, but scientist he was unwilling to have the discoveries of scientists in high of applied to the pruposes of war makers, but when the emotional phase over of his nature took the ruling position he was then willing to apply second nis genius to devising measures that would prevent wars by supplying for these way be

This attitude is exemplified in the following statement such that which he prepared in the twenties but did not publish:

"At present many of the ablest minds are trying to devise expedients for preventing a repetition of the awful conflict which is only theoretically ended and the duration and main issues of which I correctly predicted in an article printed in the Sun of December 20, 1914. The League is not a remedy but, on the contrary, in the opinion of a number of competent men, may bring about results just the opposite. It is particularly regrettable that a punitive policy was adopted in framing the terms of peace because a few years hence it will be possible for nations to fight without armies, ships or guns, by weapons far more terrible, to the destructive action and range of which there is virtually no limit. Any city at any distance whatsoever from the enemy can be destroyed by him and no power on earth can stop him from doing so. If we want to avert an impending calamity and a state of things which may transorm this globe into an inferno, we should push the development of flying machines and wireless transmission of energy without an instant's delay and with all the power and resources of the nation."

Tesla saw preventative possibilities in his new invention which embodied "death ray" characteristics and which was made several years after the foregoing statement was written. He saw it providing a curtain of protection which any country, no matter how small, could use as a protection against invasion. "hile he might offer it as a defensive weapon, however, there would be nothing to stop military mon from using it as a weapon of offense.

While I did not know the nature of Tesla's plan I was convinced that it did embody many discoveries that would be of commercial value, and these were the angles he should seek to develop. I folt that if he could be induced to develop some minor phase of his work that would have immediate commercial use he could derive an income from it which would enable him to proceed with his more elaborate plans. To this end I sought to gain some insight into his thoughts, that would enable me to get a practical plan in operation. This was no secret to Tesla and he successfully parried every thrust I made.

The clearest conception I got, and that was largely from scattered remarks, and by making deductions from them, concerned a possible manner in which one phase of his curtain of protection might operate. This was a "war" angle and as such At(did not interest100 - 2237 - ()

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A fire ball is a strange phenomenon associated with lightning. Some of the energy of the lightning stroke appears to become locked into a ball shaped structure which may be of any size from a couple of inches to a foot in diameter. It looks like a perfect sphere, brightly incandescent and floats like a bubble, being easily carried by air currents. They may last for a short time, from a fraction of a second to many seconds. In this interval, during which they stay fairly close to the ground, tney may come close to many objects without damaging them or being damaged by them. Suddenly, for no known reason, the ball explodes doing as much damage as a bomb, if close to structures, and no damage if in the open.

The fire ball looked to me like a gigantically enlarged model of the tiny electron, one of the building blocks of matter, which acts as if it were just a spherical area of space in which an amount of energy was crystallized to give it structure. I felt that if it were possible to discover how a large amount of energy was stored in this fairy bubble structure of a fire ball a new insight might be gained into the structure of the electron and other fundamental particles of matter. Also this method of storing energy could be applied to a thousand useful purposes.

When I approached Tesla with pleas along this line to develop this possible phase of his discovery he would evade direct roply by indulging in a, not always, tolerant lecture on my gullability in believing theories about the complex structure of the atom. While he had in earlier years discussed some of his experiences with fire balls in his laboratory at Colorado Springs and explained his theory of their formation, he would not in the later years permit himself to be drawn into a discussion of them as a possible part of his system. This, of course, made me suspicious that the clue was "hot" but I could be completely wrong in my conclusions. Tesla was very quick in detecting my technique when I sought to parrow down a field by trying to get him to deny statements when he was adamant to direct questions.

Tesla became familiar with the destructive characteristics of fire balls in his experiments at Colorado Springs in 1899. He produced them quite by accident and saw them, more than once, explode and shatter his tall mast and also destroy apparatus within his laboratory. The destructive action accompanying the disintegration of a fire ball, he declared, takes place with inconceivabel violence.

He studied the process by which they were produced, not because he wanted to produce them but in order to eliminate the conditions in which they were created. It is not pleasant, he related, to have a fire ball explode in your vicinity for they will destroy enything they come in contact with.

It will be necessary to reconstruct his statements from very fragmentary notes and a long distance memory.

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"Even when the principal oscillating circuit was adjusted for the greatest efficiency of operation by the dimination of all sources of losses the fire balls continued to occur but these were due to stray high frequency charges from random earth currents.

"From these experiences it became apparent that the fire balls resulted from the interaction of two frequencies, a stray higher frequency wave imposed on the lower frequency free oscillation of the main circuit.

"As the free oscillation of the circuit builds up from the zero point to the quarter wave length node it passes through various rates of change. In a current of shorter wavelength the rates of change will be steeper. When the two currents react on each other the resultant complex will contain a wave in which there is an extremely steep rate of change, and for the briefest instant currents may move at a tremendous rate, at the rate of millions of horsepower.

"This condition acts as a trigger which may cause the total energy of the powerful longer wave to be discharged in an infinitesmally small interval of time and at a proportionately tremendously great rate of energy mement which cannot confine itself to the metal circuit and is released into surrounding space with inconceivable violence."

It is but a step, from learning how a high frequency current can explosively discharge a lower frequency current, to using the principle to design a system in which these explosions can be produced by intent. The following process appears a possible one but no evidence is available that it is the one Tesla evolved: An oscillator, such as he used to send power wirelessly around the carth at Colorado Springs, is set in operation at a frequency to which a given Warship is resonant. The complex structure of a ship would provide a great number of spots in which electrical oscillations will be set up of a much higher frequency than those coursing through the ship as a whole. These parasiste currents will react on the main current causing the production of fireballs which by their explosions will destroy the ship, even more effectively than the explosion of the magazine which would also take place. A second oscillator may be used to transmit the shorter wavelength current.

Somewhat later I learned the reason for Tesla's reticence to discuss details. This came shortly after Stanley Baldwin replaced Neville Chamberlin as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Tesla revealed that he had carried on negotiations with Prime Minister Chamberlin for the sale of his ray system to Great Britain for \$30,000,000 on the basis of his presentation that the device would provide complete protection for the British Isles against any enemy approaching by sea or air, and would provide an

offensive weapon to "ich there was no defense. He was convinced, he decktred, of the incerity of Mr. Chamber" is and his intent to adopt the device is it would have prevented a outbreak of the them threatening we, and would have made possible the continuationunder the duress which this weapon would make possible - of the working agreement involving France, Germany and Britain to maintain the status quo in Europe. When Chamberlin failed, at the Munich conference, to retain this state of European equilibrium it was necessary to get rid of Chamberlin and install a new Prime Minister who could make the effort to shift one corner of the triangle from Germany to Russia. Baldwin found no virt a in Tesla's plan and preemptorially ended the negotiations.

Tesla was greatly disappointed by the collapse of his negotiations with the British Government. With it there collapsed his hopes of providing a demonstration of his most recent, and, what he considered, his most important discoveries. He did not, however, dwell on the jubject; beyond the single conversation he did not mention the matter again. He did not get another chance to finance the demonstration of these discoveries.

During the period in which the negotiations were being carried on, Tesla declared, efforts had been made to steal the invention. His room had been entered and his papers examined but the thioves, or spies, left empty handed. There was no danger, he said, that his invention could be stolen for he had at no time committed any part of it to paper. He could trust his memory to preserve every fine detail of his investigations. This was true, he said, of all of his later major discoveries.

The nature of his system rokes little difference now; he has gone and has taken it with him. Perhaps, if there is any communication from beyond the veil that separates this life from whatever exists hereafter, Tesla may look down upon earth's struggling mortals and find some way of dropping a hint concerning what he accomplished; but, if the situation is such that this cannot take place, then we must await until the human race produces another Tesla.

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June 23, 1976 100 - 22375

Honorable William Proxmire United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510



Dear Senator Proxmire:

This will respond to your communication of June 16th enclosing the letter of Nr. of Milwaukee, Misconsin 5326

The effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the TBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire.

A copy of your communication and of this reply are being referred to the Department of Justice and the enclosure to your communication is being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

## Enclosure

- 1 Assistant Attorney General Enclosures (2) Civil Division
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July 26, 1979 J. S. Dear Mr. Webster: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED OUTSING SOUTHER 7-14.81 am writing this letter  $\checkmark$ regard to some papers you have in your possession by Nikola Tesla. I have for some time now been studying the works of Mr. Jesla and an involved in the research and further developement of tis efforts. I have in possision a copy of almost everything that was wer written by him. However I have read that on the following his death ( le died the night day January 7th 1943, so probably January 8th 1943 the Federal Bureau of Investigation to where Mr. Jesla had been staying Hotel New Yorker, New York City, New York collected all notes and papers that had with time there. REG 79 102-2231 that he To further my studies 2 and 1979 hopefully complete them it would be deeply appreciated if you would send me a copy of all the notes, papers, books, that were found drawings etc. thise. active A let Cart 20 Thank you, 67C OAK M. CH: GAN 48073 RoyAl

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A search of FBIHQ central records indices reflects that Dr. Nikola Tesla is carried as the subject of Bufile 100-2237. Virtually all information in this file is inquirytype correspondence. For purposes of FOIA releases, copies of this material have not been made and requesters have been so advised. Copies of the remaining material in the file totalling 29 pages, however, has been processed for disclosure. Numerous requesters have sought information relating to Dr. Tesla under the FOIA. Therefore, it is recommended that the disclosure documents maintained in Bufile 190-16504-4 be considered the preprocessed release appropriate for responses by the Initial Processing Unit for any further requests for information on this subject.

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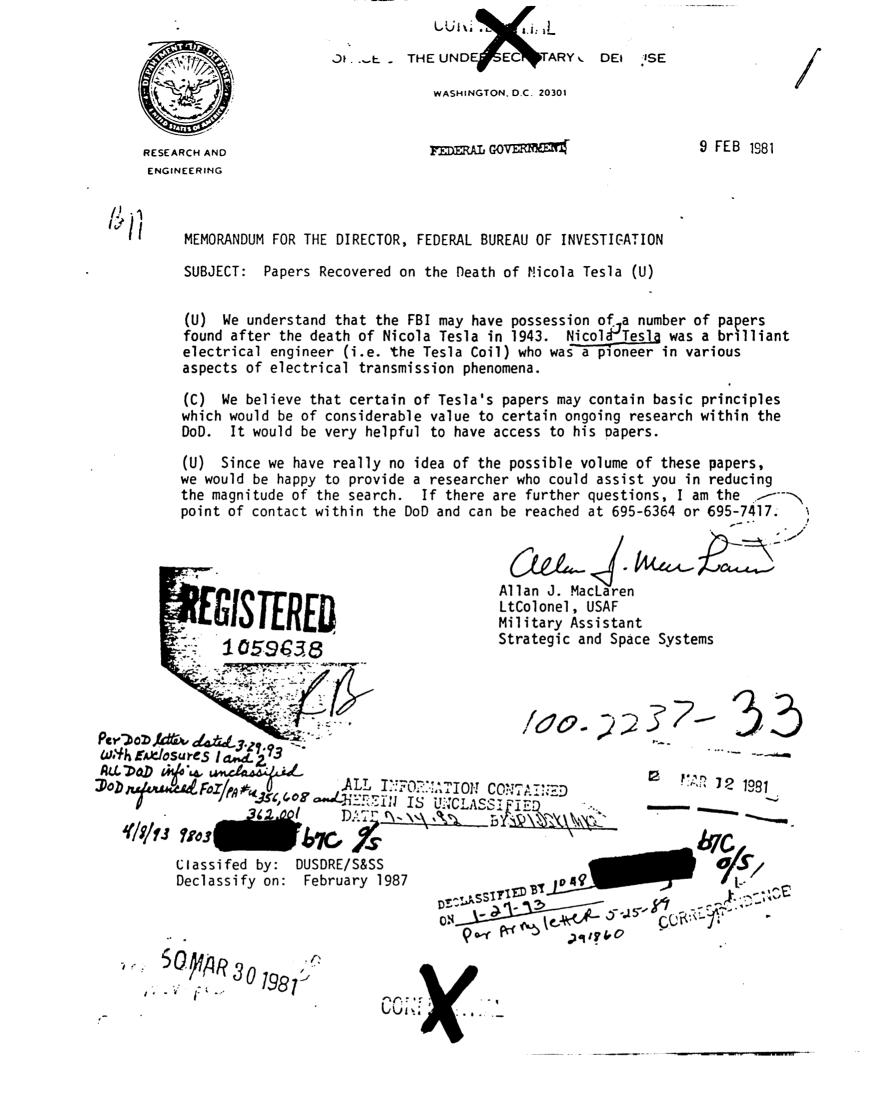
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Lt. Col. A. J. KiacLaren Military Assistant Strategic and Space Systems Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Colonel HacLaren:

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A complete dearch of our retrievable files concerning Dr. Nikola ficela shows that all notes and material in his inacdiste possession at the tive of his death on January 7, 1843, were placed in the dustody of the Alien Property Custodian under scal by the United States Government. Those materials have never been in the care or custody of the FBI'.

On January 26 and 27, 1943, Feleral authorities made a thorough review of the offects of Dr. Teals to determine it ang ideas of significant value to the United Status war offert could be found. His efforts were examined at the Munhattan Waresouse and Storage Company at 52nd and 7th Avenue, Der York, New York, where they apparently were taken after his death. Participating is this examination were representatives from the New York and Mashington Offices of the Alien Property Custodian, the Office of Scientific Research and Development at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Office of Neval Intelligence, and United States havel Research. The FRI did not pervicipate in this examination. (65-47953 section 1)

It was the considered opinion of a spokesman of those examiners "that there exict arong Dr. Tesla's papers and possessions no scientific notes, descriptions of hitherto unrevealed Lethods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands." There was thought to be no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should bevietained. However, our files indicate that certain papers, which were regarded as typical of Nikola Tesla's writings, and thoughts in the period of 1925 we US42, very removed for the phinages of groupd to the diffice of the Alien property 37 Succedian. (65-47953 section 1) V38 DE 112 1 1 V-38 DE-113 MAR 25 1931

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On October 26, 1945, Private Bloyce Pitzgerald, U.S. Army, a young scientist who had been Tesla's protoge, called in person at our New York Field Office. With him were Jeivy D David M. Pratt, Lt. Herbert-O. Schutt and Lt. R. E. abule from a research development unit at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. These nen carried a letter signed by Brigadier General In Cr Craijea, Chief Engineering Division, Wright Field, requesting that the PBI allow the bearers of the latter access to the effects of Nikola Tesla. (65-47953-15)

It was explained to this-military contingent that the FBI had no jurisdiction over Tesla's effects, and they were referred to the Office of the Alien Property Custodian. Bureau files do not indicate whether the men ever examined Tesla's belon,ings. (65-47953-15)

The Tenla effects remained in robar 53 and 5L of the Nanhattan Storage Company. In the 1950s, FBI Agents were told by company management that the only recorded visit had been made by "Pederal authorities" in January, 1943. The-floor supervisor recalled that the men had taken numberous photographs. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a aicrofilm reproduction was made of the papers of the deceased. (65-47953-27)

(65-47953-27) Our files do not reflect any pertinent information on the Tesla materials since that date. Their current whereabouts or condition are not reflected in our files.

For further information regarding this matter, you may wish to contact the Office of the Alien Property Custodian and the other Federal agencies mentioned above.

I hope that we have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely

Royff S. Youny Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

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Lt. Col. A. J. Macharan

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NOTE: On February 3, 1981, Col. Mechanon wrote to us inquiring should the scientific papers of Dr. Nitola Tesla. In a return letter of march 3, we informed him that a thorough review of our files would be made in search of the information he requested. This was done and he is being informed of the results. Tesla's papers have been the subject of numerous inquiries by various individuals and organizations since his death. FDI received over 20 FOIA requests on this matter during the period 1973-1980. Matter coordinated with FOIA Section, RED.



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Mr. Roger S. Young Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Young,

Thank you very much for your letters of March 10 and March 20, 1981, in response to our request re Dr. Tesla. We very much appreciate the effort that must have gone into this. On behalf of the Deputy Under Secretary (Strategic and Space Systems), Dr. S. L. Zeiberg, I would like to thank you and the people who spent their time searching out the relevant data.

Sincerely,

Allan J. MacLaren Colonel, USAF Military Assistant Strategic and Space Systems DE-110 /00 -2237-3 PerDad letter dated 3/29/93 With ENCLOSURES / and 2 ALL DOD info des unclassifical. <u>V-11</u> DOD vite renced For/PA #5/256,605 and 362,001 16 APR 10 1981 4/8/93 9803 670 No acknowledgent merchany 10 French Zer FBL ALLANFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 166 DATE 4-8-93 BY9863 FOIPA No. 356,60 362,001 Off. of Gons; and Pub. Aff.

Director of the FBI Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

While attending college, I came across an article about the electrical genius, Nicolai Tesla. Mr. Tesla was an electrical genius with such peers as EDISON and WESTINGHOUSE. Tesla OUTSIDE SOUT designed the basic generator and was the first man to introduce alternating current to the people. The article, written in an underground SanFrancisco newspaper, stated that Tesla also worked with electromagnetic waves and supposedly built a plant that could harness the electromagnetic waves out of the earth's atmosphere sufficiently enough to use them as a source of electricity. The article stated that Tesla built such a plant and lit up a city street 150 miles away by sending the electromagnetism via radio waves. This method is presently being used in electronic warfare. After that, the article stated that the FBI confiscated his plans and buried them in your archives. Their reasoning was that such a free form of energy would knock out a big chunk of the oil, coal, and nuclear forms of energy and their contributions to the economy (money for research and employment). All I want to know is if there is any truth to this story and if so what was the FBI's reasons and when are the archives opened again so that Tesla's work could come to light again. Now bear in mind that this man was an electrical genius and even had a unit of electrical measure named after him. If he did figure out a way to utilize the earth's electromagnetic waves then I believe that we are ready to gradually phase out our dependence on oil, ease the volatile tension in the Middle East and put all that money presently going to the Arabs into

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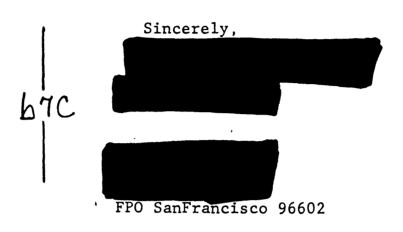
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space research, joint international research and deep-sea research to help solve our population problem. I am talking about huge sums of money being released that could speed up the experts present projected times of producing significant gains in these still relatively new fields.

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You could at least take the time to check out what I am saying and judge for yourself whether or not the archives should be opened now to put the world back on a more secure heading.



August 7, 1981

ALL INTORNATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>1-14.12</u> BY SPIDERIMY **OUTSIDE** SOURCE PPO San Francisco NOT AN FOIPA REDACTION Ьľ 96602 Dea Judge Webster has referred your letter of July 21st to me for a reply. A check of our files indicates Dr. Nikola Tesla's effects were impounded after his death by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. While your interest is indeed appreciated, the FBI is unable to answer your questions as we did not participate in the handling or have anything to do with the storage of Dr. Tesla's belongings. To be as helpful as possible, I am forwarding a copy of this communication to the Department of Justice. Sincerely, S AUG 1 0 1981 -----Roger S. Young FBI Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs Acting Assistant Attorney General Seclosure Civil Division JUÁ 670 s is not identifiable in Bufiles. Dr. Tela NOTE: AD Inv. \_\_\_\_ died on 1/7/43 and we have received much correspondence AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_\_ regarding his belongings which were impounded by the Office IN, 18: AD LES \_\_\_\_ N of Alien Property of the Department of Justice. Dir.: AUG 7 12 04 71.39 DESTON · · · · · . Servs. . . . MNSJerr (4) . Inv. \_ 12 18 .51 pretery . A:15 17 ..... ol Coun. -, & Insp. \_\_\_ Mgnt. .... 1. Servs. \_\_\_\_ 1 1 10 ning \_\_\_\_\_ : Alfs. Off. \_ hone Rm. \_\_\_ MAIL ROOM ·or's Sec'y \_

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FD-36 (Rev. 8-26-82) FBI **CLASSIFICATION:** PPECEDENCE: TRANSMIT VIA: □ TOP SECRET Immediate □ Teletype □ SECRET Facsimile AIRTEL □ Priority CONFIDENTIAL □ Routine UNCLASEFTO DIRECTOR, FBI **TO**: SEC ATTN: INTD, SUPERVISOR (P) FROM: CINCINNATI <u>a</u> NTKOLA (S) (00: CI)This communication is classified "Secret" in its entirety. Re telephone call of SA Cincinnati FB1HQ, on 8/11/83, 4 7 Division, to Supervisor Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy each of pertinent pages from the 1981 book titled "Tesla: Man Out of Time" by Margaret Cheney, with important passages underlined. For information of Bureau and New York, a m research physicist with the Electro Optics Research tab of the Avionics Division of the U.S. Air Force Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) and ū ( physicist and intelligence specialist on Particle am weapons rechnology with the Foreign Technology Division. 形民 (FTD) also at WPAFB, have both been in contact with SA at the Dayton, Ohio RA regarding possible FBI Decla Classified by: 8262 Declassify OADR Bureau (Enc. 1) ENCLOSURE - New York (Enc. 1) - Cincinnati 2 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DHF:mkg 0 POREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 17 AUG 22 1983 (6) ENCENT VIELRE COUNN OTHERVISE ' . Pe Approved: \_ Transmitted (Number) (Time) 53 NOV 101983 11.1048

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involvement in the seizing of Nikola Tesla's research papers and other documents and scientific instruments after his death on January 7, 1943.

They both explained that Tesla was a scientific genius and experimenter who was born in Yugoslavia of Serbian parents on 7/10/56, went to school later in Gratz, Austria, Prague, Czechoslovakia and Paris, France. He immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1880's, worked for Thomas Edison's laboratory for a couple of years, then started his own lab after being paid \$1 million dollars for rights to his patents on his polyphase systems of alternating current dynamos, which lead to the  $\psi \neq \psi = 1$ harnessing of Niagra Falls for producking electricity and then the power system of the whole country. He was naturalized in 1889. He predicted wireless communication (radio). His later experiments in Colorado and elsewhere legd to his producing artificial lightning in the millions of volts. He also had patents on the concept of neon and flourescent lights, but he later made little money on his later inventions, although he continued to do experiments leading to devices of great potential worth, which he never patented. He became more reclusive in his later years, living in various hotels in New York City. In the 1930's he claimed he had developed the concept and method of building a "death ray", which could destroy planes at many miles distant, for defending America. Also, there are reports of resonance machines or devices whereby he could shake one or many large city buildings from some distance away.

bill Both Both and Both said that Tesla donated "some" of his papers (or copies thereof) to the Tesla Institute in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; set up in the 1930's in his honor by their government. Biographies on Tesla claim that either the custodian of Alien Property and/or the FBI seized his papers and other personal effects, including a safe or safes, and other property immediately after his death in 1943. This is elaborated on in the enclosed copies of certain pages of Margaret Cheney's book, "Tesla: Man Out of Time".

botton said that after World War II Tesla's papers were shipped to the resla Institute in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, by his nephew, Sava Kosanovic, who had become Tito's Ambassador to the U.S. There were reports that some microfilming of Tesla's papers by government agents while they were still in storage in New York under Kosanovic's custody.

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Also, the Soviet Union has allegedly had access to some of Tesla's papers, possibly in Belgrade and/or else where, which influenced their early research into directed energy weapons, and Butler feels access to much of Tesla's papers on lightning, beam weapons and/or "death rays" would give him more insight into the Soviet beam weapons program. This is Butler's area of expertise and responsibility. He has been unable to locate any Tesla papers or copies of same in the classified or unclassified libraries at WPAFB. However, there are reports that some portions of them were shipped by the Custodian of Alien Property Office in Washington, D.C. to a technical research lab at WPAFB, possibly the "Equipment Lab", now closed for some years or reorganized into another organization.

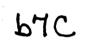
and the subject of FBI investigation.

FTD business periodically and can review FBI files at FBIHQ relating to Tesla and Kosanovic.

### **REQUEST OF THE BUREAU**

The Bureau is requested to conduct full indices checks on both Nikola Tesla and Sava Kosanovic.

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Should there be such files at FBIHQ, as well as at New York, it is requested that Bureau consider granting the above the subscription of FTD, official access to same, in the interest of national security.

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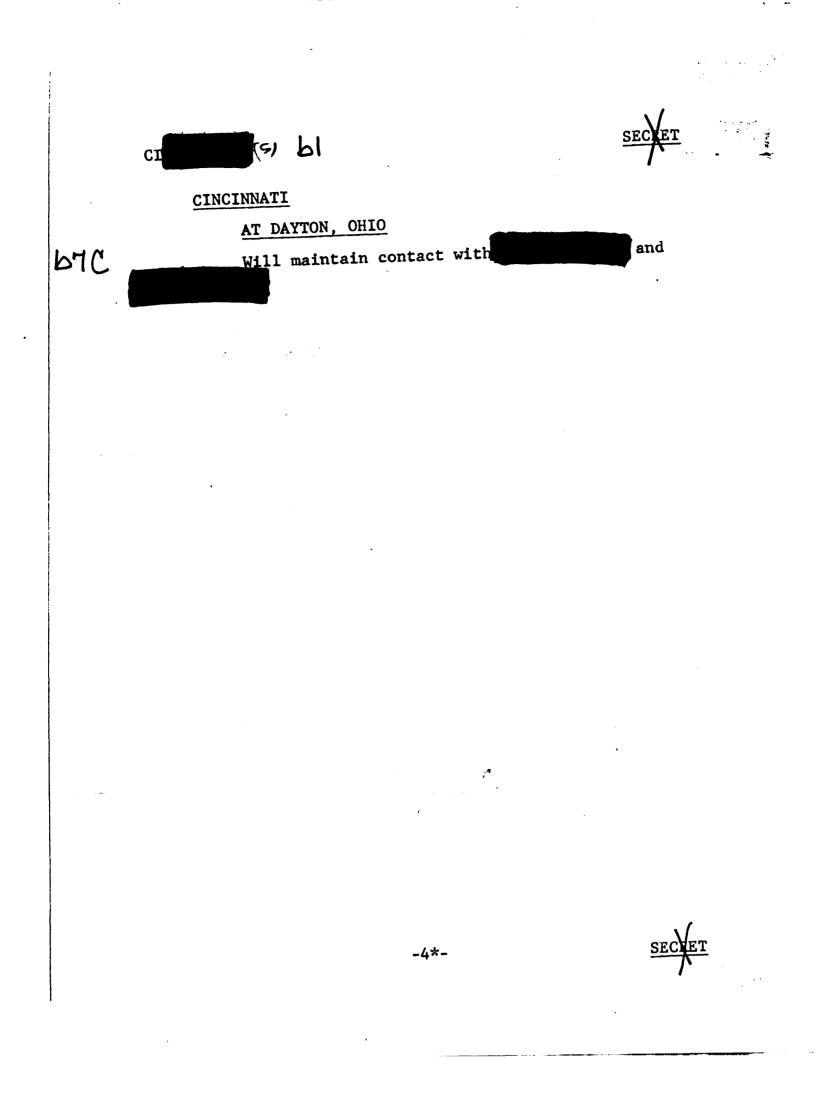
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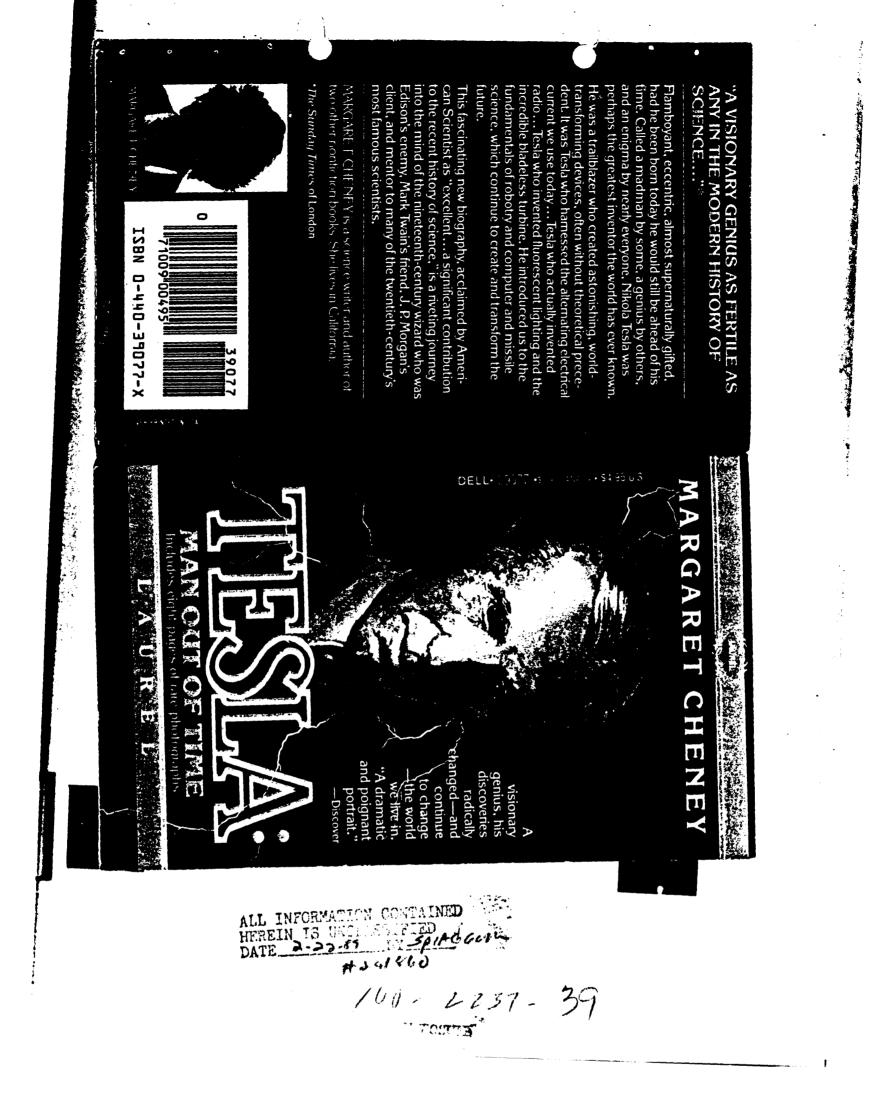
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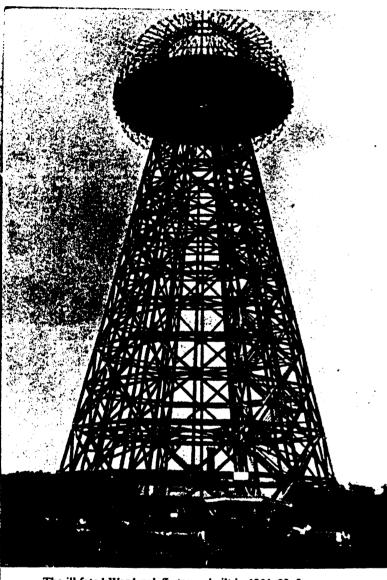
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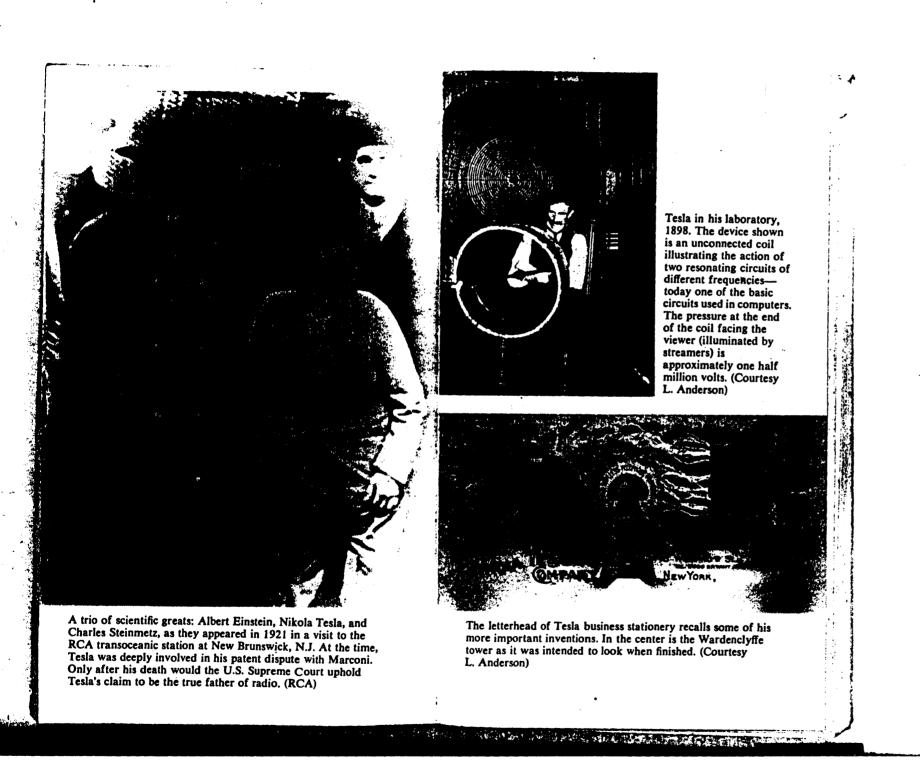
The ill-fated Wardenclyffe tower built in 1901–03. It was intended for radio broadcasting and wireless transmission of power across the Atlantic. (Courtesy L. Anderson, after photo by Lillian McChesney)

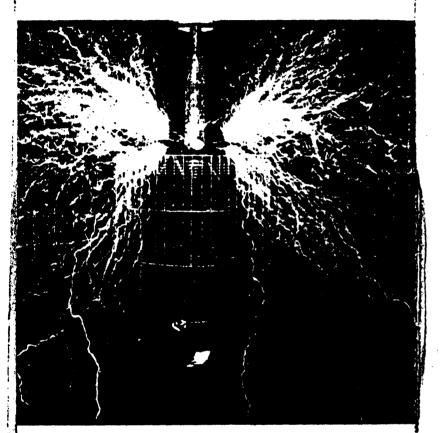
An artist's rendering of Tesla's concept of the war of the future. The towerlike structures (based on the intended final form of the Wardenclyffe tower) are directing remote-controlled defenses against robot attackers. As Hugo Gernsback wrote in *Science and Invention*, where this illustration appeared, "Machines only will meet in mortal combat. It will be a veritable war of Science." (Gernsback Publications, Inc.) : · · •

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Discharge of several million volts cascading around Tesla in his Colorado Springs laboratory. The roar that accompanied such discharges could be heard ten miles away. (Burndy Library)

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of low frequency, and would yield sinusoidal and continuous oscilla tions like those of an alternator.

"Taken in the narrowest significance of the term, however," Tesla wrote, "It is a resonant transformer which, besides possessing these qualities, is accurately proportioned to fit the globe and its electrical constants and properties, by virtue of which design it becomes highly efficient and effective in the wireless transmission of energy. Distance is then absolutely eliminated, there being no diminution in the intensity of the transmitted impulses. It is even possible to make the actions increase with the distance from the plant according to an exact mathematical law."<sup>5</sup>

Once this powerful equipment was built and the inventor began testing he was able to emulate the electrical fireworks of even the wildest mountain storms. When the transmitter was operating, lightning arresters in a twelve-mile radius from his station were bridged with continuous flery arcs, stronger and more persistent than those produced by natural lightning.

For the first time he kept a careful daily diary in which he recorded every aspect of his research. And because visual effects were useful as well as thritting, he devoted many hours to photographic experiments.

The equipment Testa was perfecting would, he hoped, one day be adaptable for commercial use. But first, thousands of observations and delicate adjustments had to be made. He no longer trusted his legendary memory to store such a volume of information. His daily notes referred constantly to experiments that had failed to turn out as expected, and he would ask himself why. This process was at sharp variance with the one he claimed to have used throughout his earlier life. Now middle-aged, he may have felt his memory waning slightly. Certainly he felt driven by the pressures of his self-imposed deadline.

In his Colorado journal his lifelong fascination with visual phenomena is underscored. The flashing lights that he had always experienced on the screen of his mind were dramatically externalized, and his descriptions, among the mass of mathematical formulas, are detailed, loving, almost erotic in their lingering portrayal of the colors and grandeur of his Colorado electrical storms.<sup>6</sup>

Nights when experiments were being made with the magnifying transmitter the prairie sky exploded with sound and color. Even the earth seemed alive and the crash of thunder from the spark gap could be heard for miles. Butterflies were sucked into the vortex of the

The new government of King Peter, with broad popular support, confronted the Germans and refused to ratify the compromise agreement that had been made with Hitler by Prince Paul. Almost at once reprisals began.

**Death and Transfiguration** 

On Palm Sunday, 1941, three hundred Luftwaffe bombers swept over the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade. Methodically they crisscrossed the city street by street, strafing everything that breathed. By noon 25,000 civilians were dead, and the wounded lay everywhere. Most public buildings were left in ruins, including the modern laboratory known as the Tesla Institute.

The combined armed forces of Germany, Italy, Hungary, and Bulgaria invaded the doorned country. Within only days the Yugoslav Army was crushed, and King Peter was sent to England for safety. His government-in-exile would operate from London for the remainder of World War II.

This, however, was only the beginning of the war for Yugoslavs. Accustomed to successive invasions for a thousand years, the people were resilient. The remnants of the Army and Communist factions withdrew into the mountains, from which they launched guerrilla attacks on the invaders. These armed fighters, men and wornen, were supplied with food grown by the old people and children remaining in undefended villages.

Against them the Nazis and Fascists carried out murderous reprisals. In the fishing villages and along the stony slopes of the Adriatic, half the people in every hamlet were systematically shot.

Soon, however, it became apparent to military strategists in the United States and England that, not only were Axis forces killing Yugoslavs, but rival guerrilla factions of monarchists and Communists had begun to vie for Allied support and were shooting each other as well as the invaders.

Col. Drazha Mihailović, a Serbian army officer, led a faction called Chetniks (the "Yugoslav Army in the Fatherland"), composed mainly of Serbian and Bosnian monarchists. With close ties to King

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Peter, they became the first major resistance movement in Europe.<sup>1</sup> The initial British aid to Yugoslavia went to the Chetniks, but it was short-lived. The National Liberation Army or Partisana, led by Josip Broz Tito of the Communist Party, was swiftly rising to prominence.

Allied strategists knew little of Tito. It was said he had been left wounded on a battlefield in 1917 and captured by the Russians. There he was trained as a Communist leader and sent to France during the Spanish Civil War to aid the Loyalists or Republicans.

A Croat, Tito had little reason to love the monarchy, for he was imprisoned after returning to Yugoslavia. On release, he became active in organizing a metal workers' union and helped to build the Yugoslav labor movement. His emergence as head of the Partisans in World War II was that of a natural leader who inspired his fighters and maintained rigorous discipline. He was looking ahead to a time when the Slavs could rebuild a freerand united country without oppression either by foreigners or kings.

Tito's goal was to set up committees of popular liberation after the Russian style, while Mihailović and the Chetniks favored local administrative authorities under the monarchy. Both factions kept on killing Germans and Italians but, unfortunately, they also continued murdering each other.<sup>8</sup>

Prof. Bogdan Raditaa\*, then director of the information service of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D.C., recalls, "The situation became rather complicated when Yugoslavia collepsed in 1941 and when, at the end of that year, a Royal Yugoslav Mission came to this country." It was composed of members of King Peter's government and the Ban (Governor) of Croatia, Dr. Ivan Subašić. Seva Kosanović, Tesla's nephew, then a member of the Democratic Party also arrived as a minister of the exiled government.

"As soon as Kosanović came to the States," says Professor Raditsa, "he tried to reorient Tesla from the exclusive Serbian policy, and he succeeded. Tesla, even before, never felt himself a Great Serbian chauvinist. He used to say, 'I am a Serb but my fatherland is Croatia.'"<sup>3</sup>

The conflict between Serbs and Croats in exile intensified as the war went on, paralyzing normal Slav diplomatic activities in London, Washington, and New York.

"Kosanović, though a Serb," recalls Raditsa, "was leading the struggle for a brotherhood between the Serbs and Croats against Folić and many other Serb members of various Yugoslav missions. "Radits belonged to a family in southern Croats that had always levored a union of Croatsans and Serbs.

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the Serbs and Crosts, and as basically a scientist and in old age, he was very candid in politics."

Raditsa said he seemed happy that he finally had a man of its own blood near him in New York and noted that Testa began to rely upon Kosanović's opinion on everything. During this period the

inventor was receiving about \$500 per month from the royal govern

The Inventor's name also appeared on another message --sent to the Soviet Academy of Sciences on October 12, 1941, urging joint struggle sgainst the Auts powers by Russia, Great Britain, and America, in aid of the revolutionary struggle of the Yugoslav people. This message is not to be seen in the Museum, however, presumably because nostalgla Russian-style has ceased to be politic. Kosanović became chairman of the Yugoslav Economic Mis-sion advocating a New Yugoslav federation versus the centralistic prever royalist Yugoslavia. This new organization also began working for a new Central East European Federation. Radits too became a member of the The measurement

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King Peter was despenately seeking for Mihallović the support of President Franklin Delano Rocewelt and Prime Minuser Wheelon Churchill, as well as thet of Fie own Uncle Bertie, who was King George VI of England. The British, at first sympathetic to the Chetnik cause, began to change as they received reports of the aggreeate actions of Tho's Partisans.
In 1942, King Peter visited Washington to Intercede with FDR. Yugoslav pilots were being trained in Tennessee. FDR told him that America would send altrylanes to the Chetnik as soon as they could be spared from the war in the Middle East. The monarch visited New York City, attending a large reception for the American. Friends of Yugoslavia at the Colony Club. The Colony, the first Tennels socialited dub in America, had been founded at the impiration of energetic Anne Morgan. She ettended the function, as did the King's mother, Queen Marie, and Min. Rocewelt. It was the sort of affair Tesla himself would have delighted in had he not been weak and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. So King Peter wat the two tests and III. went to him.

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Various political messages elicited from Tesla for home consumption, says Raditsa, were actually written by Kosenović." Toward the end of 1942 the Yugoslav Information Center was opened in New York in the Royal Mission headquarters on Fith Avenue. Raditsa and Kosanović worked together at this office, issuing bulketins and other publications. But a crisis broke out when new nached them of the fighting between Mihailović and Tho.
"Kosanović," he said, "joined Tho and began to populartze the National Liberation Movement for a new Yugoslavia. He had a tarrible time to convince Tesla that monarchy was losing in Yugoslavia and that a new Yugoslavia was beginning to come out from the fratticial divil war. As the largest majority of Serbs in Croatia were jointing Tho, Kosanović convinced Tesla that he too should join the movement that uses largely shared by the masses of the people, Serbs and Croati. So Tesla's message to the Serbs and Croats was written by Kosanović." On the walls of the Tesla Museum in Belgrade one may read a vasity enlarged photocopy of the words allegedly sent by Tesla to its amount for a hand in its drafting Typewritten, it has many cross-outs and intertainings in Tesla's own handwriting yet the style is that of an ideologue, which the inventor use.

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In his diartes (A King's Hertage), under date July 8, 1942, the young Peter II writter. "I visited D'r. Nicola Tesla, the world-famous Yugoelav-American actentist, in his apertment in the Hotel New Yorker. After I had greeted him the aged scientist said: "It is my greatest honor. I am glad you are in your youth, and I am content that you will be a great ruler. I believe I will live until you come back to a free Yugoelavia. From your father you have reactived his last words. "Guard Yugoelavia." I am proud to be a Serbian and a Yugoelav. Our people cannot perish. Preserve the unity of all Yugoelave—the Serbia, the Croata, and Slovenes.""

Out of this war... a new world must be born, a world that would justify the sacrifices offered by humanity. This ... must be a world in which there shall be no exploitation of the weak by the strong, of the good by the evil, where there will be no humiliation of the poor by the violence of the rich; where the products of the intellect, science, and art will serve society for the betterment and beautification of life, and not the individuals for achieving wealth. This new world shall not be a

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The King added that he was deeply touched and that both he and Dr. Tesia had wept. He then visited Columbia University, to be warmly welcomed by President Nicholas Murray Butler and to find another link with his own country in the Pupin Physics Laboratory

Returning to Washington, he was assured by FDR that food, clothing, arms, and ammunition would be dropped over Yugoslavia. But he was shocked when, in 1943, the British Mission in Yugoslavia made official contact with Tito. Peter asked to be parachuted into his country, but Churchill demurred Tito openly accused Mihailović of being a traitor.<sup>6</sup>

At the Teheran Conference in November there occurred, largely at Churchill's instance, what the King described as a "fatal change" of Allied policy. It was decided that "the basic force fighting the Germans in Yugoslavia recognized by the Allies was the National Liberation Army, under the command of Tito, and the Partisan force received full recognition as an Allied Army. Mihailović was thus denied and abandoned."

Winston Churchill overnight became a hero of modern Yugoslavia. And when the young monarch frantically wrote to FDR for support, the ailing President replied urging him to accept Churchill's advice "as if it was my own." Within months Roosevelt died.

Tesla's nephew Kosanović along with certain other diplomatic representatives of King Peter, had been dimised by the monarch at the height of the 1942 cruss. He often told Bogdan Raditsa in those days that he jett Tesla had been terribly shocked by his nephew's exclusion from the royal government. In fact, Kosanović believed that the inventor's death was actually precipitated by his own "setback"

"He thought," Kosanović repeatedly told Raditsa, "that I was punished, and that eventually I would be arrested or something of the kind, but I succeeded to convince him that it was inevitable in politics."<sup>9</sup>

During this period Kosanović was frank in saying that he tried to keep Tesla from seeing members of the royal government. Ambassador Fotić had become "the enemy" since he still favored a Great Serbian policy as opposed to the changes ahead. Tesla's relationship with this old friend became "lukewarm."

"There is no doubt," says Professor Raditsa, "that the whole internecine tragedy of Yugoslavia from 1941 to 1943 must have had a rather depressing impact upon Tesla. Very often he would ask me, could I explain to him what was going on among us, and why we cannot agree...."

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After the war, Mihailović would be executed by a "People's Court" for alleged collaboration with the enemy, and the Republic of Yugoslavia declared to exist, with Tito as President for life and the Communists firmly in charge.

A count of Yugoslavian casualities at the end of World Wer II disclosed that 2 million persons had died; tragically, many thousands had been killed by fellow Yugoslavs.

"After the war," recalls Professor Raditsa, "Kosanović becamit, a minister in the Tito Subašić Goueroment, and I was the assistant in the Ministry of Information from 1944 to 1945, when I left the country, for I couldn't become a Communist. Later on in 1946, Sava Kosanović became Tito's ambassador in Washington but I never saw him again after I left Belgrade in October of 1945. Kosanović had accepted totally the Communist system in Yugoslavia and remained loyal until his death."

There had not been a time in ten centuries when the Yugoslavs had not been ruled and ransacked by invaders—by Venetians, Romans, Turks, Bulgars, Austrians, Hungarians, Germans, Italians, when they were not living under threat of torture, prison, or violent death. Now a marvelous truth began to dawn upon them: that they were free, in a manner of speaking.

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Tesia would not live to see this. Whether he could ever have accepted the new government, with its Soviet-type Constitution and a Soviet alliance, whether he could ever have accepted the permanent edle of his beloved monarch, are unanswerable guestions.

Unfortunately, however, all this was to have a bearing on how he would be remembered in the West. The fading of his scientific reputation, the forgetfulness of Americans in the postwar period, resulted in large degree from the disappearance of most of his scientific papers behind that new Cold War phenomenon, the Iron Curtain.

In 1948 Yugoslavia ceased to be an Iron Curtain country, declaring its independence from the Soviet doctrine of "limited sovereignty." America and her allies then were generous in sending economic and military aid to the Slavs; but the damage had been done. America had not raced to Tito's wartime support with the alacrity that Churchill had shown. In the future it would not be made easy for American scholars to draw on Yugoslav sources to document the achievements of Nikola Tesla.

The inventor became very feeble in the winter of 1942. His fear of germs was so obsessive that even his closest friends were

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required to stand at a distance, like the subjects of a neurotic Tudor. (Pigeon germs did not seem to worry him.) He had heart trouble and suffered occasionally from fainting spells. No longer able to feed his beloved birds, he often relied upon a young man named Charles Hausler, who owned racing pigeons, to take care of them for him.

Hausler had worked for Tesla in this capacity from around 1928 onward, his job being to go to the New York Public Library at noon each day with grain and then to walk around the four sides of the building looking for young or injured birds on window sills or behind large statues. He would take them to Tesla's hotel for rest and recuperation. Then, he has recalled, "I would release them at the library for him." He remembered that the cages in Tesla's rooms had been built by a fine carpenter— "as Mr. Tesla was in all his doings it had to be done right." The pigeons also enjoyed a curtained shower bath,

Hausier and Tesla spent many hours together, talking mostly of pigeons. Once Tesla confided to him that "Thomas Edison could not be trusted." The boy remembered his employer as "a very kind and considerate human person," and there was one incident that stood out in his mind long afterward. "He had a large box or container in his noom near the pigeon cages and he told me to be very careful not to disturb the box," said Hausler, "as it contained something that could destroy an airplane in the sky and he had hopes of presenting it to the world." He believed it probably was stored in the cellar of the hotal later."

On a bitter day in early January 1943, Tesla called his other messenger boy, Kerrigan, and gave him a sealed envelope addressed to Mr. Samuel Clemens, 35 South Fifth Avenue, New York City. The boy set forth into the whipping wind and searched fruitlessly for the number. As it turned out, this had been the address of Tesla's first laboratory; but now South Fifth Avenue was West Broadway, and no one by the name of Samuel Clemens lived in the area.

Kerrigan made his way back to the Hotel New Yorker and reported to the sick man. In a weak voice, Tesla explained that Clemens was the famous Mark Twain and that everyone knew of him. He sent Kerrigan forth once more, and this time asked him also to take care of the pigeons. The perturbed messenger fed the birds and then consulted his supervisor, who told him that Mark Twain had been dead for twenty-five years. Once again Kerrigan trudged through the cold afternoon to Tesla's rooms, where he explained and tried to return the envelope.

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The inventor was indignant and refused to hear that the humorist was dead. "He was in my room last night," he said. "He sat in that chair and talked to me for an hour. He is having financial difficulties and needs my help. So-don't come back until you have delivered that envelope." Once again the messenger went to his supervisor and together they opened the envelope. It contained a blank sheet of paper wrapped around twenty five-dollar bills--enough to help an old friend through a little fainting spell.

On the fourth of January, the inventor, although very weak, went to his office to make an experiment that George Scherff was interested in. Scherff dropped in to help him prepare for it. The work was interrupted, however, when Tesla felt a recurrence of some sharp pains in his chest.

Refusing medical aid, he returned to his hotel. Next day a maid came in and cleaned. As she left, he asked her to put the *Do* Not Disturb sign on his door to keep visitors away, and not to bother cleaning. The sign remained there the following day and the one after that.

Early on the moming of January 8, Alice Monaghan, a maid, ignored the sign and entered the apartment to find the inventor dead in bed, his sunken, remaciated face composed.<sup>19</sup> Assistant Medical Examiner H. W. Wembly examined the body, placed the time of death as 10:30 P.M. on January 7, 1943, and gave his opinion that the cause of death had been coronary thrombosis. Tesla had died in his sleep, and the examiner noted that he had found "No suspicious circumstances." The inventor was eighty-six years of age.

Kenneth Swezey was notified at once; and at ten o'clock that morning he telephoned to Dr. Rado at New York University King Peter's headquarters, then at 745 Fifth Avenue, was advised by the professor. Tesla's nephew, Kosanović, then wartime president of the Eastern and Central European Planning Board for the Balkan countries, also was notified.

Then the FBI was called. Swezey and Kosanović summoned a locksmith and Tesla's safe was opened and the contents examined.

The body was removed to the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home at Madison Avenue and 81st Street and a sculptor was engaged by Hugo Gernsback to prepare a death mask of the inventor.

Just before Tesla's death, Eleanor Roosevelt had tried to intercede in his behalf with President Roosevelt-perhaps with the idea of conferring some honor upon him. In the Tesla Museum at Belgrade three brief notes on White House stationery may be read. On

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January 1, at the request of author Louis Adamić, Mrs. Roosevelt had promised to ask the President to write to Tesla and said that she hereit would call on him on her next trip to New York. The second note is headed, "Memo for Mrs. Roosevelt" and is signed FDR: "I was having this looked into but the papers vesterday carried the story that Dr. Tesla had died. Therefore I am returning the enclosures herewith." A third note of January 11 from Eleanor Roosevelt to Adamić forwards the President's message and adds her sorrow at learning of the inventor's death.

Adamić wrote a moving eulogy to Tesla that was read by New York Mayor Florello H. LaGuardia over station WNYC on January 10.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile the extreme tensions between Serb and Croat factions in the United States were making the planning of funeral services difficult. The body lay in state but, according to an unpublished letter of O'Netil's, "only twelve people, some of whom were newspaper reporters," came to view it.

When state services were held at four o'clock on January 12, in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, however, more than two thousand people crowded in. Serbs and Croats were seated on opposing sides of the cathedral, Bishop William T. Manning having exacted from both factions a promise of no political speeches. The service was begun in English by Bishop Manning and concluded in Serbian by the Very Rev. Dusan Sukletović.

Arnong Balkan diplomats present were Ambassador Fotić, the Governor of Croatia, a former Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, and the Minister of Food and Reconstruction. In the front row with Kosanović, chief mourner and head of the important new trade mission, sat Swezey. Dr. Rado had been too ill to attend as an honorary pallbearer.

Figures important in American science and industry who did attend as honorary pallbearers included Professor Edwin H. Armstrong, Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson of General Electric, Dr. Harvey Rentschler of Westinghouse, engineer Gano Dunn, and W. H. Barton, curator of the Havden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History, Newbold Morris, president of the New York City Council, headed this group.

When word of Tesla's death spread abroad to war-stricken Europe, telegrams of tribute and sorrow began pouring in from scientists and governmental leaders alike. In the United States three Nobel prizewinners in physics, Millikan, Compton, and James Franck, joined in a eulogy to the inventor as "one of the outstanding intellects

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of the world who paved the way for many of the important technological developments of modern times."

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt expressed their gratitude for Testa's contributions "to science and industry and to this country" Vice-President Wallace, in the spirit of the new Yugoslavia, declared that, "In Nikola Tesla's death the common man loses one of his best friends."

Although Louis Adamić wrongly eulogized Tesla as one who had cared nothing for money, he could not have been more accurate when he said that Tesla was not really dead: "The real, important part of Tesla lives in his achievement, which is great, almost beyond calculation, and an integral part of our civilization, our daily lives, our current war effort .... His life is a triumph .....\*#

Among the honors that had come to Tesia in his life were many academic degrees from American and foreign universities; the John Scott Medal, the Edison Medal, and various awards from European governments. In September 1943 the Liberty ship Nikola Tesla was. launched, an honor that would have pleased the scientist. But not until 1975 was he inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

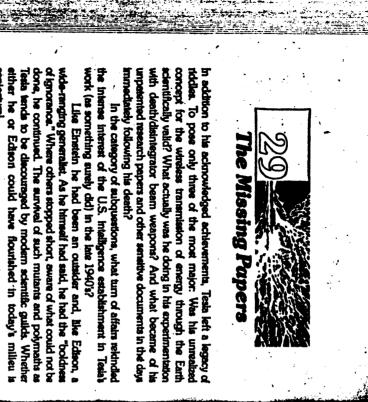
Eight months after Tesla's death, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the decision that he had been confident would come ntually-ruling that he was the inventor of radio.

His body was taken to Ferncliffe Cemetery at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson in the deep cold of the winter afternoon. In the car that followed the hearse rode Swezey and Kosanović. The Inventor's remains were cremated and his ashes later returned to the land of his birth.\*

In almost every nation in the world, the fighting and dying continued.

Charlotte Muzar, formerly secretary to Sava N. Kosanović, carried Tesla's ashes to the Tesla Museum in Belgrade in 1957. Throughout the years Kosanović had spoken of leaving the ashes in America and had hoped an appropriate memorial to the inventor would be raised in the United States as their resting place.

-Archives, Tesla Memorial Society.



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The example set by Tesla has always been particularly inspi-bing to the lone runner. At the same time, however, its legacy to establishment eclence is perfound for his research, although some times esoteric, was almost always sweeping in its potential to transform society. His contribution was major rather than incremental. His turbine failed in part because it would have required fundamental changes by whole industries. Alternating current triumphed only after it had overcome the resistance of an entire industry. But there was an unfortunate corollary to Tesla's lone battles with the actentific-industrial establishment. Since he was part of no group or institution, he had no colleagues with whom to discuss work in progress, no formal, accessible repository for his research notes and papers. He worked not just in private, but—his love of fiamboyent amouncements to the press notwithstanding—in secret. Thus any inventions which he did not patient or give freely to the world ware more or less shrouded in mystery. And, because of the handling of the

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continues to remain a partial mystery. genius. Interest in his work, fired by a growing awareness of the riddles surrounding it, has been escalating ever since, almost as if he had been Testa, it has at least been stimulating. After a period of obscurity, the one hundreth anniversary of his birth in July 1956 brought an international reawakening to the importance of the inventor's life and If this has been frustrating to the scientists who have succeeded

orative programs were arranged by the Institute of Rodio Engineers, the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the Franklin Institute, and various universities, the Tesla Society playing an active role in such secognition. Permenent memorials in the form of scholarships and medals were proposed and exhibits presented by science museums. Special ceremonies were conducted at Niegers Falls, and a statue wes later erected in his honor on Goat Island, a gift from the people of Yugoslavia. Chicago, reminded by attorney/author Elmer Gertz that it should be eternally grateful to him for heving made the Columbian Exposition of 1893 the "wonder of the globe," dedicated a new public school to Tesla's memory. meeting in Chicago to a review of his life and inventions. Commem-Europe. The American Institute of Electrical Engineers dedicated its fail aborn in his true psychological age. He was honored by centennial celebrations in America and

The inventor's old colleagues of the AIEE journeyed to Europe to attend more celebrations, statue unveilings, and dedications in his honor. The International Electrotechnical Commission in Munich took formal action, making his name an international scientific unit, the tesic joining such historic electrical symbols as fared, volt, ampere, and

As the exploration of space accelerated, so did interest in Tasla, especially from the standpoint of beam weaponny and microwave work. In America, Russia, Canada, and various other countries, projects in his name or derived from his pioneering, from weather-control to nuclear fusion, began to attract scientific attention. Some were just the shoesting efforts of loners, their laboratories old Quoraet OUUD

hus. Some were top secret and financed by enormous budgets. Testa's year of secret experiments at Colorado Springs in 1899 provided the basic impetus for much of this new exploration. His Colorado Springs Notes,\* when they appeared in English in 1978 "This book may be ordered from Nobl, Tenzofe, 27, Beigrade, Yugoslevia (about \$40).

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under the imprint of the Tesla Museum at Belgrade, were eagely awaited by many scientists. But even this work left important questions unanswered.

The bulk of his papers having vanished from America, reliable information was harder to come by than the recurring rumors of conspiracy, espionage, and patent theft. Scientists thought it strange that some aspects of his Colorado Springs research found in scattered sources did not appear in the Yugoslav-published Notes. Only by piecing together fragmentary information could the magnitude of his experiments be comprehended.

Around 1928 O'Neill, by merest chance, had happened to see a legal advertisement in a New York newspaper announcing that six boxes placed in storage by Nikola Tesla would be sold by the storage warehouse for unpaid bills. Feeling that such material should be preserved, he went to the inventor and asked permission to try to obtain funds to reclaim the material.

"Testa hit the ceiling," he recalled. "He assured me he was well able to take care of his own affairs.... He forbid me to buy them or do anything in any way about them."

Shorthy after the inventor died, O'Neill got in touch with Sava Kosanović, told him about the boxes, and urged him to protect them. He was never able to get a positive statement from Kosanović that he had obtained the boxes and examined the contents. "He gave evasive assurances that there was no reason for me to worry..."

Others too were interested in the papers. A young American engineer engaged in war work consulted Tesla on a ballistics engineering problem because he could not get time on an overworked computer, and Tesla's mind was known to offer the nearest thing to it. Soon he became fascinated with Tesla's scientific papers and was allowed to take batches of them home to his hotel room where he and another American engineer pored over them each night. They were seturmed the next day, a procedure which continued for about two weeks prior to the inventor's death.

Tesla had received offers to work for Germany and Russia. After the inventor died, both engineers became concerned that critical scientific information might fall into foreign hands and alerted United States security agencies and high government officials.

The relevant records that I have obtained from federal agencies under the Freedom of Information Act reveal strange twistings and inconsistencies in the handling of the inventor's estate. Tesla left tons of papers, barrels and boxes full of them. But he left no will, He was

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survived by five nieces and nephews, of whom two lived in America at the time of his death.

Curtously, the FBL released his estate to the Office of Alien Property, which promotiv sealed the contents. Since Testa was an American citizen, the OAP's concern in the matter was hard to justify. After a court hearing, however, the estate was released to Ambassador Kosanović, one of the heirs.

death intervened), received the following account in 1963 from a former aide of Ambassador Kosanović's:

"Back in 1943... when Tesla died, it was a matter of very short time when Mr. K was issued a certificate from or by the Office of Custodian of Alien Property conveying to Mr. K full rights to the Tesla papers... he had them all packed up and sent off to the Manhattan Storage Company where they remained until ready for packing and shipping off to Yugoslavia in 1952. Mr. K paid for storage charges.... All this time the certificate from the Alien Property Office was in my possession (in case of need)....

You will perhaps remember that a number of times Mr. Kmentioned the fact that the custodian at the storage warehouse told him that some covernment guys were in to microfish some of the pagets...when we opened the sale in the present museum building (in Beigrade, Yugoslavia) the bunch of keys, which was the last thing Mr. K. flung into the sale at the New Yorker Hots! before the combination was re-set to a new combination, were not found in the safe, but in an entirely different box. Also the gold medal (the Edison Medal) was missing from the safe.... Anyway, for years and years Mr. K was bothered by the fact that Testa papers had been gone thru and just before his departure from Washington in 1949–50(?) he decided to follow my suggestion to call Edgar J. Hoover [sic] and ask him. Mr. Hoover denied categorically that the FBI had gone into the papers...."

The aide said Tesia had told his nephew that "he wished to leave his works, property, etc., to his native country." (Not only is this uncomponented but the papers were in English.)

Immediately after Tesla's death an exchange of telegrams flew between FBI Agent Foundath of the field division of the New York 's Bureau and the director of the New York Bureau of the FBI. The day following discovery of the body, Agent Foxworth reported:

"Experiments and research of Nikola Tesia, deceased. Espionage-M. Nikola Tesia, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, died January seventh, nineteen forty three at the

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together with designs of machinery ... are among Testa's personal City, the notes and records of Tesla's experiments and formulae Hotel New Yorker, New York City During his lifetime, he conducted many experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power and ... what is commonly called the death ray According to information furnished by X [name deleted], New York

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effects, and no steps have been taken to preserve them or to keep them from failing this hands of people ... unfriendly to the war effort of the United Nations..." (The FBI was, however, advised by the office of Vice-President Henry, A., Wallace that the government was "Vitally interested" in preserving Tesla's papers.) Biosce D. Fitzgerald, "an electrical engineer who had been quite close to Tesla during his lifetime," continued Foxworth, "advised the New York office that on January seventh, nineteen forty three, Seve Kosenović, George Clark, who is in charge of the museum and laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Swezey ... went to Tesla's noms in the New Yorker (author's note: the cornect date would have been January 8], and with the assistance of a locksmith broke into a sale which Tesla had in his mores in which he kept some of his valuable papers.... Within the last month, Tesla hold Fitzgerald that his experi-ments in completed and perfected. "Fitzgerald also knows that Tesla had conceived and designed merutalityment has of transactive been designed that he of transactive the transactive to the sales had on designed

a revolutionary type of torpedo which is not passently in use by any of the nations. It is Flageraid's belief that this design has not been made available to any nation up to the present time. From statements made to Flageraid by Tesla, he knows that the complete plana, specifications and explanation of the basic theories of these things are some place in the personal effects of Tesla. He also knows there is a working model of Tesla's, which cost more than tem thousand dollars to build, in a safety deposit box belonging to Tesla at the Governor Clinton Hoat and Flageraid believes this model has to do with the so-called death ray or the wireless transmission of electrical guinent. The states transmission of electrical guinent. The states transmission of electrical guinent. The states transmission of electrical guinent. Some eighty thinks in different places containing transcripts and plans having 10 do with experiments conducted by him. Bureau is requested to advise immediately what, if any, action should be taken concerning this matter by the New York Field Division."\* Mater Property in New York that he first went to Tesla's norms with the

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other men to search for a will. After the safe was opened, Swazey book from it a book containing the testimonials sent to Tesla on his sevenity-tith birthday, while Kosanović took from the room three pictures of Tesla. According to the manager of the New Yorker Hotel and Kosanović, nothing else was removed. The safe was closed under a new combination, which combination was in Kosanović's exclusive pomention.

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New Yorker Hotel and setsed all of Tesla's property, consisting of about two truckloads of material, sealed it and transferred it to the Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Company. It was added to about thirty barnels and bundles that had been there since about 1934, and these too were waled under orders of the OAP. On January 9, Gorsuch of OAP and Fitzgerald went to the

In addition to the question of the lagitimacy of Alem Property's involvement in the case is the question of why Koranović wes allowed to have access to the safe's combination, from which he laiser claimed the Edison Medal had venished. Tesla's American neturalization papers, which he so pribed that he always kept them in his safe, may now be seen at the Tesla Museum in Beigrade, but it is not known what other papers or objects were in the safe. The Washington Bureau "to discreedy take the matter up with the State's Atomey in New York Bureau "to discreedy take the matter up with the State's Atomey in New York City with the view to possibly taking Kosanovich into custody on a burglary charge and obtaining the various papers which Kosanovich is reported to have taken from Tesla's safe." New York was also told to contact the Surrogate Court so stops could be placed against all of Tesla's effects, so that no one could enter them without an FBI agent being present, and New York was to keep Washington advised of all developments." The Idea of arresting the Yugoliav ambaseador was quickly dropped. And very soon the Washington headquarters made a curious decision. Edward A. Tamm of the FBI in Washington advised D. M. Ladd of that Bureau that the whole matter was being turned over to be no need for us to mess around in it."

Soon the well-known electrical engineer Dr. John G. Trump, who was serving as a technical aide to the National Defense Research Committee of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, was asked to perficipate in an examination of Tesla's scientific pepers. Present at the Manhattan Warehouse & Storage Company in addition

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to Dr. Trump were Willis George, Office of Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District, Edward Palmer, chief yeoman, USNR, and John J. Corbett, chief yeoman, USNR.

Dr. Trump reported afterward that rc examination was made of the vast amount of Tesla's property that had been in the basement of the New Yorker Hotel for ten years prior to his death, or of any of his papers except those in his immediate possession at the time of death. It should be remembered that Tesla's scientific reputation had been in eclipse for a number of years and that there had been many efforts to discredit his claims in radio, robotry, and alternating current. Dr. Trump was a busy man, just as the staff of the FBI was stretched thin by its preoccupation with investigating wartime sabotage.

"As a result of this examination," wrote Dr. Trump, "it is my considered opinion that there exist among Dr. Tesla's papers and possessions no scientific notes, descriptions of hitherto unrevealed methods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands. I can therefore see no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should be retained."

He added: "For your records, there has been removed to your office a file of various written material by Dr. Tesla which covers typically and fairly completely the ideas with which he was concerned during his later years. These documents are enumerated and briefly abstracted in the attachment to this letter."

In closing Dr. Trump said: "It should be no discredit to this distinguished engineer and scientist, whose solid contributions to the electrical art were made at the beginning of the present century, to report that his thoughts and efforts during at least the past fifteen years were primarily of a speculative, philosophical, and somewhat promotional character—often concerned with the production and wireless transmission of power—but did not include new sound, workable principles or methods for realizing such results."

The file (of which Dr. Trump's notes were only an abstract) consisted apparently of either photostats or microfilm made by the naval officers present, and the original papers apparently remained in storage, later to be transmitted to Yugoslavia. The examination had failed to disclose any alien-owned property subject to the vesting power of the Alien Property Custodian under the Trading with the Enemy Act. Tesla's papers and personal effects were released in

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#### February of 1943 for disposition by Kosanović, the administrator of his

Dr. Trump's abstract included the following:

"Art of Telegeodynamics, or Art of Producing Terrestrial Motions at Distance-This document, in the form of a letter dated June 12, 1940, to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., proposes a method for the transmission of large amounts of power over vast distances by means of mechanical vibrations of the earth's crust. The source of power is a mechanical or electromechanical device bolted to some rocky protuberance and imparting power at a resonance frequency of the earth's crust. The proposed scheme appears to be completely visionary and unworkable. Westinghouse's reply indicates their polite rejection....

"New Art of Projecting Concentrated Non-Dispersive Energy through Natural Media—This undated document by Tesla describes an electrostatic method of producing very high voltages and capable of very great power. This generator, is used to accelerate charged particles, presumably electrons. Such a beam of high-energy electrons passing through air is the 'concentrated nondispersive' means by which energy is transmitted through natural media. As a component of this apparatus there is described an open-ended vacuum tube within which the electrons are first accelerated.

"The proposed scheme bears some relation to present means for producing high-energy cathode rays by the cooperative use of a high-voltage electrostatic generator and an evacuated electron acceleration tube. It is well known, however, that such devices, while of acientific and medical interest, are incapable of the transmission of large amounts of power in nondispersed beams over long distances. Tesla's disclosures in this memorandum would not enable the conatruction of workable combinations of generator and tube even of limited power, though the general elements of such a combination are succinctly described.

"A Method of Producing Powerful Radiations—an undated memorandum in Tesla's handwriting describing 'a new process of generating powerful rays or radiations.' This memorandum reviews the works of Lenard and Crookes, describes Tesla's work on the production of high voltages, and finally in the last paragraph gives the only description of the invention contained in the memorandum.... 'Briefly stated, my new simplified process of generating powerful rays consists

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vacuous space around a terminal of a circuit and supplying the same with currents of the required tension and volume." in creating through the medium of a high-speed jet of suitable fluid a

Long afterward in a letter to a colleague Dr. Trump told why happened when his Visiliad the Hotel Covernor Clinton to example the "device" actived in its wauk, presumably the wave box remembered by

the medianger (boy in Jesle's norm. Fleat find warmed the management that this 'device' was secret weapon," said Dr. Trump, "and it would decorate if opened by an unauthorized person. Upon opening the vauit and indicating the peckage containing the secret weapon, the hotel manager and an ployees promptly left the scene." The federal agents who had com along also pulled back, the better to shee him, the sole distinction, opening the parce. If Wes wrapped in brown poper and ted with a string 's remembered hesitating, thinking how beautiful the weather was out doors, and pondering on why he was not outside too. He lifted the parcel onto a table and, mustering his courage, snipped the string with his pocket knile. He removed the wrapping Inside was a handsome polished wooden chest bound with bras. I

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required a final effort of courage to raise the hinged lid.

Inside stood, a multidecade resistance box of the type used for Wheatstone bridge resistance measuraneats - a common standard term to be found in every electrical laboratory before the turn of the oentury!

Why had Testa seen fit to terrifu the staff and management of the hotel with this harmless object for so many years? Perhaps he had become so accustomed to having his hotel bills paid behind his bed foelieving that the hotels, honored to have him living there, had routinely dismissed the billings], that he was insulted when the Governor Climton brashly demanded its \$400. Although the FBI closed its Tesla file in 1943, it didn't seem to want to stay closed. It was reopened in 1957 when an informant completined that a New York couple were issuing newsletters con

taining "Information pertaining to flying seucers and interplanetary matters" and exploiting the inventor's name and fame. They allegedy claimed that Tesla's engineers, after his death, had completed a "Tesla Set," a radio device for interplanetary communication, that the device had been placed in operation in 1950 and since then Tesla engineers had been in close touch with altern speceships. Once again the FBI decided no action was warranted and the file was closed

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numors and had written to an inquirer: "Because Tesla was a rectuse, and himself liked to talk in mystifying terms during his later years, i think many legends have been built up about the doasns of ideas he ad evolved but which were not permitted by others to see the light of Swezey had never put much credence in the "secret weapon"

cey. He said he had known the Inventor well for two decades before his decit: "Teala's greatest genus flamed up during a dosen or to years just before and slightly after the turn of the developments dd after that may have carried the germs of some of the developments we are witnessing today, but he had not carried any of them—st least on paper or in any other tangible form—to the point of practicality....

Perhaps, but between 1945 and 1947 an interesting exchange of letters and cables occurred among the Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field, Ohio, in whose Equipment Laboratory much top-secret research was being performed. Military Intelligence in Weshington, and the Office of Alien Property—subject, tiles of the late Nicola Tesla.

On August 21, 1945, the Air Technical Service Command squested permission from the commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Force in Weshington, D.C., for Private Bloyce D. Fitzgerald to go to Washington for a period of seven days "for the purpose of securing property clearance on enemy impounded property." On September 5, 1945, Colonel Holiday of the Equipment Laboratory, Propulsion and Accessories Subdivision, wrote to Lloyd L. Shauls of the OAP in Weshington, confirming a conversation with Pitzgerald and asking for photostatic copies of the exhibits annotated by Trump from the estate of Tesia. It was stated that the material would be used "In connection with projects for National Defense by this department," and that all of it would be saturned in a reasonable ength of time.

That was the last time that the Office of Allen Property or any other federal agency in the United States admitted to having poses-sion of Testa's papers on beam weeponry. Shaulis wrote to Colonel Holiday on September 11, 1945, saying, "The materials requested howe been forwarded to Air Technical Service Command in case of Lt. Robert E. Houle. These data are made available, to the Army Air Force by this office for use in experiments; please return them." They were never returned.

These were the full photostatic copies, not merely the abstracts. OAP has no record of *how many* copies were made by those who

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examined the files with Dr. Trump. The Navy has no record of Testa's papers; no federal archives have a record of them.

Curtously, four months after the photostats had been sent to Wright Field, Col. Ralph Doty, the chief of Military Intelligence in Washington wrote James Markham of Alien Property indicating that they had never been received: "This office is in receipt of a communication from Headquarters, Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, requesting that we ascertain the whereabouts of the files of the late scientist, Dr. Nichola [sic] Tesla, which may contain data of great value to the above Headquarters. It has been indicated that your office might have these files in custody. If this is true, we would like to request your consent for a representative of the Air Technical Service Command to review them. In view of the extreme importance of these files to the above command, we would like to request that we be advised of any attempt by any other agency to obtain them. [Italics supplied.]

"Because of the urgency of this matter, this communication will be delivered to you by a Liaison Officer of this office in the hope of expediting the solicited information."

The "other" agency that had the files, or should have had them, was the Air Technical Service Command itself! Colonel Doty's letter, which was classified under the Espionage Act, was declassified on May 8, 1980.

This embarrassing contretemps goes unexplained in the records. Perhaps it was handled orally with the Liaison Officer.

However, on October 24, 1947, David L. Baeelon, assistant attorney general and director of the Office of Allen Property, wrote to the commanding officer of the Air Technical Service Command, Wright Pield, Davion: Office regarding the Tesla photostats that had been sent by registered mail on or about September 11, 1945, to Colonel Holiday, at the latter's request.

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Our records do not reveal that this material has been re turned," said Bazelon. He sent a description and asked that it be returned.

Obviously at least one set of Tesla's papers had reached Wright Field because on November 25, 1947, there was a response to the Office of Alien Property from Colonel Duty, chief of the Electronic Plans Section, Electronic Subdivision, Engineering Division, Air Matériel Command, Wright Pield. He replied: "These reports are now in the possession of the Electronic Subdivision and are being evaluated..." He believed that the evaluation should be completed by January 1,

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There is no written record that OAP ever sought further to have the documents returned, and they were not returned

For many years there have been rumors that these unpatented inventions or concepts of Tesla's found their way not only to the U.S. Army Air Force but to Russia and to private American defense industries, and ultimately into certain university research laboratories engaged in beam weaponry.

The Office of Allein Property experienced a very difficult problem over the years in explaining its role in connection with Tesla's papers. Between 1948 and 1978 it issued the following variations on a theme to many inquirers:

"While this Office participated in an examination of certain material owned by the late Dr. Tesla, our records do not disclose that any such material has been vested or is presently under the jurisdiction of this Office...."

"This Office has never had custody ... of any property of Nikola Tesla...."

"While the Tesla papers were in our custody ..."

"Photostatic copies of certain documents, made while the papers were under our seal..."

"In 1943 this Office placed a seal on the property ...."

"While the Tesla papers were in our custody..." etc., etc., etc. As for what is now Headquarters Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, they state: "The organization (Equipment Laboratory) that performed the evaluation of Tesla's papers was deactivated several years ago. After conducting an extensive search of lists of records retired by that organization, in which we found no mention of Tesla's papers, we concluded the documents were destroyed at the time the laboratory was deactivated."<sup>6</sup> (Italics supplied. Response, under the Freedom of Information Act, dated July 30, 1980.)

Tesla's original papers, and the remaining models of his inventions—his magnifying transmitter, robot boats, early tube lighting, induction motors, turbine, exhibits shown at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, such as the "Egg of Columbus," and others—left America in 1952 for Yugoslavia. His ashes were sent later. The artifacts may now be seen at the Tesla Museum in Belgrade, a dignified-looking building with a broad, well-proportioned facade at No. 51 Proleterskih

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Brigada, an avenue renamed after the war, but formerly known under the monarchy as Crown Street. The museum bears a plaque on a low wall, printed in the old Cyrillic alphabet.

Here Tesla's English writings have been translated into Serbo-Croatian—except, as the archivist admits, for the "unimportant" material, which remains, just as he wrote it, in the language of his adopted country.



#### The Legacy

The fact that Tesla's research notes and papers have not been easily available for western scientists has not, of course, meant that Teslian research is dead. On the contrary, the very mystery surrounding some of his unproved claims has served to goad numerous scientists into trying to duplicate his experiments. And since his aspirations were virtually limitless, there has always been a chance that the rewards of success would not be inconsiderable. But the single greatest stimulus to try to follow in Tesla's footsteps doubtless remains the example of the man himself—his stunning record of achievement and the enduring fascination of his mind. As one admiring German writer put it, "Tesle went beyond the borders of his exact science to foretell what lies in the future ... a modern Prometheus who dared reach for the stars...."

Although a comprehensive summary of the state of Teslainspired research today would be beyond either the scope of this book or the intent of its author, no account of the inventor's life would be complete without at least some indication of what has become of a few of his major preoccupations. The record, as one might expect, is both mixed and incomplete, but it is no less impressive for that.

To begin, then, with Tesla's experiments with ball lightning: He had no idea what ball lightning might be useful for when he first encountered it in his Colorado Springs research; to him it was a nuisance, but it demanded an explanation. And so he set about determining the mode of formation of the strange fireballs and learned to produce them artificially.

The technical explanation runs like this: In the highly resonan. transformer secondary comprising his magnifying transmitter, the entire energy accumulated in the excited circuit, instead of requiring a quarter period for transformation from static to kinetic, could spenitself in less time, at hundreds of thousands of horsepower. Thus, for example, Tesla produced artificial fireballs by suddenly causing the impressed oscillations to be more rapid than free ones of the second-



ary. This shifted the point of maximum electrical pressure below the elevated terminel capacity, and a ball of fire would leap great distance. Yet strangely enough, modern pleama physicists with the best

equipped laboratories, have failed to produce plasmoids with anything near the stability of the true ball-lightning spheres that he created

controlled nuclear fusion--potentially the greatest power source in history. Among those long interested in ball-lightning research as Peter Kapitza, the great Russian physicist, Lambert Dolphin and his colleagues in the radio physics laboratory at SRI International, Dr. Robert W. Bass of Brighern Young University, and Robert Golia, with whom Bass has collaborated on research. Golia, a Massachusetts physicist, Tesia disciple, and lightning experimenter, has pursued the ephemeral fineball with the fervor of a hunter of anarts. Like Tesia in Colorado, he has done his research alone in a remote western laboratory in the Utah salt flets, and life because it is there, an unknown. But second because among other uses, it may hold a vital key in the international race to achieve Why the fascination with this problem? First, of course

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Tesle, he has struggied to win the kind of federal support that usually goes only to enormous institutions or corporations.

In the largest hangar at the far end of the ghost base at Wendover, Utah, which was built by the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, big spottights are often burning as Golka conducts lightning tests. Here, under tightest security in the 1940's, the B-29 Enole Gey was housed and outfitted for delivering the first atomic bombs to Hitoshima. Golka made two trips to the Tesla Museum to pore over the inventor's then unpublished notes and concentrated on replicating at exactly as he could in the old air base hangar the magnifying transmitter that Tesla had built in 1899 when investigating the lightning

storms of Pike's Peak.

"He [Tesla] was 'way ahead of anything we have today in the equipment he built," Golka says. "Such as the high-powered switches and spark gap switches. The knowledge has been lost, we don't know how he did it. Some of it was in the clarkes, but he kept much of this stuff in his head."

Golka built a megnifying transmitter at his "Project Tesla" that would discharge 22 million volts, creating almost twice as powerful a chain-lightning storm as the meestro himself had produced at Colorado Springe

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The relevance of ball lightning to fusion research has to do with the problem of confining plasma. The beent of the most common type of experimental fusion reaction involves taking isotopic hydrogen gas and both accelerating and superheating it until the hydrogen nuclei penultimete stages of the process, before fusion begins, the besetting problem is to maintain the plasma's coherence, to contine it within some kind of invisible electromagnetic "bottle." I imperfectly understood material state known as plasma." In the charged with vest amounts of kinetic and thermal energy, it enters an amounts of energy Along the way wh use to make helium nuclei, releasing, in the process, staggaring hile the hydrogen is being

stine winu a unvalue securities and the set of the set of the ball lightning offers the best potential for containment of the unstable mass. He describes the odd lightning as "a glowing sphere of a vertety of colors, a half-lach in diameter or as big as a grapefruit," and resembling an onion in its "leyers and layers of alternate charged particles, positive and negative." It may bounce along through building, fail into water and set It boiling, and sometimes, as at the Hill Air Force Base in Utah, it may knock out the most sophisticated electronic equipment. In the summer of 1978, with the use of CO-2 laser beams, he finally managed to produce "bead" lightning, which he believes to be a form of ball lightning, and to photograph it in sequential frames." He then sought support from the U.S. Department of Energy for a major program of research for which he proposed to use a device olded a pynrosphere, employing five laser beams to create thermodulation in a "Fireball Fision Reactor" only nonradioactive

helium is created and, according to Golia, mathematical models indicate it can reach and hold temperatures above a bittion degrees. He also proposed to the Air Force another Testian concept, a charged particle beam, but again one designed to employ laser

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"Unit secart years plasma had no major industrial importance but was manely a islonatory curicely. Richard L. Berrin, executive vice president of international Plasma Corp. believes that the first practical application of plasmas came in the 19th cartury when "the glowing plasma produced by a Tesla coli was used to locate leads in glass vacuum fastes."

Please ideas are also involved in other aspects of fusion research. Superconducting segnetic colle, cooled to a few degrees above absolute sero, are used in magnetic containment devices; and, in a newly developed theil process, hydrogen fuel prefiets are being bombarded by high-energy particle beams. . 5

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6,000 miles and could melt and destroy ICBM-type missiles in the at With a Tesia coil three times the size of his combined coils, Gola believed he could generate 200 million volts of electricity. But he inherited the usual Tesian problems of a loner, and a he said, "The wells fail in on me when I work for corporations." Ha

from their isderal grants. They too were deeply into laser technology, atthough Golka claims his system is different and unique. By no means the only scientist to have attempted to carry forward Tesla's work with bell lightning, he undoubtedly has been one of the most provised equipment, but called for enormous investments. His con-petitors were large corporations and leading universities engaged in the nuclear-fusion race; and even some of the latter were being cut of singleminded. work reached a point where it could no longer progress with ba-

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Russia's Kapitza, who shared the 1978 Nobel Prize in physis with Amo Parizias and Robert W. Wilson of America for his work is magnetism and the behavior of matter at extremely low temperature admowledges his debt to Tasla. "The efficient generation of supe-high-frequency oscillations and their conversion back to direct-current electrical energy," he writes, "discloses possible solutions to the problem of transmitting electrical energy ... in free space. The transmission setup will, of course, be similar to that already considered but, instead of a wave guide, a highly directional beam must be used which, as is well-known, only at short wavelengths will diverge little. Such a setup for the transmission of electrical energy, finstly though the possible in principle, it is ted up with the solution of a series d complicated engineering problems and therefore it can be impli-mented in practice only in such special situations in which other mented in practice only in such special situations in which other methods of energy transmission are inapplicable (for example, what energy must be supplied to a satellite)."<sup>3</sup>

In this field of wireless energy transmission, so directly con-cerned with the space race, there is progress nearer home. Richard Dickinson, who heads the Microwave Power Transmission project for California, traces his inspiration. Laboratory in the desert near Bassiow, California, traces his inspiration to the early work of Tesla. The concept of bringing electricity to Earth from an orbiting solar-power system via

\*Lambert Dolphin says of Golka's replica of the Colorado Springs Tesla colt. "I is spectocular indeed, to either scientist or layman. I hope it ends up in a museum sot as the Smitheonian where it can be appreciated." He too is a proponent of further research in ball lightning.

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"We beamed power from our transmitter at Goldstone a datance of one mile," Dickinson said of the NASA project initiated in the mid-seventies. "All of the microwave energy that fell within our target (of which we could only collect a portion with our existing four thousand watts of direct current output carried a distance of one mile. We are well pleased. The next step is to look further into the pperatus), we converted 82.5 percent to useful direct current. Thirty-

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schnology and needs of the satellite power system of the future." William C. Brown of the Raytheon Company, who developed the rectanna used in this microwave-power research, also attributes the fundamentals of radio broadcasting and wireless power transmission. the rectanna used in this microwave-power research, also attributes the ties of sending electricity by radio waves to Tesle's pioneering in the

Theoretically, a city the size of New York could be supplied with five billion watts on a winter day by enormous satellite structures in the sky that would orbit synchronously with Earth at a height of 22,300 miles. But admittedly, the cost of such floating power stations would be many billions of dollars, and they would be highly vulnerable to enemy killer satellites, in the event of war. Beookhaven National Laboratory, located just to the northeast

d Tesla's old Wardenciy/ife site at Shoreham, also feets a close link with the inventor through the advanced high-energy work being conducted at the laboratory. In 1976 It paid homage to him th a ceremony, and the Yugoslav government sent a plaque to be placed at the still-sanding Wardenchyfie laboratory. Canada, too, has long been a bastion of Tesla Energy System advocates, and because of the country's rich hydroelectric sources, through-the-Earth transmission—if it worked—could be a boon to

areas of power shortage. But—will it work? Several projects have been planned, and some partially implemented, in Canada, central Manasota, and most scently in Southern California—to "pump" hydroelectric power whelessly through the Earth to an area of need, employing the Tesla system as it is understood.\* The U.S. Department of Energy has often been asked to fund projects based on Tesla's system. Unfortunately, there is no evidence that the system ever worked for Tesla, and none that it could work for anyone else. One of

the inventor's problems was that he improperly extended into the electromagnetic domain fluid and fluid-mechanical analogies. Testa's patent No. 787,412 provides for the Earth to be excited by a carefully

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valued wavelength to establish a standing wave condition. Tesh believed the propagation path fell along a diameter. But according to much knowledge developed since 1899, the propagation path would not be along a diameter but, rather, along an ellipsoidal arc somewhere between the diameter and the spherical surface.

A fundamental aspect of wave propagation of power is that no power is transmitted if the wave is standing; power is transmitted solely with a traveling component. Boundary layer propagation, i.e., the mode of lossless propagation of waves at the boundary of two differing media (such as earth and sky), is a viable concept. However, the boundary plane must be smooth and the waves must be properly launched. At the frequencies Tesia was using, such launching apparatus would be an enormous structure. In examining the photographs of his experimental station at Colorado Springs, it is apparent to experts that he did not employ apparatus essential to the launching of such waves.

Tesla probably was mistaken at Colorado Springs in his interpretation of the lightning storms which he observed traveling away from him (eastwardly) across the plains, producing maxima and minima effects upon his instruments. This he interpreted as standing waves being set up in the Earth by the traveling storm, with the crests of the waves passing through his location as the storms advanced. It is believed he was seeing an interference effect caused by the reradiating surface of the frontal range of mountains to the west of his station. The results would have been the same on his instruments.

Dr. Walt, formerly senior scientist at the Environmental Research Laboratories, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in Colorado, describes himself as a "firm skeptic" of the Tesla theory. "The concept that electromagnetic energy penetrates 'through the earth,'" he says, "is valid only if the frequency is sufficiently low and if the distances are small. It's all tied up with 'skin-effect' phenomena; that means that the field is confined to the surface of a good conductor as in metallic wave guide."<sup>6</sup>

Dr. Wait even goes so far as to suggest that Tesla never really accepted the fact that electromagnetic waves could transport energy through the air. "Instead he thought of the earth itself as a conveyor and also thought of the possibility of a return conductor at heights of '15 miles above sea level.' The parallel of this idea to the earthionosphere wave guide at extremely low frequencies is striking (see IEEE Journals of Oceanic Engineering, Vol. OE-2, No. 2, April 1977). Also his proposed resonance of the system might be interpreted as the first disclosure of the earth-ionosphere cavity oscillations that have

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been associated from the early 1960s with W. O. Schumann, N. Christofilos, and J. Galejs, among others."?

With respect to wireless communication, the U.S. Navy's Project Sanguine/Seafarer of recent years has evolved from Tesla's Colorado experiments. In a thermonuclear war, conventional radio communication probably would be disrupted at certain heights and wavelengths. America's atomic submarine fleet might then be without a means of receiving messages. The U.S. Navy, seeing this danger, turned back to Tesla's nineteenth-century suggestion of employing 10 Hz signals (ELF or extra low frequency), to circle the globe and penetrate the deepest waters.

One of the headier speculations concerning Testian science is a suggestion that Russia has been employing his theories on weather modification to interfere with the jet stream, causing droughts and extremes of hot and cold weather. However unlikely the charge, it is true that Tesla did do a good deal of theorizing (but very little experimentation) on weather control.

He wrote, for example, on the possible use of radio-controlled missiles and explosives to break up tornadoes and the use of "lightning of a certain kind" to trigger rainfall. Of the former he said, "It would not be difficult to provide special automata for this purpose, carrying explosive charges, liquid air or other gas, which could be put into action, automatically or otherwise, and which would create a sudden passure or suction, breaking up the whirt. The missiles themselves might be made of material capable of spontaneous ignition." His proposal included a lengthy mathematical formula.<sup>6</sup>

As with much modern scientific exploration inspired by the maestro, the returns are still not in on weather changing. Scientist Frederic Jueneman, "Innovative Notebook" columnist for Industrial Research magazine, calls attention to the fact that Dr. Robert Helliwell and John Katsufrakis of Stanford University's Radio Science Laboratory, demonstrated that very low frequency radio waves can cause oscillations in the magnetosphere. With a 20-km antenna and a 5 kHz transmitter in the Antarctic, they found that the earth's magnetosphere could be modulated to cause high energy particles to cascade into our atmosphere, and by turning the signal on or off they could start or stop the energy flow.

"The theoretical implication suggested by their work," says Jueneman, "is that global weather control can be attained by the injection of relatively small 'signals' into the Van Allen beits—something like a super-transistor effect."

But Jueneman's speculations go further and are eminently

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worthy of Tesla: "If Tesla's resonance effects, as shown by the Stanford team, can control enormous energies by miniscule triggering signal, then by an extension of this principle we should be able to affect the field environment of the very stars in the sky...With godlike arogance, we someday may yet direct the stars in their courses."<sup>9</sup>

No biography of Tesla would be complete without mention of his bright following of amateur physicists who build Tesla colls for the personal research, endeavoring to replicate his electrical magic; and the young inventors who pore over his basic patents and still find inspiration from them.

Durtin C. Cox, a Wisconsin physicist who has pondered Tesia's published writings, has built two Tesia coils, the second of 10 million volts. The reasons: "My own personal interest in high voltage engineesing, especially in the field of high frequency of transformers; to further my studies on the laboratory production of ball lightning; and because the University of Wisconsin at Madison asked me to submit a Tesia coil in their bi-annual Engineering Exposition in the spring of 1981." He and friends built one Tesia coil for a Hollywood studio for lightning effects, which has been a common use of them.

Electrical engineer Leland Anderson has summarized the major points in design that a coll builder might gain from reading lesia's Colorado Springs Notes:

1. The Q's of the primary and secondary must be as high as practicable.

The Q's of the primary and secondary should be equal.
 The length of the secondary winding should be one-quarter.
 of the effective operating wavelength.

4. The technique of using an "extra coll" tank circuit (or a variation of it) in the secondary to magnify the voltage should be used.

"With these criteria in mind," he says, "the builder will find that hundreds of turns are not necessary for the secondary winding to achieve high voltages."

Last but not least, what about Tesla's death/disintegrator rays? Were his concepts sound? If they were found useful by the U.S. Army Air Force research team, whose top-secret project was rumored to have had the code name "Project Nick," it may be safely assumed that instead of being "destroyed," as reported, his papers are still highly classified.

Dr. Trump's evaluation and Swezey's assessment of Tesla's "secret weapons" have, however, received updated concurrence by

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Lambert Dolphin, assistant director of the Radio Physics Laboratory at SRI international, who has studied the inventor's work and his ballightning research for two decades. He points out that the fields of inowledge of both physics and electrical engineering have grown exponentially since about 1930.

"Whole libraries are now required just to keep track of all the theory and experience that have unfolded since Tesla's time," he says. "Our mathematical and practical understanding of electricity, magnetism, electromagnetic theory, and radio communications has continued to grow explosively ever since 1950, or should I say 1970!"

Tesla, Dolphin believes, "may have had intuitive insight into lasers and high-energy particle beams as well as ultra-high voltage phenomena, but now that we understand all the physics much more, we can easily evaluate many of his extravagant later-life claims."<sup>10</sup>

In fact, there is no good evidence to suggest that Tesla anticipated lasers. His "teleforce rays" seem to have been concerned exclusively with high-energy particle bearts. We still do not know precisely how he intended them to work, although, says Dolphin, the available evidence suggests that Tesla may not have paid sufficient attention to how greatly such beams may be absorbed or dispersed by molecules and atoms in the air. In any case, even if we did understand Teslas intentions more clearly, we should be hard put to compare them to the current state of the art, much of which is hidden under high security classifications.

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Nevertheless, Tesla's work with high voltages to accelerate charged particles does seem to have been decidedly in what is now the mainstream of physical research. "In this field," says Dolphin, "he anticipated modern linear and circular nuclear accelerators. Such machines today have energy levels of tens of billions of electron volts or at least 1.000 times greater energy levels than Tesla ever attained.

"I am sure his magnifying transmitters were spectacular... He probably generated some interesting arcs and sparks that were what we now study as plasmas. The containment of plasmas is a huge area of modern physics. For example ... to see if small amounts of matter can be turned into immense amounts of electrical power in carefully contained plasmas." But Tesla's early discoveries and inventions, he concludes, were indeed ingenious and ahead of their time."

As this book goes to press, the Pentagon is studying the creation of a new branch of the armed services, to be known as the U.S. Space Command, whose primary arsenal will consist of laser and particle-beam weapons fired from 'space battleships." In prose not



THE LEGACY ←→ 290 unlike Tesla's own, a Department of Defense fact sheet compares particle beams to "directed lightning bolts" —although without explicitly admitting that such a weapon has in fact been developed. It is difficult to assess the current state of the beam-weapons program because virtually everything about it is heavily classified

Apparently the technology involved has proved to be complex and difficult, raising questions about the project's feasibility, but many experts nevertheless seem to be hard at work on the problem. At the

same time, the activities of the other nations in this area have been

monitored carefully by agencies of the federal government. Indeed the

possibility of creating a family of particle-beam weapons has been a

subject of serious discussion in this country for at least the past twenty-

five years, and it is, in my opinion, of no little significance that as long

ago as 1947 the Military Intelligence Service Identified the writings

about a particle-beam among Tesla's scientific papers as being "d

was unable to develop his ideas. But it is undeniable that he described

in general terms half a century ago what may prove to be one of the

main weapons of the Space Age. And to the end of his days, Tesla the

pacifist hoped that such knowledge would be used, not for war among

Earthlings, but for interplanetary communication with our neighbors in

space, of whose existence he left certain.

Since he had no laboratory in the later years of his life, Tesla

extreme importance."

#### **Bibliographical Essay**

Some of Testa's own writing—lectures, articles, patents, papers, and letters—is now available in the United States. His most important lectures and his brief autobiography, in bound volumes, are listed in the prologue to the reference notes.

Citation of biographies of Tesla by O'Neill, Hunt, and Draper, and others may be found in the reference notes. The O'Neill manuscript and the Swezey Collection are to be found at the Smithsonian Institution, Dibner Library.

Serious Tesia scholars will wish to consult the annotated Dr. Nikola Tesia Bibliography by J. T. Ratzlaff, and L. L. Anderson (San Carlos, California, Ragusan Press, 1979), for it contains some 3,000 sources of writings by and about Tesia. "Priority in the invention of Radio, Tesia u Marconi," by Leland Anderson may be obtained through the Antique Wireless Association, Monograph New Series No. 4.

A new means of analyzing Tesla's inventions is provided in Dr. Nikoka Tesla: Selected Patent Wrappers from The National Archives, by J. T. Ratzlaff (Millbrae, Ca., Tesla Book Co., 1980). These "file wrappers" provide explanations and correspondence between the patentee and the Patent Office, to overcome objections raised by the examiner.

Tesla's Colorado Springs Notes, 1899-1900, published in 1978 by the Tesla Museum, is available through Notit, Terazije, 27, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The Library of Congress Manuscripts Division contains microfilm correspondence between Tesla and George Scherff, Robert Underwood Johnson, Mark Twain, members of the Morgan family, George Westinghouse, and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

In addition original correspondence and photographs may be found at the Butler Library, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Columbia University, including letters between Tesla and Johnson, Scherff, and

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

#### My dear Mr. Hoover:

I do not know whether or not the recent series of air crashes on the west coast has attracted the attention of your department, or whether, if investigation were indicated, the jurisdiction would be your own. An idea as to the cause of these crashes has occurred to me, however, and I thought it might bear a bit of checking up.

If you will check newspaper files as far back as 1934, I believe you will find that the earliest of the <u>unexplained</u> ( and apparently unexplainable crashes) occurred about that time.

As I remember the events, it was during that year that three small planes exploded in the air over Texas and southwestern Kansas and Oklahoma. These crashes were not accounted for, either by subsequent investigation where the plane occupants were killed or by the experience of surviving plane occupants in one case.

Following these tragedies there came a lapse of about a year, after which there occurred (likewise without apparent reason) the series of crashes which cost the lives of a senator, of Knute Rockne, and a number of others. All crashes again occurred in the South and Southwest.

Again there was a lapse of time, this one not quite a year, and there started the worst series of air disasters the country has yet seen. One plane lost in the Southwest and not yet accounted for. One plane crashes into a mountainside within sight of its airport. And now the most recent incident, the falling of a United liner into San Francisco Bay while cir-

cling its airport, preparatory to landing. <u>KEUGADED & INDEXED</u> 62 - 47649 -Now in this most recent incident, the experience of the radio operator at the airport seems to me to be highly illuminating. This operator reported a soft buzz interrupting his communication with the Piner ... a loud roar such as produced by the worst imaginable static ... then silence. The plane had dropped into the bay like a plummet.

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•Crack pilots do not suddenly become rank hams and bungle in handling a ship. Nor do the three motors (or even two) on the large airliners, stop simultaneously without extremely sufficient: reason. Th ese things might happen once or even twice in a lifetime. They do not happen six and eight times a year. It is not logical that they should.

To digress for a moment, I recall reading an article in a magazine a year or two ago, written by <u>Nikola</u> <u>Tesla</u>, the inventor. The article dealt with a new Invention of Mr. Tesla's ... a giant induction coil which would project power (high voltage) through the atmosphere without the use of transmission wires. Mr. Tesla devoted some space to the possible social benefits that would result to the public should his invention be perfected and become practical.

I have not heard of Mr. Tesla now in two or three years. Perhaps he has left the country. Perhaps he is still here. He might still be working on the invention described in the above-mentioned article. It might have been stolen from him.

In any case, his views on the ideas presented by these two unconnected subjects, would be well worth while having. And if I had the money and the time, I should certainly make an effort to smoke him out myself.

The thing is simply this: if one man can make an instrument that will project power through the air for even so short a distance as 500 yards (the thenpractical limitations of Mr. Nikola's device) it is entirely possible for another to project power for several hundreds of miles. And the effect of such uncontrolled power on metallic objects in its path is entirely unpredictable.

Please do not think me a "crank" letter writer. I have never before written a letter of this type to anyone. But the idea seems to me so within the bounds of possibility that I most sincerely feel it will bear some practical study.

Yours very respectfully, Passaic, bTC Letter ack.

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Miss Gapay\_ In a teletype from the New York Office dated January 9, 1943, the Bureau's advice is requested as to what action should be taken in connection with this matter. It is to be noted that Tesla died January 7, 1943, and resided at the Wotel New Yorker. He was one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field and has been conducting many experiments in connection with wireless transmission of electrical power and what is commonly referred to as the "Death Ray".

Save Mosanovich, a distant relative intensely disliked by Tesla, is taking steps to get possession of these important documents and plans. Kosenovich on January 7, 1943, with George Clark, in charge of the Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Swezey of Brooklym, New York, entered Wesla's rooms in the Hotel New Yorker and, with the sid of a looksmith, broke into a safe containing some of Tesla's valuable papers, including important electrical formulce, designs, et cetere. AL

Tesla is reported to have completed and perfected his experiments in the radio transmission of electrical power and to have conceived and designed a revolutionary type of torredo not presently in use by any nation. It is reported that Kosanovich may possibly make this material available to the energy.

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I called Hr. Donegan of the New York Office at 12:30 F.M. and pointed cut the apparent burglary violation on the part of Kosanovich. I told him this matter should be discreetly discussed with the State's Attorney in New York City with a view to locating Kozanovich and apprehending him on a burglary charge in order to determine the nature of the material he took from Tesla's safe. I pointed cut the necessity for the State's Attorney keeping any action most secret in view of the highly confidential nature of the plans involved. I also suggested that the New York Office contact the Surrogete Court in order that Tesla's effects as well as the contents of his safety deposit boxes might not be entered without the presence of a Bureau Agent in order that we may endeavor to preserve the

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Reference is made to a teletype dated January 9, 1943, from the New York Field Office and to a phone conversation between Mr. J. B. Little of the Bureau and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bonegan on January 11, 1943.

It was pointed out if Wr. Donegan that Sava Kosanovich, George Clark and Kenneth Swezey may have committed a burglary violation by entering Tesla's rooms after his death and particularly by using a locksmith to get into a safe containing some of Tesla's valuable papers. Mr. Donegan was advised this matter should be discreetly discussed with the State's Attorney, New York City, with a view to locating Kosanovich and apprehending him on a burglary charge, in order to ascertain the nature of the material taken from the safe of Nikola Tesla. It was also suggested that the New York Office contact the Surrogate Court, in order that Tesla's effects, as well as the contents of his safety deposit boxes, might not be entered without the presence of an Agent, in order that the secrecy of any plans or items essential to the conduct of the war or national security might be preserved. It was stated that Kosanovich might possibly make certain material available to the energy.

A review of the Bureau files reveals considerable information concerning Nikola Tesla and his inventions and it should be noted that one Nicola Tesla, who might have been identical with Nikola Tesla, made a speech at the Grange Hall, Springfield, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1922, Ender the auspices of the Friends of Soviet Bussia.

dr. E. A. Tamm\_ It further eppears that Sava Kosanovich may be identical with an Mr. Cleffndividual of the same name, who is a member of the Jugoslavian Government dr. Glavin extle. An examination of the files reveals that and Sava Essanovich, Mr. Laddescribed as the similates of Supply, arrived with other Jugoslavian Government Sr. Nicherficials at Norfolk, Virginia on September 4, 1941, on the SS City of in: Ros Exter, a British thip, from Caps Town on route to the United Fingdom wis Mr. Travashington and Canada 2 19430-32820-2)

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Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia). On this letterhead Kosanovich is described as Cheirman of the Board and Minister of State for Yugoslavia. It is stated that this Board is interested in "planning for postwar Europe". (100-99042)

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In still another file it is disclosed that Sava Kosanovich, a Serbian, was a momber of one of the Yugoslavian minority parties and when an emergency government to overthrow an alliance with the Axis was formed, he was included as an official. He is alleged to be a Communist and is 'said to receive \$1,250 a month salary from the exiled Yugoslavian Government. He and other exiled government officials are stated to use these large salaries to finance every Serbian paper in the United States except "Srbobran" published at Pittsburgh. (97-1340-18)

No record of Kenneth Swesey could be located in the Bureau files from the information available.

The foregoing information is being furnished for possible future reference in connection with this case and it is desired that the Bureau be kept promptly and surrently informed of all developments in this case.

Very truly yours,

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#### John Mdgar Hoover Director

**Federal Bureau of Investigation** 

United States Department of Justice New York, New York

EBC:PM 65-12290

March 19, 1943

Director, FBI

KOSANOVICH; Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SAVA EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased):

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter in the above-captioned. matter dated January 21, 1943, in which it is stated that it is desired that the Bureau be kept promptly and currently informed of all developments in this case.

In view of a telephone call from Mr. Little of the Bureau to Mr. T. J. Donegen, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office, dated January 14, 1943, in which Mr. Little stated that the abovecaptioned matter was now being handled as an Alien Enemy Custodial Detention matter and therefore no further action should be taken in the matter by the New York Field Division, this case is being considered closed in this Office, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau at some future time.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. Conroy

Special Agent in Charge

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900 inventions and patents. SPANEL stated that at one time TESLA had an invention in which he was able to direct electrical current without the means of a conductor. He felt that this type of an invention would be of invaluable assistance to any country at war and for this reason felt that TESLA's inventions and patents should be put into the hands of proper Government officials, where they might be put to the best advantage for the United States. He does not believe the subject is engaged in any un-American activities and stated that he was more than willing to turn these patents and inventions over to the proper Government agency. He asserted that before TESLA died, he had spoken to the subject regarding his becoming a United States citizen and SPANEL believes that he is now taking the proper steps to achieve that end. /

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SPANEL also stated that the subject had handed all of the effects of the deceased TESLA to the Alien Property Custodian in New York City.

SPANEL advised that the day before TESLA died he had tried to get in a touch with War Department officials in Washington in order that he might make available to them patents and inventions that he had developed. However, he was not able to get in touch with the proper authorities and he died the following day.

SPANEL advised that the Yugoslavian Government had been sending TESLA approximately \$600.00 per month for sometime prior to his death and this was described as being a sort of pension.

SPANEL stated further that he has previously turned over information regarding the subject to Special Agent FRED B. CORNELL of the New York Field Division. He also advised that WALDEMER KEMPFERT, Science Editor, New York Times and BILL LAURENZ, Science Feature Writer, New York Times and the Science Editor of the Herald Tribune would be able to elaborate on some of the accomplishments of NICK TESLA and that the June 1900 issue of the Century Magazine also contained an article relating to the inventions of TESLA.

SPANEL also stated that he believed BLOYCE FITZGERALD, Pierpont Hotel, Brooklyn, New York, Secretary to TESLA, has been contacted by Special Agent CORNELL and that if the New York Office wishes to contact SPANEL he may be reached at his home

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER . CC-287 Mr. Tolson\_ DINECTOR Mr. E. A. Tamm\_ Mr. Clegg\_ 5. Jeral Bureau of Investigation Mr. Glavin ted States Department of Justice Mr. Ladd Mr. Nichols Washington, D. C. Mr. Rosen\_ Mr. Tracy FLX:len July 17, 1943 Mr. Carson 2:45 p.m. Mr. Coffey Mr. Hendon Mr. Kramer, MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. McGuire Mr. Harbo\_ EE: SAVA KOSANOVICH Mr. Quinn Tamm\_ INTEFIAL SECURITY (G) Tele. Room CUSTODIAL DETENTION Mr. Nease\_ ١ Miss Beahm\_ Mist At this time SA John Parker of the New York office telephoned. stating on the previous afternoon telephoned that office through the assistance of a well known lecturer, author and traveler. stated that she would like to be interviewed concerning certain information she possessed relative to Yurrslavian activities and, in particular, data which she has concerning a wan by the name of Rosanovich, whom she dealeves to be an enemy agent. stated she was preparing statements of fact which she intends to turn over to t e St te Department concerning Kosanovich. She advised she was produc Ming to her 67D and can be reached at her address, which is Agent Parlier stated is a preatly referring to Sava Aosahovich and added this individual is mentioned in two teletypes which the New York office forwarded to the Bureau under dutes of January 9 and 12, 1943, in the case entitled UNRADALI SUEJECTS, FRUIPALAT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NICOLA TESLA, ENCERSED, ESPIDARSE % (Bureau file 100-2237). Briefly, the information contained in these teletypes is that shortly after Nicola Tesla, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, died in his hotel room at New York City on January 8, 1943, Sava Kosanovich, a distant relative, and other individuals 👘 🛀 entered his room and opened a safe, examining certain materials which he possessed. On January 8, Mr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department advised Mr. Tame that he was Locustry concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the trunks of Tesla and that apparently the Alien Property Custodian was taking some action in this matter. Inashuch as the matter was being handled by the Alien Property Custodian's office, the Bureau did not conduct any inquiries into this situat 13 It is also noted that on July 14, Mr. Junes Sharpe of the Special Lar Policies Finit of the Department for A second and the reported Policies 20 JUL 28 1943 by ch. 670 who was described as the Full ister of the Maroslav Government in Exile by one This letter, which Sharpe underston April 7, 1949, was of a threatening nature. FOPVICTORY BUY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCL **COPIES DESTROYED** DND DAT 148 OCT 26 1960 29186

Mr. Ladd

A newspaper article which hr. Sharpe also exhibited revelled that the wind be was arraigned in local court in New York City on the mail to Kosanovich. In charged with schoing a threatening letter through the mail to Kosanovich. In connection with this trial, Agent Parker stated that the case has been postponed for six months. In the letter which the most wrote Rosanovich, he makes reference to the mail to he attacks on her.

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At the time kr. Sharpe called at the bureau, he pointed out the strong animosity and dissension which exists between the various nationalist groups in this country because of their conflicting opinions as to the type of postwar government vich should be set up in the scaller countries in Europe and mentioned that hosanovich and the present posite political theories. He also mentioned that such the one of the greatest contributors to dissonation between the gerbs in this country and has been active in publicizing per views concerning portwars erbia.

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There is attached for your approval a letter directed to the hashington Field Office requesting that this interview be conducted and also instructing that she be interrogated concerning the other matter referred to above, instauch as the Pittsburgh office has not as yet covered this interview.

Respectfulay,

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but which he believes to be attributable to SPANEL, FITZGERALD was fired by the HIGGENS OPPANY. In September of 1944, FITZGERALD was inducted into the Army and for a considerable period of time was located at an ordinance experimental station at Elgin Field, Florida. The stated that at the present time FITZGERALD is engaged in a highly secret experimental project at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. In spite of his rank of Private, FITZGERALD actually is the director of this research and is working with many top young scientists who were inducted into Army from leading industrial posts.

According to perfection FITZGERAID is presently working on the perfection of TESLA'S "death ray" which in FITZGERALD'S opinion is the only possible defense against offensive use by another nation of the Atomic Bomb. In this connection, it is noted that the New York Times of September 22, 1940 in an article entitled SCIENCE IN THE NEWS" by WILLIAM A. LAURENCE, Science Fditor states that TESLA devulged to LAURENCE the fact that he had developed a "death ray" or "Teleforce" which TESLA claimed would melt airplane motors at a distance of 250 miles, so that actually an invisible Chinese Wall would be built around a country against attack by an enemy air force.

According to the article in the TIMES, this electrical device would operate by the generation of power from a plant, a number of which might be located strategically along our coast lines and the beam from which would melt any engine within a radius of 250 miles.

SPANEL, FIT2GERALD had told SPANEL of his associations with TESLA and had apparently described to SPANEL some of TESLA'S most secret work. believes that SPANEL, who he claims is definitely pro-Russian in attitude, is now attempting through legal procedure to secure custody of TESLA'S effects which are now held by TESLA'S only heir, one SAVA KOSANOVICH, who is presently in Yugoslavia occupying some governmental post.

It will be recalled that in an article published on March 15, 1945, by the FING FEATURE SYNDICATE THEOREDERATED, WESTBROOK FEBLER charged SPANEL with spreading pro-communist and pro- Russian propaganda through his full page advertisement in the newspapers, which SPANEL characterized as being published for the INTERNATIONAL LATEY OPEPORATION, as a public service feature. It is also interesting to observe that in the New York Times of October 2, 1945, an article appears which states that SPANEL is suing the KING FEATURE SYNCHATE THOREPORATED for six million dollars alleging the column by FORLER to have been ligbelous.

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Latter- Director, W 17, 1945 0c+.ol NY 65-12290 stated that through FITZGERALD he too had met SPANEL and from this personal acquaintance he formed the opinion that SFANEL was befinitely a communist and is probably one of the financial supporters of the Communist Party in this country. stated that SPANEL was born in Russia, but is now an American citizen. He also charged that SPANEL exerted tremendous political influence in Washington, D. C., and said that one of SPANEL'S closest political friends was HENRY WALLACE. advised that two agents from Army Intelligence contacted and stated that in an investigation to determine the qualifications of FITZGERALD for a commission, they had developed information indicating that SPANEL was definitely endeavoring to secure possession of TESLA'S effects. indicated that Army Intelligence was pursuing an investigation along these lines in an attempt to ascertain the complete story in this regard. psychon stor all For the Pureau's information, was born on and at is family resides in He is a graduate of and itau seren of Trom had been and was in, charge o of the at present is nowever, he appears to have ample Tunds since he travels all over the country and resides in reputable hotels. Just recently he stated that he had 67C from Washington to the West Coast as He advised that it is his desire to cooperate with FITZGERALD in securing legal possession of TEELA'S effects in order that a memorial foundation may be established for the protection of TESLA'S experiments and for the preservation of the inventors memory. stated that FITIGERALD had interested a group of young Army scientists now working with him at Wright Field in this foundation, and their ultimate goal is to secure the support of a wealthy backer in order that, a foundation might be established and that a sort of "idea factory" might result. He said that they intended to contact HENRY FORD, SR., to solicit his aid in this regard. related that probably thegreatest idea of TESLA'S was that involving the wireless transmission of electrical power. He claimed that TESLA had performed a successful experiment many years ago at Pikes Peak, at which time he harnassed local current from the sunts rave which he said that built up into a huge potential of electrical energy according to FITZOPAID, if this idea could be furthered, all electrical energy to operate the world's machinery might be gotten absolutely free rather than by the costly method with which electrical power is presently generated. He said that his idea was to conduct further experiments along this line in China where the need for electrical power is very great. Inquiry was made at the MANHATTAN STORAGE WAREHOUSE in New York City, and it was determined that the effects of NJKOLA TESLA are contained in some

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75 packing cases and trunks and are presently under seal by the New York State Department of Taxation. It was learned that the rental for this storage, which approximates \$15 per month, is being paid by one CHARLOTTE \_\_\_\_\_\_UZAR, 134 East 63rd Street, New York, New York, who is listed as the agent for SAVA KOSANOVICH.

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Inquiry was also made at the office of the Alien Property Custodian in New York City, concerning an investigation conducted by this office at the time of TECIA'S death, and at which time the latters property was placed under seal by the United States Government. Wr. WALTER CORSUCH, Chief Investigator for the Alien Property Custodian, provided a cover letter and a summary of materials owned by TESLA at the time of his death which was examined by JOHN G. CRUMP, of the office of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & DEVILOP-MENT. Mr. GORSUCH also stated that his file in this matter reflected that on the night TESLA diod his safe was forced open by a representative of the SHORE & WALKER SAFE COMPANY. It was Mr. GORSUCH'S belief that a Mr. SWEEZEY who is believed to be one of the editors of the POPULAR SCIENCE MACAZINE was present in TESLA'S room shortly after the safe was opened. These individuals were WILLIS GEORDE, EDWARD PALMER, and JOHN J. ORBETT.

There are enclosed herewith two typewritton copies of the report by Yr. TRUIP of the ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTOFIC: reflecting the findings of Mr. TRUIP, following his examination of TPSLA'S effects. There is also enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a list of persons associated with NTKOLA TESLA. This latter item was furnished by 670

The above information is furnished for the Bureau's information, and no investigation is being conducted by this office.

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Address writer at:

Cambridge, Mass. January 30, 1943.

Mr. Walter Gorsuch, Alien Property Custodian, 120 Broadway, New York, New York.

#### Dear Sir:

At your request and that of Mr. Joseph T. King of the Washington office of the Alien Property Custodian, I have examined the private papers, writings, and other property of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla with the view to determining both their possible usefulness to this country in its war effort and the possible heard attendant on their falling into unfriendly hands.

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This examination was made at the Manhattan Warehouse, 52nd Street, New York City, on January 26-27, and included all of the notes and material in Dr. Tesla's immediate possession at the time of his death and now in the custody of your office. For reasons indicated below, no investigation was made of material in trunks which had remained untouched in the basement of the New Yorker Hotel for ten years prior to Dr. Tesla's death.

As a result of this examination, it is my considered oninion that there exist among Dr. Tesla's papers and possessions no <u>scientific notes</u>, descriptions of hitherto unrevealed methods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands. I can therefore see no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should be retained.

For your records, there has been removed to your office a file of various written material by Dr. Tesla which covers typically and fairly completely the ideas with which he was concerned during his later years. These documents are enumerated and briefly abstracted in the attachment to this letter.

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It should be no discredit to this distinguished engineer and scientist whose solid contributions to the electrical art were made at the beginning of the present century to report that his thoughts and efforts during at least the past fifteen years were primarily of a speculative, philosophical, and somewhat promotional character--often concerned with the producation and wireless transmission of power--but did not include new sound, workable principles or methods for realising such results.

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#### Very truly yours,

JOHN G. TRUMP, Technical Aide, Division 14, NIRC.

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1. On January 26 and 27, 1943, an examination was made of the technical papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla which, after his decease, had been stored in the Manhattan Warehouse in New York City. This examination was made for the purpose of determining if any ideas of significant value in the present United States war effort could be found among his possessions. Participating in this examination were Hr. John C. Newington, New York Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Mr. Charles J. Hedetniemi, Washington Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Dr. John G. Trump, Office of Scientific Research and Development, Massechusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Willis George, Office of Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District; Edward Palmer, Chief Yeoman, USNR; John J. Corbett, Chief Yeoman, USNR.

2. The following papers, which are regarded as typical of Nikola Tesla's writings and thoughts in the period of 1925 to 1942, were removed for the purpose of record and are listed below in the random order in which they were found, together with a brief individual abstract.

#### Exhibit A

\*Possibilities of Electrostatic Generators - an undated article probably written about 1934 discussing the possibilities, as a source of high-woltage D-C power, of the Van de Graaff type of electrostatic belt generator. The article states correctly the electrostatic principles employed in this device and points out that such generators are not suitable for commercial high-power applications, though of undoubted scientific value. Tesla's wireless tower, erected in 1902 on Long Island, is stated in this memorandum to have been charged to 30 million volts.

#### Exhibit B

"Reactive Forces of Glycerine and Dynamite" - an undated memorandum involving some calculations of the explosive power of certain compounds and then deviating to a discussion of the possibility of transmitting power by mechanical vibrations along the earth's crust.

\*Process of De-Gassifying, Refining, and Purifying Metals" a 41-page memorandum probably written about 1930 dealing with the above subject and proposing new theories of capillarity and surface tension. This correspondence indicated that this had been submitted to various industrial companies.

### Exhibit D

<u>"Reply to Amtorg re 'the generation of high-voltage and the</u> <u>acceleration of charged particles'</u> - This document, dated November 8, 1935, answers questions raised by Soviet engineers and scientists regarding Tesla's proposal of May 16, 1935. From this answer, it is deduced that the proposal concerned the generation of high voltages by electrostatic means. These means consisted of a high-voltage terminal presumably supported on an insulating column and charged by a gaseous charge conveying medium passing between ground and terminal. The ideas contained in this memorandum are fairly similar to the belt-conveyor electrostatic generator methods proposed by Van de Graaff and do not appear to offer any unusual features.

#### Exhibit E

Motions at Distance" - This document, in the form of a letter dated June 12, 1940, to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, proposes a method for the transmission of large amounts of power over vast distances by means of mechanical vibrations of the earth's crust. The source of power is a mechanical or electromechanical device bolted to some rocky protuberance and imparting power at a resonance frequency of the earth's crust. The proposed scheme appears to be completely visionary and unworkable. Westinghouse's reply indicates their polite rejection of this idea.

## Exhibit F

<u>Annew Art of Projecting Concentrated Non-Dispersive Energy</u> <u>through Natural Media</u> - This undated document by Tesla describes an electrostatic method of producing very high voltages and capable of very great power. This generator is used to accelerate charged particles, presumably electrons. Such a beam of highenergy electrons passing through air is the "concentrated nondispersive" means by which energy is transmitted through natural media. As a component of this apparatus there is described an open-ended vacuum tube within which the electrons are first accelerated.

#### Exhibit F (cont.)

The proposed scheme bears some relation to present means for producing high-energy cathods rays by the cooperative use of a high-voltage electrostatic generator and an evacuated electron acceleration tube. It is well known, however, that such devices, while of scientific and medical interest, are incapable of the transmission of large amounts of power in non-dispersed beams over long distances. Tesla's disclosures in this memorandum would not enable the construction of workable combinations of generator and tube even of limited power, though the general elements of such a combination are succinctly described.

#### Exhibit G

A circular by Carol Bird, dated September 10, 1938, entitled Tremendous New Power Soon to Be Unleashed". This describes in popular style some biographical information concerning Nikola Tesla and some ideas for the transmission of power on which he is stated to be working. It appears that the method of transmission is by the mechanical resonance method outlined in Exhibit F, above.

#### Exhibit H

This exhibit consists of a series of letters to representatives of the British Government dated August 28, 1936; October 26, 1937; December 15, 1937; and April 5, 1938. It includes a reply dated January 7, 1938, from the British Government. These letters offer to the British Government, for a fee, the disclosure of a means for accelerating to high energies minute particles. Such beams would constitute a death ray capable of the protection of Great Britain from air attack.

The method proposed is essentially that described in Exhibit F above. Following the initial letter dated August 28, 1936, the subsequent letters attempt to clear up the "misunderstandings" of the British representatives and to expedite their acceptance of the Tesla proposal. The British reply dated January 7 is a polite expression of disinterest in the proposal.

## Exhibit I

An undated memorandum written after Tesla's 79th birthday describing several discoveries which he believed he had made. The first related to a dynamic theory of gravity which is described as not yet completed. The second stated as a physical truth the belief that "there is no energy in matter other than that received from the environment". This second statement, which is discussed at length in this and other writings of Tesla, indicates his disbelief in the existence of atomic or nuclear energy.

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### Exhibit J

"A Method of Producing Powerful Radiations" - an undeted memorandum in Tesla's handwriting describing "a new process of generating powerful rays or radiations". The memorandum reviews the works of Lenard and Crookes, describes Tesla's work on the producation of high voltages, and finally in the last paragraph gives the only description of the invention contained in the memorandum. This description is as follows: "Briefly stated, my new simplified process of generating powerful rays consists in creating through the medium of a high-speed jet of suitable fluid a vacuous space around a terminal of a circuit and supplying the same with currents of the required tension and volume".

### Exhibit K

A letter to prospective licensees on telegeodynamics dated December 27, 1941. This is a single-page letter with the typewritten signature of Dr. Nikola Tesla, in which he addresses himself to the prospective licensees of telegeodynamics, states that over a half million dollars was spent on this development with funds contributed by the Morgans, Crawford, J. J. Astor, and Fish, as well as commercial organizations, and states this to be a new art with which "unvelievable wonders can be achieved".

#### Exhibit L

<u>Tesla's New System of Fluid Propulsion</u>. This is an undated memorandum of about 20 typewritten pages describing a system of fluid propulsion in which the conversion from hydraulic to rotary mechanical power is achieved by passing the fluid between flat circular disks, shaft-mounted and enclosed in a casing.

This memorandum written about 1925 describes in general terms a kind of hydraulic turbine which seems practical. There is copious evidence among the other of Tesla's papers that this idea was generally disclosed to appropriate individuals and that it received favorable comment and possibly some use. Some of these comments are contained on the last page of the exhibit.

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"The Power of the Future" - a memorandum apparently written by Tesla and probably in response to a request from some popular science group for an opinion as to the source of future power. This memorandum reviews the gradual evolution of power sources. It discusses in some detail the possibility of atomic power and states as his opinion that atomic power is not feasible. The discussion of atomic energy is apparently confused to some extent

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with planetary energy. The article further discusses the subject of wind, tides, lightning, and water power as a source of commercial energy. The last sentence of this memorandum states: "With my wireless system, it is practicable to transmit electrical energy at a distance of twelve thousand miles with a loss not exceeding 5 per cent. I can conceive of no advances which would be more desirable at this time and more beneficial to the further progress of mankind." This memorandum constitutes an interesting generalized discussion of the various sources of power. It is qualitatively correct for the most part except probably in that portion which deals with atomic power.

#### Exhibit N

"The Transmission of Electric Energy Without Wires" - an article by N. Tesla in the <u>Electric World</u>, March 5, 1904, pages 429-431. A general, somewhat biographical article on Tesla's early work with some speculation on the possibility of longdistance wireless transmission of large amounts of energy.

#### Exhibit C

"Morld System of Wireless Transmission of Energy" - an article by N. Tesla in Telegraph and Telephone Age, October 16, 1927, pages 457 and 460. An article which traces the early work on the production and transmission of electromagnetic radiations, describes Tesla's efforts to increase the amount of power which can be transmitted without wires and concludes with a proposed World System" for the wireless transmission of both power and communications. No workable disclosure of a means for accomplishing this is included, and such generalities as suggest the approach which Tesla had in mind do not seem capable of accomplishing the desired result.

#### Exhibit P

"Interview with Dr. Nikola Tesla" by Alden P. Armagnac for Popular Science Monthly, May 24, 1923. An ll-page memorandum written in popular conversational style describing an interview with Dr. Tesla and reporting his present work. This report includes statements on a new airplane, on rocket ships, on the wireless transmission of power, on a world system plan for the transmission of speech and television, on the impracticability of harnessing atomic energy, on radio activity, and on the acceleration of charged particles, such as cathode rays, by high voltages.

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# Exhibit Q

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An agreement dated April 20, 1935, between Nikola Tesla and the Amtorg Trading Corporation, in which Tesla agreed to supply plans, specifications, and complete information on a method and apparatus for producing high voltages up to fifty million wolts, for producing very small particles in a tube open to air, for increasing the charge of the particles to the full voltage of the high potential terminal, and for projecting the particles to distances of a hundred miles or more. The maximum speed of the particles was specified as not less than 350 miles per second. The receipt of \$25,000 fee for this disclosure was acknowledged in this agreement, which was signed by Nikola Tesle and by A Bartanian of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. The method referred to in this agreement is apparently that described in Exhibit F, above. It is probable that Exhibit D, above, is an effort by Tesla to clear up the questions raised by Soviet engineers after the subject disclosure had been made. There is no evidence that the inventions and information referred to in this agreement are other than those described in a number of Tesla's papers and published articles. It should therefore be expected, and it is substantiated by Exhibit D, that this disclosure subsequently proved unworkable.

An examination of several items of scientific apparatus among the Tesla efforts at the Manhattan Warehouse and in a deposit box at the Governor Clinton Hotel showed those to be standard electrical measuring instruments in common use several decades ago.

> JOHN G. TRUMP, Technical Aide, Division 14, NDRC.

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Mass. Inst. of Tech., Cambridge, Mass., January 30, 1943.

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LIST OF HERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH NIKOLA TESLA

Kerrigan, William - 89 Logan St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

> Mr. Kerrigan was the messenger boy for Postal Telegraph some years prior to Jan. 1943. At Mr. Tesla's request, he continued his services as special messenger when convenient. He had called upon Tesla the week prior to his death and has much valuable data and information concerning Tesla's contacts. I first met Mr. Kerrigan at the Frank Campbell funeral church.

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Baumgarten, Charles - Room 1203, Municipal Bldg., Budget Bureau, N.Y.C. Mr. Baumgarten was mot at the funeral and Mr. William Lawrence of the New York Times and myself had lunch with him. Mr. Baumgarton know Tosla and his connections with the Queensboro Bridge and many of his developments of Civic interest.

Employed as building supt. Washington Market, Brooklyn.

Skerritt, Miss Dorothy F. - Office, Biddle Purchasing Company, 107 Chambers Street, N.Y.C. - No. 2-5500.

Residence: Hasbrook Heights, New Jersey Miss Skerritt was secretary to Doctor Tesla from 1912 until 1922. She is familiar with the Karconi patent suit, many of Tesla's scientific theories; knows the names of some of his friends; has witnessed demonstrations in his laboratory, then at 8 W. 40th St. N.Y.C. Miss Skerritt also knows that between 1916 and 1918, Doctor Tesla was at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago and may have material there. She can give account of many of his deals with various firms.

Merrington, Marguerite - 46 W. 97th Street, N.Y.C. - Riverside 9-9186 Miss Merrington has known Doctor Tesla since 1893 and has been a guest of his on several occasions at the old Waldorf Hotel and at his laboratory in 1894 on Houston Street. Miss Merrington recalls the lighting effects without filaments and his radio . controlled boat demonstrations. She also recalls statements regarding communication without wires by means of a small instrument. She has witnessed many laboratory experiments including power transmission without wires over short distances in the laboratory and also metallic plate suspension. He had also talked about communication with mars to her.

Holden, Mrs. Agnes, J - 327 E. 52 St. N.Y.C. - Plaza 3-2341 Krs. Holden is the daughter of Robert U. Johnson (deceased) (1936) who was a close friend of Tesla for many years. Krs. Holden first met Mr. Tesla at her father's home when she was about 12 years old. The Johnsons were connected with the Century Magazine which published many articles regarding Tesla. Yr. Johnson wrote several poems about Tesla, one of which appeared in the April, 1895 issue of the

Century Magazine and the others appeared in "Poems of 50 years, 1880-1930 by Robert Underwood Johnson. Mrs. Holden has been in close contact with Poctor Tesla and has witnessed many of his demonstrations including that of the oscillator of 1899. She recalls the near destruction of the laboratory. Since World II" , she has talked with Doctor Tesla with regard to instruments of war and he told her in response to her inquiry regarding tanks recently that he could stop them or the war. She recalls his discussions with her and her father regarding transmissions of power and Mars, etc. She says that she knows that Tesla has things for our Government only. Ers. Holden witnessed many of the experiments and was present at the radio-controlled boat demonstration many years ago.

Lowenstein, Fritz (Deceased) Erother, Emil Lowenstein - 182 Bennett Ave. N.Y.C. - Wa-7-4519. Business (Artist) 420 Lexington Ave. N.Y.C. - Mu-5-8065. Mr. Fritz Lowenstein was the assistant to Dr. Tesla during his historic laboratory experiments in Colorado Springs in 1899. He was also to have appeared as a defense witness for Tesla in his Marconi patent suits during 1915, but for some reason failed to testify. The brother, Emil, address above, knows of the relatives of Mr. Fritz Lowenstein who have documents pertaining to the 1899 experiments. (Mr. G.H. Clark provided information re documents and Lowenstein) (Kr. Czito mentioned Lowenstein). Mr. Emil Lowenstein is not on friendly terms with the entire Lowenstein family and a Mr. Massey, 52 Vanderbilt Ave. can furnish additional information re Lowenstein.

Shirk, A.J. - Inventor's Model Shop, 70 West 100th St. N.Y.C. Ac-2-9466. Er. Shirk has met Tesla on 3 occasions and appears to know quite a bit about his model work and laboratory developments, particularly within recent years. His exact status can only be determined by another call or exact-statue interview. He is attempting to determine the ddtess of a Laboratory that existed at about. 57th and 3rd Ave. and with whom a certain Dr. Walker was connected.

Arbus, Muriel, Miss - Res: 600 W. 13th St. Tel: Vanderbilt 4-9816, Bus: WPB, Chanin Ruilding, N.Y.C. Miss Arbus has several photographs of Tesla and was a secretary to him before Miss Dorothy Skerritt, 1.e. before 1912. She has not been interviewed except by phone.

Berg, Seigurd (or Sigmund) - Copenhagen, Denmark. Business: Paris, France. He has not been interviewed. See Yr. E. Fiensen of the International Latex Corp., Dover, Del. for information. Hes Berg was a close friend of Tesla in Europe and mentioned other members of his family; Mr. Ernest and Mr. Esko Berg are found in correspondence from Mrs. B.A. Bhrend to Mr. Kenneth Sweezy in 1935 and 1934. Behrend, Bernard, A. Mrs. - Rond Point, 4iken, S.C. Phone 135. Mr. Behrend and Mrs. Heaviside were very close

Mr. Behrend and Mrs. Heaviside were very close friends of Dr. Tesla. Mrs. Behrend has many notes and technical data concerning Tesla's work either stored near Boston, Mass or at Aiken, S.C. Mr. Behrend was Chief Engineer for Westinghouse and supervised the construction of a great number of Tesla's motors and generators. He is author of "The Industion Motor" pub. 1921 in which a considerable portion is devoted to Tesla's work.

Boskan, Slavko, Mr. Engineer and author, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Kr. Boskan published a book in Dresden, Germany entitled "Nikola und Hs Werk" in 1932 (Approx) Mr. Boskan was a close friend of Mr. Tesla and has considerable engineering data in his possession according to Mr. Sweezy.

Denton, Clifford, Mr. - Science Reporter.. New York Daily News, 220 E. 42nd St. N.Y.C. Mu-2-1234 Ext. 557 Mr. Denton has been present at many of Dr. Tesla's press roleases and has many notes rogarding the conferences. He said that he gave most of his data to Mr. Nm. Lawrence of the New York Times. Brown Brothers (Mr. Arthur Brown) 220 W. 42 St. Bryant 9-4742. ".Y.C.

Curtis, Thomas Stanley - Address: unknown. Author "Experiments with High Frequencies currents" "It is important to locate Mr. Curtis because" he discussed many of Tesla's problems and appears to have technical data regarding his work.

Cramps, Shipbuildin; Co. Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Crosby, former Sec. of Commerce, and Lr. Cramps became interested in the radio cdhtrélled boat of Dr. Tesla about 35 years ago. Negotiations were carried on between Dr. Tesla and the above executives. This information was furnished by Mr. Kerr.

### It may be well to contact Mr. Crosby's relatives or Mr. Cramps.

Crito, Julius - 4629 193rd St. Plushing, Long Island. Tel: Plushing 7-4711 Mr. Crito was mentioned to me first by Mr. Kosenovich and later Mr. Spanel had received his name from Mr. Wm. Lawrence. Mr. Crito is a machinest by trade and worked for Dr. Tesla as such from 1915 to 1929. He was particularly concerned with the construction of a turbin, and a fountain developed for a Mr. Hatmaker. Among other things, he worked on an extractor for sulpher from sea water and mechanical device for measuring the resistance of a ball bearing. He has little data left of Dr. Tesla's work but has a very good memory. He mentioned the Boston gear works, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Miller, the Zumbach Machinery Co. and Kr. Barney Levi. Mr. Crito's father also worked for Dr. Tesla in 1894 and was with him at his Houston St. laboratory. Kr. Czito, Sr. accompanied Dr. Tesla to Colorado Springs in 1899. Mr. Crito has a very good memory and can furnish additional information. He has discovered a photograph showing all of the employees of the old Tesla laboratory.

Clark, Mr. Geo. H. - Res: 349 E. 49th St. Tel: E1-5-1603. Bus: RCA "fg. Co. (Library) 25 Beaver St. N.Y.C. Room 314 A, Tel: Hanover 2-1829. Ext 123. kr. G.H. Clark was contacted by virtue of a call placed in December to Mr. Oran Dunlap of the RCA Corp. Mr. Clark has a very large collection of personal data pertaining to radio pioneers, particularly Larconi. His business has been to collect such data in order to assist the prosecution of a suit of infrigment against the Marconi patents. Le has never set Dr. Tesla but he knows of his work and is interested in collecting historical data for preservation. Mr. Clark is a friend of Lr. Sweezy.

Crosby, Former Sec. of Commerce, Washington, D. C.(address unknown) See Cranps and Kerr Wetzel, Tailors - 2 E. 44th "t. Murry Hill 2-6757. N.Y.C. This firm was tailor for Dr. Tesla throughout most of his life and may have information with regard to his friends, not otherwise listed.

He worked for Dr. Tesla on the development of a speedometer for the Waltham Watch Co.

(This information from interview).

Shriner, and Urner- Shoe Shops. 250 Ladison Ave. Lurry Fill 2-0319. French, N.Y.C. Dr. Tesla purchased most all of his shoes from

this firm for the past 50 years and data may be gathered from their records such as mailing addresses, etc.

Cornels, Fredrick C. F.B.I. Office Federal Court House Eldg. 12th Floor Fegent 2-2315 Vr. Cornels was informed of the possible value of Dr. Tesla's data immediately following his death. So far as known, no action was taken.

Photostat Company, 11th Floor, Woolworth 51dg. N.Y.C. Commercial Firm which made photostats of Tesla patents for Kerr.

to contact call Kr. Clark of FCA. Cranm, Frnest R. Kr. Cramm knows a great deal about Dr. Tesla's relations with the RCA Company. Mr. Cramm was a former employee of RCA.

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Gilder, Rodman - 108 E. 82nd St. N.Y.C. Butterfield 8-7397.

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1270 6th Ave. Room 811, Circle 6-1484 (restricted number) N.Y.C. U.S. Army Int. G2. Lt. Denmark and his superiors were notified by Lr. Spanel and Washington with regard to Tesla devices. Lt. Dennark was interviewed personally with a group of 4 other officers including Mr. Pitchen.

Son of Richard Watson Gilder, former Fub. of Century Magazine. Mr. Gilder knows of some old Tesla manuscripts and what has happened to

his files of the Century Magazine at its dissolution. This name was received from

Kirsch, Leon - a former draftsman for Tesla - name from Liss Dorothy Skerritt. This party should be located because he had a lot of confidential data of Tesla's and made many drawings according to Liss Skerritt.

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Lillian Married to an Austrian by name of DePree about 1914. Miss Drews was secretary to Dr. Tesla prior to 1912. Her present address is unknown and she was not in good favor with Dr. Tesla, according to Miss Skerritt, the informant.

DosPassos, John - Attorney, and very good friend of Dr. Tesle. Address unknown. Wanted Tesla to stop the Spanish American War. Formerly lived in New York. The Gentleman was expensively dressed and wore frocked coat similar to Tesla with bright checkered vest.

Had office in vicinity of 200 Broadway, as late as 1920. Er. DosPassos is believed to have engineering data of Tesla's according to Thomas Syrne.

# DeForrest, Dr. Lee- 6190 Hollywood Blvd. Los Ar , Calif. -

Dr. DeForrest is in a live and was a friend of Dr. Tesla in the late 90 and early 1900's. There is a possibility that he may be able to assist in interpreting Tesla's works.

Dubilier, William - President of Cornell Dubilier Co., Vanufacturers of CCondensers. Mr. G.H. Clark Informs that Mr. Dubilier hasin his possession some of the original notes of the 1699 experiments in Colorado Springs.

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Fradenburg, A.E. A reporter for the Brooklyn Eagle during 1930 who had numerous contacts with Tesla with regard to Power Transmission. His present address is unknown but he formerly resided in E Brooklyn until 1934.

Fitzgerald, Francis, A. - Niagara Power Commission, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Fitzgerald, according to a personal interview with Dr. Tesla, was a friend of his on the A.C. power proposition for the development of Niagara. He also told me that Mr. Fitzgerald attempted to influence the Canadian Power Commission in 1927 for a project to transmit power without wires. There is a possibility that he may have some data.

Gernsback, Hugo p Publisher, Res; 230 West End Ave. Schhler 4-2130 Bus: 25 W. Broadway, Tel: Rector 2-9690. A Friend of Tesla for about 35 years. Published many articles about Tesla during 1919 in the "Flectrical Experimenter and later in Science and Invention." Has many of Tesla's original manuscripts and photos. Believes in all of Tesla's theories and has a working knowledge of them. This party Was contacted Beveral weeks prior to Dr. Tesla's death. Mrs Gernsback attempted to assist Dr. Tesla personally and aprealed to Westinghouse for funds in 1933.

Harmond, John Hayes, Jr. Glochester, Mass. Tel. 2080 Kr. Harmond, Sr., financed some of Dr. Tesla's boat experiments and only 10 years ago John Hayes Hammond, Jr. operated one of Tesla's original models. The family has one of the boats in their





ossession now. Much technical data car be gathered from this source.

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Machinest, Sperry Gyroscope Company, Garden City, L.I. Employee Number 5470, Phone Vigilent 4-5400 (Restricted number) Ext. 211. Use any New York Phone. Name from Csito. This party knows of Tesla's laboratory on Long Island through the laundry driver named Tommy Wallen.

Octavious - Springfield Gardens, Long Island, (Has not been contacted)

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ttorney.

Hatmaker, (no initials) party who financed fountain built by Crito. Has not been contacted, but he lived in the St. Regis Hotel in 1920.

> Navarro Hotel, apt. 17B. 112 Central park south, N.Y.C. Tel: Circle 7-7900, Office- Regent 7-4662. President of the Central European Powers Association and former Minister of Yugoslavia to the U.S. Mr. K. is one of the two living nephews of Dr. Nikola Tesla (see Nikola Trbjevich) Mr. K. was present in the Hotel New Yorker on the morning following Dr. Tesla's death. Others present were K.M. Sweezy, G.H. Clark. Mr. K. knows of many blue prints that were in the rooms and a black notebook with several hundred pages containing the last notes of Dr. Tesla. Kr. K. says that some of the papers were marked "Government" and that Dr. Tesla had told him he had valuable information. Mr. K. is of the opinion that it may have been for the Yugoslav Gov't. He says that no will was found. His attorney is Mr. Wittenberg. He was appointed heir by the Surrogates Court of New York County. He said that the other nephew waived any interest. Mr. K. is not in accord with kr. Fotich, present Ambassador of Yugloslavia to U.S., now in Washington. There is a bit of political unrest in the Yugoslav organization.

233 Broadway, N.Y.C. Cooper Kerr Dunham (att. at Law) Courtland 7-9334 - also associated by Byrna. This firm was the patent attorney for 112 of the Tesla patents. They also instituted the proceedings of the infringement suits for the Westinghouse Company. Mr. Aerr knew Tesla very well and can give considerable data. Lr. Cooper, now deceased, was however, the main instigator of the patents for Tesla. Lr. Cooper left this firm some time ago and Tesla apparently took some of his business

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to the new Cooper associates. Many of the old patents of Tesia in his own handwriting has additional information. I am of the opinion that this firm still has a connection with Westinghouse.

rne, Thomas, J works for Cooper Kerr and Punham (see John Herr above), Mr. Byrne knew Tesla very well and also knows of the connections with the Union Sulpher Compnay and the turbine for which see Usito. There is a wealth of information in the office of this company regarding the system of Power Transmission and any patents on file which were never issued Mr. Kerr and Mr. Byrne were contacted before Kr. Tesla's death.

Kostich (first name unknown) New York, Official photographer for the Yugoslav group. Office believed to be 235 E. 72nd St. and Residence in Long Island City. He may be reached through Regent 7-4662. He is a friend of Kr. Kosonovich.

Kulishich, Prof. Kosta Res: Belgrad, Yugaslovia at the Tesla Institute. Ee was a school mater of Tesla in Grotz. See the N.Y. Sun of August 27, 1931.

Gage, E. G. 111 Nassau St. N. Y. C. Engineer, workd for Leon Ottinger, Courtland 7-5500. He was a friend of Mr. J.S. Leach (deceased) formerly of Redbank, N. Y. who made electrical parts for Tesla's laboratory. He says that he can get information regarding Leach's relatives and perhaps drawings.

evi, Bernard - Machinest, Zumbach Machinery Co. 134 W. 54 St. N.Y/C. Circle 7-1444 Received this name from Czito who said that

Levi knew of other work by machinests on Tosla's equipment.

> Lucan, John - address unknown - presumed to be in Kanhattan. A former Western Union Messenger boy during June of -1987 who has other data regarding recent contacts by Tesla during his services as a messenger. He has not been located.

Lynch, Arthur. Lived in England. Selieved to be near London, now deceased. Family had considerable correspondence with Tesla regarding transmission of power without wires.

Lawrence, William. Science Writer, New York Times. 229 W. 43 St. N.Y.C. Lackawanna 4-1000. Res: 541 E. 72nd St. Rhinelander 4-5538.

A friend of Tesla's for about 25 years. Has much old data regarding Tesla and has talked to him on many occasions regarding power transmission and the war offort. Has Assisted greatly in providing information for gathering material, etc. This party was contacted before Dr. Tesla's death.

### ssie, H.C. 52 Vanderbilt Ave. R.Y.C.

ier." Ruth N. The Yugo Slow Society, 565 5th Ave. Room 807. PI-8-02 This is the information center and serves as the publicity agent for the group. Miss B. Oppa also works there and has many names of Tesla's friends.

artin, Octavo. Employee of Hotel New Yorker and friend of Tesla.

Lathews, Grenville (deceased) wife was Gana Walker, Met. Star sponsored by McCormick. The family lived in England until his eath and his wife now resides in .... New York. Kr. Katthews was referred to in Tesla's articles for the Telephone and Telegraph Age for Oct. 1927. Mr. Matthews had correspon-dence with Tesla on the so-called "Death-Ray". Gana Walker has all of her husband's data.

520 E. 90th St. N.Y.C. Bus: 6 E. 45th Hott, C.Jordan, Jr. Tel: Venderbilt 6-0345. The Nott family financed Tesla in various

ventures. They may have some of this data.

W. O. Ford Euseum, Detroit, Kich. Kr. Gossett is associated with a Mr. Black while he is on leave of absence to the Army. Mr. Plack may be reached regarding some models of Tesla's which are understood to be on display at the Ford Museum.

# Nathan, Thoma, A. 25 E. 83rd St. N.Y.C.

Ne do not know what connection this party had with Tesla but his name was secured. O'Nelli, John, J. Res: 209 N. Long Beach Ave. Freeport, Long Island. Tel: Freeport 2-493.

Science editor of the New York Herald Tribune, 230 W. 41 St. N.Y.C. Pennsylvania 6-4000. Er. O'Neill has known Dr. Tesla for 40 years. He has had many discussions with him regarding his equipment and solentific ventures. He interested Dr. Tesla in 1934 and 1935 to present the matter of national protection devices to the U.S. Govt. Mr. O'Neill made

Free contacts and the matter was dropped. Mr. O'Neill has notes of 1938 and 1939 wherein Dr. Tesla declared he had been approached by the British Govt. through Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamerlain to negotiate for one of his devices. Mr. O'Neill thought that the sum offered was for 30 millions of dollars. In the interview, Dr. Tesla stated that his device would operate over a range of 200-250 miles. Mr. O'Neill is of the opinion that Tesla had unusual powers. Mr. Lawrence is of the opinion that he does not know what he is talking about. O'Neill can furnish much additional information.

Pickard, Dr. Greenlief Whittier..59 Dalton St. Newton Center, Mass. Dr. Pickard was a very good griend of Dr. Tesla. Dr. Pickard developed the vertical antenna system and has correspondence with Tesla concerning "wave propagation". This information should be valuable.

Sarony, Inc. Photographers, 362 5th Ave. N.Y.C. wis 74713 They have photos of the old Tesla Laboratory and pictures of Tesla to 1914.

> Page, Parker W. Attorney, Present address unknown, however he resided in Manhattan for about 40 years and was formerly associated with Cooper Kerr and Durham. He was last known to be associated with an attorney by the name of Bean in Kanhattan. He worked out many of Tesla's details concerning Power Transmission and Tesla gave him many notes according to Mr. Kerr.

Radosavljevich, Paul, R. New York University, Professor, Education Dept. Tel: Spring 7- 2000. A friend of Tesla for 35 years and knows much of his work with regard to the retina and bile ohemistry.

Ritchen, (first name unknown) Anti-Trust Division, Custodian of Alien Property, 18th Floor, 120 Broadway, N.Y.C. Regent 2-3582 (restricted number). Mr. Ritchen supervised has various agents who were a responsible for the sealing of the property in the Manhattan warehouse and various hotels. On Saturday eve., January 10, 1943. This office worked with Lt. Denmark.

Astor, Mrs. John Jacob (Lady Ribblesdale) now living in the U.S. 420 Park Ave., Plaza 9-6646 Lady Ribblesdale is the Mother of Vincent Astor who financed many of Tesla's developments about

1910 and their family may have data of importance.

Island Road, Ramsey, H. J. Res. Business: Model Craftsman Publication. Ramsey, New Jersey, Telt Ramsey 519. This party knew Dr. Tesla very well and I talked to him several weeks prior to Tesla's Secor, Harry. death. He has some plans of Tesla equipment. Kenneth, M.

165 Milton St. Brooklyn, N. T. Evergreen 9-5809 Mr. Sweesy has known Dr. Tesla for approximately 15 years. He became a close confident of his On many things and did a very notable work in 1935 when he arranged for a collection of 100 letters from various scientific authorities commemorating Tesla's 75th birthday. Mr. Sweezy wrote many articles about Dr. Tesla and has some old clippings and miscellaneous data including several books detailing Tesla's work. Mr. Sweezy corresponded with Mr. Boskan and Mrs. Behrand. He is a friend of Mr. Clark. Mr. Sweezy would like to write a book of Kr. Sweezy would like to write a book of Tesla's life and had spoken to with Dr. Tesla regarding it. I contacted Mr. Sweezy several weeks before Dr. Tesla's death. (Much information can be obtained here).

Prof. Charles F.

Instructor of Electrical Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, Conn-Prof. Scott Was a friend of Tesla for about 45 years. He worked as an electrician with Tesla in the early days and knows a great deal about his work. Prof. Scott and Tesla did not enjoy close friendship during recent years because Prof. Scott could not understand in full, all of Tesla's work. More information can be obtained here. ......

Scherff, George, Ars. 219 Grant Terrace, Maroneck, N. Y. Krs. Scherff was the auditor for Tesla for many years and has much information to give. She has information concerning Tesla's personal things and technical data and can provide much of value, including old documents.

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John. Author- believed to be from Philadelphia, Pa. who Witnessed many of fesle's demonstrations." Niss Dorothy Skerrett can furnish additional Skerrett, information regarding him.

CC-247 Mr. Tolson\_ Mr. Clegg\_ 1 Mr. Glavin\_ Mr. Ladd\_ Mr. Nichols\_ Mr. Rosen\_ Mr. Tracy\_ Mr. Egan\_ Mr. Gurnea\_ Mr. Harbo\_ Mr. Mohr\_ Mr. Pennington\_\_\_ June 8, 1949 Mr. Quinn Tamm\_ MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WHITSON Mr. Nease Miss Gandy\_\_\_ U RE: SAVA N. KOSANOVIC YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO THE US INTERNAL SECURITY - R

(Bureau file 65-47953)

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This memorandum is submitted to incorporate all the pertinent references in the Bureau files concerning the entitled individual who is the Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States.

A case was opened on this individual when information was received that Kosanovic had taken possession of the scientific papers of his uncle, Nikola, Tesla, the internationally known inventor. Subsequent investigation determined that Kosanovic had turned over the possession of these scientific papers to the Alien Enemy Custodian in New York City. (05-47953-X1 & Serial 3 & 4)

Sava B. Hosanovic was interviewed in either April or May, 1948, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the Serbian National Federation should be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. (97-1340-178, pg.5)

Pertinent information concerning this individual has been properly forwarded to the State Department by separate letters.

The main file on Kosanovic contains only two reports, one of which was sent to the Attorney General by letter dated December 13, 1943, (other report not pertinent). This case is currently in a pending status.

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Bureau File 65-47953

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DATE: April 3, 1950

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 29, 1950, relating to the telephone incuiry by the Yugoslav Ambassador Sava N. Kosanovic as to the possibility of obtaining a cory of a microfilm copy of the technical papers of the late Nikola Tesla, worldfamous scientist who died in New York in 1943.

Kosanovic clairs to have been a nephew of Tesla and is known to have tried to obtain these papers at the time of Tesla's death. However, they were taken over at that time by the Alien Property Custodian. If any copies were made of these papers, they were made by the Office of the Alien Property Custodian which took possession of Tesla's papers in 1943 or the Department of the Army which was interested in copying Tesla's notes in 1945. The Army's interest apparently was developed by a young scientist named Playce Fitzgerald who had been a protege of Tesla and one of his few confidents. Fitzgerald, who knew that Tesla had been endeavoring to perfect the vireless transmission of electrical current, one of the basic concepts involved in the production of a "Death hay" had subsequently entered the Army, and in October, 1945, appeared at our New York Office, together with three other members of the United States Army, to request our assistance in obtaining access to Tesla's paper; which were stored in a warehouse of the Manhettan Storage Company. Fitzgerald and his associates were referred, at that time, to the Alien Property Custodian which was reported to have made an investigation of Tesla's belongings following the latter's death.

Although the Office of Alien Property or the Department of the irmy might be able to furnish a copy of Tesla's papers to Kosanovic, it is not believed that the FBI should facilitate his search for this material, which although possibly of no present vilue from a National Defense standpoint, could still conceivably be of assistance to the Yugoslav Government.

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## RECOULENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter explaining that we have never had such a copy as he requests, be sent to Mr. Kosenovic.

2. That the attached memo to the New York Office, instructing them to make further inquiry at the Manhattan Storage Company and advising that firm that we have no copy of Tesla's papers as they allegedly claim, be forwarded.

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#### Office. Memoràndum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ٠

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: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: SAVA N. KOSANOVIC

SAC, New York

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-3-80 Febulet dated April 3 last.

On April 7, 1950 agents of this office interviewed Mr. J.V. POTTS, Vice President of the Manhattan Warehouse and Storage Company, 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City, and at that time MR. POTTS advised that the rules of his firm required that all persons gaining access to goods stored by Manhattan first had to fill out an appropriate form setting forth their names, date of visit, and reason for requesting access to the goods.

In a review of the file pertaining to the storage of the effects of NIKOLA TESLA, M. POTTS revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons outside of the management of Hanhattan Storage itself. This one occassion took place on January 26 and 27, 1943, at which time representatives of the Alien Property Custodian made a thorough review of the entire effects of the TESLA estate.

The TESLA effects are stored in rooms 5J and 5L of Manhattan Storage's warehouse at 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City. MR. HICHAEL KING, who stated he had been Floor Supervisor for approximately 10 years on the floor in question, stated that he could recall only 🗬 one occassion in early 1943 when an examination was made of the TESLA effects. He stated that at that time numerous photographs were taken by the examiners. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of some of the papers of the deceased scientist. ALL KING added that several of the group making the examination wore U.S. Navy uniforms, and during the two days required to complete the examination the civilian assistants in the group were identified to him only as "FEDERAL AUTHORITIES". According to LEG. KING, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TESLA estate has taken place since that time.

It should be noted that the Bureau was informed of the examination mentioned above by New York letter (with attachments) dated October 17, 1945, entitled INKNOW: SUBJECT; SAVA KOSANOVICH; Experiments & Research of NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased), Espionage-M.

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LR. POTTS stated that no inquiry had been received by Manhattan from SAVA N. KOSANOVICH, nor had Manhattan informed him, in any way, that an examination of the TESLA effects had been made by anyone. In fact, added MR. POTTS, the only correspondence relating to the TESLA estate has seen in the form of bills for storage.

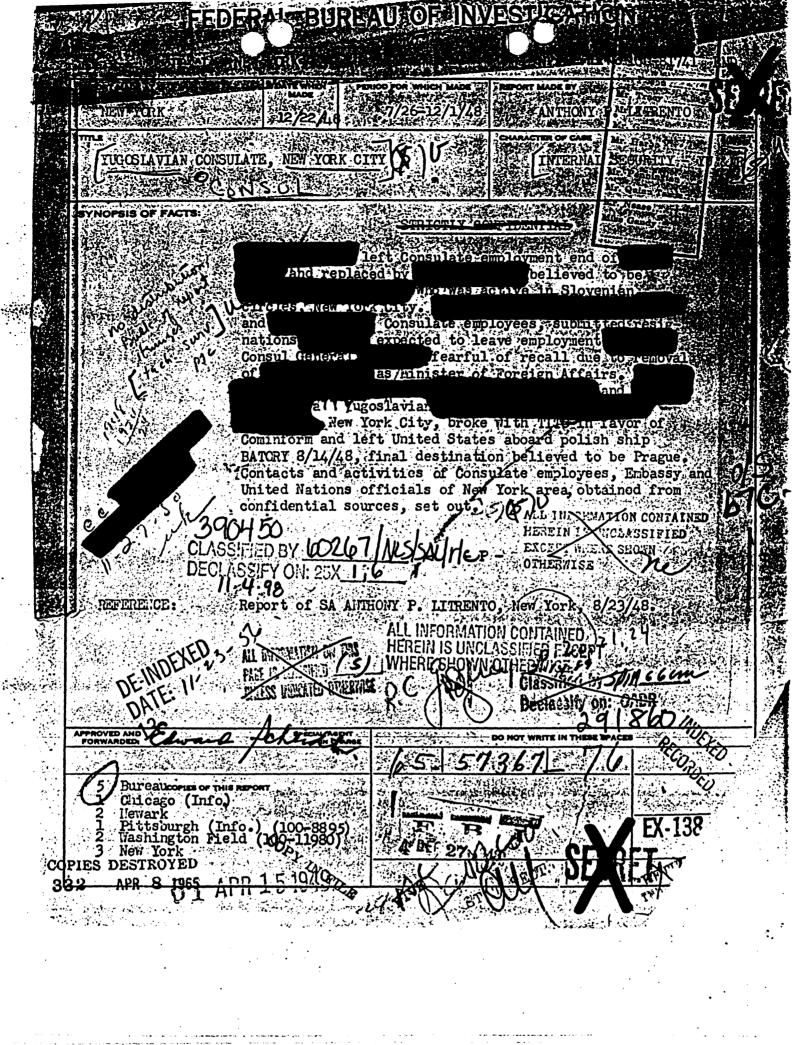
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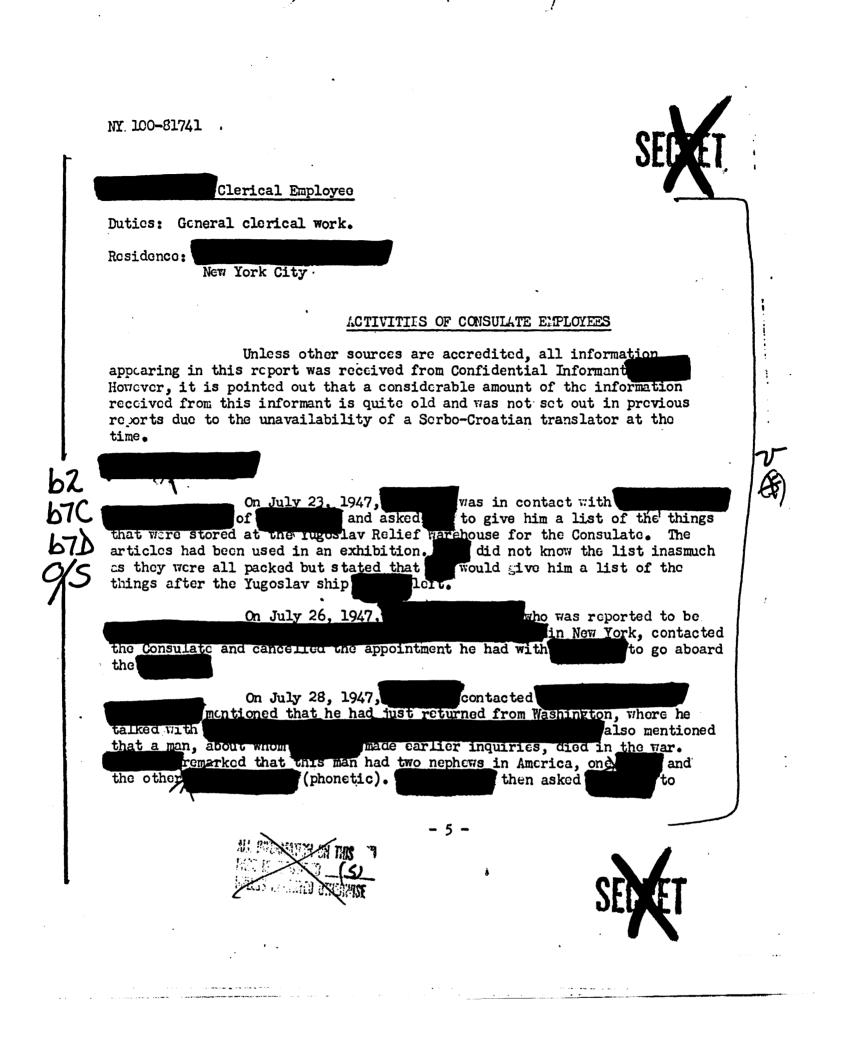
MR. POTTS stated that any personal inquires regarding the estate would of necessity be directed to him, and to date no such inquiries have been made.

Interviewing agents explained to MR. POTTS that the examination made, as mentioned above, was not instigated by the Bureau, nor had the Bureau taken part in that examination.

Unless advised to the contrary, this investigation is being placed in a closed status, and no further investigative action is contemplated by this office. CLOSED.

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NY 100-81741 also mentioned that would bo Delegation Home at 7:30 that evening. <u>On Oct</u>ober 11, 1947 made an appointement to (phonetic) at 1870 Third Avenue the following meet Lionday after 7:00 p.m. On October 14, 1947, contacted and said "we have things to talk over so that we know how things stand." They made an appointment to see each other the next morning at 11:00 o'clock. On October 16, 1947, an unidentified man asked (phonetic). rcquested about a Macedonian, that the man be sent over to see him. advised On October 20, 1947, onc that he ¥. had received a phone call from Pittsburgh, requesting that he contact Ambassador KOSANOVICH. He is to ask KOSANCVICH to prepare a talk on NIKOLATESLA, the great Yugoslav inventor, which is to be delivered over a Pittsburgh radio station the following Sunday at 2:30 p.m. stated that told him tometoniact about these arrangements. He also requested that appear at the meeting of the Congress. declined, stating that ne had too much work to do. <u>,</u>' On\_October 22, 1947, a asked about an export-import man who desired to go to lugoslavia. a visa for a answered that he would contact the Embassy to see if a passport coura be obtained. On October 23, 1947, an unidentified man advised **'**S that he had two Bulgarians who needed visas to go to Hontreal via the RADUIK. told the man to come over to the Consulate with thom. On October 30, 1947, ond (phonetic) asked about insuring 140,000 pounds of aircraft and radio accessories, with a - 10 -UNIES

OFTIONAL FORM NO. 10 July 1873 KDITION G.A FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT emorandum (5) 8/20/7 DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: TO SAC, BUFFALO (RUC) FROM ζconfi SUBJECT: ENTIAL dar 5) (DO: NEW YORK) Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 7/13/76. Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM, captioned "NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK," which is self-explanatory. One copy is being designated for Legat, Ottawa for information. Two copies are being furnished to New York, one to Newark for information since they had previous interest in this matter, and one copy to WFO for information because of U. S. and Yugoslav dignitaries who attended the unveiling of the monument. Nothing adverse came to the attention of this office concerning the dedication of the Nikola Tesla 100267 Monument which was a bicentennial gift from the Yugoslav Government to the United States. Diplomatic representatives from the United States, Yugoslavia and Canada reportedly attended the affair. No further inquiries being made at Buffalo and it is closing its case administratively. Ы ø/s REC-3 CLASSIFIED BY 6166 EXEMPT FROM GDS, CATEGORY 3 ASSÍFICATION INDEFINITE DATE OF/)DEC (B) Bureau (Encs. (6) (RM) (3) 7 AUG 28 1976 TION CONTAINED (1 - Legat OtEawa ALL INFOL Info) (Enc.1) (RM) Newark 1 2 - New York **ジ(Encs. 2) (RM)** CHONA 6 1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) 1 - Buffaro (5) 0 NTIAL Copy is in the SBS:mmw by routing slip for (8) X into L cg date 4 10 197 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroli Savings Plan

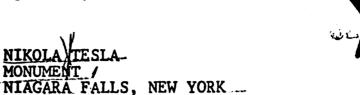


### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Buffalo, New York August 20, 1976

> NIKOLA MONUMENT /

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.



An article appeared in the "Buffalo Evening News," a daily newspaper published in Buffalo, New York, on July 24, 1976, which in part contained the following information:

The article was captioned "Dignitaries Unveil Statue of 'Genius' Tesla."

The article contained information that NIKOLA TESLA was the inventor of the alternating current and the first man to successfully transmit electric power. The background of TESLA set out in the article revealed that he arrived in New York City in 1884 with four cents in his pocket and plans for an airplane and a book of poetry. In 1888, he invented a system to make the transmission of alternating current practical, at 37 was a millionaire but died at the age of 88 in New York City alone and penniless.

The statue, approximately nine feet high, was erected on Goat Island, a site which is located on the property of the New York State Park and Recreation Department.

The article revealed that more than a thousand people listened to FRANK G. ZARB, Federal Energy Administration, representing President FORD, and Dr. IVO MARGAN, President of the Socialist Union of Croatia, representing Yugoslavian President TITO, as both pulled the cord unveiling the nine foot high statue of TESLA.

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The sculpture was created by Yugoslavian FRANO KRSINIC and was the bicentennial gift of the Yugoslavian people to the United States. Both of the above men read official greetings from their presidents and exchanged pledges to continue good will and friendship between the two countries.

The article stated that following the unveiling, a reception-luncheon was held for several hundred persons at the Parkway-Ramada Inn, Niagara Falls, New York. Mr. ZARB toasted the Yugoslavian delegation which was answered by that country's Ambassador to the United States, DIMCE BELOVSKI.

According to the article, there was a bit of diplomatic byplay between Mr. ZARB and Ambassador BELOVSKI during the ceremonies. In his remarks at the statue unveiling, Mr. ZARB included an appeal to Yugoslavia to stop all harassment of Americans visiting that country.

In responding to Mr. ZARB's toast at the luncheon, the Ambassador gave assurance that his country wants American visitors and will welcome them.

According to the article, some observers thought that the Yugoslav release of an American held for the past seven months was timed to coincide with the unveiling of the statue.

The tribute to TESLA was sponsored by several Yugoslavian groups in cooperation with the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Westinghouse, and the New York State Park and Recreation Commission.

An article appearing in the "Niagara Falls Gazette," a daily newspaper published in Niagara Falls, New York, captioned "Zarb Calls for Energy Independence for U. S." the article dealt with the unveiling of the Nikola Tesla Monument and stated that accompanying the Yugoslavian Ambassador to the ceremonies on July 23, 1976, were Dr. PAVLE SAVIC, President of the Academy of Science of Serbia,

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NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

and VASA VESKOVIC, Yugoslavian Consulate General in New York City.

An article appeared in the "Niagara Gazette" on July 24, 1976, captioned "Aide Almost Missed Event." The article in part indicated that friendship and cooperation between the United States and Yugoslavia was the theme of the day as that nation dedicated a statue of NIKOLA TESLA on July 23, 1976.

The friendship was personalized when a Yugoslavian tried to cross the border from Canada to the United States to attend the dedication without a visa.

The individual was GOJKO SEKULOVSKI, who was in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, as the Chairman of the Olympic Commission of Yugoslavia. He also happens to be the Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in that country.

He did not have an American visa and almost missed the unveiling of the statue.

Fast thinking on the part of representatives of the Niagara Frontier State Park and Recreation Commission sent an official car to take the dignitary across the border, which saved the day.

In the "Niagara Falls Gazette" on July 24, 1976, there appeared an article concerning the unveiling of the statue which indicated that Dr. BOGDAN MAGLICH was Chairman of the Yugoslavian-American Bicentennial Committee and was a speaker at the affair. Dr. MAGLICH also serves as President of the Fusion Energy Corporation, Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. MAGLICH eulogized the inventor TESLA and stated "only America could have taken a giant of Tesla's stature, embraced him and provided him the means he needed to bring his talent to its best use of humanity."

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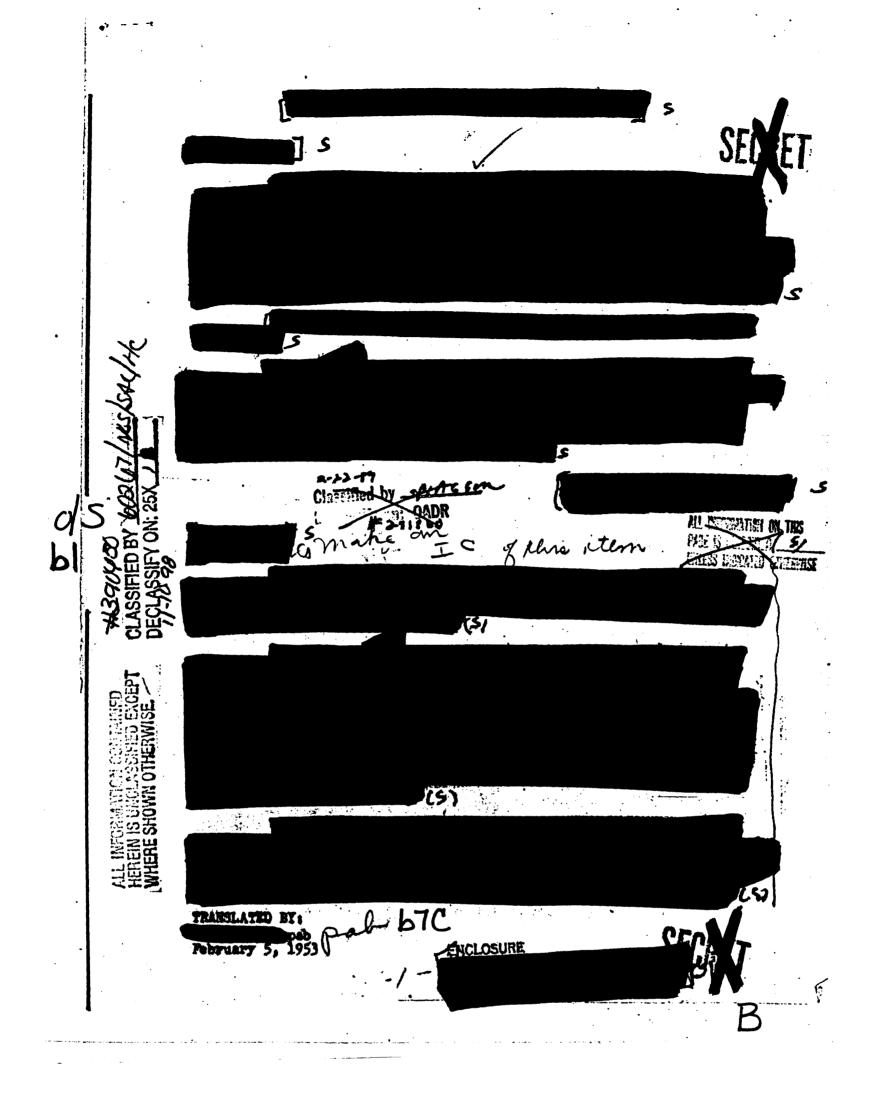
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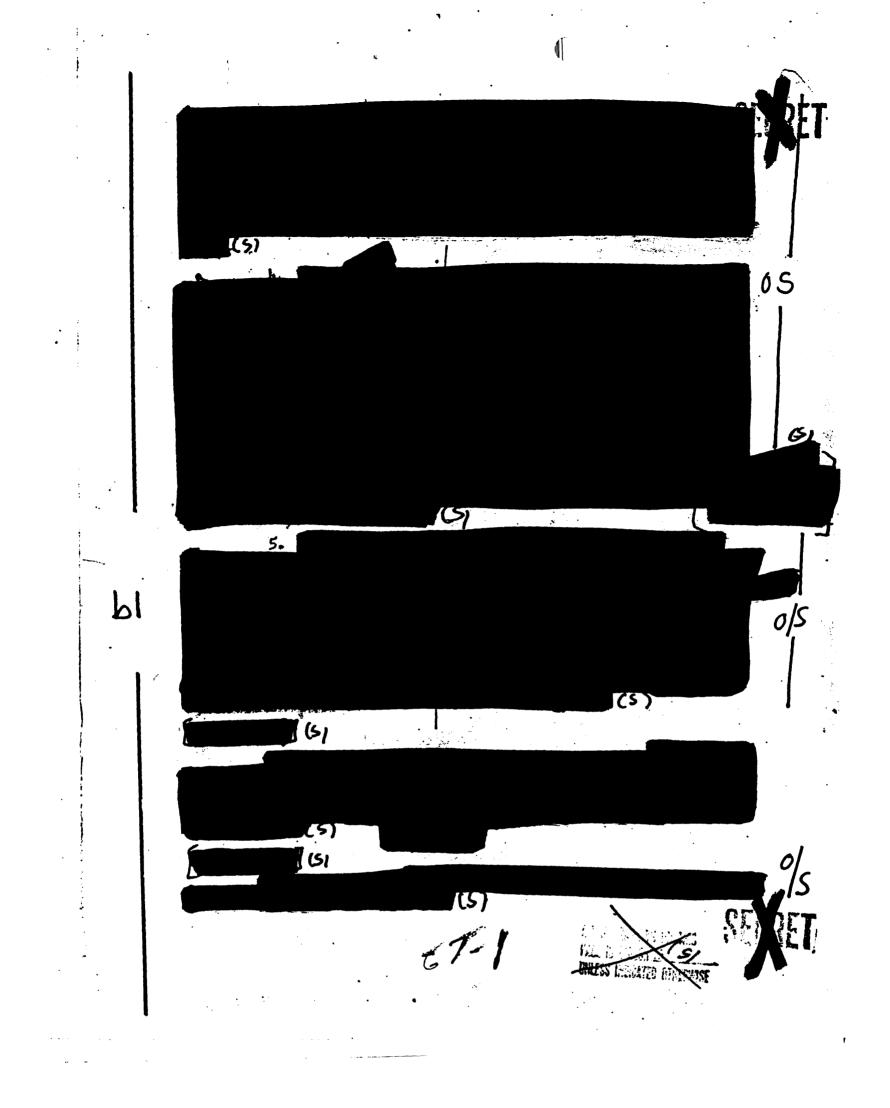
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Established sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past and were in a position to observe the commemoration of the Tesla Monument, stated that no adverse information came to their attention concerning the dedication of the statue on July 23, 1976.

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Item No. 1:

This announcement by the American Yugoslav Committee invites all Americans of Yugoslav descent in the Chicage area to attend a commemoration affair to be held at Kordovan Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenug Chicage, Illinois, on November 16, 1952, at 3 P.V., in observance of the 9th anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav Republic. Representatives of the FPRF, continues the announcement, will speak at this affair. The Tamburica orchestra "Jadran" (Adriatic) will furnish the music and the Slovene Singing Society "France Preseren" will appear on the program.

The following paragraph in the announcement appears in bold face type:

"It is our desire to have the friendship between our new homeland and our homeland - Yugoslavia - deepened and strengthened still more, because this will be to the benefit of the peoples of both countries. It is our duty as Americans of Yugoslav descent to help as much as we can in this sense. Our celebration of the Day of the Republic is dedicated precisely to this end."

GERTRUDE RAJACIC, secretary

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Item No. 2:

This mutilated letter is datelined Chicago, December 10, 1952, and is addressed by Consul YOZE MORAVEC to the Slovene Emigration Society (Slovenska Iseljeniska Matica) in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and reads in substance as follows:

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MORAVEC advises that he was on a visit to Cleveland several weeks ago and that on this occasion he spoke to several members of the Central Committee for a Slovene Concert Tour (Slovene Octet). Although the preparatory work is going along fine, continues MORAVEC, there are certain difficulties stemming from the (Slovene Emigration) Society which directly hamper this work and which can easily bring about the failure of the octet or even bring into question the octet's arrival in the US. Most of the difficulties MORAVEC attributes to a lack of understanding on the part of the above-named Clovene Society of the "American situation."

"In the first place," says MORAVEC, "it is necessary to emphasize that this tour by the octet IS NOT being organized by SANS, but rather by the Central Committee in Cleveland, which is a completely separate body from SANS and works independently. This committee is neutral; it belongs to no political movement and an attempt has been

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but must rather return them and consequently the entire procedure, from the local people's committee right up to the Ministry of Interior, has to be repeated. In the reports concerning the Consular Service we constantly made reference to this problem and begged the Ministry of Interior to verify the accuracy of documents (at least the crude errors which anyone can detect); the situation has now improved somewhat, but the problem of slowness still remains in sending documents so that in urgent cases we are forced to expedite the matter by telegram.

٥F 4. Aproposa the conversation with the ambassador we sent ✎ the proposal to the Personnel Section of the Ministry of Interior asking for authorization to hire as a second female clerk at the Consulate (she was born in the U.S. while her parents In her present come from Hercegovina; she is now visiting the position she earned a month for a 5-day week; consequently, she can be authorized a starting salary of at least this much. Before (approaching) which talked to five other female clerks some because they earned mire money in their present positions than we can give them, some for other reasons, turned down the offer. The present female clerk we shall be able to release only after another one is hired and broken in and after we find another female clerk to replace the present one. We remind you that the Consulate had less work in past years and vet had, in addition to still another male clerk (formest) while during 1951 it

5. The problem of purchasing a house for the Consulate contrast from before. We are now paying \$400 a month for the Consulate and 200 for the residence of the Consul General, a total of 200, which means 37200 a year. We took an interest in various houses  $be A^{acc} T^{O}$ which were for sale and ascertained that for \$50, to \$80,000, would get a building for the Chancery, the residence of the Consul General and one or two small rooms in addition. If the offer for purchasing a house were to be accepted, we would forward concrete proposals for your consideration. We remind you that the present premises of the Consulate are small (we need at least one more room) and consecuently this too would be settled by the purchase of a house.

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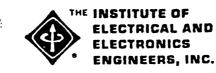
A routine memo concerning the personal correspondences of the late <u>MIKOLATESLA</u> and the possibility of purchasing the same from unidentified owner (name illegible). There is also a notation to the effect that "PALANDACIC has only receipts of the money which he sent TESLA as aid."

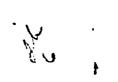
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July 7, 1975 . 1.1.3 **b7C** ean Jose, California 95117 Dear This will acknowledge your letter of June 9th. بعرفسه والالتراني In response to your inquiry, the papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice. U. S. A. Sincerely yours, C.\_M. Kelley Clarence M. Kalley 1.0 Director The Deputy Attorney Conoral -- Inclosure Attention: Susan M. HauserEC 22 1 A 3014 25 NOTE: Bufile 100-2237 indicates that Dr. Tesla was a world famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his •• . . • .. death his personal papers and effects were impounded by Office of Alien Property for national security reasons. Since Tesla's death in 1943 the Bureau has received numerous inquiries about the disposition of this technical papers. ec. Dir. \_ +p. AD Adm. \_ The above reply is forwarded in answer to these inquiries. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with requesters. ep. AD Inv. \_\_\_ 1. Dir.: dmin. \_ omp. Syst. \_ dbb:cgg (4) at. Affairs . iles & Com. \_ MAILED 7 en. Inv. \_ ient. \_\_ spection \_ JUL7 1975 .tell. \_ aboratory \_ -FBI Ion. & Eval. \_ sec. Inv. \_ raining \_  $\mathbf{D}$  () JUL 2 9 1975 cl Coun. -phone Rm. \_\_\_ -2 GPO 512,720





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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535 Recearch

Dear Sir.

As a member of the IEEE I receive and read a considerable volume of Institute material. The current issue of our Engineering Management Society Newsletter carries a reprint of an article from another society newsletter entitled: "Nikola Tesla: The Greatest Inventor of all Time?". In my opinion (having some knowledge of electrical engineering history) it is overly lauditory, but worse than that it implies suppression of his electro-technical work by our government.

The third from last paragraph states: "At his death, in 1943, what papers he did have were confiscated by the FBI. These papers remain sealed from the general public to this date. Their contents are totally unknown, nor has it been revealed whether the U.S. Government has made use of them."

Personally, I do not believe this and I would like to refute the statement. Please let me know whether the statement is true and if so what disposition has been made of the papers. The quotation does not say what type appears were confiscated. I am not concerned here with his ideological views (I don't know what they were), only with those relating to electricity.

Thank you.

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-5-40/40 DETO (14 V-102 Yours very truly,

LYTS/ Senior Member, IEEE

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	Dear Mr. Ellenberger:			

Research Matters

Your June 27th letter to the FBI requesting information concerning Dr. Nikola Tesla was referred to me for reply.

On January 26 and 27, 1943, Federal authorities made a thorough review of the effects of Dr. Tesla to determine if any ideas of significant value to the United States war effort could be found. His effects were examined at the Manhattan Warehouse and Storage Company at 52nd and 7th Avenue, New York, New York, where they apparently were taken after his death. Participating in this examination were representatives from the New York and Washington Offices of the Alien Property Custodian, the Office of Scientific Research and Development at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Office of Naval Intelligence, and United States Naval Research. The FBI did not participate in this examination. O(///)

The FBI did not participate in this examination. It was the considered opinion of a spokesman of those examiners "that there exist among Dr. Tesla's papers and possessions no scientific notes, descriptions of hitherto unrevealed methods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands." There was thought to be no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should be retained, and in February, 1943, the papers<sup>52</sup>Spparently were released to Mr. Sava N. Kosanovic, Dr. Tesla's nephew and the administrator of his estate. Mr. Kosanovic's address at that time was 112 Central Park South, New York, New York.

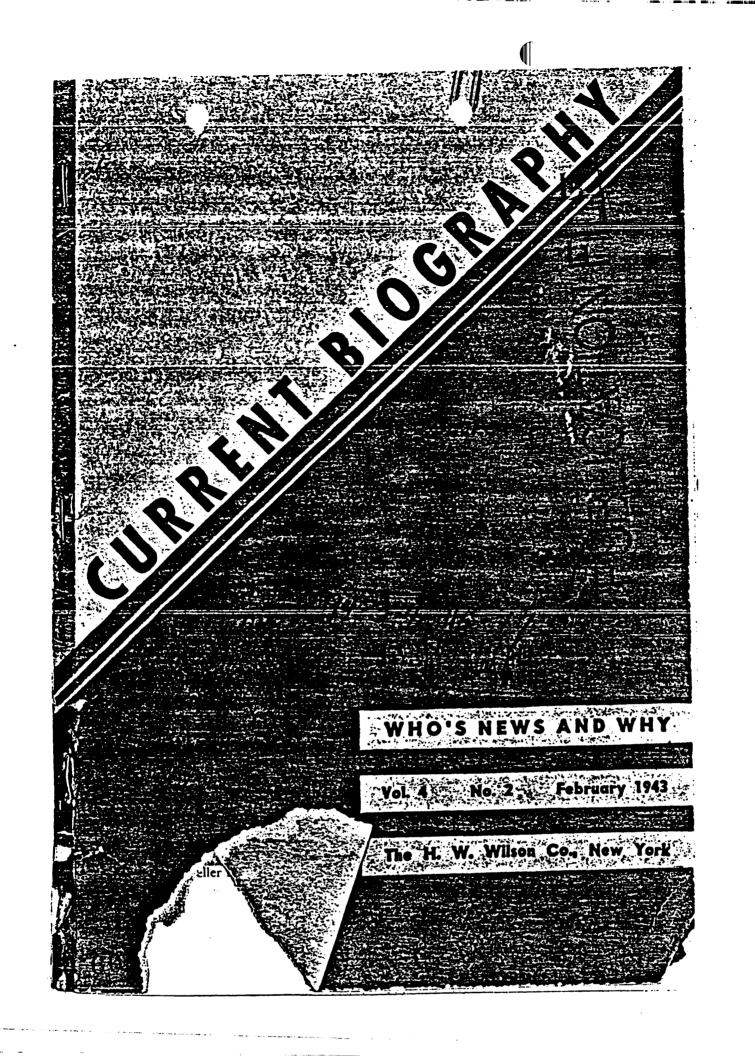
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66 Mr. Our files do not reveal any pertinent information on the Tesla materials since the 1940s, and their current whereabouts or condition is unknown. Sincerely, 4 Roger S. Young Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional 66 and Public Affairs 1 - Mr. - Enclosure NOTE: Reply discussed with FOIPA, RMD, who has handled similar requests for information in our files concerning Dr. Tesla. In numerous previous responses, we have said that the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice impounded Dr. Tesla's papers after his death. However, the Office of Foreign Litigation, Civil Division, indicated that Dr. Tesla's papers are not in their possession and may, in fact, have been turned over to Tesla's nephew and the administrator of his estate, Sava N. Kosanovic, in February, 1943. - 2 -



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SYKES, CHARLES H(ENRY) Nov. 12, 1882-Dec. 19, 1942 Nationally known as the newspaper cartoonist, "Bill" Sykes; drew famous war cartoons for the First and Second World Wars; editorial cartoonist of the Evening Public Ledger of Philadelphia from its fouunding in 1914 until its suspension in January 1942. Obitaary N Y Times odd D 20'42

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TESLA, NIKOLA (tes'lā) July 9, 1856-Jan. 7, 1943 One of the world's greatest electrical inventors and designers; American citizen of Greek origin; worked with Edison; credited with many "epic making" inventions since he came to the United States in 1884; in his old age claimed to have invented a "death beam" powerful enough to destroy 10,000 airplanes at a distance of 250 miles and to annihilate an army of 1,000,000 soldiers instantaneously. instantaneously.

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TINNEY, CAL(VIN L.) Feb. 2, 1908-Radio commentator

Address: b. c/o Mutual Broadcasting System, Address: b. c/o Mutual Broadcasting System, 1440 Broadway, New York City Since August 1941 Cal Tinney's slow Texas drawl and homespun humor, with initmate, folksy interpolations, have been heard over the Mutual network in Sizing wp the News each Monday and Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 8:15 p. m. Tinney's colloquialisms, which the folks 'back home'' chuckle over-his "just-between-you-and-me, aim't it the truth?" "it shore is" method-has captured many a listener bored with the formal, polished, or cut and dried comments of other news-casters. But there has been more to Tinney than his mannerisms. Speaking usually as a repre-sentative of what the "common man" thinks about affairs at home and abroad, he has taken more than one direct and shrewd pot shot, left of center, at stuffed shirt policy, the doings

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Scott. It was in 1940 that Tinney hit on the idea of a folksy newscast and tried it out in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Farm listeners chuckled, appre-ciated a commentator who spoke their own

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fice Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT オ Director, FBI TO DATE: March 12, 1948 and the second second second second SUBJECT: "PLAIN TALK" INFORMATION CONCERNING Bureau file #94-36511 22925 1. Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau is the March 1948 issue of "Plain Talk". . . . . . ..... 32 Enc. (1) NOL ATTACHES REOOED JTN: MTH 7 62-8845 INDEXED - 138 / MAR  $\partial$ 22 Ŷ,  $\mathbf{\hat{Q}}$ 2 MAR 22 EX-58

# **RED AMBASSADORS** Sava Kosanovich of Yugoslavia

# By BOCDAN RADITSA

This is the first in a series of profiles of the Red Ambassadors who represent the several Soviet satellite governments in Washington. Others will follow shortly.

F of Vishinsky and Molotov, most Americans are not aware that some of the most fervid tirades against "U.S. imperialism" delivered in this country come from an officially accredited am-bassador. Savar cosanovich, a wiry, redrepresents Tito in Washington and in this country making speeches in praise not yet one of the inner circle. of the "new progressive democracy" in the Balkans, denouncing "Anglo-American reaction" and helping to form front groups for Tito. Incidentally, the Amer-ican ambassador in Yugoslavia cannot even move around Belgrade without special permits and a guard of secret police agents. \*

From Kosanovich's speeches at Lake Success and elsewhere, it would appear that everything in Yugoslavia before Tito came to power was reactionary or Fascist. Yet, when he was touring America during the war, he used to introduce himself as a "member of the democratic government of His Majesty King Peter the Second."

Kosanovich is a restless man-his face and hands seem to be always agitated and moving. He is a cultured man with a long background in liberal, democratic movements. But he is a man of strong ambitions, who was willing to betray his own. past and his closest friends for those ambitions.

In an Embassy which is more of a propaganda bureau than a diplomatic office, Kosanovich is only the front man for the Cominform's schemes in America. The real power in the Embassy is held by members of the Communist Party and the secret police, OZNA, just dish-haired man in his early fifties, as its real policy is directed from Moscow through Belgrade. Though Kosathe United Nations. He travels all over novich repeats the Moscow line, he is I first met Kosanovich in the fall of

1941 in the United States, where he had come with some members of the exiled Royal Yugoslav Government, representing Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia. The tragicomic adventures of that royal mission in America centered around the battle between those who wanted Yugoslavia, after its liberation from the Nazis, to become a democratic federal union, and those who demanded a Yugoslavia which would be a Greater Serbia administered on the old prewar pattern. The grim outcome was that Tito succeeded in charming American public opinion with his sweeping promises of democracy and federation, while the exiles were quarreling among themselves-mostly for personal, rather than ideological, reasons.

K osanovich dreamed for a good ambassador to Washington. His uncle, Nikola, Tesla, was an important scientist

smoker.

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drinking. A strong and dynamic political leader, they said, should be a ladykiller, a hard drinker and a chain

ways attached himself to some popular political leader. (It seemed to give him himself.) In the beginning of his career he followed the tide of <u>Svetozar</u> <u>Pribichevich</u>, the leader of the Democratic Party, who sought a highly centralized Yugoslav state and drove the Communists underground through his secret police. That policy helped to reinforce communism for the present job. Next. Kosanovich was attracted by the leaders of the Croatian reasants, Stevan Radich and Dr. Vladimir Machek, now in exile in Washington. He considered that he was Machek's "brain." Machek, however, did not always welcome the attentions of his satellite: several times he told me that he was tired of Kosanovich's "old maidish suggestions and tearful interventions." For when he is arguing any involved issue, Kosanovich's voice takes on a querulous tone which makes him sound like an adolescent.

During the war, Kosanovich defended Mihailovich and a united Yugoslavia. He took an active part in Allied meetings and the affairs of American Yugoslavs. His name often appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" column of The New York Times. He was a chairman of the Southeastern European Planning Board—a movement not popular with Stalin, as it threatened to block his plans for regional agreements and the artificial building up of buffer states. And he

in America. He himself is descended was active, with his friends Louis\_ from a long line of Serbian Orthodox Adamic and the violinist, Zlatko Baloministers. His friends in politics used kovic, in the formation and promotion to tease him about his shyness toward of the United Committee of South women, his hatred of smoking and Slavic Americans, subsequently metamorphosed into an important part of the Kremlin's Pan-Slavic front.

In his speeches Kosanovich has been one of the principal promoters of an In prewar Yugoslavia, Kosanovich al- idea first advanced by Adamic-that America is a nation of nations. As such, she is not only Anglo-Saxon, but Gerthe feeling that he was running things man, Italian, Negro or Slav. The Slavs of America should unite in the name of brotherhood to carry on their glorious traditions, to show other Americans the heritage they have brought to this country, and to keep in touch with their motherlands. On the surface this idea seems harmless enough, but it is the banner of Stalin's movement to divide the United States. Russia and her satellites carry the idea farther in their controlled press by openly maintaining that America cannot be progressive until it is transformed into a series of "people's republics" on the Soviet pattern, giving their national sovereignty to all the racial groups that compose the popula-tion. Behind that scheme is the desire to Balkanize the United States-to divide it into conflicting clans so that a revolution may be centralized through the only uniting force, the Communist Party.

> FIORBLLO LA GUARDIA WAS KOSANOvich's greatest acquisition. He led the New York Mayor through the same political zig-zag he himself followed--first to Mihailovich, then to Tito. The speech of greeting to King Peter that La Guardia read in Serbo-Croatian on July 8, 1942, was written by Kosanovich. The Mayor read:

> "Drazha Mihailovich and Vladimir Machek are the expression of the Yugo-

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to Vardar. They will go down in history. . . .

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In his own speeches Kosanovich often compared Mihailovich with MacArthur, Chiang Kai-shek and Timoshenko. For example, at a meeting of the anti-Nazi Lesgue in New York, June 8, 1942, he spoke of "the epic struggle which my people are making under the man whose name already symbolizes to mankind indomitable spiritual and physical resistance-Drazha Mihailovich.

Mihailovich was killed by a government of which Kosanovich was a member. Machek fled the country to escape the fate of Petkov, Maniu and other peasant leaders. Immediately after he became Tito's ambassador, Kosanovich quoted Count Ciano to prove that Ma-chek had been willing to sell out Croatia for a relatively small amount of money. The former follower of Machek admitted intimately to a friend that he did not believe the accusation, but that Tito had asked him to make it.

On July 6, 1942, at a reception held in the Yugoslav delegation's mansion on New York's Fifth Avenue, Kosanovich introduced Mirko Markovich, editor of the Serbian Communist newspaper, Slobodna Rec, and now professor at Belgrade University. Markovich of-fered King Peter a check of one thousand dollars for "the Chetniks and regular army of General Mihailovich."

A week later orders arrived from Moscow that Mihailovich should be considered a traitor and Tito accepted as leader of the war for liberation. Markovich and his Serbian equivalent of the Daily Worker suddenly switched to attacking Mihailovich. Kosanovich did not-but his defense of the Chetniks' leader grew weaker. Shortly before he went to London in March, 1944, Kosanovich in a New York Post interview

slav spirit of resistance-from Triglav was quoted as follows: "Mihailovich is in the position of a General Lee. Tito is some kind of a Lincoln out to save the Union. Mihailovich was an army officer. I think he is sincere but he is surrounded by a very bad political entourage. The entourage was catastrophic. The Government, diplomats abroad, working in his name, are even more catastrophic."

Curiously, Kosanovich himself was a member of that same "catastrophic" government. When he joined the Yugoslav government-in-exile in London in the spring of 1944, it had already dismissed Mihailovich and sought an agreement with Tito's National Liberation Movement.

TTING PETER was in London. Heading his government-in-exile was Dr. Ivan, Subasich, the viceroy of Croatia. The group was more or less agreed that Yugoslavia should be restored on the basis of a federal union.

Kosanovich asked for a government representing all political parties, which would be strong enough to fight the Communists. He was a frequent visitor to King Peter and his mother. And when an agreement was drawn up between Subasich and Tito, Kosanovich was terribly dissatisfied with its terms. (I suspect that was because he had not taken an active part in it; he was inclined to think that everything in Yugoslav politics needed his guiding hand.) Tito was in Beigrade. The Red Army

was crossing the Danube in its push toward Vienna. On January 18, 1945, Tito's emissary, General Velebit, visited Kosanovich in Kingston House, London. Kosanovich left the interview pale and pervous. For the first time he realized that dealing with the Communists demanded fortitude.

A few days later, on January 23, King

their new partners.

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formed under Tito should guarantee all fundamental political and civil rights and freedoms to the Yugoslav people. Kosanovich took a prominent part in drafting this public statement announcing the respontment of the previous cabinet and the obligations its members assumed. As the king's most intimate adviser, he drafted Peter's act of consent to the Regency. Before Kosanovich left London, the young king kissed him, and received his formal promises that he would defend the interests of the

In the spring of 1945, Yugoslavia was "liberated" and the members of its London government-in-exile came back to join Tito's government with the blessing of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. It was at that time that the Communists characterized Kosanovich as a "useful innocent" (koristna budala). In a apartment house-still the headquarters of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia -the ex-schoolteacher, Edward Kardeli, the Montenegrin, Milovan Gjilas, and other top Communist leaders were talking over the political characteristics of

Gjilas said, according to a witness influence us through someone who is not a Communist. Therefore Ivan Su-began to yield to the Communists. basich is best fitted for the job of for-Subasich had just come back fre

Peter dismissed Subasich's cabinet and reappointed its members only after all ington. Milan Grol (the vice-premier of them-including Kosanovich-had and leader of the Serbian democrata) agreed in writing that, on their return will serve as a Trojan Horse for the to Yugoslavia, they would defend cer- West. He is a reactionary politician who tain obligations the king had made con- backed Mihailovich. If Grol declares cerning the Tito-Subasich agreement, that the Serbian people have to aban-The chief obligation was that the new don Mihailovich, they will accept the united Yugoslav Government to be idea. As for Kosanovich-he is not an important personality nor a politician. But he is a useful innocent, who may be of help in the United States where he is considered to be a Western-type democrat."

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The only member of that London government who still survives politically is the "useful innocent." Subasich, after having been Tito's prime minister and foreign minister, is now a prisoner in Zagreb. France Spoj, after participating in the Communist government of Slovenia, was recently sentenced to seven years of slave labor for "espionage in favor of the Western democracies" The liberal Dr. B. Markovich of Serbia died in New York. I arrived there in time to see him before his death. After I had told him the grim story of what Yugoslavia Jooked like under the Communists, he said very sadly:

"How is it possible that Savitsa (the meeting beld in a swanky Belgrade diminutive of Kosanovich's first name) could stay in such an outrageous, government ?"

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Tro soon began to ignore all the obligations assumed in his agree-ment with Subasich. Even before the elections he declared that the king was never to come back. Milan Grol and who reported the meeting to me: "The others immediately left Tito's govern-Anglo-Americans dream that they may ment. Everybody in Yugoslavia expected Kosanovich to do the same. But he

Subasich had just come back from a eign minister. Though he sometimes trip around Yugoslavia. He had seen wavers, he defended the agreement with that the people did not want commu-

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nism; they wanted quick action by the democrats. And he had the courage to tell this to Tito. Although he was for-"liberal and democrat." Before he left, eign minister, he was arrested.

I was with Kosanovich in his room in Belgrade's Hotel Majestic when Mrs. Subasich telephoned and asked for immediate help. Her husband was arrested and ill. Kosanovich tried to reassure ber. He telephoned Lt. General Rankovich, OZNA's chief trigger-man. The Communist hangman answered coldly that nothing would happen to the for-eign minister. Precautions were merely being taken to defend him from any attempt of the "Western reactionaries" upon his life.

We had just been reading Dante there in the hotel room—the part where Count Ugolino hungrily devours the brain of Archbishop Ruggieri, describ-ing the merciless end of all traitors. The blood and turmoil of ancient fratricidal war rose before us: it seemed very near to our own Yugoslav tragedy.

Only a little later Kosanovich entered the new People's Front against the will of the Independent Democratic Party, of which he was Secretary-General. His party issued a clandestine communiqué describing his defection. Soon-after that the chairman of the party, Dr. D. Boshkovich, was terribly besten for three sanovich once wanted Yugoslavis to be bours by a Communist youth mob. He free of the influence of any big power, was lying in a hospital the same night that Kosanovich was flying to the Lon-

Kosanovich had published an article in the Communist official organ, Borbs, in which he attacked Subasich and the leadership of the party with whom he had worked closely for twenty years. The Communists wanted a proof of "betrayal." And the price was paid. From London, Kosanovich went to the Paris Peace Conference, and from there to Washington-to attack American democracy, which he had formerly praised.

CANNOT BELIEVE Kosanovich is a L happy man, though he has attained his ambition. Those who once opposed fascism and are now serving communism have lost all faith in themselves and in mankind. There are no more miserable people than the intelligentsia who know better-but who have been afraid to resist in the last battle for man's liberty.

Kosanovich once asked for a synthesis between political and economic democ-racy for the good of the people, and he is now defending the complete subjugation--economic, political and moral---of Yugoslavia to the Communists. Koand he is now ambassador of a puppet state in Stalin's empire.

#### THE SOLUTION FOR PALESTINE

A comprehensive and authoritative discussion of the Hoover Plan (pages 32-33) and of the Lowdermilk Plan (Palestine-Land of Promise), offering an engineering rather than a political solution for the crisis in the Near East, will be presented in the next issue of PLAIN TALK.

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EDERA BUREAU 203 Case Originated At: PITTSBURGH Tile No. 61-119 Report Made At Period 11/13,19,20, Date Made Report Made By LOUIS H. BEIGREDER PITTSBURGH 2/20/46 21,26/45. Title Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C SLOBODNA REC (FREE EXPRESSION) REGISTRATION ACT SYNOPSIS: SLOBCDNA REC (Free Expression), Serbian communist-line tri-weekly newspaper printed at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., steadfastly adheres to the generally recognized communist line and operates, () among Serbs in the U.S., as the organ for the dissemination of information on Serbian affairs in Tugoslavia. As the leading Slav JUN communist organ it contained, during the period from 12/6/44 to 1546 8/39/45, favorable publicity for such communist front organizations 5 as the SWC, American Slav Congress, Widovdan Committee and the United ź Cosmittee of South Slavic Americans. It supported the TITO and TAIN governments unequivocally and denounced opposition believed to exist against these governments. Due to the leaving of the former Editor-In-Chief, MIRKO XARKOVICH, to confer with TITO and his representatives in Belgrade, Jugoslavia, the editorship has been under-taken by Reverend MIKOLA DRENOVAO. The Managing Editor is CHARLES VUICH and Business Manager is MANE AUSNUAR, all-associated with the communist movement in Western Fennsylvania. P \_ DEFERRE C + + \_Bureau (Encls.) 1 Milwaukee (Info.) Albany (Info.) 1 Fewark (Info.) Anchorage (Info.) 1 New Haven (Info.) Baltimore (Info.) 1 New Orleans (Info.) Boston (Info.) New York (Info.) 1 Buffalo (Info.) Oklahoma City (Info.) 1 Butte (Info.) 1 Omaha (Info.) 1 Philadelphia (Info.) Chicago (Info.) Cincinnati (Info.) 1 Phoenix' (Info.) 1 Cleveland (Info.) 1 Portland (Info.) 1 1 Richmond (Info.) Denver (Info.) 1 Des Moines (Info.) 1 St. Louis (Info.) 1 31. FES L Detroit (Info.) 1 St. Faul (Info.) 1 Houston (Info.) 1 Salt Lake City (Infe.) l Indianapolis (Info.) 1 San Diego (Info.) San Francisco (Intid.)IN l Jackson (Infe.) 1 Savannah (Info.) HEREIN 1 Kansas City (Info.) Stattle (Info.) DATE 1 Little Rock (Info.) Spring fild (Info.) 1 Washington Field (Info.) 7 Fittsburgh 4-10 1 Los Angeles (Info.) 291800 1 Louisville (Info. Memphis (Info.) 1 H-MACHON Miami (Info.) No true 100 59 JUN 1 1.124-15

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"ARPOVICH's lack of complete coordination with the Communist Party movement in , the United States may best be indicated by his individual editorial policy in SLOBODNA REC. Unlike other foreign language communist organs, as will be shown in Section III of this report, SLOBODNA REC did not pursue a predominate loyalty to the American Communist Party, but rather concentrated its efforts on foreign news, policy and information.

The administration of SLOBODNA REC during the period covered by this report may be seen to pursue a more cautious line or policy regarding the printing of sources of news items and other information in the newspaper. Many items appear in the translations of this newspaper which of necessity must have been derived from a foreign source. One such source may be pointed out in that during the eatly part of 1945 MARKOVICH had installed in his home a Hamerlin model shortwave radio receiver with a special short-wave antenna and with logging for radio Belgrade.

Translations of SLOBODNA REC as contained in this report were made at the Pittsburgh Field Office by Serbo-Croatian translator, and Slavonic translator.

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#### ORGAMIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

**1** - OFFICERS

In the "Statement Of The Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required By The Acts Of Congress Of August 24, 1912, and March 3, 1933," regarding newspapers utilizing the mails as a means of transmission, furnished the Fittsburgh Office by Foreman, Fittsburgh Fost Office, the following are given as officers of SLOBODNA REC:

> Publisher Editor Managing Editor Business Manager Owner

J. TERSTOVICH CHARLES VUICE None MANE SHUSHNAR JOHN ERSTOVICH **b7C** 

This statement was filed at the Pittsburgh Post Office by MANE SHUSHNAR on October 2, 1945.

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"2. It is true that this year's calendars were printed too late, but we have inspite of this sold a sufficient number of calendars and some of the sollers have not sent in their money. In addition to the excellent success in advertisements for the calendar and besides the fact that the calendar was excellent, the work of the sale of the calendars is not satisfactory. Our activists should have paid more attention to this then than before selling the calendars.

"3. Soon we shall have received several hundred copies of the new book 'Guns For Tito.' We ought to do our best to sell these books as soon as possible. The book was compiled by an American Major who organized a shipment of weapons to TITO's Army and met TITO personally several times. The price of the book is \$2.75.

"4. We must finish the sale of the book of NIKOLA TESLA. We should particularly interest the American engineers and unionists in it.

"5. Soon a book of <u>MIRKO MARKOVICH</u> will be off the press: 'That We May Understand Each Other.' Therefore it will be necessary to organize the sale of the same. The book contains 350 pages and the price of the same is \$2.50.

"The working committee decided that by the end of the month of March or in April, MIRKO MARKOVICH should start for the Facific Coast, to California, to work in the strengthening of our movement and newspaper and in building up of clubs and the apparatus. This will be discussed in detail at the meeting of the Supreme Board in Cleveland."

August 14, 1945

"Reorganization Of Leadership Of Serbian Progressive Movement In City Of Akron Carried Out." This article, which is quoted below, indicates the then policy of SLOBODNA REC in its leadership in the Serbian Frogressive Movement in the United States.

"Akron, August 10 - Last week, on Thursday evening, there was here held a special meeting of the Serbian political progressive club, which was attended by the editor-in-chief of SLOBODNA REC, MIRKO MARKOVICH, and the manager of the paper, MARE SHUSHNAR.

# GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 7, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

: Diroctor, FBI

FROM

SUBJECT: SLOBODNA REC INTERNAL SECURITY - C REGISTRATION ACT

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The following article which appeared in the November 1, 1947, issue of the above captioned Communist line newspaper published at 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information:

> Address of Ambassador ROSANOVICH at Banquet of 2nd Serbian Congress, October 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters:

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HETELE IS UTCLASSIFIED DATE 2 22-19 EXSPINGED # 29/800 I come among you to extend you the greetings of the peoples and the government of the Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia, headed by Marshal Tito and to thank you for the considerable aid which you have given your brothers in the old homeland.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

By coincidence, I found myself in the period of 1912-114 in this great country where I did my best to defend the truth and contribute to the best of my ability to the thwarting of spreading untruths on the part of the official representatives of the then Yugoslav government in exile and of all those who wanted to convince public opinion of America and its official circles of the impossibility of restoring Yugoslavia. I recall your valuable help of that time. I remember a dear friend in the person of the late Rev. KRAJNOVICH and his constant struggle, as well as of so many others of that period.

You Americans of Serbian descent were hit the hardest. You were exposed to the greatest trials and the heaviest attacks. You had to exercise the greatest self-denial and perspective correctly to see the course of events because every effort was made to confuse you. The idea was that when Serbian Americans follow the wrong path, when chauvinism and national hatred get possession of them. when hatred toward the Croats and Slovenes and toward Yugoslav unity is aroused in them, then it will be easy for the same attitudes to work among Croatians and Slovenes as regards Yugoslav unity, giving chauvinism full sway and thus contributing to the weakening of the war effort in American and rendering impossible the struggle for the salvation and restoration of Yugoslavia and the Balkans.

In a letter of thanks for an honor which was shown me in February, 1944, by a great number of you who are now assembled at this Serbian

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To: Director, FBI Re: SLOBODNA REC IS - C; REGISTRATION ACT

Congress when I was elected an honorary president of the Vidovdan Congress I said:

"In an extraordinary difficult period of mankind you have with sacrifice and self-denial done your duty also toward your people from whom you sprang and toward America of which you are good citizens, and toward mankind. Since my arrival in America in 1941, in an official capacity, I found among you the best understanding and best cooperation for an ever greater unification of national forces in the struggle against all manifestations of fascism. Together we tried to be as serbs - bearers of Serbo-Croato-Sloveno-Macedonian harmony and unity at a time when the enemy banked his entire hope on disharmony and hatred. Working thus we have contributed to the correct understanding of the national-liberation struggle beset with so many obstacles and bedevilled with so much gossip. Time and events have borne out the truth thereof."

And when taking leave of Serbs in America in a letter of July 24, 1944, among other things I wrote:

"We have here been those who have defended the purity of the Serbian name at a time when it was being most degraded by the ignorant. History will show that we were right and that by our defending the unity of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, and Macedonians we have best represented the true national Serbian interests and thus represented the interests not only of Yugoslavia but also of America and all United Nations. We have by common sacrifices of a liberation war achieved great successes in the country, but there still are great trials. Enemies will particularly seek to confuse the Serbs and destroy them with false defense of Serbian interests. I ask all my good friends to make every effort to promote harmony and unity. I ask all those who were being deceived in returning to Serbian tradition and enter the great circle of national harmony . . . I ask friends who have had the opportunity and bravery of seeing the right path from the very outset, that they forgive those who haven't seen it because they were deceived by those who thought they must be believed. The true national champion is known by his setting the errant ones on the right path. Responsible culprits who misused their positions and misused the credulity of the ignorant will answer to the people for their misdeeds. The more you will promote harmony, the better it will be for Serbdom, for Yugoslavia, and for America - toward which you have the greatest obligation."

November 7, 1947

To: Director, FBI

Re:

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That was the path to which yon were called until his last days by our great countryman NIKOLA, TESLA.

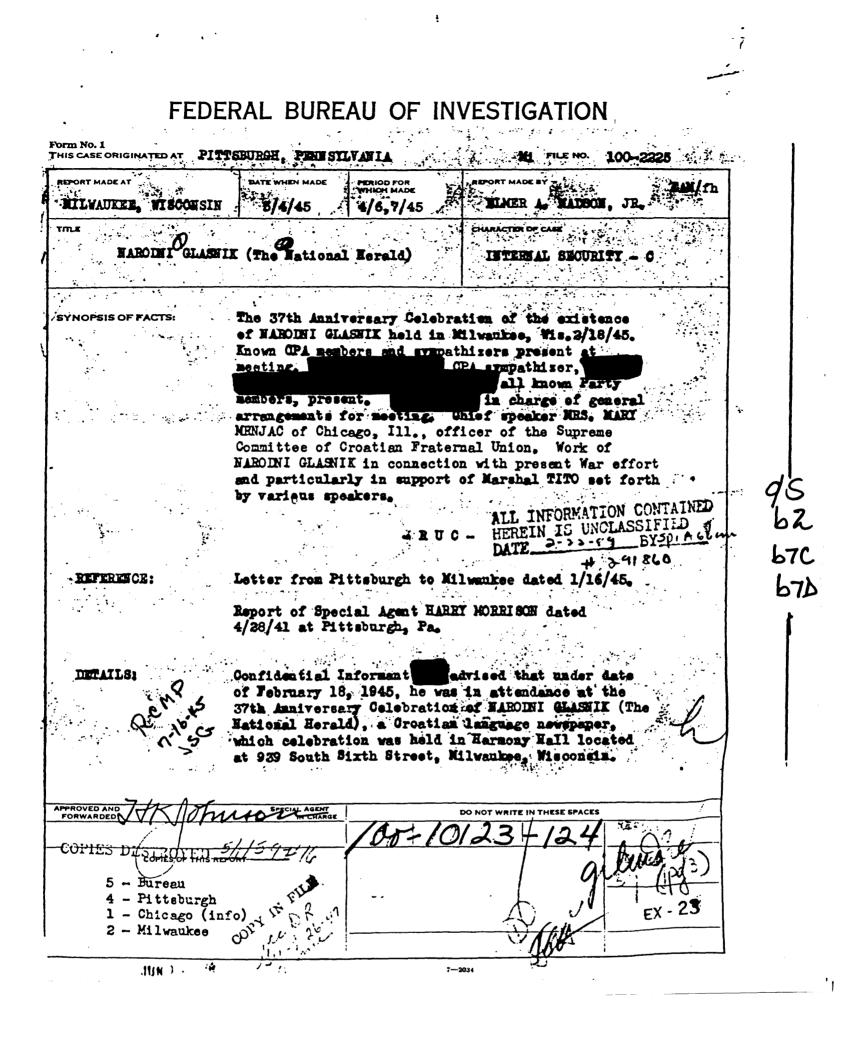
And you, by your moderation, have contributed to the interest of the democratic struggle of the world. You have contributed to the unification of all national forces in America in the organization of the war effort. And at the same time, as Americans of Serbian descent together with other Yugoslav Americans, you have shown your American fellow-citizens that your brothers in the old homeland are with united efforts residing fascism and struggling for freedom and the restoration of their independent state, Yugoslavia.

In this you were able to be the best spokesmen. You and your predecessors have come to this country in search of freedom and better economic conditions.

Most of you and those before you have fled from Hapsburg serfdom because you were being oppressed both nationally and economically. You and your predecessors made valuable contributions to the development of the New World. You with your brother Slovenes and Croatians have sweated, shed blood, worn your bones, expended brains, and whatnot for the progress of this country. Long is the chain of miners, farmers, scientists, and soldiers who gave their best for the general progress and prosperity of the American Union. You have conscientiously been doing your duty and you have become good citizens of this great land. Who of us is not proud of the work, life and nobleness of NIKOLA TESLA without whose work and mind electricity would not be what it now is in the world; whose motor has harnessed the Niagara and the Dnieper, turning the wheels of industry wherever there is electricity? In every spark of electricity, shines his name. America is the greatest beneficiary of TESLA's genius. He asked for no riches.

And so, brothers and sisters, when during the war you have raised your voice for your brethren in the Balkans struggling not only for their life but also for a better and more secure existence of mankind, your voice thus had significance and importance. You were able to be the authorized spokesmen of the struggle which was going on over there.

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The next speaker introduced by Chairman JUHOVICH was a MR. CHRIST/MIKALACHI who spoke on the need of funds for the centinued support of the paper NABOINI GLASNIK.

Tollowing this, was a speech by Mr. FRANK FETRAK, who elso preised the MAROINI GLASHIE for its wonderful work.

At the conclusion of these various speeches, JUROVICH acting as Chairman, again discussed the need of funds for NARODNI GLASNIK and requested a collection from the audience. He told them that the amount sollected was \$586,10.

According to the celebration closed at approximately 9:15 aid that during the course of the afternoon he was contacted by known CPA member, who gave him a pamphlet entitled "The Bulletin of the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans" dated November, made reference to an article in this pamphlet which was written 1944. by LOUISKALBALIO, formerly President of the AMERICAN SLAY CONGRESS and President of the UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH-SLAVIC AMERICANS. then attempted i to sell a book entitled "The Prodigal Genius", which was the life story of NIKOLD TESLA written by JOHN J, O'NEIL. He also showed a calendar with a picture of Marshal TITO and the inscription "Death to Fascism, Freedom for the People". He explained that these calendars were being printed in Canada and he was taking orders for them. 

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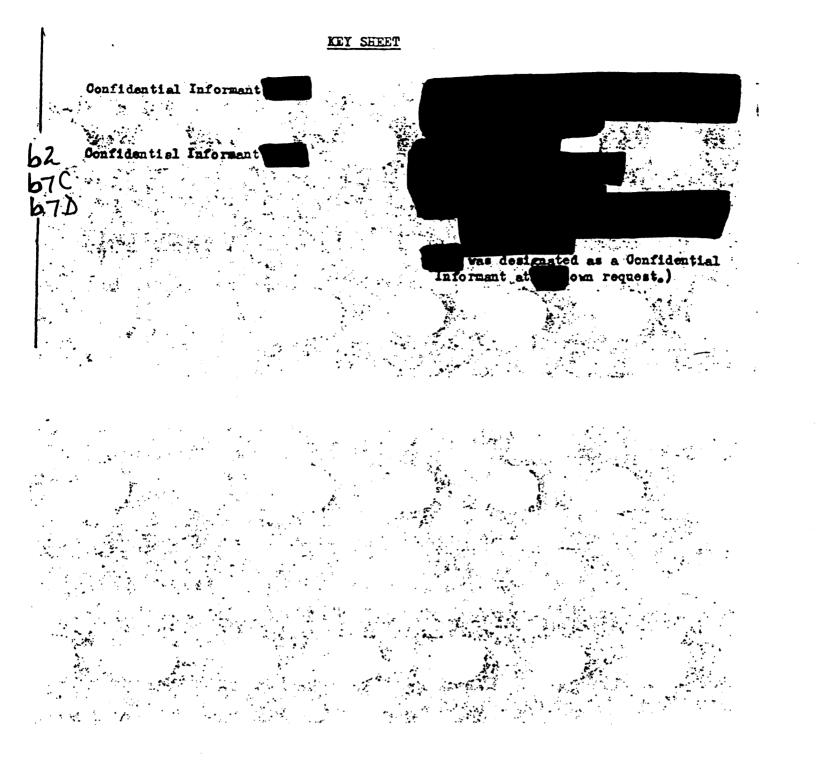
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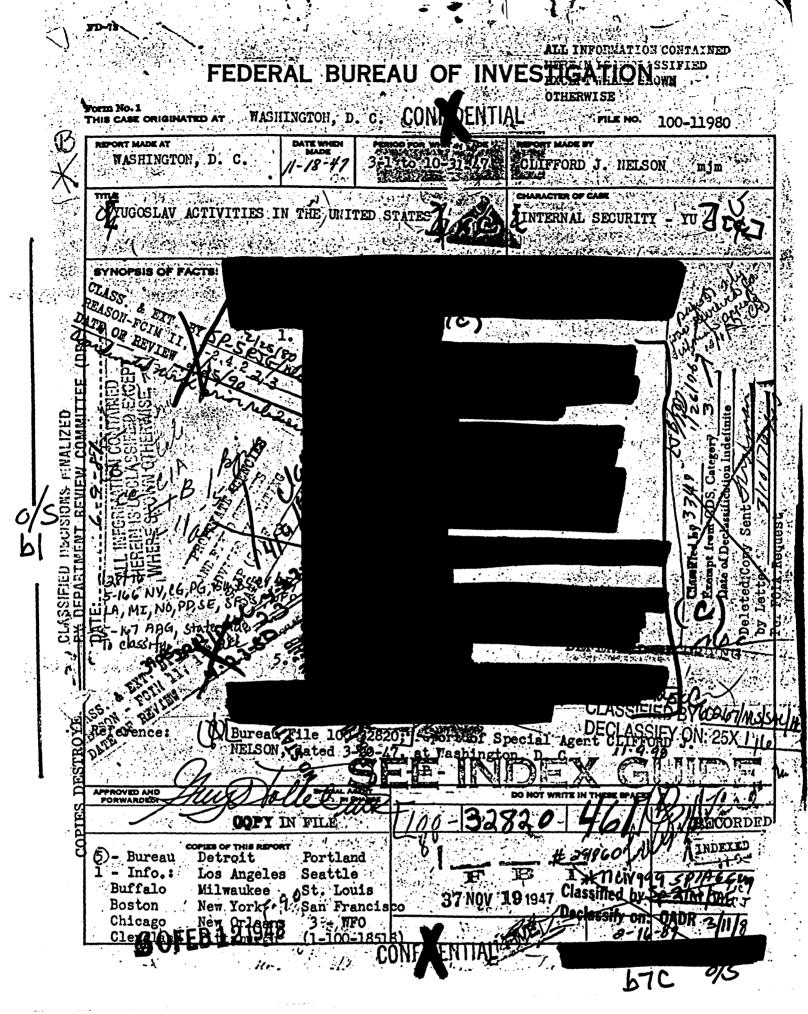
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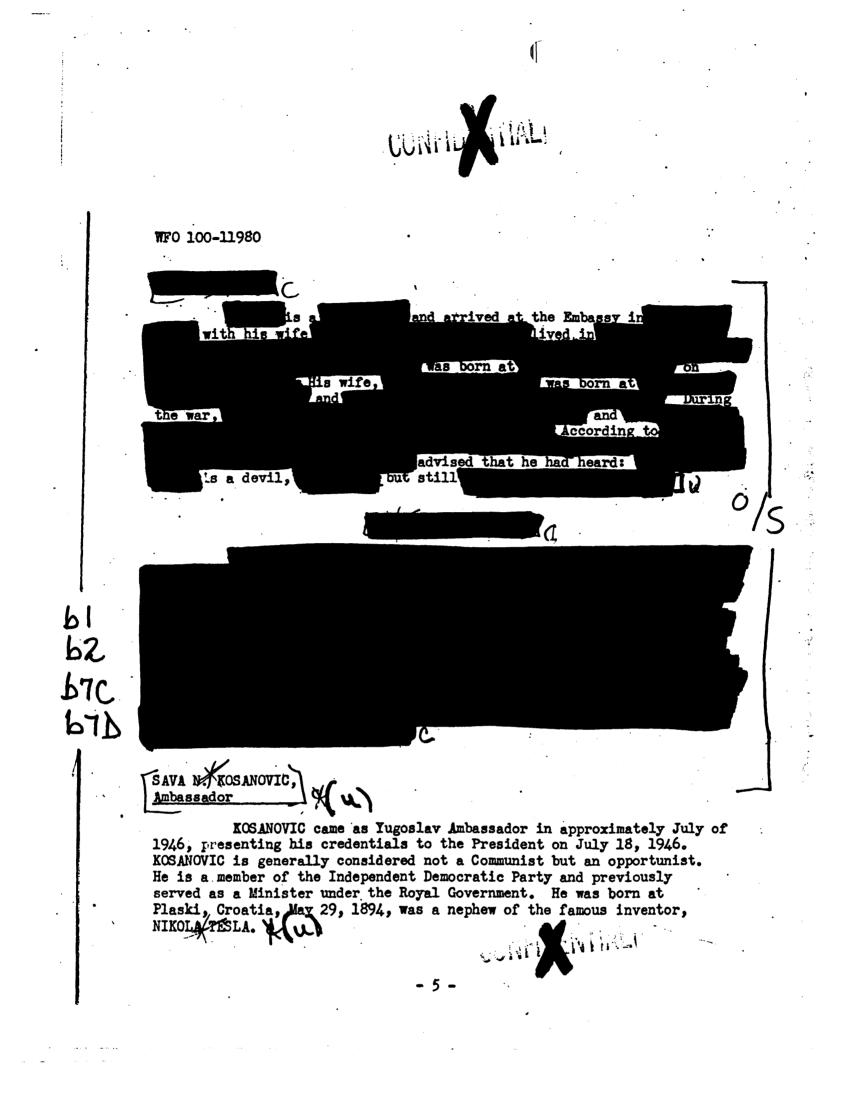
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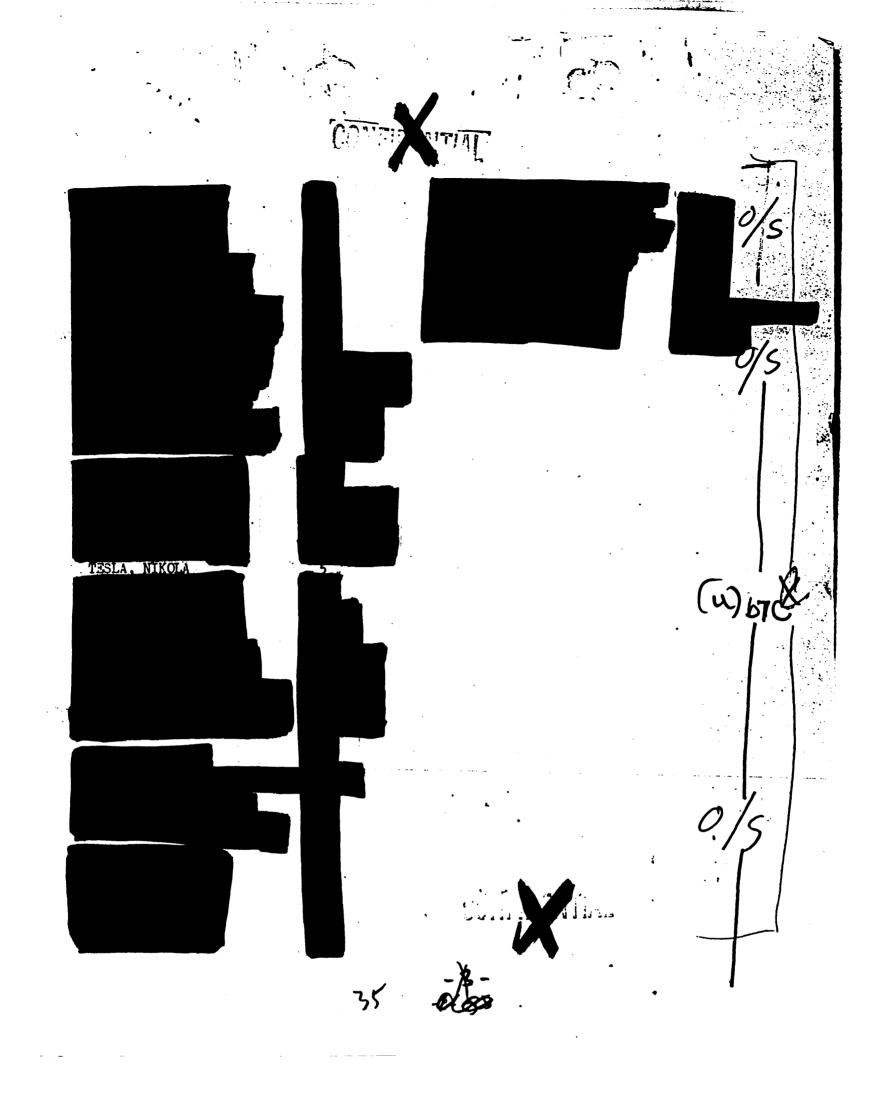
ce Memorandum  $\cdot$  united states government 1164 Y-132 DATE: 5/8/45 то Director, FBI FROM SAC, Pittsburgh SUBJECT INTERNAL SECURITY - R 1 Pittsburgh, N. S., Pa., would-be radio repair man, advised this office that on April 29, 1945 he installed at the home of captioned subject, a "Hammerlund H.C. Receiver #120X". stated that since this type receiving set is of a kind which is generally used by amateur radio experts or professionals and since the radio set itself was in such condition as to indicate that it had been purchased under a very high priority, he inquired of the subject how he happened to be in possession of such a radio set. according was vague as to where he got it, saying that it to had celonged at one time to NIKOLA TESLA'S son and was purchased before the war in New York City. did not make any notation of the serial number of this radio but advised that under pretext he can review the operation of this set in the apartment of the subject and at that time get the serial number. IFERREN HERE Fursuant to request by the subject, the set was installed and a short wave Aerial was put up. After the set had been funed by he was requ<u>ested to locate the radio station at</u> beigrade, Yugoslavis. told him that he wished to. get direct reports from Belgrane in order that they might be 67C Insemuch as investigation may subsequently develop a consorship violation on the part of the newspaper, 2050DNA REC, Serbian Communist line tri-weekly newspaper, printed at Pittsburgh, and in order that the Bureau might be immediately advised on the developments in this case, the above information has been set forth. Translations of SLOBODNA REC at the Pittsburgh Field Office Slavonic Translator, are at made currently by this time and continue to be reviewed for any releases which appear to emenate from a foreign rather than from any source poproved 593-26 by the Office of War Information or like agendie RD-400-24593-26 1. It should be noted that during this week since the rear belt been several artifice have appeared installed at the home of to have emanated from foreign which appear COPIES DESTROYED-Cult ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-14 - 54 BY Self Ecom 1 JUN LE R

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WFO 100-11980 Confidential Informant whose identity Bureau, learned on July 23, 19/16, that conferred with Ambassador KUSANOVIC and told him that LOUIS ADALIC had contacted her in order to find out definitely when KOSANOVIC was coming to New York City. It appears that ADA IC planned to be in New York himself on the following Thursday and expressed a desire to have KOSANOVIC be there on Thursday night. KOSANOVIC told her he was leaving for Paris the following Sunday morning at 11:00 Ali. He was told that ADAMIC would like to have dinner with him on Thursday night and on Friday morning for him to meet "this fellow that he has been talking about." KOSANOVIC said he knew it was something about publicity. KOSANOVIC stated he was not very happy about having to go to Paris. He said he hadn't "finished ending" and that it was very complicated. He indicated that would accompany him to Paris. They expressed amusement over the 'Star's" account of KOSANOVIC's press conference the previous day. The article in the "Evening Star" which was referred to above appeared July 23, 1946, and was entitled "New Envoy Disclaims Any Yugoslav Plans for Coup at Trieste." This article was written by NEWBOLD NOYES, JR. The article quotes the Ambassador as saying that Yugoslavia would not be "provoked into compromising the peace." The article stated that the Ambassador had indicated his country would boycott Trieste if they did not get it. The article stated that KOSANOVIC is a nephew of NICOLATESIA, the Yugoslav-American inventor. 62 learned on July 23, 1946, that conferred bac with relative to the newspaper coverage of the Ambassador's press conference the previous day. said th<u>ore was a li</u>ttle on the first page of the "New York Herald 672 Tribune" and said there was quite a bit in the "New York Times" also. told ner that he expected more in the "Evening Star" than had appeared in the "Washington Post" because he had "one of their good people, who was very favorably impressed and said he would say so." ( DA learned on July 30, 1946, that contacted Senator TAYLOR's office and advised that the Ambassador would like to have 0 C lunch with Senator TAYLOR at the Senate dining room on Thursday at 1:00 P.M. along with some other members of the Senate. ( 9) 4 Informant learned on the following day that made arrangements for Ambassador KOSA OVIC to have lunchwith Senator PIPPER and probably Senator JAGNUSON in the Senate dining room. ( )) (2) (2) (2) Informant also learned on July 31, 1946, that Senator PEPPER had accepted the invitation to have lunch with the Ambassador at 1:00 P. i - 2 -







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**Federal Bureau of Investigation** United States Department of Justice Form No. 1 This Case Originated At INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA File No. - 100-4006 Report Made At Date Report Made By Period Indianapolis, Indiana CLARENCE E. CLAY 11/18/42 10/29,30/42 CEC:NJO ア Title Character of Case · 2. <sup>0</sup> ر: CAMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS (ALL-SLAV CONGRESS) INTERNAL SECURITY - C Synopsis: Information contained in bulletin entitled "News Flashes from Czechoslovakia under Nazi Domination" issued by Czechoslovak National Council of America, with reference to American Slav Congress, set forth herein. Includes information concerning the permanent committee set-up and a partial list of delegates to the American Slav Congress. "Also set forth is a mistory of the All Slav Congress which was written by Information received that Serbs of Gary, Indiana, and reported to be Communists, attended the All Slav Congress. attended All Slav Congress. · Acti  $= \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{ALL}$  INFORMATION CONTAINED IS UNCLASS!FIED HE TACHED Reference; DATE 141-83 BYSPSRJ Report of Special Agent CHARLES M. SOLOMON, dated May 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan. Detail Hammond, Indiana At From Confidential Informant. has been obtained Forward Agent in Do Not Write in These Spaces 00 CONDED w York (Inf.) Ŀ VILLENCE: INDEXED ttsburgh (Inf.) Inf 5 Nev waukee ( (Inf ashingt **INDRODUM** Chi FOP VICTORY Philadelph Cleveland EE-17 Detroit

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a copy of a bulletin entitled "News Flashes from Czechoslovakia" under Nazi Domination", published by the Czechoslovak National Council of America, 4049 West Twenty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois, release no. 132, dated May 11, 1942:

This bulletin contains news concerning the American Slav Congress held at Detroit, Michigan, April 25 and 26, 1942. The article contains the permanent committee set-up of the Congress and a list of men of eminence among the delegates to the Congress.

This article is being quoted below:

"AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS FOR GREATER WAR EFFORT"

The coordination activities of all groups of Slavic extraction in America for an intensified war effort moved a long step closer to reality as a result of the American Slav Congress held in Detroit April 25 and 26 and attended by more than 2300 delegates representing church, fraternal, labor, social and cultural groups from all parts of the country. Every substantial American Slav organization in the country was represented.

## Permanent Committee Set Up

A permanent committee was elected with LEOKRZYCKI, Vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for President; Prof. J. J. ZMRHAL, of the Czechoslovak National Council, Vice-president; STEPHEN/ZEMAN, JR., of the Slovek Evangelical Union, Secretary; VINKO/UK, of the Croatin Fraternal Union, Treasurer; and BLAIR F. OUNTHER, member of the Educational Committee of the Polish National Alliance, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Participating Slavic nationality groups elected vicepresidents to the Board of Directors. Vice-presidents for the respective nationality groups elected were: EDMUND POINC, Polish; W. J. MUZIK, Czech; V. S. PLATEK, Slovak; VASID DICOFF, Bulgarian; SAMUED WERLINICH, Serbian; JOHN BUTKOVICH, Croatian; VINCENT CAINKAR, Slovene; PETER RATICA, Carpatho-Russian; GEORGE TIRINSKY, Macedonien; HARRY LUBESHKOFF, Russian; MICHAEL TKATCH, Ukrainian.

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The various nationality groups also elected members to the nationality committees of the Board of Directors. The National Committee of the congress held its first plenary session in Pittsburgh, May 10, to plan steps to translate the decisions of the congress into action.

## Anti-Hitler Measures Adopted

Main decisions embodied in the resolutions of the congress were:

1. To make a direct appeal to American Slavs comprising more than half the workers in the war essential industries of the nation to intensify their production efforts to outproduce Hitler and the Axis.

2. To intensify vigilance egainst fifth-columnists operating within the various Slavic groups in this country siming to sow division and disunity in the war effort.

3. To chart a plan to recruit 50,000 American Slav volunteers for a house-to-house campaign among American Slav families for raising the amount of war bond subscriptions to 10 per cent of income.

4. To take all measures to strengthen the bonds of solidarity among American Slav groups and between them and the Slav peoples of Europe for a concerted effort against HITLER.

5. To increase support of all war relief agencies, particularly the Russian, Yugoslavian, Polish, Czechoslovakian, British, Greek and Chinese.

 To take steps to counteract the appeasers.
 To set up a permanent organization to coordinate and assist in carrying out the decisions adopted by the Congress.

#### Response Exceeds Anticipations

The response to the first American Slav Congress ever held in America exceeded all anticipations. It revealed the dooth of anti-Axis feeling that has seized hold of the Americans of Slav descent who came expressing desires to do their utmost to the end that the power of Hitlerism, arch-foe of the Slav peoples as of freedomloving peoples everywhere shall be decisively smashed.

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The delegates were mostly brawny men from coal mines, steel mills, machine shops--the men on whom the nation is counting for much of its war essential goods production and wholesome-looking women whose faces showed hardening lines of determination beneath war smiles.

# Mon of Eminence Among Delegates

Among the delegato's were men and women of distinction in many fields of activity--scholars, writers and clergymen, among them Rev. VINCENT BORKOVIOZ, who represented the Very Rev. Bishop STEFAN S, WOZNICKI at the Congress and delivered the opening invocation; Metropolitan Bishop Benjamin, of the Russian Orthodox Church; Most Rev. JOHN MERIJNOVICH of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Rev. ELWLOWSKI, of Buffalo, New York.

Among others present were JOSEPHWATTRAS, director of the Polish National Allience of Pittsburgh; CHESTER A. MOZDROJ, President of the Polish Contral Citizens' Committee of Detroit; Judge H. SRONKOWSKI of Hamtranch; Captain W. SETMAN, Polish War Veterans, Chicago; Dr. W. T. SOWSKI; chairman Michigan All Slav Committee, Detroit; Mrs. M. The STEROWICZ, deer of Polish journalists, Buffalo, New York; ZLATKO-BALOKOWICH, famed Croatian violinist; FRANK ORIGORSKI, assistant district attorney of Milwaukce and president of the Pulaski Council there; VINCENT KLEIN, Secretary Chrysler Local No. 17 of UAW-CIO; Michigan State Senator, STANLEY NOWAK; Prof. J. J. ZMRHAL, President of the Czechoslovak Nationa' Council; JOSEPH CARTINEK, Executive Secretary of the Czechoslovak National Council, Chicago; KARED PRCHAL, President of the American Sokol Union; ADOL CER, President of the Czech American National alliance; VINCE TARDSKY, Secretary of the Czech american National Alliance; Rev. JAN S. BRADAC, Honorary President of the Slove: National Alliance; Rev. ARNOST 7812KA of the Federation of American Czechoslovaks in Texas; NICOLA SESLA, Sorbian American inventor; ETBIN KRISTAN, prominent Slovenian writer; Dr. D. K. XATICH, first vice-president Michigan All-Slav Committee; SAMUEL KERLINICH, President of the Scrbian National Federation, Pittsburgh; Judge ANTHOLY, LUCAS, Pittsburgh; Ohio State --Senstor BOYD-BOICH; Judge GEORGE S. TENESY, Cleveland;

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RAYMOND TRAVNIK, Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota; Rev. M. F. DENKO, Cleveland; W.7KUZIK, President of the Czechoslovak Society of America; and Mrs. MARIE KRAL of the Nat'l Alliance of Czech Catholics.

From the serious and restrained mood of the delegates it was visible they had come for the one purpose of agreeing on a common line of action to be taken to guarantee a speedy end of HITLER and the Axis. There was a notable absence of the usual convention hilarity and abandon.

#### An International Event

It was a wartime meeting dominated by a wartime grimness. That the deliberations of the congress would have international repercussions was evidenced in the more than thousand telegrams from all parts of the world that reached the congress during the sessions.

One of the wires greeting it was from a Czech group in Teheran, Porsia; there were many from Slavic groups in Chile, Argontina, Canada, and throughout America. Soviet writers and scientists and members of the Yuglslav government in Kuibyshev wired the congress messages of greetings and good wishes.

The Congress was not only an event significant in the history of America's 15 million Slav-descended citizens but fraught with meaning for the destiny of the more than 200 millions of Slav reoples across the seas engaged in a life-and-death struggle against Nazi enslavers.

For the first time the peoples of the diverse Slavic groups in America were reaching a common understanding on a world-wide issue--a matter that gave delegates a feeling of considerable satisfaction.

Far beyond the brilliantly delivered keynote speeches and the iron note of resolve sounded in the resolutions--all of which raised the assembly to wild cheers of enthusias---was the vibrant sense of unity which, given expression by the congress carried to the Slav peoples

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throughout the world its ressage of redoubled efforts to crush HITLER and guare tee a democratic victory for the world.

# Keynote--Production for Victory

Production and secrifice were the keynote notifs of the main address of the congress delivered by LEO KRZYCKI. Reminding listeners that American Slavs occupy a key position in America's war industrial pattern, he called for greater efforts this year to turn the scales of victory in favor of the democracies.

How to safeguard American war production and American morale took up the following sessions which were addressed by Prof. J. J. ZMRHAL, President of the Czechoslovak National Council of America, on fifth-column activities and measures to be taken against them; FRANK N. ISBEY, cheirman of the Michigan Defense Savings Program on metional morale; ELT OLIVER, of the Labor Division of the War Production Board and GEORGE ADDES, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Auto Workers Union on problems facing labor in the war industries. These subjects were treated in further detail in special panel discussions later.

## 10,000 Hear Hon. Paul V. McNutt

Two thousend plates were served at the banquet tendered the delegates and guests by the Michigan Committee of the American Slav Congress in the Masonic Temple on April 25.

But the climex of the congress was a victory rally in the Michigan State Fair Coliseum where 10,000 persons assembled to hear the Hon. PAUL V. McNUTT, Federal Security Administrator and U. S. Government representative to the Congress who greeted the delegates and drew thunderclaps of applause by his appeal for "more tanks for TIMOSHENKO". "In this first Slav Congress you have shown the world the miracle of American unity," he declared.

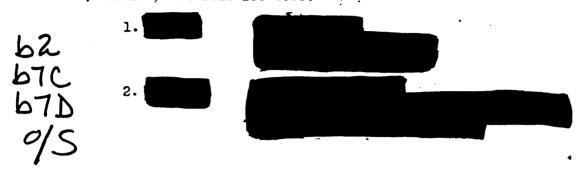
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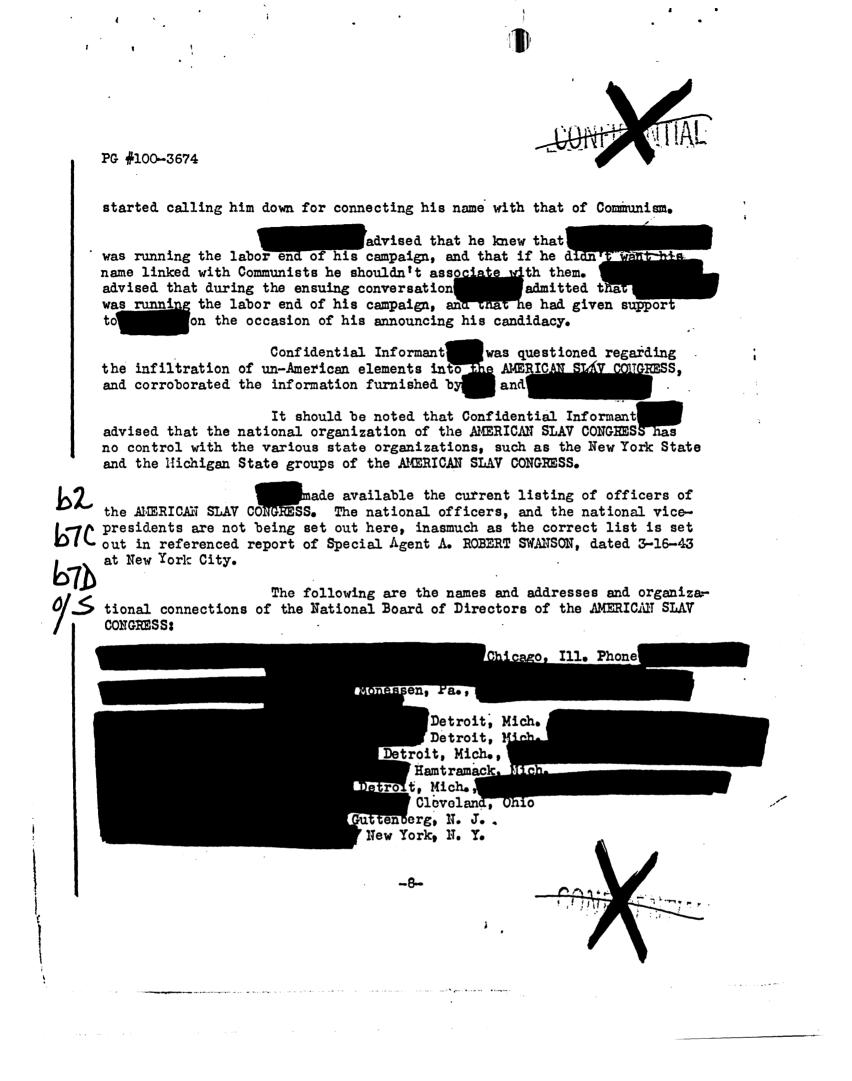
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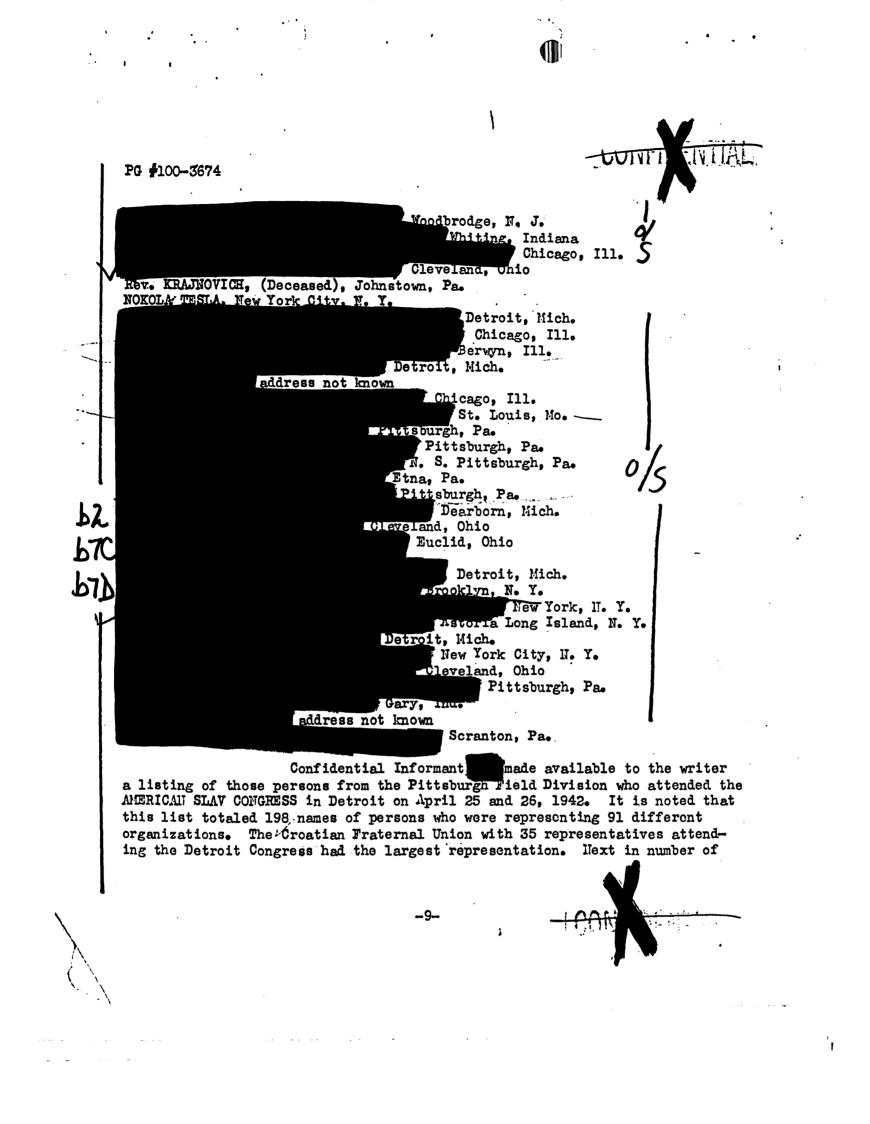
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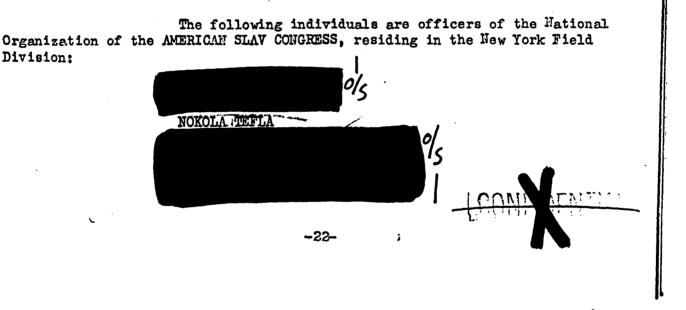
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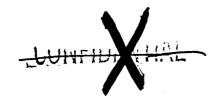
THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Division:

Will check the names of the delegates from New York to the Detroit Congress of April 25, 1942, with the indices, to ascertain if any of the delegates have previously been reported as Communists or as having been affiliated with Communist organizations.

Will keep in touch with confidential informants to 95 ascertain further activities of Subject organization.





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The New York Office will make a preliminary investigation as to such officers by checking the indices and interrogating Communist informants. If such preliminary check indicates Communist activity on the part of such officers, their activities as affects the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS should be thoroughly investigated and reported herein.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

### \* \* AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will ascertain the extent of Communist control in local offices of the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS and in organizations sending delegates to the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS.

#### THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

#### \* AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Through appropriate sources of information, will continue its contact with those All-Slav organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area which are known to subscribe to the platform of the Detroit Congress.

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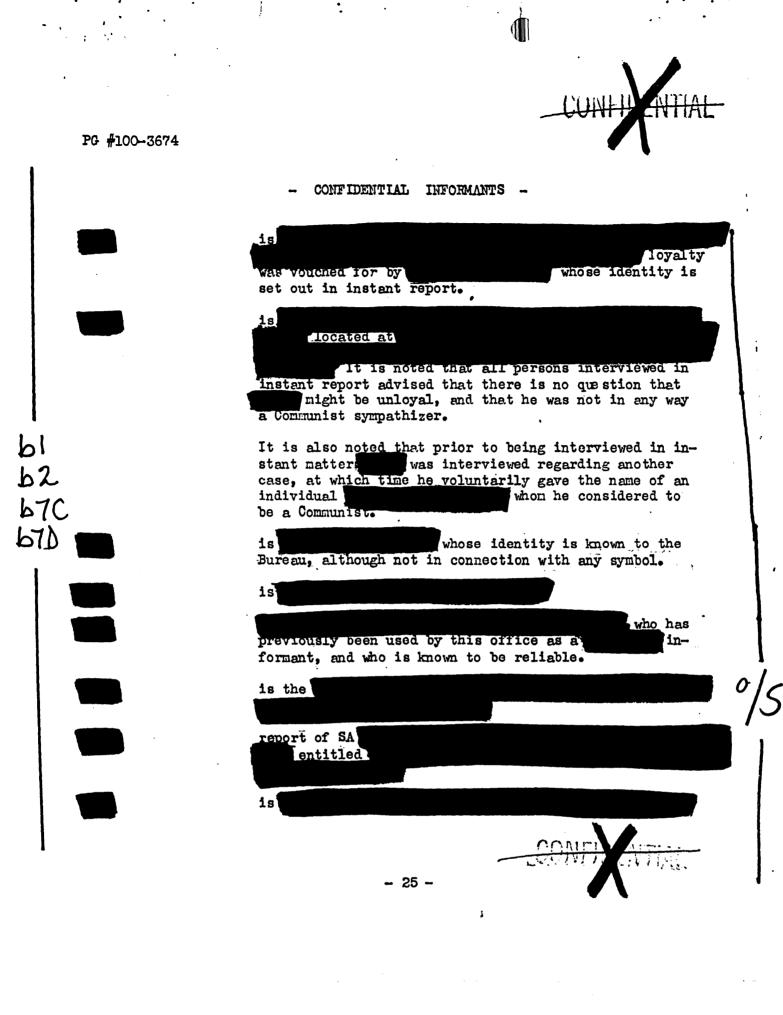
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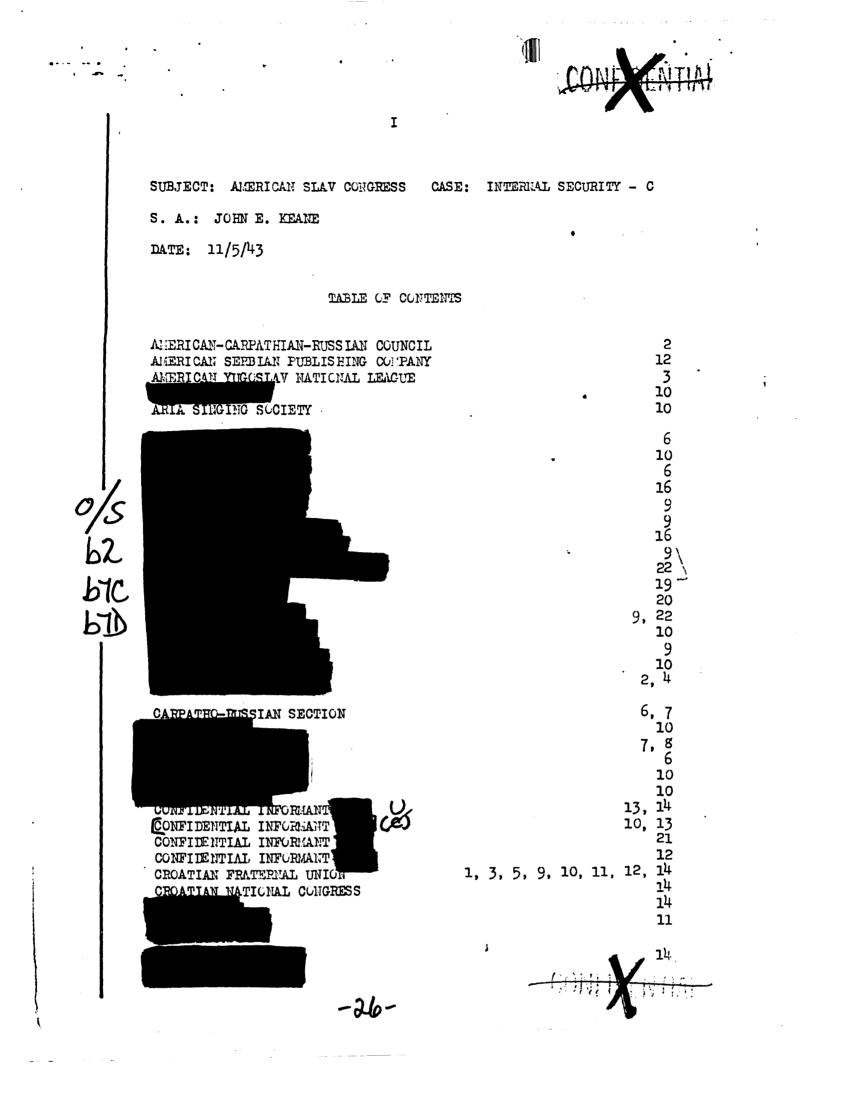
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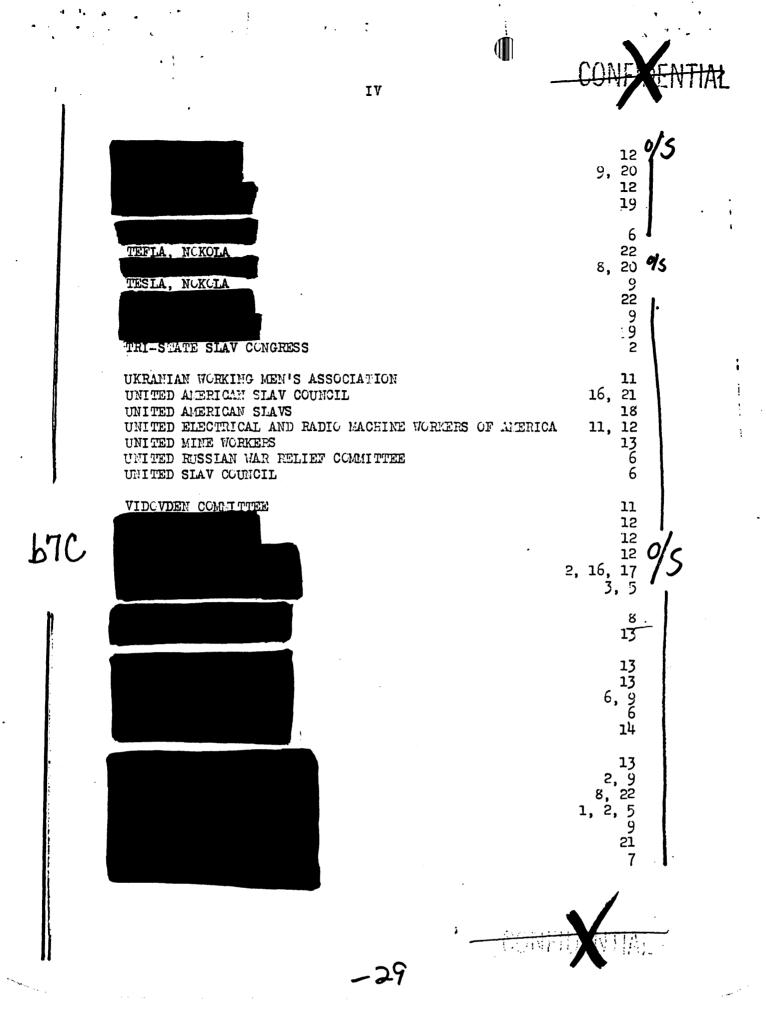
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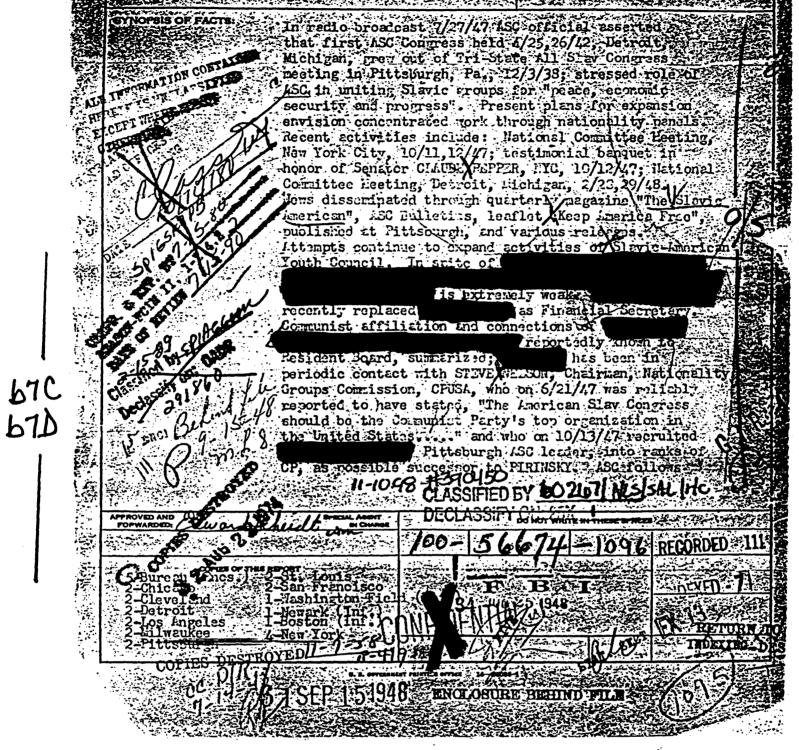
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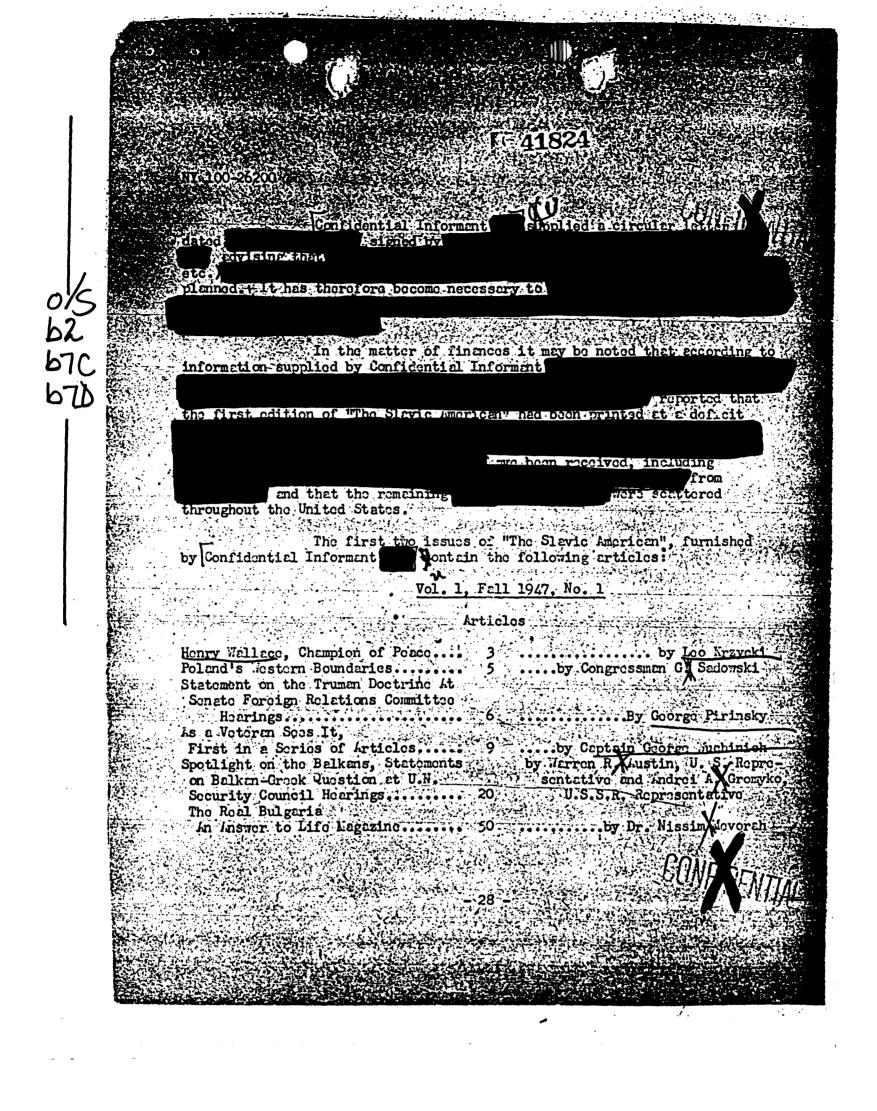
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furnished a copy of a

Confidential Informant circular latter dated February 12, 1948, addressed to membors of the National Committee and to State and City Committees of the ASC, the opening paragraph of which lotter reads as follows: 

"This will introduce to you the ASC BULLETIN, a report on the activities of the Netional Office and the State and City Committees, which will be sent to you monthly. It will serve the dual purpose of keeping you informed of American Slav Congress doings around the country, and of supplying local ASC committees with helpful material for monthly meetings and general activities."

The six page ASC Eulletin itself, Ettached to the above mentioned letter, was dated January-February, 1948, and its contents were listod as follows:

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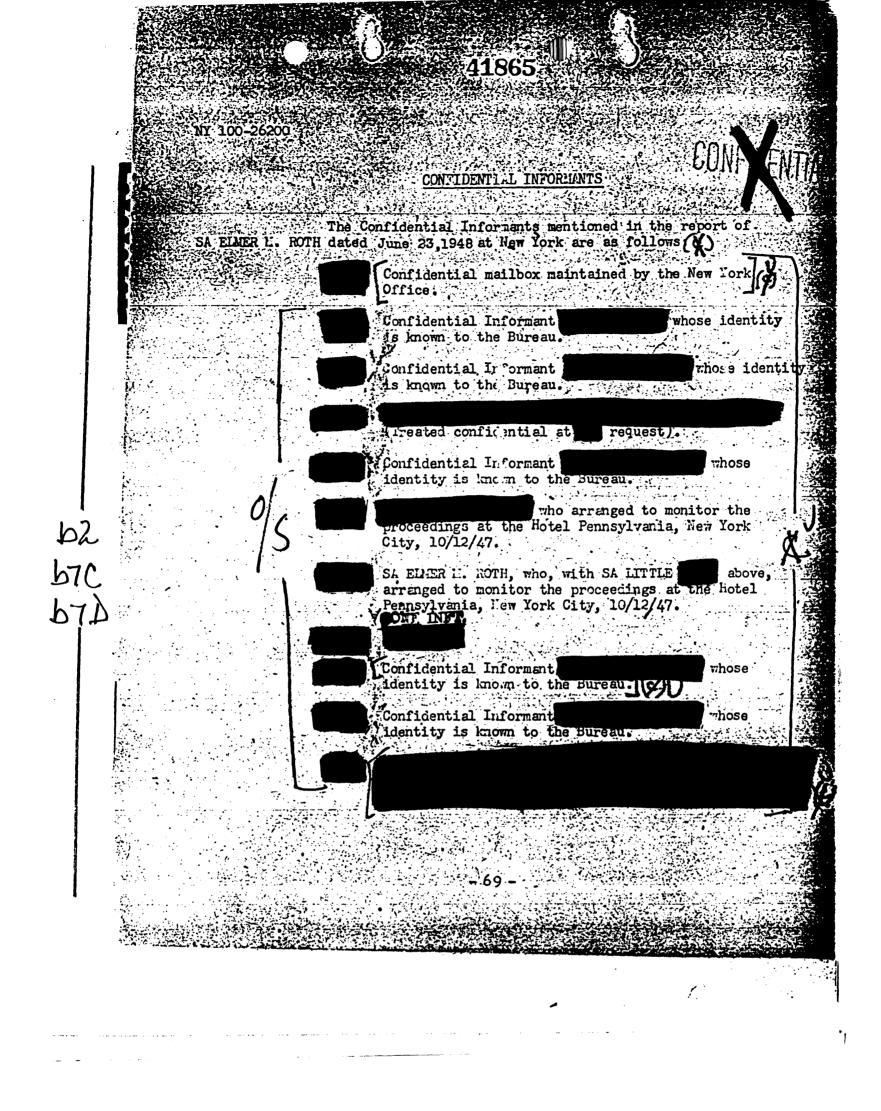
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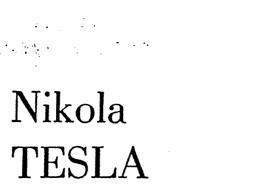


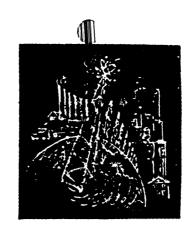
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By PAULINE KLOPACKA

Whose daring imagination and concrete accomplishments are among the wonders of our age.

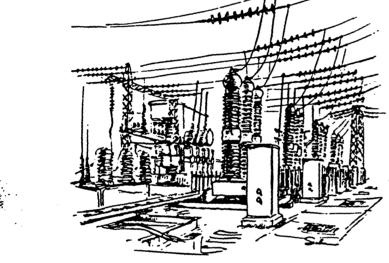
HEN Nikola Tesla died in January of 1943 in comparative seclusion in a New York hotel, he owned no more than the few personal possessions that had become dear to him during the 86 years of his life. Yet his estate was so fabulous that its value can never be truly assessed. And his heirs were the men and women of all the world.

What price can be put on the work of a man who brought into being the electric power era? The industrial giant that the U. S. is today rests on the series of brilliant discoveries and inventions in the harnessing and transmission of electricity conceived

THEN Nikola Tesla died in by Nikola Tesla, who came to this January of 1943 in comparative seclusion in a New Slavs when he was 28 years of age.

> It was at midnight between July 9 and 10 in 1856 that a son, Nikola, was born to the Rev. Milutin Tesla and Djouka, his wife, in the little Serbian village of Smiljan, in the province of Lika. Now a part of Yugoslavia, it was at that time under Austro-Hungarian rule.

> Tesla's father, a Serb, was a priest of the Greek Church, and his mother of a distinguished Serbian family, came from a long line of inventors. Both father and mother gave to the child a valuable heritage and culture



Drawings by Alvena Seckar

s developed and passed on by ancestral families that had been community

leaders for many generations. It was at first planned that the son prepare for the priesthood but Nikola would have none of this. Physics and mathematics fascinated him. He would be a teacher of these favorite subjects. But then he switched to electrical engineering and at the age of 25 a graduate of Prague University earlier training had been obtained at the Graz Polytechnic in Austria he was set for his first job.

At that time the American Telephone System was brought to Europe and an installation set up in Budapest, where Tesla was a successful applicant for a position.

THREE years later, in 1884, he was U. S. bound. There were 4 cents in the young immigrant's pocket when he arrived in New York, but that did not disturb him. He had the names of friends. He would soon get to work.

His confidence was well founded, since within a few years he was counted among the ranking scientists of the country, his discoveries bringing in handsome royalties.

It is interesting to note the description of Tesla at this time by his biographer, J. J. O'Neill in the book, "Prodigal Genius": "Tesla was a

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spectacular figure in New .rk in 1891. A tall, dark, hands, wellbuilt individual with a flare for wearing clothes that gave him an air of magnificence, who spoke perfect English but carried an atmosphere of European culture. He was an outstanding personality to all who beheld him." One of his colleagues described him as "immaculately groomed, and of delightful courtesy and charm."

A review of Tesla's work is nothing short of amazing. To quote from J. J. O'Neill's book:

"It was Tesla's invention of the polyphase alternating current system that was directly responsible for harnessing Niagara Falls and opening the modern electric superpower era in which electricity is transported for hundreds of miles to operate the tens of thousands of mass production factories of our industrial system.

"Every one of the tall, Martian transmission lines that stalks across the earth and whose wires carry electricity to distant cities is a monument to Tesla, every dynamo and every motor that drives every machine in the country is a monument to him.

"He discovered the secret of transmitting electric power to the utmost ends of the earth without wires and demonstrated his system by which power could be drawn from the earth anywhere by making a connection to the ground; he set the entire earth in electrical vibration with a generator which sprouted lightning that rivaled the fiery artillery of the heavens. It was a minor portion of this discovery that he created the modern radio system. He planned our broadcasting methods of today 40 years ago when others saw in the wireless only the dot and dash message that might save ships in distress.

"Tesla was an inventor but he was much more than a producer of devices. He was a discoverer of new principles opening many new empires of knowledge which even today have been only partly explored. In a single burst of invention he created the world of power of today. "He brought into being our electric power

"He brought into being our electric power era, the rock bottom foundation on which the industrial system of the entire world is builded. He gave us our mass production system for without his motors and currents it could not exist.

"He gave us every essential of current radio. He invented radar 40 years before its use in World War II. He gave us our modern neon and other forms of gaseous tube lighting. He gave us fluorescent lighting. He gave us the high frequency currents which are performing their electronic wonders throughout the industrial and medical world. He gave us remote control by wirelesa."

Always proud of his national origin, Tesla spoke as follows during his visit to Belgrade in 1892 in answer to a speech of welcome by the city's mayor: "There is something in which is only perhaps illusory.... I ut if I were to be sufficiently fortunate to bring about at least some of my ideas it would be for the benefit of all humanity. If these hopes become one day a reality, my greatest joy would spring from the fact that this work would be the work of a Serb."

Tesla dedicated his life to peace, to lightening the burden of toil from the shoulders of his fellow man. As cvery scientist who so interprets his function in society, he was stricken when he saw the coming of World War II and his inventions being prepared for destructive purposes. He sought desperately to prevent the war and made available a device which he offered to the world, maintaining that it would make any country, no matter how small, safe within its boundaries. His offer was rejected.

But once the war was an accomplished fact, and when the people's armies rose in defense of their nations in what appeared to be an unequal fight, he did all he could to rally his countrymen to work to the limit in the war effort.

Shortly before his death he wrote as follows to his nephew, M. Sava Kosanovic, now Yugoslav Ambassador to the U. S.:

"President Roosevelt and Donald Nelson, Director of our War Production have repeatedly urged the American people, workers and employers, to meet as fully as possible the goals established for the production of war materials. . . For that reason, my dear brothers and sisters, as the oldest Serb, Yugoslav and American in the U. S., I am addressing this letter to you, asking you to answer the call of President Roosevelt.

"The achievements of our brothers in the old country are worthy of the spirit which permeates our folklore ... the fate of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes is inseparable."

Tesla was not satisfied with his achievements in releasing the earth's energies so that men could work with less backbreaking effort and live more comfortably. The man who could draw up a design for a perfect motor was also concerned with drawing up a plan for a better world. When Tesla read the address of the then Vice-President, Henry A. Wallace, on The Future of the Common Man, he was fired with enthusiasm. The Yugoslav edition of the speech included a preface by Nikola Tesla written in October, 1942:

"Out of this war, the greatest since the beginning of history, a new world must be born, a world that would justify the sacrifaces offered by humanity. This new world must be a world in which there shall be no exploitation of the weak by the strong. of the good by the evil; where there will be no humiliation of the poor by the violence of the rich; where the products of intellect, science and art will serve society for the betterment and beautification of life, and not individuals for the amassing of wealth. This new world shall not be a world of the downtrodden and humiliated, but of free men and free nations, equal in dignity and respect for man ..."

This man, whose work was so advanced of his time that much of it still remains unexplored could have amassed millions, but he was so little interested in personal gain that to save his friend, Mr. Westinghouse, from bankruptcy he tore up a contract which would have brought him \$12 millions in royalties. Pressed for funds during the latter part of his life, many of his inventions are lost to the world.

But though he was often short of money he would walk over to Herald Square and feed the pigeons. It was almost a sacred trust, feeding the piceons twice a day. They had been his personal responsibility through the years, and if he could not be there to do the feeding, a Western Union messenger boy would be hired to do the job in his stead. Often he would forget an important engagement so that he might keep his "date" on Herald Square. The pigeons were a way to relaxation, a note of warmth in an otherwise rigidly disciplined life. He had few friends and never married, since he felt a scientist must keep himself free of personal relationships that would be unduly demanding.

Restless and earer to unravel every possible unknown to the very end of

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## - GEO MILEV

describes only from the standpo<sup>1</sup> of his art. . . In his attitude to . . d various events in the life around him, which impress him strongly, he does not take sides. He does not praise one and hurt the other; he mercly describes everything he sees, describes it with the delicate, sweet colors of poetry...."

Geo was fined 20,000 leva and sentenced to one year in prison. He could not believe that the court could make such a decision. With joking reference to the dullness of "their Honors," he left the courtroom believing that the decision would never be carried out.

He was right. Unable to enforce their decision legally, the government resorted to illegal means.

Next day, May 15, 1925, Geo was kidnapped from his home and killed by underlings of Prime Minister Alexander Tzankoff.

The cultural world of Europe protested Geo's death. Henri Barbusse, of France, visited Bulgaria to investigate the case. In his book "The Murderers" he made reference to the circumstances of Geo's death. Max Reinhardt protested and "regretted the loss of a very gifted theater director." Oskar Kokoshka, in Vienna, recognized the loss of "a precious critic and learned connoisseur of modern art."

Many Bulgarian writers were silent. Fearing for their lives, they did not dare to speak a word for Geo Milev or express regret for his death. The more courageous of them stated that "talent such as Geo's is born only once in a hundred years," that "He was the most cultured Bulgarian," "The most honest and courageous."

THE youth and the common people deeply mourned for Geo. They knew they had lost a sincere friend and inspirer. Unable to use the Bulgarian printing presses, they copied his poem by hand and learned it by heart. Bulgarian students abroad printed it in Paris, and in Belgrade. In Prague it was translated into

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his life, he read a paper on the occasion of his 80th birthday on the perfection of a tube for atom smashing. As if that were not enough, he also presented a system of interplanetary communication.

Thus the fragmentary story of the life and work of a Yugoslav immigrant who, like so many tens of thousands of his fellow countrymen, left their homeland rather than live as subjects within the Austro-Hungarian empire.

He made a unique contribution to his adopted land, so ideally suited to the full scope of his genius, "the like of which in all history could probably be counted on the fingers of one hand."

It is to be hoped that just as he brought electrification to the U. S. in the short span of ten years, his adopted country might assist in the full electrification of the Balkans, reversing its present policy toward New Yugoslavia.

Czech and in Russia into Russian. A few courageous young people in Bulgaria printed pamphlets about Geo. They were promptly tortured and imprisoned.

We, his family, searched for him for months, but we never learned exactly where and how he was killed.

There were rumors that he had been shot in the mountains, that he had been burned in the furnace of "Public Safety." These measures were used by Bulgarian Fascists long before the world knew of Hitler. Both stories, however, avowed that his spirit was not crushed.

Geo's voice was silenced forever. The murderers triumphed, but they forgot that he who speaks for the freedom of a tormented and deprived people does not die. In today's New Bulgaria, Geo Milev is honored as one of her most cherished sons. Geo's poems are celebrated especially by the youth of today, the heirs of the September Revolution of 1944, which fulfilled his prediction of a decade before that "September will be May."

## THE AMERICAN SLAV COMMITTEE

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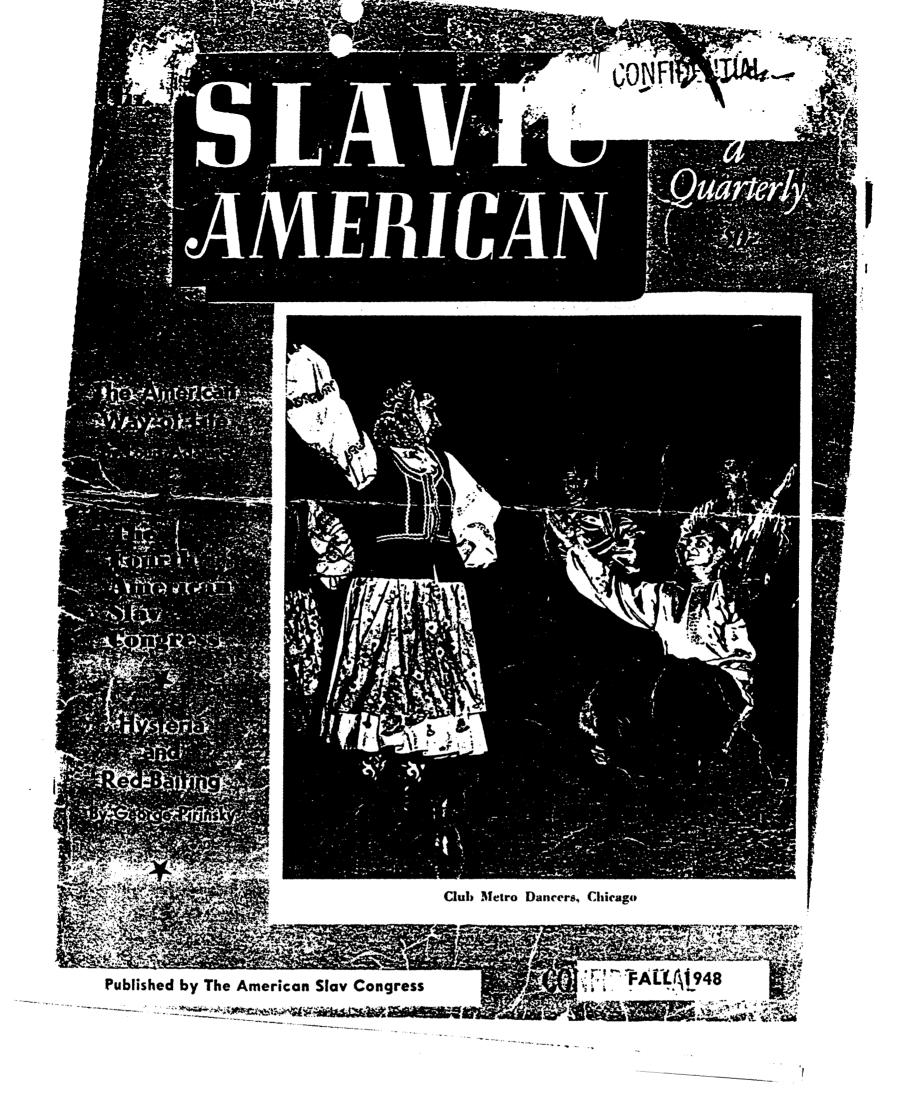
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# The American Way of Life

#### by LOUIS ADAMIC

THE opening lines of the Progres-

sive Party's platform read: "Three years after the end of the Second World War the drums are beating for a third. Civil liberties are being destroyed. Millions cry out for relief from unbearably high prices. The American Way of Life is in danger."

The American Way of Life has been the issue in any American election ever since 1776. Every voter who goes to the polls. votes—intelligently or mistakenly: independently or under the spell of inveterate partisanship—for one or another concept of the American Way of Life.

Of course, various people, living in various circumstances, have various ideas of what constitutes the American Way of Life. I propose to state my ideas of it: also I shall presume to fit those ideas within the frame of the new Progressive Party which must continue to grow from itbeginnings in 1943.

As I see the American Way of Life. its principles were born of the American Revolution. They were won in struggle; nothing as fundamental and deep-reaching comes easy. They are stated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Our job now is to perceive what policies and measures will safeguard the Way against decay and corruption. and will further its growth and evolution to meet successfully the problem of changing times and new conditions. The principles of 1776 are as valid as ever, but life is different today from what it was then. Fortunately growth and change are of the very essence of the American Way.

The first principle of the American Way of Life is the *right to life* itself: and this must be safeguarded against war on the one hand, and on the other against poverty, which in recent decades has taken a far heavier toll than any war in which this nation has ever so far been involved though the "next war," if we permit it to be drummed up, will reverse the story. "Why Go to War to Keep Others From Having Their Way of Life," asks Adamic

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The second principle of the American Way is *liberty*... it has always been our slogan and our pride. But we have long been cautioned that its price is eternal vigilance, and we know how to recognize those who have designs on it.

The third principle of our Way is *abundance*. When migrants from Europe first began to settle here, this was a land rich in the gifts of nature; and for all that those gifts have been abused by ignorance and irresponsibility, and particularly by exploiters and monopolists. Our resources are still great enough—if deforestation and erosion are checked in time, and if our mineral resources are properly conserved—to afford abundance, the good life, to all the inhabitants of These States.

And a fourth principle of the American Way is opportunity.

THE Progressive Party promises to safeguard the right to life by avoiding war—always the saddest failure of morality and now the potenial destroyer of human society and the globe itself.

Whether or not we can avoid World War III, I don't know; but I do know this—that if we don't try to avoid it, nothing else is worth try-

#### LOUIS ADAMIC

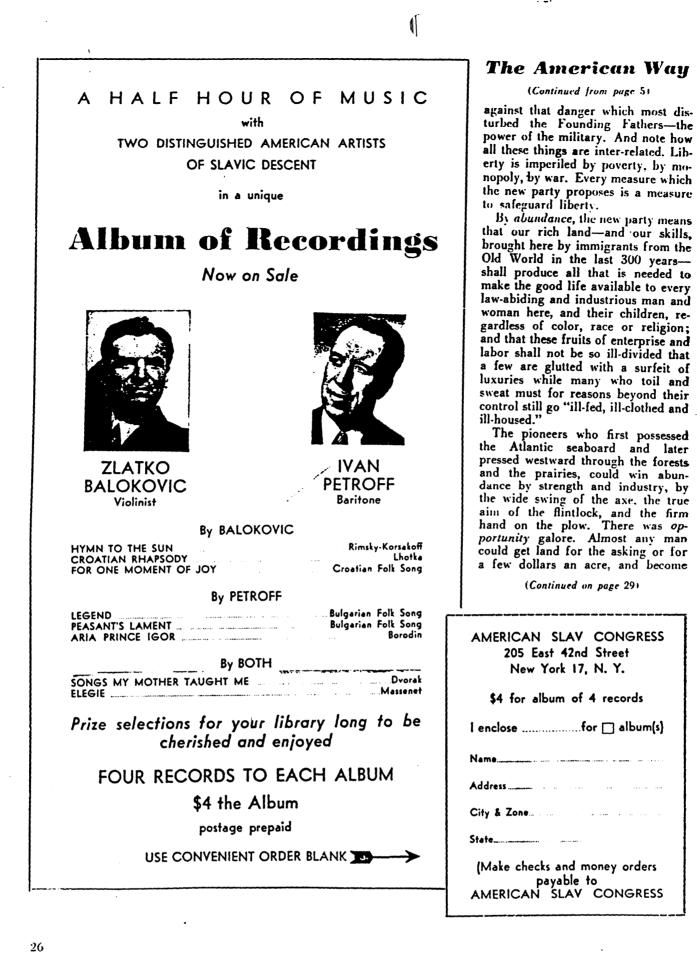


My America. He also edits and publishes a current affairs bulletin, Trends and Tides, issued from his home in Milford, New Jersey. ing to do nowadays. It is futile to wonder about the kind of curtains you'll hang up in your living-room ... futile to write or read books, to go to lectures or to school ... silly to worry about being called a Red or a Communist, or whatever, or about being hauled up before the fantastic Un-American Activities Committee ... futile to work at your job, whatever it may be ... silly to worry about keeping on the good side of whoever can take that job away from you.

War or peace? I don't know; but if we want any sort of future for this country, for the rest of the world, for ourselves and the Russians, for you and me personally, then we'd better work for peace . . . stand up for peace . . . stand up with our new political vehicle, the Progressive Party.

The Progressive Party further proposes to safeguard the right to life by abolishing poverty. Cynics, presstitutes, and generally people without hope and vision say this can't be done. They say Henry Wallace is a starry-eyed visionary. We say it can be done if we will jealously maintain freedom, bear in mind the limitless capabilities of Americans, and keep the grip of monopoly from arrogating the resources that should serve all. and if we will insist upon the application of the ever more marvelous discoveries and techniques of science for the common good.

The Progressive Party proposes to safeguard *liberty* — not with more lip service, but by adhering fully to the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and all subsequent amendments, in all their vitality and integrity, and by reviving and enhancing the programs and formulations of Roosevelt's New Deal. The Progressive Party proposes to guard liberty (Continued on page 26)



## The American Way

an independent farmer. Any man could set up a little store in a new community and become a prosperous merchant as the town grew. Almost any man could start a paper, establish a factory or mill, or open a mine, and become an industrialist.

This is no longer true. Millions of square miles have been rendered useless for human use and habitation by irresponsible deforestation and by erosion. The number of family farms dwindles yearly; every day hundreds of independent merchants and small mining, milling and manufacturing companies are forced out of business by the power of monopoly, centered in Wall Street.

The relentless limitation of opportunity, the shrinking of abundance for millions, the violences done to liberty in defiance of the Constitution and in contempt of the tradition that began in 1776, the further threat against freedom in the ominous form of military rule, the denial of life itself to unnumbered victims of poverty, and the grave threat to all our lives in the probability of a war waged with atom bombs and bacteria -these developments, conditions and prospects now imperil the American Way of Life.

The Progressive Party proposes to restore and safeguard and extend that Way-the emphasis is on the word "extend." Nothing in nature stands still, and no more can human economic and social and political institutions. Change is the key principle of the American Wav-growth, adaptation, progress. Had it not been for that principle, the USA would not exist-we would not now be debating the decisions made in an election: we would still be colonial subjects, or we wouldn't be here at all.

If we remembered more vividly what daring it took in 1776 to reject monarchy and form a republic, we would have less hesitation in rejecting the National Association of Manufacturers' notions of "free enterprise." and adopting measures more in keeping with today's facts of life. We would not hesitate to defy the greatest power on earth-that of monopoly corporations and cartels, whose agents have lately seized control of the U.S. Government.

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Under Henry Wallace's leadership. the Progressive Party offers itself as \_MILO BARANIC a medium through which those who love their country and are also in favor of their own rightful individual interests can express themselves politically . . . in 1949 . . . 1950 . . . in 1952, assuming that the "next war." now being drummed up, won't destroy us all before then.

We know now that we have established a firm foundation for the new party under the leadership of Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor. Personally, I was not in this campaign only in reference to this year's election or because I think. as I do think. that Henry Wallace is a great American who should be in the White House in this crucial period. In the main. I was in this campaign because, like Wallace and Taylor. like many other Americans. I became convinced that neither of the old parties is fit to deal with the profound crisis which is coming to a climax in these middle years of the 20th century. I am in this movement because I want to help build a new people's party that will be capable of coping with the crisis now converging upon us and the rest of the world.

LIKE many Americans, I am for-eign-born; and every once in a while I hear or read some remark to the effect that I have no right to be doing what I am doing-helping the growth of a new party which hopes to save the peace. Such remarks amuse me. It so happens that I have read rather extensively in American history, not as taught in most schools. -STEVEN DZUROSKA but as it really happened; and I am' impressed by this fact-that in all crucial or climactic periods in the career of this country. the so-called foreigners played important roles.

The Irish and German elements, for instance, were the big "foreign" groups around 1776. and it was they who became the backbone of General Washington's revolutionary army. The Irish and German elements also furnished the mass support to Thomas Jefferson when he started a new party, MATEJ STROMKO 150 years ago. Jefferson did not triumph immediately tas Wallace didn't); his supporters stood it with him until he did (as I hope we will

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## **Greetings** From

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Delegates join in singing the National Anthem.

## The American Way

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with Wallace). The same was true again in the period of Andrew Jackson, when American democracy took another long step forward. When Lincoln came along and started a new party, his most steadfast backing came from the numerous new-immigrant groups—Germans, Finns, Poles. Scandinavians and others.

This was quite natural. As newcomers who came here seeking liberty, abundance and opportunity, they had a more acute sense of what America professed, and they took American principles more seriously than many of the old-line Americans who had begun to be matter-of-fact, if not smug, about the country. As newcomers, they were somewhat outside the mainstream of American life. By going behind the cause of Wash-ington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln, they became part of the main-stream. They promoted themselves from second-class citizens to firstclass. It was Americanization at its very best. It made history, it enriched the traditions, it integrated the new Americans into the country as a whole.

And it is quite natural, and very fortunate, that many of us in the new-immigrant groups have joined with many old-line Negro Americans, with many white Americans of the earlier immigration waves, with Henry Wallace, in this movement to form a new party and make it competent to deal with the complex problems looming before us. Many of us Slavic Americans already in 1946 and early in 1947, sensed that Henry Wallace was right, and we became part of the growing impulse to form a new party. Regardless of what some of our opponents have said, this fact is strictly and wonderfully in the American tradition. It is part of the Americanization process. It is according to the American Way. We are promoting ourselves from second-class to firstclass citizenship. This is resented by some of the Americans of the older strains, the self-styled standard Americans; but don't let that worry you too much. They, too, are being Americanized or re-Americanized as you assume your full rights and duties of citizenship. Americanism has its standards, to be sure; very high standards; but it is not anything rigid or dead; it is alive, vital, open to change and enrichment.

Slavic Americans are part of the whole immense American dynamic which is as yet little understood, and is full of promises and dangers. By coming here, we of the new immigration greatly complicated the American civilization as it was, say, 90 or 100 years ago. Most Slavic immigrants became workers in the great industries, and now their energy is integral with the American scene as a whole. Most immigrants in the last 100 years or so worked hard, many of them too hard at too little pay, and helped to create a complex industrial machine which, lest it overwhelm us, now needs intelligent handling and control. It is our duty to take an active interest in finding an approach to the immense industrial, economic and social problems facing us: for. let me repeat, our coming here and our labors in the last several decades have helped to create these problems.

Most of us who came over were

ordinary people. But in the new immigration waves were also some extraordinary human beings. There was, for instance, a man of genius, Nikola Tesla. His numerous inventions now are one of the most important factors in the immense American industrial scheme which throbs with the high promises that pulsated through Tesla's brain, but which are also full of dangers. Personally, as one who happens to be proud of being of the same background as was Tesla. I feel it is my special duty to help do what is necessary to insure that Tesla's work, as well as the work of ordinary men and women, will go into the fulfillment of promises in our American Way of Life, rather than contribute to the catastrophe now threatening.

N 1942, Henry Wallace made his I famous speech on "The Century of the Common Man." Nikola Tesla, who was a very uncommon man, publicly endorsed that speech in glowing terms. And I think that I speak not only for myself, but also for Tesla, when I assert that the American Way of Life is not the way of incredibly greedy monopoly profits and prohibitive prices for the necessities of life. Look at this picture: Millions of men in their best years who fought and suffered, many of whom will carry greater or lesser disabilities to their graves-veterans to whom we said Nothing is too good for you"-are unable to secure homes of minimum decency and convenience. Their families cannot be adequately fed with meat at 70¢ to \$1.20 a pound. Whatever wage increases they may secure (Continued on page 32)

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## from our readers

Dear Editor:

Our small club of eight members, from a small mining community in Pennsylvania, until recently was known as the Rural Ridge Busy Knitters Club. We are now a chapter of the Congress of American Women.

We have only fifteen dollars in our treasury and out of this we are sending you \$10, because of our desire to contribute to the work you are doing.

May it help in some way towards The Slavic American's fight for freedom and democracy.

> Anna Tominac, Pres. Anne Kondrick, Sec'y. Julia Pukavina, Treas. Rural Ridge, Pa.

Dear Editor:

I send you post haste my renewal subscription for The Slavic American.

In all sincerity—keep up the good work for you are doing an excellent job in the struggle against fascism.

I never miss an issue.

#### Rev. Eliot White New York, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

How about more profiles on Slavic American writers and scientists like Nikola Tesla? The field for this type of material is virtually endless.

> Anton Markulic Los Angeles, Calij.

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## The American Way

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through their unions, increased living costs still stay one jump ahead of them.

We of the Progressive Party say this is not the American Way of Life. And "we" includes great numbers of ex-GIs and young workers, old-stock Americans and immigrants: Americans of all breeds and backgrounds.

If all Americans are employed at better than mere-existence wages or are engaged in business or professional activities at a reasonable compensation; if all Americans are well clothed and fed; if all Americans are secure instead of uncertain and worried, as the majority are today, there will be no war. The Hearsts, Peglers, Forrestals and Bullitts won't get to first base in trying to propagandize us into fear and hate of other countries which are emerging out of backwardness and, because of their different historic experiences. are attempting a different system for providing benefits and opportunities for their citizens.

Why go to war to keep others from having their way of life? We in the Wallace movement, in the Progressive Party. insist on peace in order to keep the American Way of Life. If our approach prevails in time, there will be no war and Russia will be no danger to America, to the American Way of Life. The chief danger to this country and to our institutions under the Constitution lies in our present highlevel politicians and wire-pullers who have raised the cry of Communism and of the Russian menace as a smokescreen to neutralize any possible militancy on the part of labor, to scare us in the new-immigrant groups, to frighten the Negroes, and to confuse the people generally so they won't be able to figure out who or what is responsible for high living costs. Henry Wallace clearly means what he says; so he and his active supporters were smeared, lest too many voters vote for him and in their own interest.

The old-line politicians and wire-

pullers and their propagandists are not afraid of Communism, but of American democracy and of the American people; of the people getting wise to themselves and demanding a return to the American Way of Life—the Way defined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

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That's what they are afraid of . . . that's what we Progressives stand for ... and that's what will prevail if you and I, all of us and all of our neighbors wherever we come from, do everything in our power to build the new party that has come into being around the personality and political philosophy of Henry Wallace. We, all of us, will have to do all we can in this post-election period to make of the Progressive Party a party capable of saving the country and helping to bring about a world in which the American Way of Life will include not warlike antagonism, but constructive interest in the ways of life in other countries.



#### FEDERAL BUREA ON Form No. 1 FILE NO. 100-27583 MBJ THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO . MY REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE BY 10/6,7, MARTIN-J. LUKOSKIE 11/13/43 NEW YORK CITY 25-28/67 TITL CHARACTER OF CASE with aliases Ĉ 610 SECURITY MATTER - C. PFROPRI In Flerd E (\$) SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Bureau letter dated January 21, 1943, reflects that SAVA KOSANOVICH is alleged Communiat and supposedly TUCK DLT helps finance every Serbian newspaper in the U. S. except "SRBOBRAN", published in Pittsburgh; and active among the Serbians in U. S. He was Tugoslav Minister of State and after coming to the U. S. was threatened with violence in 4/43 as being anti Chetnik and pro-German. employedation U. S. DEPT. OF STATE. former professor in Tugoslavia and is presently writing articles for a Cleveland Slovene newspaper and also 670 reported to be member of Communist dominated organization in NTC. Address of 0/5 NYC, is which reportedly has received funds for support from the Communist organization. Indicas an DESTROYEI and except as set forth below. TE REFERENCE: Bureau File #100-118061 Report of Special Agent WILLIAN-H. JAHN, JR., dated July 17, 1943 et Cincinnati, Ohio. At New York, N. Y. DETAILS : Reaso DECLASSIFIED ON G This investigation is predicated upon a request in ΰ BY 3042 Dut appeal · .• . . . . . . FORWARDED WRITE IN THE D & INDEXED COPIES OF THIS REPORT 75 - Bureau (5 - Cincinnati (2-USA, Dayton) 5 ...... •. (#100-4083) - New York 2 \$ DEA : : . 7-3031



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SAVA KOSANOVICH first came to the attention of the Bureau in January, 1943, after the death of NIKOLA TESLA, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field. During his lifetime, TESLA conducted many experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power and just prior to his death, was interested in what is commonly called the "death-ray".

The notes and records of TESLA's experiments and formulae, together with designs of machinery necessary for their operation, were reported to be among TESLA's personal effects, after his death.

It was reported that KOSANOVICH claimed to be a nephew of TESLA, and he attempted to secure possession of TESLA's personal effects, and hired a private locksmith to gain access to TESLA's possessions. The Bureau was interested because of the supposedly vital importance of TESLA's inventions and the desire to keep them out of enemy hands, as one informant maintains that KOSANOVICH was pro-Axis in his sympathies. The matter was later handled as an alien enemy, custodial detention matter and no further investigation conducted by this office.  $(\phi)$ 

The Eureau advised by letter of January 21, 1943, that its files revealed confidential information concerning NIKOLA TESLA and his inventions and advised that one NICOLA TESLA, who might be identical with NIKOLA TESLA, made a speech in Springfield, Massachusetts on July 4, 1922 under the auspices of the Friends of Soviet Russia.

(2) It was further advised that one SAVA KOSANOVICH, described as the Minister of Supply, arrived with other Tugoslavian Government Officials at Norfolk, Virginia on September 4, 1941. In another instance, the name of SAVA NV KOSANOVICH appeared on the stationery of the CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN PLANNING BOARD (Csechoslovakia, Greece, Poland, Tugoslavia). In this letterhead, KOSANOVICH was described as chairman of the board and inister of State for Tugoslavia. It was stated that this board was intereted in planning for post-war Europe. In still another Bureau file, ip wa disclosed that SAVA KOSANOVICH, & Serbian, was a member of one of the Iugoslavian minority parties and when an emergency government to overthrow an ulliance with the Axis was-formed, he was included as an official of Au

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L. B. NICHOLS FROM :

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

BYPIACCO DATE 2.2289 + 241860 Westbrook Fegler called yesterday and said he would be in town for the next two or three days and wanted to see me. Tele I told him I would be glad to see him late yesterday or today at his convenience. He is coming in today at 2:30 p.m.

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I asked him if there was anything special which would require my doing any checking. He stated there were two things he wanted to discuss.

1. The case of Nikola Tesla and Abraham A. Spanel, President of International Latex Corporation, that he Pegler gove some information to Rogers of the Senate Investigating Committee three or four years ago and Rogers brushed it off stating the witness Pegler wanted to present was unreliable.

Our files reflect that Nicola Tesla was one of the world's outstanding scientists and in fact designed the generators installed at Niagara Falls. He died in New York on January 7, 1943, and is supposed to have left details and plans for a socalled death ray. Spanel and Henry Wallace, according to Pegler, tried to get hold of it.

Our files also reflect that Colonel Erskine of Wilitary Intelligence called us on January 9, 1943, advising that Tesla had died, that A. Spanel had communicated with the War Department regarding this death, that Tesla had a nephew named Sava Kosanovich who had taken possession of Tesla's papers and Spanel thought the papers might be used against our Government.

We made an immediate inquiry in New York and the first report was that Kosanovich and others entered Tesla's room with the aid of a locksmith, broke into a safe containing some of Tesla's valuable papers including formula.

Coincident with this, on January 8, L. M. C. Smith called Mr. Tamm regarding the death of Tesla and Smith stated he was talking to the Alien Property Custodian about seizing these items.

We interviewed Spanel who expressed concern over Tesla's effects and Spanel stated that Kosanovich had turned over the effects of Tesla to the Alien Property Custodian. Spanel further stated the day before Tesla died, he tried to get in touch with the War Department to make available certain patent 00

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It turned out that Kosanovich at this time was secretary of state to the Yugoslav Government in exile in New York. He later became Ambassador and returned to Yugoslavia 10st year. We investigated him on various occasions as a possible espionage agent. However, there were no overt acts ever developed.

In 1945, we talked to a Private Bloyce Fitzgerald, who stated he had been associated with Tesla, and that the Army believed that Tesla's "death ray" is the only defense against atom bombs.

It was very clear we had no responsibility for Tesla's effects, that the Alien Property Custodian seized them and we learned later that Naval authorities made microfilms of all his papers.

Kosanovich communicated with the Bureau on Warch 29, 1950, and under date of April 3, 1950, in response to his request for the microfilms of the papers of Tesla, who was a relative of Kosanovich, we advised Kosanovich that this Bureau had never been in possession of Tesla's papers.

I see in the file there are conflicting reports on Kosanovich: some people say he is a Communist; others say he is not a Communist but is a Tito opportunist. On one occasion, on December 11, 1946, we observed Nathan Gregory Stlvermaster and in a meeting with Kosanovich in New York City.

Senator McCarthy furnished the Bureau five communications received from a Market which pertained primarily to Abraham Spanel. This individual mentioned the FBI at length in these communications, pointing out that Wr. Forworth had been called in on the Tesla case but was killed shortly thereafter. He further stated that he was associated with Fitzgerald and as such came in touch with Tesla. He stated the FBI investigated this matter but their hands were tied, that there was nothing the FBI could do as they had been stopped from a higher level, that Harvey Rath, the FBI Agent he dealt with, resigned and requested never to discuss the matter with him again, that he had a wije and family to consider and that the last hope was Congress. These communications were furnished to the Department

The checks we have made on Spanel reflect allegations he is pro-Soviet and others that he is a patriotic American.

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on September 19, 1950.

It is significant that Spanel filed suit against King Features in 1945 for \$6,000,000, alleging libel on the part of Pegler.

We did have an Agent, Harvey E. Rath, who entered on duty February 16, 1942, resigned April 5, 1946. At the time he restaned, he stated he was going into the toy business with Avenue, and his residence was street, East Orange, New Jersey. The file

does not indicate that we have ever interviewed Rath on the basis of the second allegations.

I think we should see what specifics Pegler wants. I think we can tell him on the Tesla papers that when they were reported to us, the Department stated that the Alien Property Custodian was going to seize the papers and that we learned Spanel had called the War Department about the papers falling into the wrong hands. I think the less we can give Pegler the better as the libel suit might still be pending. Again, he may be looking for information to publicize Spanel and International Latex.

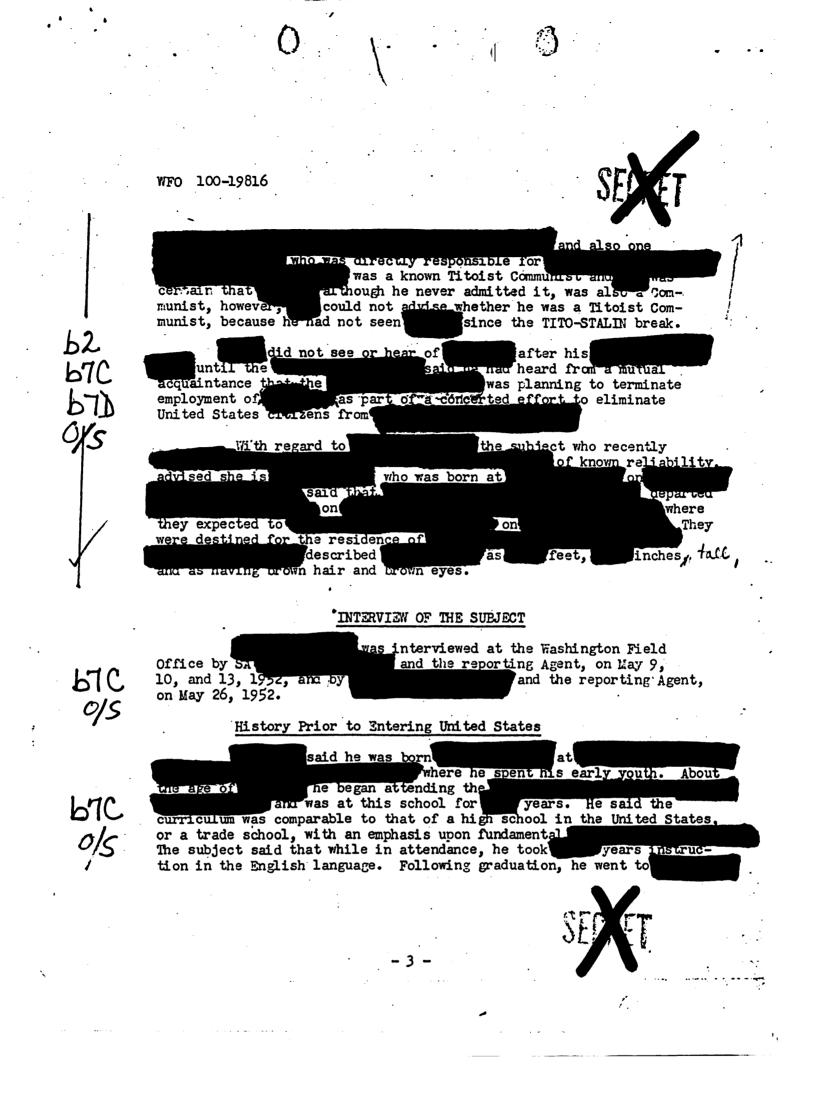
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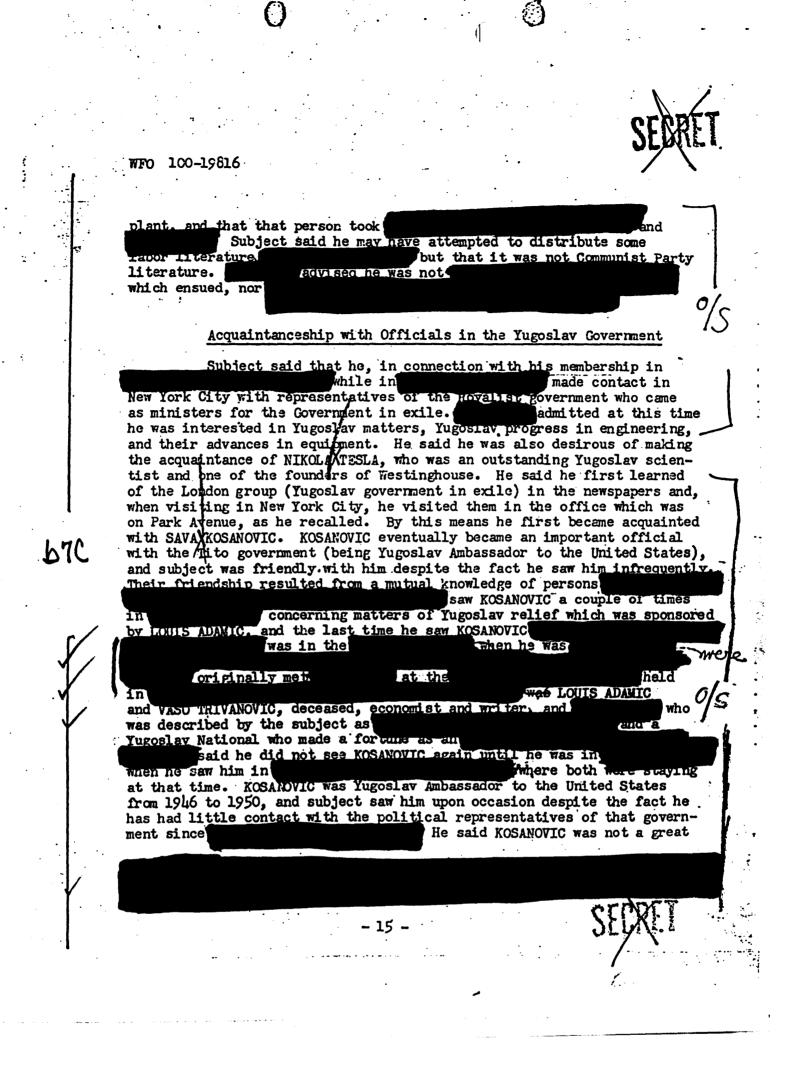
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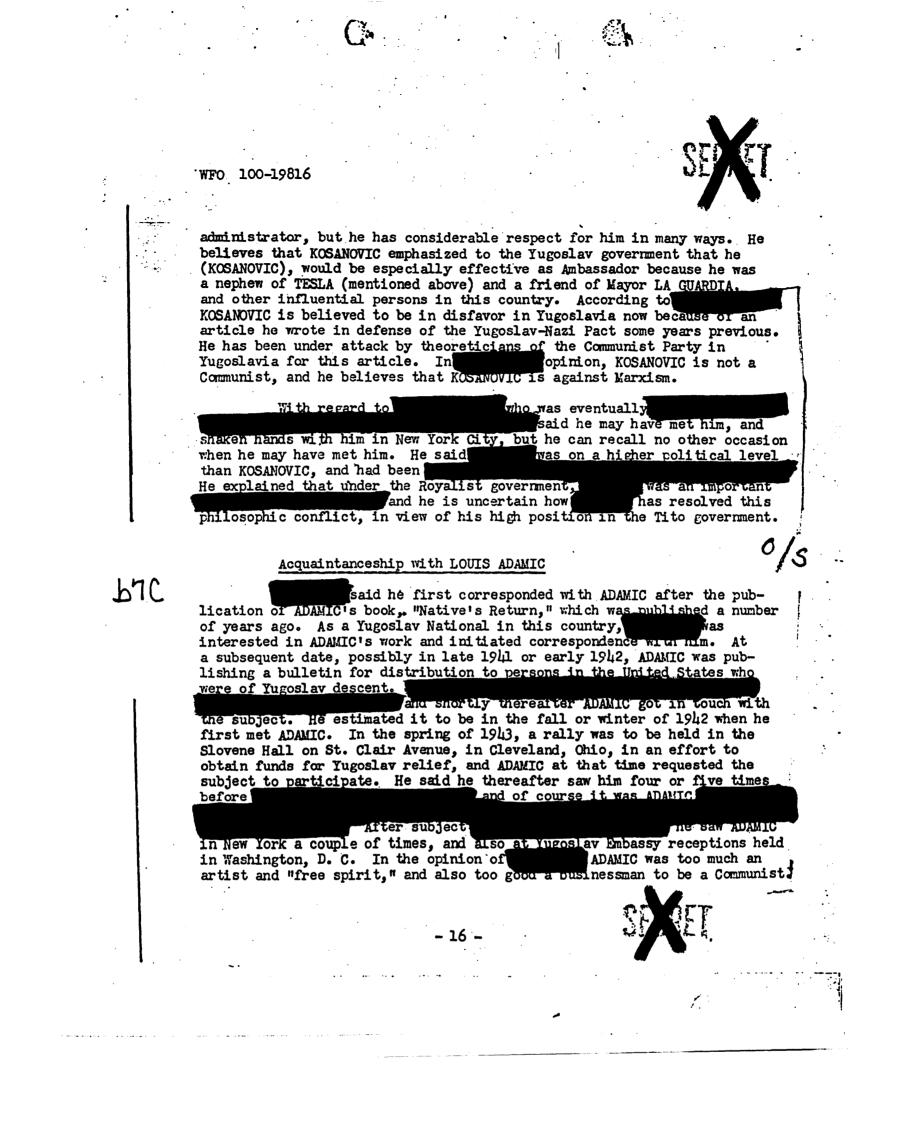
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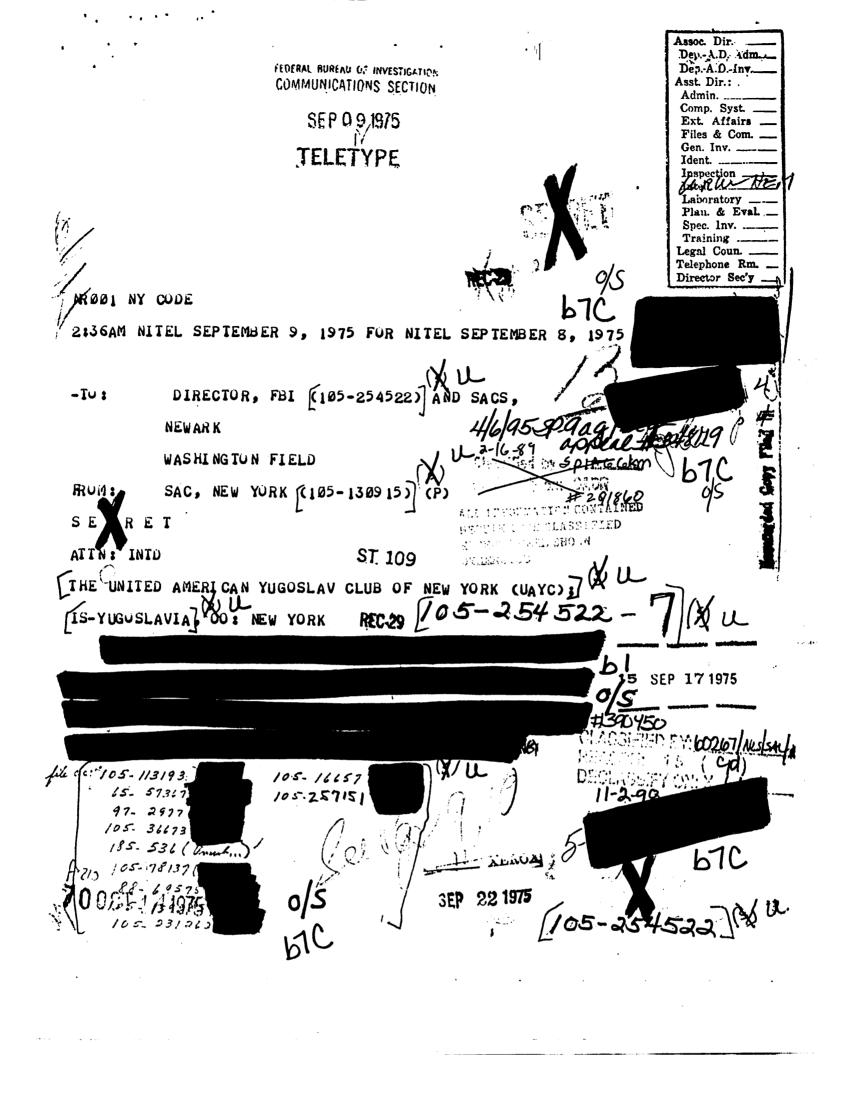
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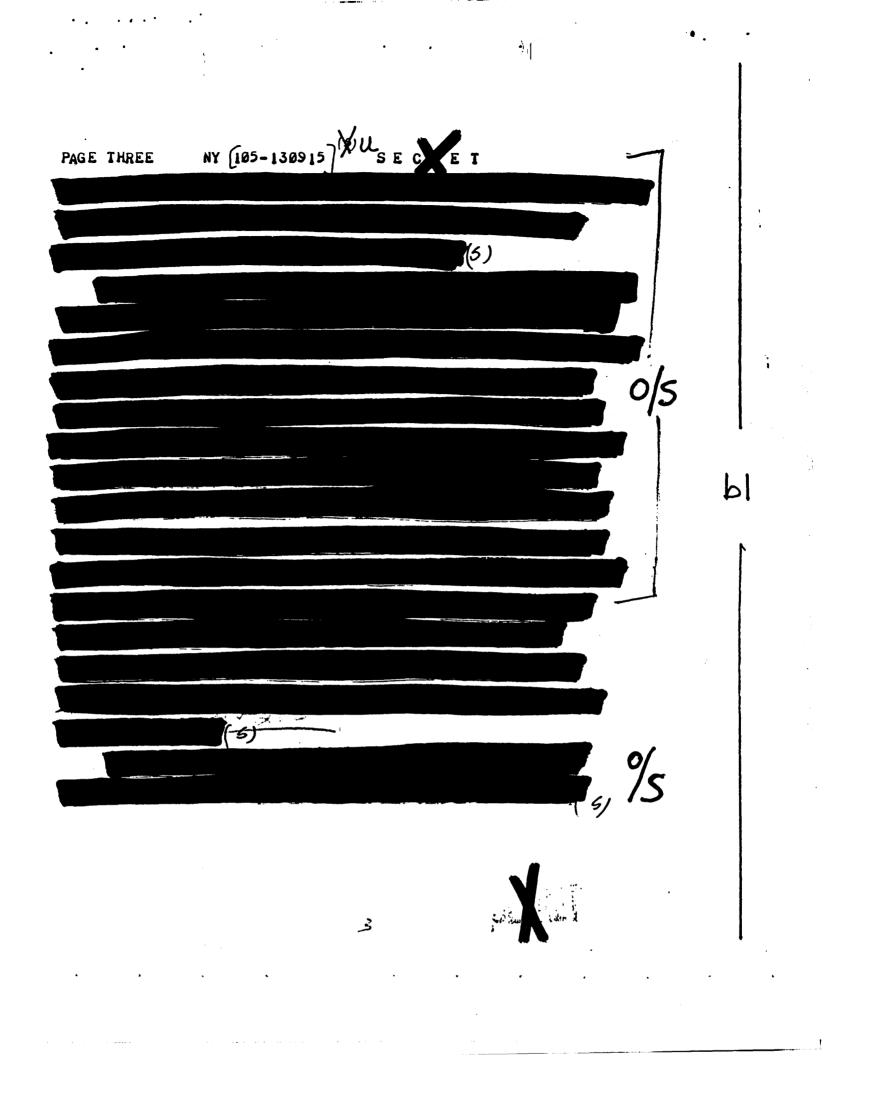
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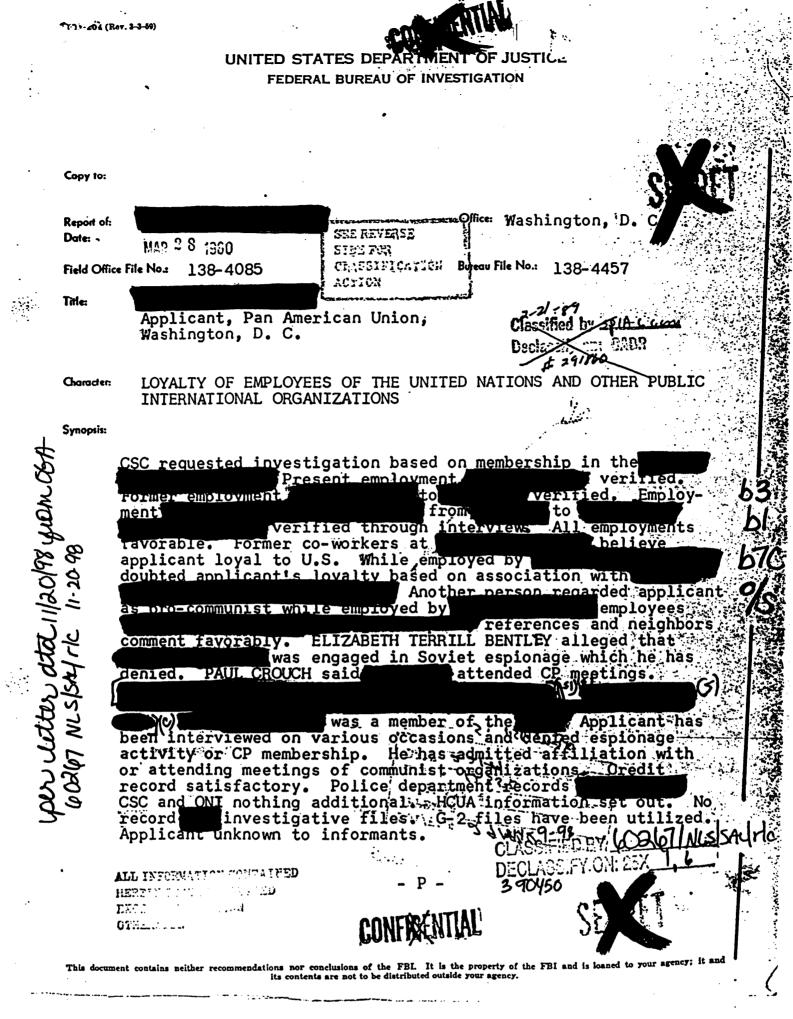


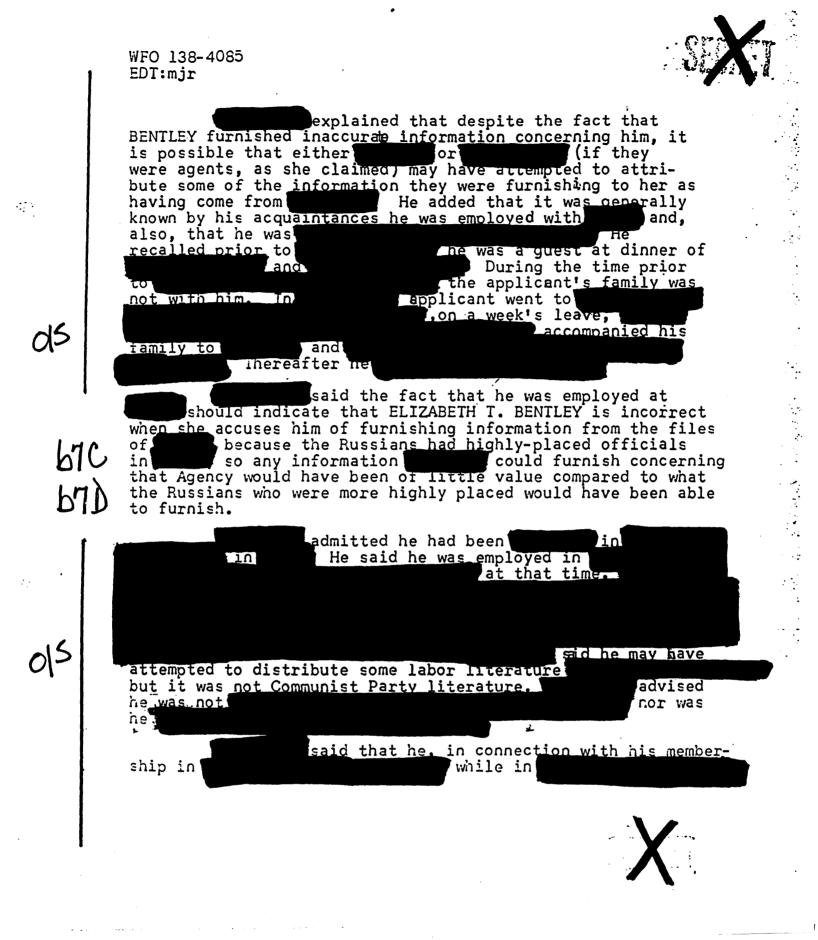






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made contact in New York City with representatives of the Royalist government who came as ministers for the Government in exile. A matters, Augustated at this time he was interested in Yugoslav matters, Yugoslav progress in engineering, and their advances in equipment. He said he was also desirous of making the acquaintance of NIKOLA TESLA, who was an outstanding Yugoslav scientist and one of the founders of Westinghouse. He said he first learned of the London group (Yugoslav government in exile) in the newspapers and, when visiting in New York City, he visited them in the office which was on Park Avenue, as he recalled. By this means he first became acquainted with <u>SAVA KOSANOVIC</u>. KOSANOVIC eventually became an important official with the Tito government (being Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States), and the applicant was 'saw

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described by the applicant as a second and said he did not see KOSANOVIC again untir hé was in when he saw him in ( where both were staying at that time. KOSANOVIC was Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States from 1946 to 1950, and applicant saw him upon occasion despite the fact he has had little contact with the political representatives of that govern-He said KOSANOVIC was ment since not a great administrator, but he has considerable respect for him in many ways. He believes that KOSANOVIC emphasized to the

Yugoslav government that he (KOSANOVIC), would be especially effective as Ambassador because he was a newphew of TESLA (mentioned above) and a friend of Mayor LA GUARDIA, and other

KOSANOVIC is believed to be in disfavor in Yugoslavia now because of an article he wrote in defense of the Yugoslav-Nazi Pact some

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years previously. He has been under attack by theoreticians of the Communist Party in Yugoslavia for this article. In opinion, KOSANOVIC is not a Communist, and he believes that KOSANOVIC is against Marxism.

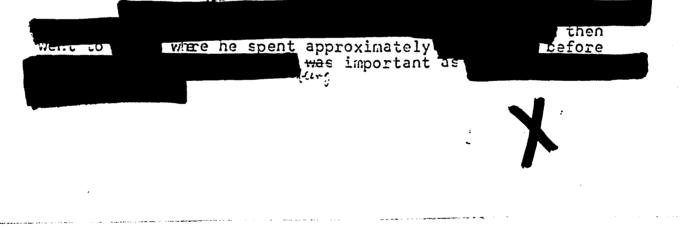
With regard to who was eventually in Yugoslavia, said he may nave met him, and shaken hands with him in New York City, but he can recall no other occasion when he may have met him. He said was on a higher political level than KOSANOVIC, and He explained that under the Royalist government; was an important was r. F

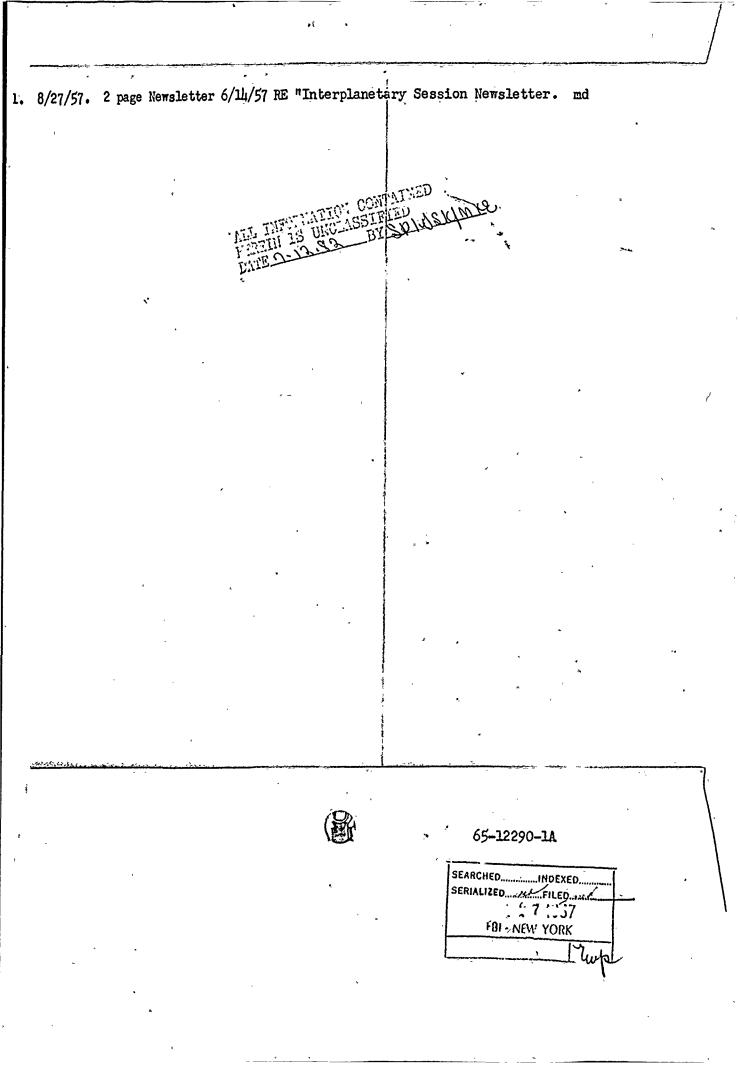
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has resolved this philosophic conflict, in view of his high position in the Tito government.

after the publication of ADAMIC's book, "Native's Return," which was published a number of years ago. As a Yugoslav National in this country, when was interested in ADAMIC's work and initiated correspondence with him. At a subsequent date, possibly in late 1941 or early 1942, ADAMIC got in touch with the He estimated it to be in the fall or winter of 1942 when he first met ADAMIC. In the spring of 1943, a rally was to be held in the Slovene Hall on St. Clair Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio, in an effort to obtain fundssfor Yugoslav relief, and ADAMIC at that time requested the applicant to participate. He said he thereafter saw him four or five times before

of times, and also at Yugoslav Embassy receptions held in Washington, D. C. In the opinion of ADAMIC was too much an artist and "free spirit," and also too good a businessman to be a Communist.





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JUNE 14, 1957 LUTERPLANETARY SESSIONS NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends: INTERPLANETARY SESSION NEWSLETTER.

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We have not issued a Newsletter since May 1, 1956 because we had no Space news which we could consider authentic. However, now we have some good news to pass along to you.

No. 7

LECTURE - by George Van Tassel and Dan Fry, in Ballroom of Hotel Diplomat, 110 West 43rd Street, New York City, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 1957. Donation \$1.25.

George Van Tassel operates the Giant Rock (California) Spaceport and Airport and has been host at four annual Spacecraft Conventions. He is the author of two books: I Rode A Flying Saucer, and Into This World and Out Again. He is also the publisher of Proceedings magazine, usually issued monthly. Back issues of Proceedings have been reprinted in one volume. Address George Van Tassel, P. O. Box 419, Yucca Valley, California.

Dan Fry is the author of The White Sands Incident. In this book he tells the story of a trip which he made in a flying saucer from a desert spot on the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico to New York City and return, in 32 minutes.

Dan Fry and another gentleman are now enroute to New York by automobile. George Van Tassel and Art Aho will arrive in Mr. Aho's plane. They all plan to be in New York City at Hotel Diplomat on June 17. They will probably be heard next week on Long John's program on Radio Station WOR, from 12 midnight to 5:30 in the morning, nightly except Sunday.

This letter will not reach you in time to sight flying saucers over New York on the night of June 13, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. But there will again be <u>full scale operations of flying saucers over all American areas</u> on July 1. This will be in three phases, as follows: New York areas, July 1, 9 a.m.; Washington, D.C., areas at 9:25 a.m.; general North American areas, after 9:25 a.m.; Gentral American areas, 9:30 a.m.; South American areas, 9:35 a.m.; Second phase: Same areas as above, beginning at 12 o'clock mid, day, July 1. <u>Third phase</u>: Full scale operations over all American areas. beginning at 7 o'clock on the evening of July 1. The above information has been supplied by George King, editor of Cosmic Voice, 88 The Drive Mansions, Fulham Road, London S.W. 6. Also, please note that fleorge King has also published back issues of Cosmic Voice in one volume? price \$1.00 plus postage. This is beyond doubt the finest "buy" of saucer messages that we know of. George King is considered the best telepathic contact which the space people have, although George Van Tassel is the finest we have in America.

Margaret Storm has been assigned to certain work with the Space People, as follows: She is writing a book - Return of the Dove - a story of the life of Nikola Tesla, scientist, and the part his inventions will play in the New Age. Much of the data for this book has been supplied to Mrs. Storm through transcripts received on the Tesla set, a radio-type machine invented by Tesla in 1938 for Interplanetary Communication. Tesla died in 1943 and his engineers did not build the Tesla set until after his death. It was placed in operation in 1950 and since that time the Tesla engineers have been in close touch with space ships. The Space People have visited the Tesla engineers many times, and have told us that Tesla was a Venusian, brought to this planet as a baby, in 1856, and left With Mr. and Mrs. Tesla in a remote mountain province in what is now 1 Yogoslavia. A biography of Tesla was published in 1944. It can probably to Status. from your local library or bookstore. It is entitled Product and the lib John J. O'Neill, then science editor of the New York Herald Product and Mr. O'Neill has since died. This book gives no information at the Tesla's connection with the Space People, a fact which was not reveated until 1950. The book also gives many <u>wrong impressions</u> of Tesla, because Mr. O'Neill's occult knowledge was limited. However, it is well worth reading because it gives much technical information about electrical engineering which Mrs. Storm will be obliged to omit in her book because she has such an abundance of material to present.

It had not been intended to mention Mrs. Storm's work at this time, but the public will be offered a "sneak preview" in a small mimeographed resume of the book, according to publication arrangements now being made. This development came about unexpectedly because of the extremely critical condition of world affairs, engendered by the continuance of nuclear tests, and the fact that Mrs. Storm could not possibly have the finished book ready for the publishers before July 30, even with the aid of a small miracle. This material is now being presented as a paper before certain California groups where the announcement of the Tesla news was received with tremendous enthusiasm.

Mrs. Storm will present the material to certain small groups in the New York area within the next few weeks, and probably Space Groups in other sections will also co-operate by offering it to their members. Our world situation is not hopeless by any means, although the Space People bluntly inform us that as a race we are too "lazy"; spiritually we must become more potent if we are to hold this planet together against the efforts of the dark forces to blow it to bits.

So let us look for the good news. Look for good news from England where the messages of George King have at last reached the scientists, the press, and the Queen. Look for good news from Calvin Girvin of California, who is one of the best space contacts in this country.

And look for more good news at the Van Tassel-Dan Fry lecture on June 20. We hope to see all of you there. The ballroom seats about 1200, and we must put forward every effort to get behind these speakers and support them.

Then on July 1 let us keep our eyes on the skies! The Space People are going to make every effort to give all of us a chance to see the ships. However, if the military uses jets in large numbers to chase the Space Ships, we may not see them. As citizens you can urge the government to be more cordial to our visitors.

Now for some unpleasant news. This has been transmitted from Mars Sector 8, through George King in London. We have to begin paying off our karmic debts in the form of disease, which cannot be abated unless we discontinue the nuclear experiments. However, to help all of us through the coming period of epidemics the Space People have placed four space stations in orbit around the earth. They will start magnetizing the earth at midnight on July 21. Through meditation we can absorb these healing rays. The Martians have clearly indicated that they are just about "fed up" with our depravity on this planet; apparently even Space People can become impatient!

51 West 81 Street New York 24, N.Y. TRafalger 7-2000 COLONIAL HOTEL. Sincerely,

Margaret and John Storm

Mr. Donegan Mr. Drayton \*\*\*\* .Mr. Thurston Mr. Anderson Mr. Charters Mr. Chipman MLL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Emrich Mr. Higgins N IS UNCLASSIFIED INDEXED Mr. Kirkland 1.12.82 BYSDIDSKIMKS ... Mr. Klemp .Mr. Levin January 9, 19/13 .---. Mir. T. Lynch Mr. LicCabo MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH: Mic. w- n Mr. Osthutaoff re: Unknown Subjects, Mr. Ryan .Mr. Wland Equipment, Experiments and Research of Nikola Tesla, Deceased. .Chief Clerk Espionage - N. .....Property Cierk ......Files Mr. A. N. SPANEL, 1136 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in a

telephone conversation with the writer during the late evening of January; 8, 1943, stated that NIKOLA TESLA, who was one of the World's outstanding scientiests particularly in the electrical field, and who had passed away on January 7th, 1943, at the Hotel New Yorker where he maintained his residence, during his lifetime had conducted many experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power and what is commonly called the "death ray". Mr. SPANEL further stated that the notes and records of TESIA's experiments and formulae, together with designs of the machinery necessary to vitalize them, are among TESLA's personal effects and that no steps have been taken to preserve them or to keep them from falling into the hands of people unfriendly to the war effort of the Allied SPANEL continued by saying that a distant relative of TELSA, a Nations. person who was intensely disliked by Telsa and who came to the United States from Czechoslovakia within the past year, by the name of SAVA KOSANOVICH is taking steps to get possession of these important documents and plans." Mr. SPANEL believes that there is a strong likelihood of KOSANOVICH making this material available to the enemy in the event he is successful.

SPINEL advised that he is engaged in some kind of governmental work connected with the war effort which causes him to spend about five days of each week in the Nation's capitol; and because of the connections he has made in this capacity he has seen fit to telephonically notify G-2 headquarters in Washington, D. C., as well as Mr. BORKIN of the Department of Justice in Washington. SPANEL stated that Mr. BORKIN advised him that he, BORKIN, would immediately make the information available to the Director of the FBI and advised SPANEL to lose no time in taking steps to see to it that TELSA's personal possessions were not disturbed.

A few minutes after this conversation Mr. SPANEL again telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had been in telephone communication with Dr. D. LOZADO, one of the advisers to Vice President WALLACE. After talking with LOZADO he, LOZADO, called back to <u>SPANEL and</u> told him that the government was vitally interested in the effects of  $\overrightarrow{PESIR}$ , [. particularly those dealing with the wireless transmission of electrical energy and the "death ray" and for SPANEL to lose no time in doing all he JAIN 9 - 1943 N. Y. C.

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In the last conversation with the writer SPANEL dovised that

a young man by the name of BLOYCE FITZGEARLD, an electrical engineer, had been quite close to TELSA during his lifetime and in fact was the protegy of TELSA. SPANEL said that FITZGEARLD was in New York City and would be in contact with him shortly, at which time he would have FITZGEARLD call the writer.

At 10:30 p. m., 1/8/43 Mr. FITZGEARLD telephoned the writer and stated that he had a great deal of information about TELSA and his personal effects and would like to call at the office and give the writer the benefit of his knowledge.

At midnight, 1/8/43 FITZGEARLD came to the office and in a personal interview with the writer gave the following information:

Nikola Tesla, a native of Serbia, came to the United States late in the nineteenth century. While here he became famous for his electrical innovations, inventions and advanced ideas in the engineering field. Tesla was the designer of the generators in the Niagra Falls power plant, and in fact has his name inscribed on the generators in recognition of the fact. To substantuate this FITZGEARLD displayed a great number of old newspaper clippings and an album of letters written congratulating Telsa on his 75th anniversary; the letters were from world renowned people, principally those in the scientific field. Telsa, by reason of his wizardy became a consultant to Marconi, Charles Edison, and many others. Telsa's induction electrical motor was sold by him to Westinghouse for \$2,500,000.

FITZGEARLD stated that of late years he had become a confident of TELSA and knew that TELSA had and was carrying on extensive experiments for transmitting electrical power by wireless and with propelling electrical rays possessing sufficient power to destroy implements of warfare, such as airplanes and submarines. Within the past month TELSA told FITZGEARLD that his experiments in this connection had been completed and perfected. FITZGEARLD also knows that TELSA has conceived and designed a revolutionary type of torpedo which is not presently in use by any of the nations; it is FITZGEARLD's belief that this design has not been made available to any nation up to the present time. From statements made to FITZGEARLD by • TELSA he knows that the complete plans, specifications and explanation of the basic theories of these things are some place in the personal effects FITZGEARLD stated that he knows that there is a working model of TELSA. of TELSA's which cost more than \$19,000 to build in a safety deposit box of TELSA's at the Governor Clinton Hotel; and from statements made by TELSA FITZGEARLD believes it has to do with the so called "death ray" or the wireless transmission of electrical current.

In past conversations TELSA has told FITZGEARLD that he has some 80 trunks in different places containing manuscripts and plans having to do with experiments conducted by him. FITZGEARLD knows that TELSA Foxworth Memo - Nikola - Page 3.

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has for several years stored some of his possessions in a warehouse some place in New York City.

Of recent years TELSA became more or less destitute, and for the past three or four years the government of Czechoslovakia has been paying him a subsistance of \$500 per month, a part of which was used to pay the rental for the warehouse accomodations.

TELSA residences in New York have been the Pennsylvannia Hotel, Governor Clinton Hotel, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and the New Yorker where he led a secluded existence. So far as FITZGEARLD knows TELSA had no real intimates, nor does he know of any attorney in whom he confided. On January 7, 1942, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CLARK, who is in charge of the Kuseum and Laboratory for RCA, and KENNETH SWEZEY of 163 Milton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y, went to TELSA's rooms in the New Yorker and with the assistance of a lock smith broke into a safe which TELSA had in his rooms and in which he kept some of his valuable papers, including important electrical formulae, designs, etc. These papers were taken from the safe.

FITZGEARLD knows of but two relatives of TELSA, both newphews. One is SAVA KOSANOVICH and the other is a man by the name of TRBJEVICH, who is presently in a hospital in Chicago, Illinois. The name of the hospital was unknown to FITZGEARLD. KOSANOVICH's address is the Navarro Hotel, New York City.

When asked if FITZGEARLD was primarily interested in getting possession of TELSA's papers, he stated that he was not; what he wanted tas for them to be made available to the government of the United States for use in the present war. Because, he stated, the so'called Death Ray would be a deadly weapon in the hands of any power, and the use of the wireless transmission of electrical power would make possible the most efficient airplanes conceivable. FITZGEARLD's concern was aroused, he stated, over the presence of the two nephews in whom he has no confidence as to their loyalty and patriotism to the Allied Nations, and also because of the pension TESIA received from Czechoslovakia he feels that that government may feel that it is entitled to any revolutionary ideas TELSA may have had and indited on paper.

FITZGEARID stated that until three months ago he was working with the government in a research capacity at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and that presently he is working as a designing engineer with the Ordinance Departyment of the U. S. Army, both in Washington, D. C. and New York City. FITZGEARID promised to relay to this office any further information he is able to obtain; but insisted that something must be done immediately, because he feels that it may mean a great deal in the war effort of the United States. Foxworth Memo - Nikol esla - Page 4.

FITZGEARID indicated that it was his intention to contact KOSANOVICH on January 9th, 1942, and suggest to him that he make available to representatives of the U. S. Government for inspection all of the personal and private papers and apparatus of TELSA.

FITZGEARLD expressed particular concern over the model now in the safety deposit box at the Governor Cleveland Hotel, and insisted that steps be taken by the Government that not only it, but the other technical papers and designs of TESLA, be safeguarded so that they cannot be removed from the country or made available to the use of other nations.

FITZGEARLD was advised that this matter would receive the appropriate attention of the New York Field Division.

Respectfully submitted

Fred B. Cornels, Special Agent.

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NA New Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EQUIPMENT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA DECEASED: ESPIONAGE - H. NIKOLA TESLA, ONE OF THE WORLD'S OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD, DIED JANUARY SEVENTH, NINETEEN FORTY-THREE AT THE HOTEL NEW YORKER, NEW YORK CITY. DURING HIS LIFETIME, HE CON-DUCTED MANY EXPERIMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND WHAT IS COLMONLY CALLED THE "DEATH RAY". ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A. N. SPANEL, ONE ONE THREE SIX FIFTH AVENUE. NEW YORK CITY, THE NOTES AND RECORDS OF TESLA'S EXPERIMENTS AND FORMULAE TOGETHER WITH DESIGNS OF MACHINERY NECESSARY TO VITALIZE THEM ARE AMONG TESLA'S PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND NO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PRESERVE THEM OR TO KEEP THEM FROM FALLING INTO HANDS OF PEOPLE UNFRIENDLY TO THE WAR EFFORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ACCORDING TO SPANEL, A DISTANT RELATIVE OF TESLA, NAMED SAVA KOSANOVICH. WHO WAS INTENSELY DISLIKED BY TESLA, IS TAKING STEPS TO GET POSSESSION OF THESE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND PLANS. SPANEL BELTEVES THAT THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT KOSANOVICH WILL MAKE THIS MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE ENERY. SPANEL ADVISED G TWO HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON. AS WELL AS MR. BORKIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, CONCERNING THE ABOVE. SPANEL WAS ALSO IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH DOCTOR D. LOZADO, ONE OF THE ADVISORS TO VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE CONCERNING THIS MATTER, AND LOZADO TOLD SPANEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTS OF TESIA AND REQUESTED SPANEL TO LOSE NO TIME IN DOING ALL HE COULD TO PRESERVE THEM. BLOYCE FITZGEARLD, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WHO HAD BEEN QUITE CLOSE TO TESLA DURING HIS LIFETINE, ADVISED THE NEW YORK OFFICE THAT ON JANUARY SEVENTH, NINETEEN FORTY-THREE, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CLARK Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE HUSEUM AND LABORATORY FOR RCA, AND KENNETH SWEZEY OF AT ONE SIX THREE MILTON STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WENT TO TESLA'S ROOMS IN THE NEW YORKER, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A LOCKSHITH BROKE INTO A SAFE WHICH TESLA HAD IN HIS ROOLS IN WHICH HE KEPT SOME OF HIS VALUABLE PAPERS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT ELECTRICAL FORMULAE, DESIGNS, ET CETERA. WITHIN THE PAST HONTH, TESLA TOLD FITZGEARLD THAT HIS EXPERIMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL POWER HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND FITZGEARLD ALSO KNOWS THAT TESLA HAS CONCEIVED AND DESIGNED A PERFECTED. REVOLUTIONARY TYPE OF TORPEDO WHICH IS NOT PRESENTLY IN USE BY ANY OF THE NATIONS. IT IS FITZGEARLD'S BELLEF THAT THIS DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY NATION UP TO THE PRESENT TIME. FROM STATEMENTS MADE TO FITZGEARLD BY TESLA, HE KNOWS THAT THE COMPLETE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND EXPLANATION OF THE BASIC THEORIES OF THESE THINGS ARE SOME PLACE IN THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF TESLA. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT THERE IS A WORKING MODEL OF TESLA'S WHICH COST MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUILD IN A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX BELONGING TO TESLA AT THE GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL, AND FITZGEARLD BELIEVES THIS MODEL HAS TO DO WITH THE SO-CALLED "DEATH RAY" OR THE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT. TESLA HAS ALSO TOLD FITZGEARLD IN PAST CONVERSATIONS THAT HE HAS SOME EIGHTY TRUNKS IN DIFFERENT PLACES CONTAINING TRANSCRIPTS AND PLANS HAVING TO DO WITH EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED BY HIM. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE ILLEDIATELY WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND REPORT TO THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION.

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(Dictated 2:15 p.m.; Completed 2:45 p.m.) Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Special Agent in Charge FD-36

Mr. Drayton Mr. Thurston منبغ رق Mr. Anderson Federal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Charters Mr. Chipman United States Department of Instice Mr. E\_rich Mr. Higdins Mr. Kirkland Mr. Klemp Mr. Levia Mr. R. Lynch . N. T. Lynch Mr. Malley New York, New York TJD:CG Mr. McCabo January 11, 1943 Mr. Mr. McSwain .......Mr. Ostholthoff Mr. Ryan <u>87:</u> SOLASKAMO ......Mr. Wiand Miss Tate Chief Clerk Property Clerk MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE: KOSANOVICH KOSANOVICH RE:

Mr. LITTLE, of the Bureau, called me today and inquired if we had done anything as yet in connection with obtaining the papers and effects of NIKOLA TUESA, a recently deceased inventor.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that we had not taken any action in the matter and Mr. LITTLE suggested that it might be well to take the matter up with the District Attorney inasmuch as he felt that KOSANOVICH could be charged with burglary and should be taken into custody. Mr. LITTLE advised that it was important that we secure the material supposedly taken by KOSANOVICH because if it is as secret as it is reported to be, it is vital that none of it gets into the newspapers where the enemy will have easy access to it.

In answer to his inquiry, I advised Mr. LITTLE it was my opinion that the Surrogate would administer the estate of NIKOLA TESCA. Mr. LITTLE suggested following the same procedure in this matter as was taken in the LUDWIG case. He also recommended that a stop be placed on the lock box and any other box which the decedent possessed, as well as on any material in his premises.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that would speak to the District Attorney informally on the matter and perhaps it could be handled in this way. Mr. LITTLE requested that he be advised of any developments in this matter F. B.

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110-0-1217 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: EQUIPMENT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA. DECEASED; ESPIONACE - N. TEXIX REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELETYPE UNDER. ABOVE HEADING TO THE BUREAU FROM THIS OFFICE DATED JANUARY NINE LAST. INQUIRY DEVELOPS THAT EMERICE TESLA DIED JANUARY EIGHT, RATHER THAN THERSDAY, JANUARY SEVEN, AS STATED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE. ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY EIGHT. SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CLARK, AND KENNETH SWEEZEY VISITED TESLA'S HOTEL WITH AREPRESENTATIVE OF SHAW \* WALKER CO IN ORDER TO OPEN THE SAFE IN THE ROOM OF TESLA. KOSANOVICH LATER REPORTED TO 20 WALTER GORSUCH, OFFICE OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN, NEW YORK CITY, THAT HE WENT INTO THE ROOM IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR A WILL OF TESLA. KOSANOVICH AND THE OTHERS MADE THE SEARCH OF THE SAFE IN THE PRESENCE OF THREE ASSISTANT MANAGERS OF HOTEL NEW YORKER AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YUGOSLAVIAN CONSULATE, IDENTITIES OF LATTER NOT YET KNOWN. AFTER THE SAFE WAS OPENED, SWEEZEY TOOK FROM THE SAFE A BOOK CONTAINING TESTIMONIALS SENT TO TESLA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY. THIS BOOK WAS ARRANGED FOR TESLA BY SWEEZEY. KOSANOVICH TOOK FROM THE ROOM THREE PICTURES OF TESLA, TWO BEING ENLARGED NEWSPAPER PICTURES. ACCORDING TO MANAGERS OF HOTEL AND KOSANOVICH HIMSELF. NOTHING ELSE WAS RELOVED FROM THE ROOM OR SAFE. THE SAFE WAS THEN CLOSED UNDER A NEW COMBINATION, WHICH COMBINATION IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF KOSANOVICH. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY NINE, GORSUCH AND FITZGERALD OF ALEEN PROPERTY CONTROL WENT TO HOTEL AND SEIZED ALL THE PROPERTY OF TESLA. CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO TRUCKLOADS OF MATERIAL, SEALED ALL ARTICLES. Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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AND TRANSFERRED THEM TO THE MANHATTAN STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE CO. NEW YORK WHERE THEY ARE NOW LOCATED. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE ALSO IN THIS WAREHOUSE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY BARRELS AND BUNDLES BELONGING TO TESLA WHICH HAD BEEN THERE SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. THESE HAVE ALSO BEEN SEALED AND ARE NOW UNDER ORDERS OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN. IN VIEW OF FACT TESLA IS & UNITED STATES NATURALIZED CITIZEN, ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN FEELS THAT ITS JURISDICTION OVER PROPERTY IS DOUBTFUL BUT FEELS THAT NO OTHER AGENCY WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THIS PROPERTY FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS . AFTER THAT TIME IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR WIL BE APPOINTED FOR THE PROPERTY WHO MAY TAKE THE PROPERTY INTO HIS CUSTODY. TESLA ALSO HAD SOME PROPERTY, ALLECED BY INFORMANT FITZGERALD IN THIS CASE, TO BE A WORKING MODEL OF AN INVENTION IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL IN NEW YORK. INQUIRY SHOWS THAT THIS WAS PLACED HERE BY TESLA IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AS SECURITY FOR FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OWED HOTEL. THIS BILL IS STILL OWED AND HOTEL APPEARS UNWILLING TO RELEASE THIS PROPERTY TO ANYONE AT LEAST UNTIL DEBT IS PAID, BUT THIS OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED IF ANYONE ATTEMPTS TO PAY BILL AND OBTAIN PROPERTY. CONCERNING TESLA, HOTEL MANAGERS REPORT HE WAS VERY ECBENTRIC IF NOT MENTALLY DERANGED DURING PAST TEN YEARS AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IS HE HAS CREATED ANYTHING OF VALUE DURING THAT TIME, ALTHO PRIOR TO THAT HE PROBABLY WAS A VERY BRILLIANT INVENTOR. THEREFORE. ANY NOTES OF VALUE WERE PROBABLY THOSE MADE PRIOR TO THAT TIME. KOSANOVICH IS A NEPHEW OF TESLA WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS FORMERLY QUOTE YUGOSLAV MINISTER OF STATE UNQUOTE AND NOW QUOTE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JANUARY 92,1943

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU PLANNING EOARD REPRESENTING YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND GREECE.UNQUOTE. SWEEZEY IS A WRITER FOR POPULAR MECHANICS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS WHO IS DESIROUS OF PUBLISHING A BIOGRAPHY\_OF\_TESLA\_AND\_THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF HIS NOTES FOR THIS WORK.\_ CLARK IS EMPLOYED BY RCA AND WOULD ALSO PROVIDE STORAGE ROOM FOR TESLA'S EFFECTS IN ORDER TO USE THEM IN WRITING A BIOGRAPHY. TESLA AT ONE TIME REPORTED TO BE WORKING ON EXPERIMENTS FOR YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. IT IS DESIRED THAT BUREAU ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER IT IS INTERESTED FURTHER IN THIS PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING CONTROL OF IT. SUGGEST THAT, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE NOTES AND OTHER MATERIAL WOULD BE HIGHLY TECHNICAL IN CHARACTER AND FOR THAT. HEASON COULD NOT BE REVIEWED EXCEPT BY A TRAINED PERSON THE OFFICE OF SCHIENTIFIC REMEARCH DEVELOPMENT MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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New York, New York January 14, 1943

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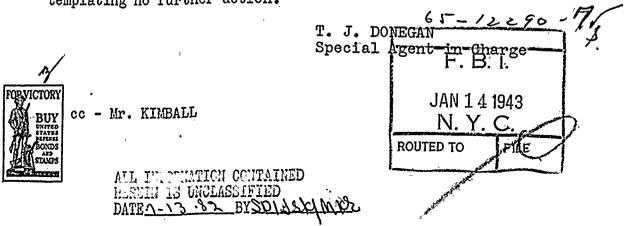
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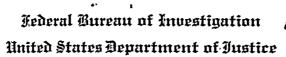
RE: NIKOLA TESLA

Mr. LITTLE, of the Bureau, called me on January Click Clerk 13, 1943 and advised that the above matter was now being handled as an alien enemy custodian matter and therefore we should take no further action on it.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that this office had sent out a teletype to the Bureau in this case on January 13, in which the Bureau advised that this office was contemplating no further action.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR



Mashington, D. C.

January 21, 1943

SAC, New York

Dear Sir:

165-12290 165-12290 Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SAVA KOSANOVICII; EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased) HW - ESPIONAGE (H)

Mr. Donegan

Mr. Drayton Mr. Thurston .......Mr. Anderson

Mr. Charters Mr. Chipman

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..... Chief Clork Reference is made to a teletype dated January 9, 1943, from the porty Clerk. New York Field Office and to a phone conversation between Mr. J. B. Little of the Bureau and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Donegan on January-11; . 1943.

It was pointed out to' Mr. Donegan that Sava Kosanovich, George Clark and Kenneth Swezey may have committed a burglary violation by entering Tesla's rooms after his death and particularly by using a locksmith to get into a safe containing some of Tesla's valuable papers. Mr. Donegan was advised this matter should be discreetly discussed with the State's Attorney, New York City, with a view to locating Kosanovich and apprehending him on a burglary charge, in order to ascertain the nature of the material taken from the safe of Nikola Tesla. It was also suggested that the New York Office contact the Surrogate Court, in order that Tesla's effects, as well as the contents of his safety deposit boxes, might not be entered without the presence of an Agent, in order that the secrecy of any plans or items essential to the conduct of the war or national security might be preserved. It was stated that Kosanovich might possibly make certain material available to the enemy.

A review of the Bureau files reveals considerable information concerning Nikola Tesla and his inventions and it should be noted that one Nicola Tesla, who might have been identical with Nikola Tesla, made a speech at the Grange Hall, Springfield, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1922, under the auspices of the Friends of Soviet Russia.

It further appears that Sava Kosanovich may be identical with an individual of the same name, who is a member of the Yugoslavian Government in exile. An examination of the files reveals that one Sava Kosanovich. described as the Minister of Supply, arrived with other Yugoslavian Government officials at Norfolk, Virginia, on September 4, 1941, on the SS City of Exeter, a British ship, from Cape Town en route to the United Kingdom via Washington and Canada.

In another instance the name of Sava N. Kosanovich appears on the stationery of the Central and Eastern European Planning Board HCzechdslovakia, FOPVICTORY 65-12290 JAN 23 773 BUY OND ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED LATE 1. 13.82 BY SPI USICI MAR

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Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia). On this letterhead Kosanovich is described as Chairman of the Board and Minister of State for Yugoslavia. It is stated that this Board is interested in "planning for postwar Europe".

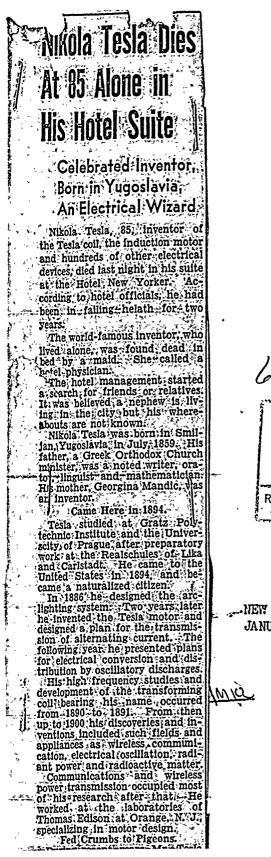
In still another file it is disclosed that Sava Kosanovich, a Serbian, was a member of one of the Yugoslavian minority parties and when an emergency government to overthrow an alliance with the Axis was formed, he was included as an official. He is alleged to be a Communist and is said to receive \$1,250 a month salary from the exiled Yugoslavian Government. He and other exiled government officials are stated to use these large salaries to finance every Serbian paper in the United States except "Srbobran" published at Pittsburgh.

No record of Kenneth Swezey could be located in the Bureau files from the information available.

The foregoing information is being furnished for possible future reference in connection with this case and it is desired that the Bureau be kept promptly and currently informed of all developments in this case.

Very truly yours,

дA hn Edgar Hoover Director



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NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM JANUARY 8TH, 1943

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The hotel management started a search for friends or relatives. It was believed a nephew is liv-ing in the city but his where-. abouts are not known. Nikola Tesla was born in Smil-

jan, Yugoslavia, in July, 1859. His father, a Greek Orthodox Church minister, was a noted writer, ora-to; linguist and mathematician. His mother. Georgina Mandic, was BIL inventor.

Came Here in 1894.

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Tesla studied at Gratz Polytechnic Institute and the Univer-scity of Prague after preparatory Scity of Frague after preparatory work at the Realschules of Lika and Carlstadt. Ho came to the United States in 1894, and be came a naturalized citizen. In 1886 he designed the arc-lighting system. Two years later. he invented the Tesla motor and designed to he for the testa and

designed a plan for the transmis-sion of alternating current. The following year he presented plans for electrical conversion and distribution by oscillatory discharges. His high frequency studies and development of the transforming 20110 coll bearing his name occurred from 1890 to 1891. From then up to 1900 his discoveries and inventions included such fields and appliances as wireless communication, electrical oscillation, radiant power and radioactive matter.

Communications and wireless power transmission occupied most of his research after that. He worked at the laboratories of Thomas Edison at Orange, N. J., specializing in motor design.

Fed Crumbs to Pigeons. During recent years Mr. Tesla had been seen but seldom recor-nized on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in front of the Public Library and in Greeley So, inva-Hably Carrying a bag of crumbs which heifed to the pigcons. Mr. Tesla's jonly military inven-

tion was a method to which he once alluded that never fully described. It was a means whereby an impenetrable "wall of force" could be reected about a nation's borders which would render helpless any military attack. He disclosed existence of the plan in 1934, and said he intended to present it to the Geneva Conference. He seldom referred to it afterward.

In 1936, when he was 80, he said his original plan to live to be 135 had been changed with the repeal of prohibition, and he would live to be 150 instead.

He was decorated by the Yugoslav and Czech governments. He wept when he met King Peter of Yugoslavia here last July.

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DATE FROM Fibule to Tesla Read by Mayor "He could have become the rich-Adamic may-be est man in the world if he wished for riches. He was a great human-itarian, a pure scientist, a genius. He did amazing things, simply to He did amazing things, simply to serie mankind." This, in part, was the tribute paid to Nikola Tesla." pioneer in the field of radio, and the modern electrical transmission systems, who died 'Thursday' at 87. Written by Louis Adamic, the author, it, was read, by Mayor La-Guardia yesterday over WNYC in a hall hour program dedicated to the memory of the scientist. the memory of the scientist. The Mayor stated The Mayor stated: "Funeral services will be held for him Tuesday, atternion. People will come, from all walks of life. But he is not dead. The real Tesla lives. In. fils achievements as ori integral, part of our deal wellve high R 6 ÷ B. I. 1943 N. Y. C. ED πо 65-12293-10 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED TI IS UNCLASSIFIED  $\mathbf{T}$ DAd 1-10.80 DAL ç. 7 Ţ., сња

units of germ plasm, can are operative, according to Dr. Mo-Clung. Clung.

Genes, are known to affect not only a single character, but also the whole organism, and they may pro-duce effects, at different stages in embryonic development. To be successific any body changes brought about by gene changes moust monitus with, the existing organ-ization and the environmental conditions. Therefore; evolution has

been a slow process. Professor McClung concluded that it would require much more study of the interrelationships between germ cell structure and body strucłn .ín ture and between genes and the changes in development before we can gain a there opnent before we can gain a therough understanding of all the underlying principles in-volving the functioning of the germ plasm within the body of an animal 111 OF m or plant and also an understanding of the way in which this germ plasm has evolved from simple beöf fhe to ginnings.

out Death Ray, for Planes 14 Nikola Teslar one of the truly. great inventors who celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on July-10, ìth tells the writer that he stands ready. to divide to the United States Government the secret of his "teleforce," with which, he said, airplane motors would be melted at ach . ör the ing ing

a distance of 250 miles, so that an invisible Chinese Wall of Defense would be built around the country. Ť. against any attempted attack by an enemy, air force, no matter how stly úр

large. large. This, "teleforce," he said; is based on an an antirely new principle of physics, that, "no one has over dreamed about," different from the 'are :ular põs inge \$ 01 principle embodied in his inventions ·crorelating to the transmission of elec able trical power from a distance, for b be which he has received a number of ther basic patents. This new type of ther force, Mr. Tesla said, would operate through a beam one one-hun-dred-millionth of a square centiordpre-han meter in diameter, and could be generated from a special plant that would cost no more than \$2,000,000 and would take only about three ned inly

em months to construct. and A dozen; such plants, located at ons strategic points along the coast; ac cording to Mr. Tesla, would be Irst enough to defend the country against all possible aerial attack: lits The beam would melt any rengine, whether Diesel or gasoline driven, and would also ignite the explosives 118. 10 aboard any bomber. No possible defense igainst it could be devised, he asserts, as the beam would be ıťs. the "ėst TOall-penetiating.

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producing rays for Pand: .other manifestations, of energy" in free air, eliminating the necessity for a high vacuum; is second is a method and process for producing "very great electrical force"; the third is a method for amplifying this is a method for amplifying this force, and the fourth is a new, method for producing "a tremen-dous (electrical repelling, force." This would be the projector or gun, of the system. The volage for propelling the beam to its objec-tive, according to the invertor, will attain a potential of 50,000 000 volts.

With this enormous voltage he said, microscopic electrical parti-cles of matter will be cataputted of their mission of defensive destruct tion. He has been working on this invention, he added, for many years and has recently made a number of improvements in it.

Mr. Tesla makes one limportant stipulation. Should the government decide to take up his offer he would go to work at one but they would have to trust him. He would suf-fer "no interference from experts." In ordinary times such a condition would very likely interpose an insuperable obstacle. But times be-ing what they are, and with the nation cetting ready to spend billlons' for , national, defense, iat, the same time taking in consideration the reputation of Mr. Tesla as, an inventor who always was many years ahead of his time, the question arises whether it may not be advisable, to take Mr. Tesla at this word, and, commissions him, to go ahead with the construction of his teleforce plant.

#### Such a Device "Invaluable"

tter all, \$2,000,000 would be relatively a very small sum compared with what is at stake. If Mr. Tesla really fulfills his promise the re-sult achieved would be truly stag-gering. Not only would it save bil-lions now planned for air defense by making the country absolutely impregnable against any air attack but it, would also save many move billions. In property that, would otherwise becaurely destroyed no matter, how strong the defenses are as witness current events in England:

Take, for example, the Panama Canal. No matter how strong the Canal: No matter now strong the defenses, a suicide squadron of dive bombers, according to some ex-perts, might, succeed in getting through and cause such damage that would make; the Canal; un-usable, in which case out. Navy might find itself bottled up.

Considering the probabilities in the case even if the chances were 100,000 to 1 against Mr. Tesla the odds would still be largely in favor of staking a chance on spending \$2,000.000. In the opinion of the wilter, who has known Mr. Tesla for many years and can testify that ha still retains full intelletual vigor, the authorities in charle of The beam; he states, involves four building the national defense should new inventions, two.of, which al- at once look into the matter. The ready have been tested. One of sum is insignificant compared; with

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November 28, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE INDEXED

On September 22, 1940, Mr. ROBIN VAN ROSEN, 33

West 8th Street, New York City, telephone Grammercy 5-0277, telephoned the New York Office and informed the writer that he wished to call his attention to an article which was printed in the Sunday "New York Times" of September 22, 1940 on Page D 7, under the section "Science and Patents - Education News," the/ article being "Science in the News" by WILLIAM A. LAURENCE.

Mr. VAN ROSEN stated that he particularly wished to call the attention of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau or Investigation to that phase of the article relating to death ray for planes which refers to an interview of the inventor NIKOLA TESIA.

He further advised that he believed that some government agents should interview NIKOLA TESLA relative to his death ray invention as no doubt some agents of foreign government would contact Mr. TESLA.

The clipping referred to by Mr. VAN ROSEN is / attached hereto.

The indices of the New York Office were searched with negative results.

Respectfully submitted,

INDEXED J. J. KEATING 65-12290-1 Special Agent ALL INFOLVATION CONTAINED NOV 29 1940 IS UNCLASSIFIED BY N.Y.C. kouied to Fh

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N. Y. FILE #65-12290

DATE: 3/16/43

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Re: UnSub-Mikola) Jesla

Reference is made to Bureau communication dated January 29, 1943 to all Special Agents in Charge, No. 33, Series 1943, which instructs that every case under the Espionage character be reviewed for the purpose of determining whether the case should be continued to be carried under the Espionage character, and if there is not sufficient justification for this, case should be carried under another character.

In the reviewing of these cases, the Bureau desires that the following ideas be kept in mind:

(1) What are the allegations that the individual subject is an Expionage Agent?

(2) What investigative steps have been taken to prove or disprove these allegati.

(3) What evidence has been obtained to substantiate the allegations?

(4) Do the facts warrant that the case be continued under the Espionage characte;

and if so, what investigative steps are contemplated to properly develop the case?

In the reviewing of these cases, consideration should be given to the closing of those cases which appear to justify such action.

The instant case has been reviewed by the writer and I wish to state that it is in proper condition, such as to the removal of stop notices, proper serialization, etc., etc.

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It is the conclusion of the writer that:

(1) The character of this case should be changed (or remain Espionage) from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because:

In the next report, the character in this case should be so changed.

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(2) This case should be closed because:

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New York, Tew York

#### Karch 19, 1943

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Director, FBI

EG: UNXKOLA SUBJECTS; SAVA KOSALOVICH; EXPERIMENTS AND LESEARCH OF MIKOLA TESLA (Deceased); ESPICIAGE, NISCELLANDOUS

Deer Sir:

Reference is made to the Dureau letter in the above-captioned natter dated January 21, 1943, in which it is stated that it is desired that the Durony be kept promptly and currently informed of all developments in this Case.

In view of a telephone call from Hr. Mittle of the Durcen to Kr. T. J. Longen, Assistant Special Leent in Charge of the Key York' Office, dated January 14, 1943, in which Mr. Little stated that the abovecoptioned matter was now being handled as an Alien Enery Sustaial Detention . matter and therefore no further action should be taken in the matter by the New York Field Livision, this case is being considered closed in this Cffice, unless savised to the controry by the Europa of some future time.

Very truly yours,

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H. E. CODCY Special Agent in Charge

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### STATEMENT BY FOR. SATA KORANOVICH, MINISTER OF STATE OF DISPOSAL OF THE COVERNME OF JUSCHLAVIA AS TO THE PACTS IN COUNSCIENT WITH THE APPEND WHICH HE FAS CAUSED TO TE MADE OF PHILIP MARKOVICH, PERSIDENT OF THE STABLAN MARIOVAL INVENCE OFFICITE

The policy of every member of the United Nations, without a doubt, first must to internal unity and unity among the Allies. The Jugoslave have to promote unity among the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, who constitute Jugoslavia, and to unde that any internal and personal differences to buried in favor of a concentrated strong and united action sgainst the Axis.

Here in Addrica where there are more than one million persons of Jugoslav extraction, this unity is their first duty towards America, for the war effort and for repulsing enemy propaganda which is working for distinity. The most ordinary means of Axis propaganda is the breaking of unity and exploiting national, religious and racial differences. The great majority of Americans of Jugoslav extraction are good and conscientious Azerican citizens.

Cae mail group of Serbs, calling itself the Serbian Mational Defense, of Chicago, and the SREPERAH paper, of Fittsburgh, began a charafan against unity, a campaign of hate towards Jugoslavis, towards the Groats and Slovenes, etc. At their convention recently, this group passed a resolution in which they proclaimed themselves, even though they are Americans, representatives of Serbdow and broke all relations with the Jugoslav Covernment in Exile, appealed to King Peter to proclaim himself king of Serbia, and accepting Hitler and Musselini terminology, they called Jugoslavia "a syth and a sistake of the Versailles Poace Treaty".

It is not necessary to remark how contrary this is to the interest of unity among Americans, to the wishes of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenus who are so bravely fighting against the Axis, and contrary to the official stand of the United States, Creat Britain, Eussia and all the Alles.

Kiss Kuth Mitchell is honorary chairman of this organization and the most active spokesman of its ideas. It is my duty as a Serb, as a Jugoslav, as a member of the Jugoslav Covernment which overthrew the appearsment government in Jugoslavia, as an anti-fascist, as the leader of one of the most democratic parties in Jugoslavia, to act against this NY 9-1019

Ekind of propaganda.

As to what the United States thinks of the situation, I hereby guoto Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of Mar Information, as to his opinion of SECDEAN, which is the mouthpiece for the Serbian National Defense Committee; Mr. Davis specifically accuses SECDERAN of aiding the Mazi propaganda program and damaging the war effort, and the Department of Justice, the State Department and the Office of Mar Information have all been watching this with concern.

Following is a direct quotation from a lotter written by Elmer Davis on June 10th to Sexuel Verlinich President of the Serb National Federation:

> 'For some time, several tranches of the United States Covernment including the Office of War Information, the Department of Justice, and the Department of State, have watched with concern the policies of the 'American Srbobran'. Its violent attacks upon all peoples of Croatian extraction and their elergy, its strong anti-Catholic articles, and its vieled efforts to defend the Gaisling Medich who supports the Maxi regime in Serbia often have the effect of aiding the Maxi carpaigns of intolerance and race hate, and are damaging to the American war effort.

American unity is imperative for the successful prosecution of the war. The Mazis have boasted that they would set Americans against Americans and they are striving to do so. They have sought for years to get people of Serbian, Greatian and Slovenien extraction against each other. It is the old game of divide and conquer., The United Mations are striving for the strongest possible unity and all those who are opposed to the Axis. In Jugoslavia, and in the United States, we saak to unite all people of Ferbian, Greatian and Slovenian heritage<sup>8</sup>.

When Miss Mitchell began writing articles and letters to the American cress whichwere against the policy just described by Winer Davis as a United States policy, and which were also against the policy of the Jugoslav Government for unity, I wrote a latter to the Herald Tribue on April 6th in reply to a particularly damaging article which she had proviouslywritten to the Tribune on April End.

Following the appearance of my letter in the Herald Tribune, I received a filthy and threatening letter from Philip Markovich, who is the

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"President of the New York branch of the Serbian National Refense Committee, which is engineering these anti-Jugoslav and anti-American activities. In this letter Markovich sought, by Gestapo terrorist tactics, to prevent me from writing or speaking to offset the demaging effects of the Serbian Mational Defense Committee's policies and activities.

I therefore caused the arrest of Philip Harkovich and I will not te intimidated by him or any other member of any group who is consciously or inconsciously following the Masi line and attempting to promote any one section or any one group at the argenes of the war effort as a whole."

Mr. KC3ANDYICH also furdished a photostatic copy of the letter and envelope in which it was received, together with a translation of the letter. These are teing retained in the New York file of this case. He advised that it was necessary to retain the original letter because he had had the subject arrested by the New York City Police Department and that he would have to produce the original letter in the City fourt. The envelope bears the printed return address of the Serbian Mational Defense Committee of New York, 400 West 22rd Street, New York City, and was postmarked at 4:00 P.N. April (date obliterated) 1943 at New York City. It is addressed in handwriting to Kr. SAVA KOJANDVICH of SIZ Fifth Avenue, New York City. The letter is dated at New York City, April 7, 1943, and is handwritten and signed by PHILIP FARKOVICH.

Kr. KODANDVICH furnished the following translation of this

letteri

New York City April 7, 1943.

Sava Kosanovichi

German batard, if I see in the newspapers any more attacks on our Serbian Knightly Chatnik Ruth Mitchell, or if someone brings to is some written or oral attacks which I might has overlooked. I will break all your bones, which the Germanic Groats put into your body. You rotten dirt who claims to have been a Serb and a Minister - we now see what kind of traitors ruled Sugoslavia and where they have brought har. I an here in New York and we will mest easily if you speak again on tehalf of our people. Who gave you the right to speak for the people? You are a dirty bitch assembling crumbs for the benefit of the Germanic Groats. You are agents of Hitler and Mussolini who disclose segret information from that House of Prostitutes, but wait the F.B.L.

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"will take cars of you soon. So much for your knowledge, I am warning you to cease attacking the National Defense and Miss Mitchell. Do you, you plased on sour, expect to undermine Jugoslavia as before? You are the conspirators who killed the King, but you, soum, will pay for it. I am watching your steps and what you do and with whom you cooperate, you Cerman, you traitor worse than a coward. You, your company and your satellites atink.

#### Philip Karkovich

### by his own, hand."

Hr. XCOANDVICH advised that there was no doubt but that it was MARKOVICH who had written the letter as during his arraignment in the New York City Magistrates Court on July 12, 1943, MARKOVICH had acted as though he were proved of having written the letter.

Detective JANJS E. KJOFF, assigned to the Special Squad No. 1 of the New York City Police Department, advised that he had arrosted PHILIP MARESVICH, who resides at 105 East 101st Straet, New York City, on July 12, 1943, charging him with violating Section No. 151 of the New York Penal Law, which prohibits the sending of threatening letters.

Detective RNOTT stated that subject was arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross in Yorkville Court on July 12, 1943 and that Kagistrate Kross perolled MARKOVICH in custody of his lawyer, HYNAN JCORPES, and adjourned the arraignent until Friday, July 16, 1943.

These facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy of the Southern District of New York, who advised that he would decline prosecution, gendag the results of the action taken in the New York City Courf.

CHARLES LIENNIKS, Court Officer of the Yorkville Court, 183 Zest 57th Street, New York City, savised that on July 16, 1963 Magistrate Anna Kross adjourned the case scringt the subject until Jenuary 10, 1944.

Upon being appraised of the action taken by the New York City Court, Assistant United States Attorney Murphy stated that he was taking the case under advisement and would render a decision relative to presectuion in the near future.

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At New York, New York - Will report the decision of the Assistant United States Attorney in this case.

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234 U. S. Court House Foley Square New York, N. Y.

Narch 9, 1944.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia City Hall New York, N. Y.

Dear Mayor LaGuardia:

Reference is made to letter dated February 17th, addressed to you by Sava N. Kosanovich, 112 Central Park South, New York 19, N. Y., regarding Philip Markovich, and enclosures which were handed to me by your secretary on February 24th.

05-6327-3 A check of the records of this office reflected that this matter had been called to our attention on July 15, 1943, but that it had previously been reported to the New York City Police Department. The records further reflect that Markovich was arrested by the New York City Police Department on July 12, 1943, charged with violation of Section 551 of the Penal Law, sending threatening letters, which under the New York law is a misdemeanor. Markovich was arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross. Yorkville Court, on July 16, 1943 and the hearings have been adjourned to date. Latest inquiry reflects that Magistrate Kross has postponed the proceedings in this case until September 19, 1944.

Shortly after the receipt at this office of the material in connection with this case, the facts on hand were submitted to the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York with a view to possible prosecution under the Federal Extortion Statutes. Prosecution was declined by reason of the fact that the local authorities were handling the case.

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### Mayor LaGuardia

In view of the above, the letter of reference, mentioned above, and the enclosures are being returned herewith.

## Sincerely yours,

E. E. CONROY Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures.



#### Address writer at:

Moss. Inst. of Tech., Cémbridge, Mass. January 30, 1943.

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r. Walter Gorsnor, Alien Property Custodien, 120 Éroádwey, New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

At your request and that of Ir. Joseph T. King of the Weshington office of the Alien Property Custodian, I have exmined the private papers, writings, and other property of the late Dr. Nicola Tesla with the view to determining both their possible usef lness to this country in its wer effort and the possible heard attendent on their falling into unfriendly hands.

This examination was made at the Konhatten Warehouse, 52nd Street, New York City, on January 20-27, and included all of the notes and antorial in Dr. Tesla's immediate prosession at the time of his death and now in the custody of your office. For reasons indicated below, no investigation was made of material in trunks which had remained untorched in the basement of the New Yorker Notel for ten years prior to Dr. Tosla's death.

is a result of this exchination, it is my considered opinion that there exist among in. Teglata papers and popsessions no scientific notes, deperiptions of hitherto unrevealed methods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands. I can therefore see no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should be retained.

For your records, there has been removed to your office a dile of various written natorial by Dr. Tesla which covers typically and fairly completely the ideas with which he was concorned during his later years. These documents are enumeratedind briefly abstracted in the attachment to this letter.

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January 30, 1943.

It should be no discredit to this distinguished engineer and scientist whose solid contributions to the electrical art were made at the beginning of the present century to report that his thoughts and efforts during at least the past fifteen years were primarily of a speculative, philosophical, and somewhat promotional character-often concerned with the producation and wireless transmission of power-but did not include new sound, workable principles or methods for realizing such results.

Very truly yours,

JOHN G. TRUMP, Technical Aide, Division 14, NDRG.

Enclosure.

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#### ALSTRACTS OF DR. NIKOLA TESLA'S WRITINGS RETAINED AS EXHIBITS FOR THE ALLEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

On January 26 and 27, 1943, an examination was made of the technical papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla which, after his decease, had been stored in the Nanhattan Warehouse in New York City. This exmination was made for the purpose of determining if any ideas of significant value in the present United States war effort could be fund emeng his possessions. Participating in this examination were Hr. John C. Newington, New York Office of the Alien Property Gustodian; Mr. Charles J. Hedetniemi, Washington Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Tr. John G. Trump, Office of Scientific Research and Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Willis George, Office of Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District; Edward Palmer, Chief Ycoman, USNR; John J. Corbett, Chief Yeoman, USNR.

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The following papers, which are regarded as typical of Nikola Tesla's writings and thoughts in the period of 1925 to 1942, were removed for the purpose of record and are listed below in the random order in which they were found, together with a brief individual abstract.

#### Exhibit A

"Possibilities of Flectrostatic Generators" - an undated erticle probably written about 1934 discussing the possibilities, as a source of high-voltage D-C power, of the Van de Graaff type of electrostatic belt generator. The article states correctly the electrostatic principles employed in this device and points out that such generators are not suitable for commercial high-power applications, though of undoubted scientific value. Tesla's wireless tower, erected in 1902 on Long Island, is stated in this memorandum to have been charged to 30 million volts.

#### Exhibit B

"Receive Forces of Olycerine and Dynchite" - an undated memorandum involving some calculations of the explosive power of certain compounds and then deviating to a discussion of the possibility of transmitting power by mechanical vibrations along the earth's crust. "Process of De-Gassifying, Refining, and Purifying Fetals" a 41-page memorandum probably written about 1930 dealing with the above subject and proposing new theories of capillarity and surface tension. This correspondence indicated that this had been submitted to various industrial companies.

#### Txhibit D

"Reply to Intorg re 'the generation of high-voltage and the acceleration of charged particles'" - This document, dated November 8, 1935, answers questions raised by Soviet engineers and scientists regarding Teslats proposal of Kay 16, 1935. From this answer, it is deduced that the proposal concerned the generation of high voltages by electrostatic means. These means consisted of a high-voltage terminal presumably supported on an insulating column and charged by a gaseous charge conveying medium passing between ground and terminal. The ideas contained in this memorandum are fairly similar to the belt-conveyor electrostatic generator methods proposed by Van de Graaff and do not appear to offer any unusual features.

#### Exhibit E

Eart of Telegeodynemics, or Art of Producing Terrestrial. <u>Notions at Distance</u> - This document, in the form of a letter dated June 12, 1940, to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, proposes a method for the transmission of large amounts of power over vast distances by means of mechanical vibrations of the earth's crust. The source of power is a mechanical or electromechanical device bolted to some rocky protuberance and imparting power at a resonance frequency of the earth's crust. The proposed scheme appears to be completely visionary and unworkable. Westinghouse's reply indicates their polite rejection of this idos.

#### Fxhibit F

"New Art of Projecting Concentrated Non-Dispersive Energy through Natural Media" - This undated document by Tesla describes an electrostatic method of producing very high voltages and capable of very great power. This generator is used to accelerate charged particles, presumably electrons. Such a beam of highenergy electrons passing through air is the "concentrated nondispersive" means by which energy is transmitted through natural media. As a component of this a paratus there is described an open-ended vacuum tube within which the electrons are first accelerated.

#### Fxhibit F (cont.)

The proposed scheme beers some relation to present means for producing high-energy cathods rays by the cooperative use of a high-voltage electrostatic generator and an evacuated electron acceleration tube. It is well known, however, that such devices, while of scientific and medical interest, are incepable of the transmission of large amounts of power in non-dispersed beens over long distances. Tesla's disclosures in this memorandum would not enable the construction of workable dembinations of generator and tube even of limited power, though the general elements of such a combination are succinctly dascribed.

#### Txhibit 0

A rireular by Garol Fird, dated September 10, 1938, entitled "Tremendous New Power Soon to Be Unlosshed", This dascribes in popular style some biographical information concerning Nikola Tesla and some ideas for the transmission of power on which he is stated to be working. It appears that the method of transmission is by the mechanical resonance method outlined in Exhibit F, above.

#### ryhibit H

This exhibit congists of a series of letters to representatives of the Dritish Government dated August 28, 1936; Cotober 26, 1937; December 15, 1937; and April 5, 1938. It includes a reply dated Januar, 7, 1939, from the British Bovernment. These letters offer to the Dritish Government, for a fee, the disclosure of a noins for accelerating to high energies minute particles. Euch beams would constitute a death ray capable of the protection of Great British from air attack.

The method proposed is essentially that described in Exhibit F above. Following the initial letter dated August 23, 1936; the subsecuent letters attempt to clear up the "misunderstandings" of the Eritish representatives and to expedite their acceptance of the Tesla proposal. The British reply dated Janucry 7 is a polite expression of disinterest in the proposal.

#### Exhibit I

In undeted memorandum written after Tesla's 79th birthday describing several discoveries which he believed he had made. The first related to a dynamic theory of gravity which is described as not yet completed. The second stated as a physical truth the belief that "there is no energy in matter other than that received from the environment". This second statement, which is discussed at length in this and other writings of Tesla, indicates his disbelief in the existence of atomic or nucleor energy.

#### Fxhibit J

"A lethod of Producing Powerful Radiations" - an undated memorandum in Tesla's handwriting describing "a new process of generating powerful rates or radiations". The memorandum reviews the works of Lenard and Grookes, describes Tesla's work on the producation of high voltages, and finally in the last paragraph gives the only description of the invention contained in the memorandum. This description is as follows: "Briefly stated, my new simplified process of generating powerful rays consists in creating through the medium of a high-speed jet of suitable fluid a vacuous space ground a terminal of a circuit and supplying the same with currents of the required tension and volume".

#### Fxhibit K

A letter to prospective licensees on telegeodynamics dated December 27, 1941. This is a single-page letter with the typewritten signature of Dr. Nikola Tesla, in which he addresses himself to the prospective licensees of telegeodynamics, states that over a half million dollars was spent on this development with funds contributed by the Korgans, Crawford, J. J. Astor, and Fish, as well as commercial organizations, and states this to be a new art with which "unvelievable wonders can be achieved".

#### Txhibit L

Tesla's "New System of Kluid Propulsion". This is on undated memorandum of about 20 typewritten pages describing a system of fluid propulsion in which the conversion from hydraulic to rotary mechanical power is achieved by passing the fluid between flat circular disks, shaft-meunted and enclosed in a casing.

This memorandum written about 1925 describes in general terms a kind of hydraulic turbine which seems practical. There is copious evidence among the other of Tesla's papers that this idea was generally disclosed to appropriate individuals and that it received favorable comment and possibly some use. Some of these comments are contained on the last page of the exhibit.

#### Fxhibit M

"The perfor of the Future" - a memorandum apparently written by Tesla and probably in response to a request from some popular science group for an opinion as to the source of future power. This memorandum reviews the gradual evolution of power sources. It discusses in some detail the possibility of atomic power and states as his opinion that atomic power is not feasible. The discussion of atomic energy is apparently confused to some extent

#### <u>Fxhibit 11</u> (cont.)

with planetary energy. The article further discusses the subject of wind, tides, lightning, and water power as a source of commercial energy. The last sontence of this memorandum states: With my wireless system, it is practicable to transmit electrical energy at a distance of twelve thousand miles with a loss not exceeding 5 per cent. I can conceive of no advances which would be more desirable at this time and more beneficial to the further progress of mankind." This memorandum constitutes an interesting generalized discussion of the various sources of power. It is qualitatively correct for the most part except probably in that portion which deals with atomic power.

#### Fxhibit N

The Transmission of Electric Thergy Without Wires" - an article by N. Tesla in the <u>Flectric Forld</u>, Narch 5, 1904, pages 429-431. A general, somewhat biographical article on Tesla's early work with some speculation on the possibility of longdistance wireless transmission of large emounts of energy.

#### Exhibit 0

<u>World System of Wireless Transmission of Energy</u>" - an article by N. Tesla in <u>Teleproph and Telephone Age</u>, Gotober 16, 1927, pages 457 and 460. An article which traces the corly work on the production and transmission of electromagnetic radiations, describes Tesla's efforts to increase the amount of power which can be transmitted without mires and concludes with a proposed World System" for the wireless transmission of both power and communications. No workable disclosure of a means for accomplishing this is included, and such generalities as suggest the approach which Tesla had in mind do not seen capable of accomplishing the desired result.

#### **Exhibit** P

"Interview with Dr. Nikola Tesla" by Alden P. Armagnao for Popular Science Konthly, May 24, 1928. An Il-page memorandum written in popular conversational style describing an interview with Dr. Tesla and reporting his present work. This report includes statements on a new airplane, on rocket ships, on the wireless transmission of power; on a world system plen for the transmission of speech and television, on the impracticability of harnessing atomic energy, on radio activity, and on the acceleration of charged particles, such as eathede rays, by high voltages.

#### <u>Fxhibit Q</u>

An agreement dated April 20, 1935, between Nikola Tesla and the Antorg Trading Corporation, in which Tesla agreed to supply plens, specifications, and complete information on amethod and apparatus for producing high voltages up to fifty million volts, for producing very small particles in a tube open to air, for increasing the charge of the particles to the full voltage of the high potential terminal, and for projecting the particles to distances of a hundred miles or more. The naximum speed of the particles was specified as not less than 350 miles per second. The receipt of \$25,000 fee for this disclosure was acknowledged in this agroement, which was signed by Nikola Tesle and by A. Bartanian of the Intorg Trading Corporation. The method referred to in this agreement is apparentl, that described in Exhibit F, above. It is probable that Exhibit D. above, is an effort by Tesla to clear up the questions raised by Soviet engineers after the subject disclosure had been made. There is no evidence that the inventions and information referred to in this agreement are other than those described in a number of Teslats papers and publiched articles. It should therefore be expected, and it is substantiated by Exhibit D, that this disclosure subsequently proved unmorkable.

An examination of several items of scientific apparatus mong the Tesla efforts at the Lonhattan Warehouse and in a deposit box at the Governor Clinton Notel showed those to be standard electrical measuring instruments in common use several decades ago.

> JOEN G. TACHP, Technical Aide, Division 14, NDRC.

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New York 7, New York 65-12290 HER:mhm October 17, 1945 5121.25×102 Director, FBI Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: SAVA KOSANOVICH: Experiments and research of NIKOLA TESLA (deceased) ESPIONAGE - M

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Burdau letter dated January 21, 1943, which bore a caption similiar to that mentioned above.

The referenced letter dealt with the death, on January 7, 1943, of the famous inventor, NIKOLA TESLA, who as well as being the inventor of Alternating Current, perfected many electrical devices. He is also credited with having developed the so called "death ray" which would safeguard any country from attack by air.

On Juna 9, 1945, a RALPH BERGSTRESSER of New York City furnished information of a nonspecific nature indicating that it was his belief that persons sympathetic to Russia were making an effort to secure the effects of NIKOLA TESLA in order to salvage therefrom any models or designs of possible military value. Mr. BERGSTRESSER claimed that he heard that ABRAHAM N. SPANIL, President of the NATIONAL LATEX CORPORATION, of Dover, Delaware was the notivating influence behind this attempt to obtain TESLA'S papers which are presently held in storage at the MANHATTAN STORAGE WARPHOUSE in New York City. BERGERESSER promised to return to the New York Field Division shortly after his initial visit and furnish further and more specific information to support his claims.

He was not heard from again, however, until September 27, 1945, at which time he furnished the following additional information:

He said that a boyhood churn of his from Wichita, Kansas, BLOYCE FITZGERALD, had been TESLA'S protege and one of the inventors few confidents. According to EERSSTRESSER, FITZGERALD who is now an Army Private stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, is a brilliant 29 year old scientist who spent endless hours with TESLA prior to the latters death, during which time TESLA explained to him most secret experiments. BERGSTRESSER stated that FITZCERALD met TESLA in November 1942, but he had been corresponding with the latter since 1935. According to the informant, FITZOERALD had developed some sort of anti-tank gun, the details of which he presented to TESLA who made certain corrections in design and specifications to further perfect the weapon.

BERGETRESSER related that schotine in December 1942, when FITZGERALD was attending a meeting of the AVERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL FNOINEERS, he mode the acquaintance os ATRAHAN SPANZL who became interested in FITZGIRALD'S

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gun. STANEL offered financial aid to FITZGERALD and the two were in the closest contact with each other for a considerable period of time. BERGERESSER said that FITZGERALD had lined up a deal for the purchase of the gun by the FEMINOTON ARMS COMPANY, but for some reason SPANEL blocked this deal by reaching top men in the FEMINOTON COMPANY. SPANEL is then reported as having obtained a job for FITZGERALD with the HIGGENS SUIP BUILDING COMPANY in New Orleans and negotiated a contract with FITZGERALD for the purchase and manufacture of the gun in a manner which would return EOS of the profits derived to SPANEL,

BINGSTRESSER stated that in November of 1943, for some unknown reason but which he believes to be attributable to SPANEL, FITZGERALD was fired by the HIGCENS COMPANY. In September of 1944, FITZGERALD was inducted into the Army and for a considerable period of time was located at an ordinance experimental station at Elgin Field, Florida. BERGSTRESSER stated that at the present time FITZGERALD is engaged in a highly secret experimental project at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. In spite of his rank of Private, FITZGERALD actually is the director of this research and is working with wany top young scientists who were inducted into Army from leading industrial posts.

According to BURGSTRUSSUR, FITZGURALD is presently working on the perfection of TESLA'S "death ray" which in FITZGURALD'S opinion is the only possible defence against offensive use by another nation of the Atomic Echb. In this connection, it is noted that the New York Times of September 22, 1940 in an article entitled "SCHENCE IN THE NEWS" by WILLIAM A. LAURENCE, Science Editor states that TESLA devulged to LAURENCE the fact that he had developed a "death ray" or "teleforce" which TESLA claimed would melt airplane motors at a distance of 250 miles, so that actually an invisible Chinese Wall would be built around a country against attack by an enemy air force.

According to the article in the TIMES, this electrical device would operate by the generation of power from a plant, a number of which might be located strategically along our coast lines and the beam from which would melt any engine within a reduct of 250 miles.

ECROSTRESSER stated that during FITZGERALD'S acquaintance with SPANEL, FITZCERALD had told SFANEL of his associations with TESLA and had apparently described to SPANEL some of TESLA'S most secret work. BENGSTRESSER believes that SPANEL, who he claims is definitely pro-Russian in attitude, is now attempting through legal procedure to secure custody of TESLA'S effects which are now held by TECLA'S only heir, one SAVA KOSANOVICH, who is presently in Yugoslavia occupying some governmental post.

It will be recalled that in an article published on March 15, 1945, by the KINO FEATURE SYNDICATE THOORPOTATED, WESTEROOK PEGLER. charged SPANEL with spreading pro-communist and pro-Russian propaganda through his full page advertisement in the newspapers, which SPANEL characterized as being published for the INTERNATIONAL LATEX CORPORATION, as a public service feature. It is also interesting to observe that in the New York Times of October 2, 1945, an article appears which states that SPANEL is suing the KING FEATURE SINDICATE INCORPORATED for six million dollars alleging the column by PECLER to have been lightlows.

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ETESTRESSER stated that through FITZGERALD he too had met SPANEL and from this personal acquaintance he formed the opinion that SPANEL was definitely a communist and is probably one of the financial supporters of the Communist Party in this country. EERGSTRESSER stated that SPANEL was born in Russia, but is now an American citizen. He also charged that SPANEL exerted tremendous political influence in Washington, D. C.; and said that one of SPANEL'S closest political friends was HENRY WALLACE.

EERCOTRESSER advised that two agents from Army Intelligence contacted and stated that in an investigation to determine the qualifications of FITZCTALD for a commission, they had developed information indicating that SPANEL was definitely endeavoring to secure possession of TESLA'S effects. BERCOTRESSER indicated that Army Intelligence was pursuing an investigation along these lines in an attempt to ascortain the complete story in this regard.

For the Bureau's information, BERGSTRESSER was born on July 3, 1912 at Pueblo, Colorado, he is unmarried, and his family resides in Wichita, Kansas. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and until July 1945 had been a employee of the MI, overseas branch, from March 1943 until 'January 1945. He had been stationed in China, attached to General Stillwell's Headquarters, and was in charge of the physiological Karfare Department of the OMT. BERCSTRESSER at present is not employed, however, he appears to have ample funds since he travels all over the country and resides in reputable hotels. Just recently he stated that he had driven Ceneral Stillwell's car from Kashington to the Kest Coast as a personal favor to the General's wife. He advised that it is his desire to cooperate with FITZGERALD in securing legal possession of TESLA'S effects in order that a memorial foundation may be established for the protection of TESLA'S experiments and for the preservation of the inventors memory.

EERGSTRESSER stated that FITZCERALD had interested a group of young Any scientists now working with him at Wright Field in this foundation, and their ultimate goal is to secure the support of a wealthy backer in order that a foundation might be established and that a sort of "idea factory" might result. He said that they intended to contact HENEY FORD, SR., to solicit his aid in this regard.

ECROSTRESSER related that probably the greatest idea of TESLA'S was that involving the wireless transmission of electrical power. He claimed that TESLA had performed a successful experiment many years ago at Pikes Peak, at which time he harpassed local current from the sun's rays which he built up into a huge potential of electrical energy. EERGSTRESSER said that according to FITZCEPALD, if this idea could be furthered, all electrical energy to operate the world's machinery might be gotten absolutely free rather than by the costly method with which electrical power is presently generated. He said that his idea was to conduct further experiments along this line in China where the need for electrical power is very great.

Inquiry was made at the MANNATTAN STORAGE WAREHOUSE in New York City, and it was determined that the effects of NIKOLA TESLA are contained in some Latter, Pirector, C

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75 packing coces and trunks and are presently under seal by the New York State Department of Taxation. It was learned that the rental for this storage, which approximates \$15 per month, is being paid by one CMARLOTTE NUZAR, 134 East 63rd Street, New York, New York, who is listed as the agent for SAVA KOSANOVICH.

Inquiry was also made at the office of the Alien Property Custodian in New York City, concerning an investigation conducted by this office at the time of TELA'S death, and at which time the latters property was placed under seal by the United States Government. Mr. WALTER GORSUCH, Chief Investigator for the Alien Property Oustodian, provided a covor latter and a summary of materials owned by TESLA at the time of his death which was examined by JOIN 6. TENNP, of the office of SCIENTIFIC RESPARCH & DIFFLOPH WITT. Mr. GORSUCH also stated that his file in this matter reflected that on the night TESLA died his safe was forced open by a representative of the SHOR? & MALKER SAFE COMPANY. It was Mr. CORCHEN'S belief that a Mr. STUEZEN who is believed to be one of the editors of the POPULAR STIENCE WAGAZING was present in TISLA'S food shortly after the safe was opened. These individuals were WIVLIS CIONCE, EDMARD PALVER, and JOINTIC, CORDETT.

There are enclosed herewith two typewritten copies of the report by Mr. TRUP of the ALIEN FROPERTY CUSTODIAN reflecting the findings of Mr. TRUMP, following his examination of TESLA'S effects. There is also enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a list of persons associated with NIKOLA TESLA. This latter item was furnished by Mr. DERCOTRESSER.

The above information is furnished for the fureau's information, and no investigation is being conducted by this office.

Very truly yours, R. E. CONTOY, SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Federal Court House Building New York, New York Attention: Kr. Hervey Roth

Gentlemen:

It is requested that in the interest of National Defense, access be given to the effects of Dr. Nicola Tesla held in Manhattan Warehouse at 57th Street, New York City, New York.

We are desirous of obtaining pertinent information concerning projects under consideration by the Control Equipment Branch of the Equipment Laboratory, Engineering Division, Air Technical Service Command,

It is understood that Dr. Tesla was well versed in the particular field of investigation under study by the Army Air Forces, and it is believed that the data from his estate may assist us further.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. CRAIGIE, Brigadier General, U. S. A. Chief, Engineering Division

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SAVA KOSANOVICH; Experiments and research of MIKOLA TESLA (deceased) ESPIONAGE - M

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated October 17, 1945, captioned as above, which contains a summary of recent information received by this office relative to the effects of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased inventor.

On October 26, 1945, Private BLOYCE FITZGERALD, ASN 36916980, who is mentioned in the reference letter; called in person at the New York office together with Private DAVID M. PRATT, ASN 39293663; Lt. HERDERT O. SCHUTT, and Lt. R.B. KOULE, all of a research development unit at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. These men carried a letter signed by BRIGADIER GENERAL L.O. CRAIGER, Chief Engineering Division, Wright Field, requesting the assistance of this office in allowing the bearers of the letter access to the effects of MIKOLA TESLA.

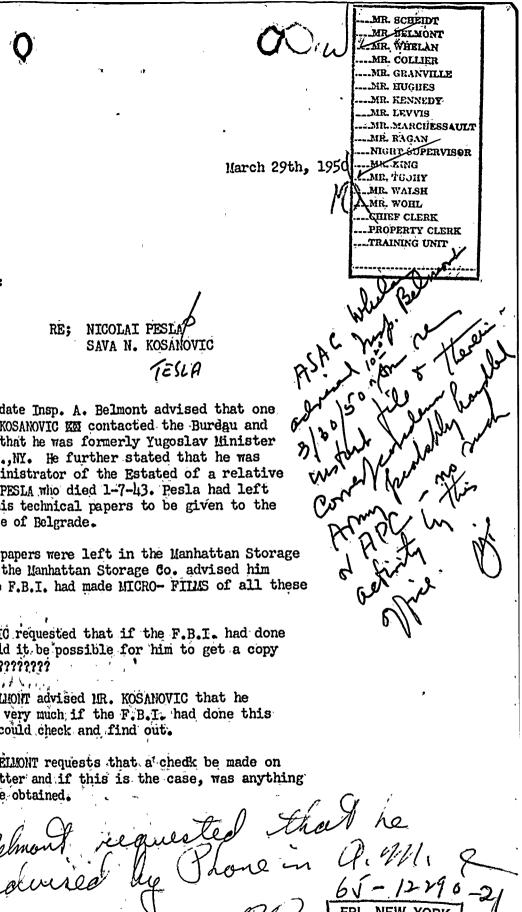
It was explained to Private FITZOTALD and his associates that this office had no jurisdiction over TESLA's effects, and FITZOTAID was referred to the office of the Alien Property Custodian, which made a very thorough investigation of TESLA's belongings following the inventors death.

For the Bureau's information, Private FITZOERALD, and his associates stated that the Army believes TESIA's "Death Ray" to be the only possible defense against the atomic bomb, and they feel, that possibly the secret of the "Death Ray" lies among TESIA's effects, which occupy several trunks at the Kanhattan Storage Warehouse, New York City. It will be recalled that prior to TESIA's death, FITZGERALD, who is reported to be a brilliant young scientist, was taken by TESIA as his protege.

This office is conducting no investigation on this matter.

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MENO SAC:

On this date Insp. A. Belmont advised that one SAVA N. KOSANOVIC KM contacted the Burdau and advised that he was formerly Yugoslav Minister in N.Y.C., NY. He further stated that he was made administrator of the Estated of a relative NICOLAI PESLA mio died 1-7-43. Pesla had left all of his technical papers to be given to the institute of Belgrade.

PESLA0s papers were left in the Manhattan Storage Co, and the Manhattan Storage Co. advised him that the F.B.I. had made MICRO- FILMS of all these papers.

KOSANOVIC requested that if the F.B.T. had done so, would it be possible for him to get a copy of same?????????

INSP BELHONT advised MR. KOSANOVIC that he doubted very much if the F.B.T. had done this but he could check and find out.

Insp. BELMONT requests that a check be made on this matter and if this is the case, was anything of value obtained.

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SAVA N. KOSANOVIC INTERNAL SECURITY-YU (Dufile 65-47953)

#### Rebulet dated April 3. Lest.

On April 7, 1950 agents of this office interviewed Kr. J.V. POTTS, Vice President of the Eanhattan Warehouse and Storage Company, 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City, and at that time MR. POTTS advised that the rules of his firm required that all persons gaining access to goods stored by Manhattan first had to fill out an appropriate form setting forth their names, date of visit, and reason for requesting access to the goods.

April 17, 1950

In a review of the file pertaining to the storage of the effects of NIKCLA TESLA, ML. POTTS revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons putside of the management of Manhattan Storage itself. This one occassion took place on January 26 and 27, 1943, at which time representatives of the Alien Property Custodian made a thorough review of the entire effects of the TESLA estate.

The TESLA effects are stored in rooms 5J and 5L of Manhattan Storage's wavehouse at 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City. MR. MICHAEL KING, who stated he had been Ploor Supervisor for approximately 10 years on the floor in question, stated that he could recall only the one occassion in early 1943 when an examination was made of the TESLA effects. He stated that at that time numerous photographs were taken by the examiners. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of some of the papers of the deceased scientist. II. KING added that several of the group making the examination wore U.S. Navy uniforms, and during the two days required to complete the examination the civilian assistants in the group were identified to him only as "FEDETAL AUTHORITIES". According to MR. KING, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TECLA estate has taken place since that time.

It should be noted that the fureau was informed of the examination mentioned above by New York letter (with attachments) dated October 17, 1945, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SAVA KOSANG VICH; Experiments & Research of NIKPLA TECIA (Decemed), Espionage-M.

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MR. POTTS stated that no inquiry had been received by Manhattan from SAVA N. MOSANOVICH, nor had Manhattan informed him, in any way, that an examination of the TESLA effects had been made by anyone. In fact, added MR. POTTS, the only correspondence relating to the TESLA estate has seen in the form of bills for storage.

IR. POTTS stated that any personal inquires regarding the estate would of necessity be directed to him, and to date no such inquiries have been made.

Interviewing agents explained to MR. POTTS that the examination made, as mentioned above, was not instigated by the Bureau, nor had the Bureau taken part in that examination.

Unless advised to the contrary, this investigation is being placed in a closed status, and no further investigative action is contemplated by this office. CLOSED.

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New York, N. Y.

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Director, FBI Att: Inspector Carl Hennrich EAC, New York

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Reference is made to telephone call from Inspector Carl Lennrich, Eureau, to ASAC W. M. Whelan, 2/5/51.

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The Europu pointed out they were in receipt of a letter written by RALPH BENGETHERSER to Senator Joseph McCarthy relative to one AERAHAM SPANEL in which he makes certain allegations about conversations which he had with former SA Europy E. Rath. On 2/8/51, Mr. Rath care to this office and furnished the following information:

After reviewing NY letter to Bureau 10/17/45 which had been dictated by RATH, he recalled that on 6/9/45 BERGSTRESSER came to the New York Office and furnished some nonspecific information and he again appeared at the New York Office and spoke to Nr. Rath 9/27/45. All of the information furnished by DERGSTRESSER was reported in the above referenced letter. These are the only two visits Mr. Rath recalls DERGSTRESSER ever having mide to this office.

For the Eureau's information, a search of NY files reflect EURGETREESER came to this office on another matter and furnished a complaint 8/10/42, which matter has no relation whatsoever to the above captioned matter. It should be pointed out also that the information furnished by EURGETREESER in 1942 was also of a nonspecific nature. This information was set forth in report of SA John T. Kurphy, NY, 10/22/43, in the case entitled JOSEPH THEODORE WALLECK, was., ESP. G.

Mr. Rath recalls that he left the Eureau in May, 1945, to enter private industry; that sometime after his resignation EUMSINESSER contacted him telephonically at his place of business. Fe could offer no explanation as to how EUMSINESSER knew where he was employed. EUMSINESS SER, at that time, asked him if the FBI was doing anything about the nattor he had proviously reported and Kr. Eath recalls having told him that that was something about which he could offer no information since he had officially resigned his connection with that agency. Hr. Rath remembers specifically informing EERGETREESER that, if he had any further information to provide, he should take same to the New York Office where someone fully qualified would be cognizant of all facts previously furnished. Mr. Rath has not heard from BENGETREESER since that phone call. He has

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further that just after he left the Eureau, he received calls from several persons, particularly confidential sources he had developed, with whom he had left his home phone to make inquiries of him or to give him information and he, in all instances, made it a practice to refer them to the New York Office just as he did BERGSTRESSER.

The files of the New York Office definitely indicate that BERGETRESSER did not furnish any information to this office in April, 1945, as he has alleged, but that he came to this office on two separate occasions, namely 6/9/45 and 9/27/45.

With regard to BERGSTRESSET's allegation that the FBT started an investigation against SPANEL and after a few weeks indicated their hands were tied, the Bureau is advised that there is no record in this office of our ever starting an investigation of SPANEL and, as a matter of fact SPANEL resides in Délavare and such an investigation would not be undertaken by this office. RATH advised that he at no time advised BERGSTRESSER that the Bureau was undertaking any investigation of SPANEL and neither did he ever indicate that the Bureau was not investigating him because its hands were tied. He never indicated to BERGSTRESSER that his (BERGSTRESSER'S) suspicions relative to SPANEL were either true or false.

Relative to BERGSTRESSER's knowledge that RATH was mirried and had a family, Mr. Rath advised this knowledge may have been given to BERGSTRESSER in the following way. The interviews between RATH and BERGSTRESSER had been friendly. When BERGSTRESSER called RATH after he had left the Burcau, sometime in 1946, RATH believes BERG-STRESSER asked him why he left the Eureau and RATH says he may have replied that he had a wife and family and had recently purchased a home in New Jersey and found the needs of FBI service to travel around difficult for him under the circumstances. Mr. Rath said he definitely did not ask EERGSTRESSER not to call him or ever discuss this matter with him because he had a wife and family. He did request BERGSTRESSER not to call him in this matter any more since he was no longer connected with the FBI and such matters should be discussed with a representative of that organization. WMW:MFB 65-12290

Mr. Rath further states that he did not discuss the morits of this case in any way during his last telephone conversation with BERGERRESSER and, hence, he is positive that he never made any statement that there was no hope left or that, "the last hope was Congress".

Since the one phone call referred to above Hr. Eath has had no contact whatsoever with BERGSIRESSER and he has never heard anything from him or about him.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-12290)

PETER SAVO, 132 West 73th Street, New York 24, New York, a United States citizen of Yugoslav extraction, who on occasion, voluntarily furnishes the New York Office with information he considers to be in the interests of the security of the United States Government, furnished Special Agent NICHOLAS J.MASTROVICH the following information on July 3, 1957:

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SAVO stated that a certain women named Mrs. MARGARET STOLY the lives with her husband, JOEN, at the Colonial Rotel, 51 West Slat Street, New York 24, New York, has been issuing newsletters which contain information pertaining to flying saucers and interplanetary matters.

SAVO plated that in his opinion Mr. and Mrs. STOTM are exploiting the reputation and genius of NIKOLA TISLA, deceased, inventor of Yugoslav extraction who mileved world wide fame as a result of his inventions in the United States.

TESLA was born in Smiljan, Yujoolavia in July, 1859 and camp to the United States in 1894 and became a naturalized United States citizen. In 1836 TESLA designed the arc-lighting system and two years later he invented the Teals motor and designed a plan for the transmission of alternating current. In subsequent years, TESLA's discoveries and inventions included such fields and appliances as wireless communication, electrical oscillation, radiant power and radio active matter. After 1900, communicationa and wireless power transmission occupied most of his recearch.

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TESLA's only military invention was a method to which he once eluded but news fully described. This invention was a means whereby an inpenetrable "wall of force" can be creeted around the United States' borders which would render helpless any military attack. TISLA disclosed the existence of his plan in 1934 and stated he intended to present it to the Geneva Conference but seldom referred to it afterward.

The "New York Times" dated 9/22/40. carried an article setting forth NICOLA TESLA's plan for a "Death Ray", This article included information to the effect that TESLA, on his 84th birthday, July 10, 1940, advised New York Times reporter WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE that he was ready to divulge to the United States Government the secret of his "teleforce", with which he said airplane motors would be melted at a distance of 250 miles so that an invisible Chinese wall of defense would be built around the country against any attempted attack by an enemy airforce no matter how large. According to TESLA, this "teleforce" was based on an entirely new principle of Physics that "no one has ever dreamed about" and was different from the principle embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of electrical power from a distance, for which he received a number of basic patents.

TESLA stated that this new type of force would of orate through a beam one hundredth millionth of a square c centimeter in diameter and could be generated from a special plant that yould cost no more than two million dollars and would take only about three nonths to costruct. TESLA stated that a dren such plants located at strategic points along the coast, according to TESLA, would be enough to defend the United States against all possible aerial attacks. TESLA stated that this beam would melt any engine and would also ignite explosives aboard any bomber. TESLA stated that no possible defence against it could be devised and he asserted that the beam would be all penetrating.

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TESIA stated to Mr. LAWAENCE that he rakes one important stipulation before he would divulge this secret to the United States Government and that was that should the United States Government decide to take up his offer, he would go to work at once but that the United States Government would have to trust him. TESLA stated that he would suffer "he interference from experts."

In this "Non York Times" article Mr. LAWRENCE commented that with conditions as they were in 1940, and with the United States getting ready to spend millions of dollars for National Defense, Mr. TESLA's great reputation as an inventor, who always was many years ahead of his time, should be given careful consideration. Mr. LAWNENCE stied, in his opinion, the United States Government should take Mr. TESLA at his word and commission him to go ahead with the construction of his "teleforce" plant.

The New York file of Mr. TESLA beard no indication that any additional developments were carried on in connection with TESA's invention and whether or not TESLA fully divulged his new plan to the United States Government.

TESLA died at the age of 85 on January 7, 1943.

Ir. SAVO provided a two page copy of the above mentioned negaletter which Mr. and Mrs. STORM have been distributing in connection with the alleged invention by TESLA, which, according to Mr. and Mrs. STORM, consists of a radio type machine known as the Tesla Sot which may invented by Mr. TESLA in 1938 for interplanetary communication. Mr. and Mrs. STORM claim that TESLA's engineers did not complete the Tesla Set until after TESLA's death in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. STORM claim that this Set was placed in operation in 1950 and since that time TESLA engineers have been in close touch with space ships, etc.

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The newslatter furnished by fir. SAVO included the following names:

> MARGAINE STOTH JOHN STORE GEORG'S VAN TASSEL, Yucca Valley, California DAN FAY GEORG'S KING, London, Encland

The files of the New Yerk Office contained no pertiment information regarding any of the above mentioned individuals.

The photostatic copies of this negaletter are being sent to the Lureau for purposes of information while one copy is being submitted to the Los Angeles Office for information purposes.