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David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information

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INTERPLANETARY SESSION NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends:

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.

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 full scale operations of flying saucers over all American areas 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. Third phase: 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 George 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 Yogoslavia.

A biography of Tesla was published in 1944. It can probably a second from your local library or bookstore. It is entitled Prodiction for John J. O'Neill, then science editor of the New York Herald Prodiction 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 revealed until 1950. The book also gives many wrong impressions 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 pest 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. DraytonMr. Thurston Mr. Anderson Mr. Charters Mr. Chipman ALL PUFORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Emrich Mr. Higgins N IS UNCLASSIFIED Mr. Kirkland BYSDIDSKIMKS Mr. Klamp .Mr. Levin ...Mr. R. Lynch January 9, 1913. Mr. T. Lynch .Mr. D'alley Mr. LigCabo MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH: Mr. Osthutaon re: Unknown Subjects, Equipment, Experiments and Mr. Wiand .Miss Tate Research of Nikola Tesla, Deceased. Chief Clerk .. Property Clerk Espionage - M.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 TESIA, 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

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 TEISA's personal possessions were not disturbed.

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 sucdessful.

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. IOZADO, one of the advisers to Vice President—WALLACE. After talking with IOZADO he, LOZADO, called back to SPANEL and told him that the government was vitally interested in the effects of FESTA, I. 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 could to preserve them.

In the last conversation with the writer SPANEL advised that

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a young man by the name of BLOYCE FITZGEARLD, an electrical engineer, had been quite close to TEISA during his lifetime and in fact was the protegy of TEISA. 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 TEISA's which cost more than \$10,000 to build in a safety deposit box of TELSA!s at the Governor Clinton Hotel; and from statements made by TELSA FITZGEARID 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

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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 TEISA 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 accommodations.

TEISA 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 TEISA had no real intimates, nor does he know of any attorney in whom he confided.

On January 7, 1942, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CIARK, who is in charge of the Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and KENNETH SWEZETF of 163 Milton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y, went to TEISA's rooms in the New Yorker and with the assistance of a lock smith broke into a safe which TEISA 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.



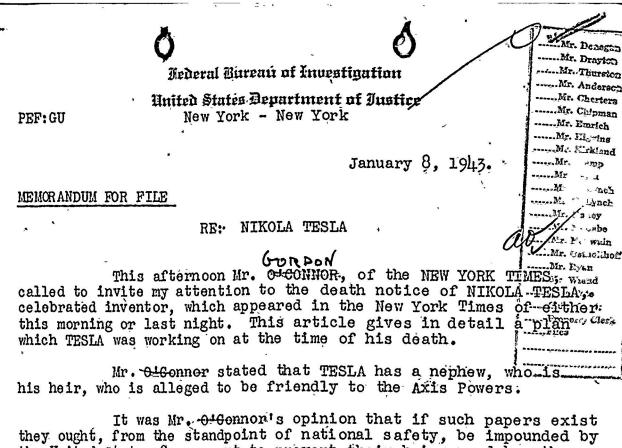
FITZGEARLD indicated that it was his intention to contact KOSANOVICH on January 9th, 1942, and suggest to him that he make available to representatives of the U. S. Government for inspection all of the personal and private papers and apparatus of TELSA.

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.



the United States Government to prevent their being used by others.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

UNKNOTH SUBJECTS; EQUIPMENT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA DECEASED; ESPIONAGE - M. 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 COMMONLY 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 BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT KOSANOVICH WILL MAKE THIS MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE ENEMY. 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 TESIA DURING HIS LIFETIME, ADVISED THE NEW YORK OFFICE THAT

ON JANUARY SEVENTH, NINETEEN FORTY-THREE, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CL

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE MUSEUM 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 LOCKSMITH BROKE INTO A SAFE WHICH TESLA HAD IN HIS ROOMS IN WHICH HE KEPT SOME OF HIS VALUABLE PAPERS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT ELECTRICAL FORMULAE, DESIGNS, ET CETERA. WITHIN THE PAST HONTH, TESIA 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 BELIEF 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.

(Dictated 2:15 p.m.; Completed 2:45 p.m.)
Approved:______M Per_____M
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York January 11, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

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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 TULSA, a recently TESLA. 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 KQSANOVICH 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 TESSA. 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-itcould be handled in this way. Mr. LITTLE requested that he be advised of any developments in this matter F. B. I.

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cc - Mr. KIMBALL

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Files - New York Price DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEW YORK, NEW YORK Transmit the following Teletype message to: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EQUIPMENT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA, DECEASED; ESPIONAGE - M. TEXIX REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELETYPE UNDER ABOVE HEADING TO THE BUREAU FROM THIS OFFICE DATED JANUARY NINE LAST. INQUIRY DEVELOPS THAT EMEXEE TESLA DIED JANUARY EIGHT, RATHER THAN THURSDAY, 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,

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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 A 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, ALLEGED 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 FORKERLY QUOTE YUGOSLAV MINISTER OF STATE UNQUOTE AND NOW QUOTE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL

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PIANNING BOARD 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 DAMEDIATELY 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.

REASON COULD NOT BE REVIEWED EXCEPT BY A TRAINED PERSON THE OFFICE OF

SCHIENTIFIC REMEARCH DEVELOPMENT MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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January 14, 1943

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Mr. LITTLE, of the Bureau, called me on January Frequenty Clerk

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

NIKOLA TESLA RE:

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.

13. 1943 and advised that the above matter was now being handled as an alien enemy custodian matter and therefore

in which the Bureau advised that this office was contemplating no further action. T. J. DONEGAN

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cc - Mr. KIMBALL

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER



Kederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Iustice Mashington, D. C.

January 21, 1943

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Mr. Donegan Mr. DraytonMr. ThurstonMr. Anderson

Mr. ChartersNr. Chipman

Mr. Emrich Mr. Piggins

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Dear Sir:

SAC, New York

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

HW. ESPIONAGE (H)

..... 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 Frends 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 **FORVICTORY**

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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,

John Edgar Hoover Director

vikola Tesla Dies At 85 Alone in His Hotel Suite

"Celebrated Inventor, Born in Yugoslavia An Electrical Wizard

Nikola Tesla, 85; inventor of the Tesla coil, the induction motor and hundreds of other electrical devices, died last night in his suite at the Hotel New Yorker. According to hotel officials, he had been in falling helath for two years.

The world-famous inventor; who lived alone, was found dead in bed by a maid. She called a

hriel physician. 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.

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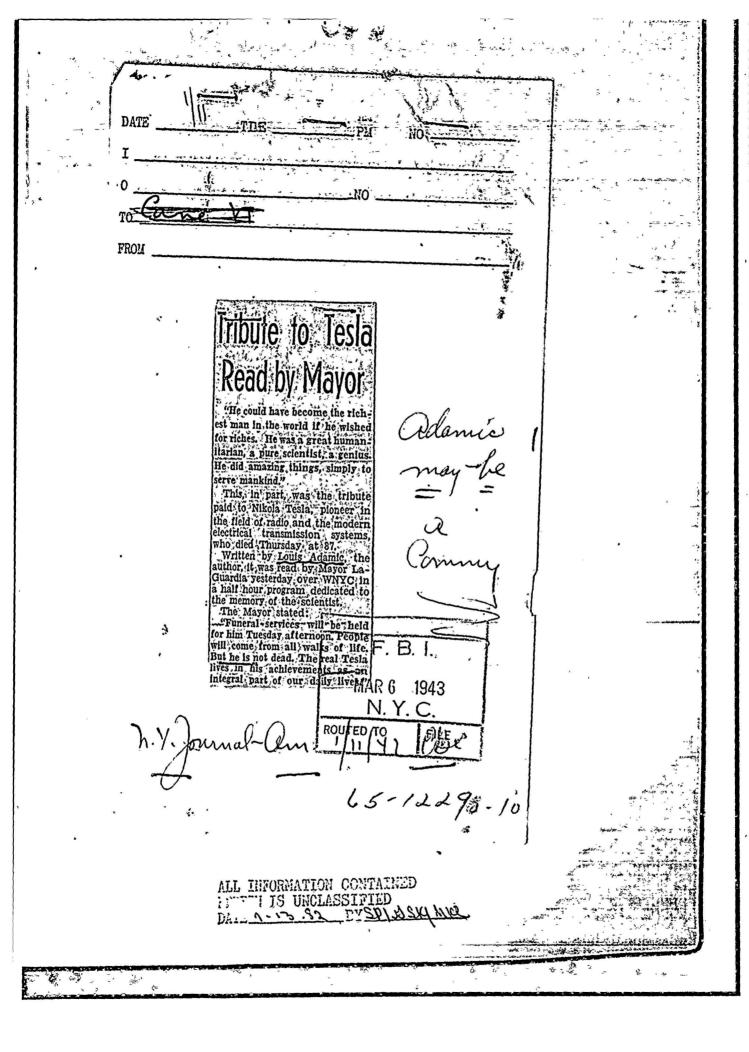
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wept when he met King Peter of

Yugoslavia here last July.

be 135 had been changed with the repeal of prohibition, and he would live to be 150 instead. He was decorated by the Yugo-

slav and Czech governments. He



e the units of germ plasm, can this required expansion of the control mechanism be supplied through increase in numbers of genes or perhaps by profibility the existing genes? Probably both processes are operative, according to Dr. McClinical to Dr. McClini

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 successfil, any body changes brought about by gene changes must be har-monique 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 structure and between genes, and the changes in development before we can gain a thorough understanding of all the underlying principles in-volving the functioning of the germ plasm within the body of an animal or plant and also an understanding of the way in which this germ plasm has evolved from simple beginnings.

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Nikola Tesla, one of the truly great inventors who celebrated his eighty fourth birthday on July 10, tells the writer that he stands 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 Wally 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 elating to the transmission of electrical power from a distance, for which he has received a number of basic patents. This new type of force, Mr. Tesla said, would operate 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 at a tegle points along the coast; according to Mr. Tesla; would be enough to defend the country against all possible aerial attack. The beam would melt any engine, whether Diesel or gasoline driven, and would also ignite the explosives aboard any bomber. No possible defense igainst it could be devised, he asser's, as the beam would be as the beam would be all-penetiating.

High Vacuum Eliminated

The beam; he states, involves four new inventions, two of which all at once look into the matter ready have been tested. One of sum is insignificant comparence is a method and apparatus the magnitude of the stake.

for producing rays and 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 tremendous electrical repelling force."

This would be the projector or gun, of the system. The vollage for propelling the hearn to its objective. tive, according to the invertor, will attain a potential of 50,000 000

With this enormous voltage he said, microscopic electrical parti-cles of matter will be catapuited 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 insuperable obstacle. But times being what they are, and with the nation getting ready to spend billions 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 word and commission him to go ahead with the construction of his teleforce plant.

Such a Device "Invaluable"

Atter 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 move billions; in property that, would otherwise be saurely destroyed in matter how strong the defenses are as witness current events in England:

land.
Take, for example, the Panama.
Canal! No matter how strong the defenses a suicide squadron of dive hombers, according to some experts, might succeed in getting through and cause such damage that would make the Canal unsuisable in which case our Navy might find itself bottled up. 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 taking a chance on spending \$2,000,000. In the opinion of the writer, who has known Mr. Taka writer, who has known Mr. Tesla for many years and can testily that he still retains full intellectual rigor, the authorities in charle of building the national defense spould at once look into the matter. The sum is insignificant compared with

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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," they article being "Science in the News" by WILLIAM A. IAURENCE.

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 nontact 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,

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DATE: 3/16/43

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Re: UnSub-Nakola Lesla

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 Espionage Agent?
(2) What investigative steps have been taken to prove or disprove these allegative.

(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.

It is the conclusion of the writer that:

(1) The character of this case should be changed (or remain Espionage) from to because:



In the next report, the character in this case should be so changed.



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and/or (2) This case should be closed because:
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Do the facts require an immediate assignment of this case:
If character is being changed, are there leads outstanding in other Field Divisions:
If a closing report has been dictated as of this review, by what Agens was it dictated: C.D. Calder. Date of dictation: 3/9/43
Respectfully submitted,
WTM: SVB Culdent.

New York, Low York

100:FA 65-12000 Earch 19, 1943

Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

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

In view of a telephone call from Kr. Little of the Europa to Kr. T. J. Ponegen, Assistant Special Leent in Charge of the Key York Office, dated January 14, 1943, in which Kr. Little stated that the above-captioned matter was now being handled as an Alien Enemy Custodial Potentian 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 Office, unless advised to the contrary by the Fureau at some future time.

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Very truly yours.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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New York teletype to the Eureau dated July 15.

TETATLS:

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Hr. SAVA KOSANOVICE, 812 Fifth Avenue. New York City, telephone No. Exgent 7-4610, and his attorney, MAJRAN COLUMNOTH, ED Bast 42nd Street, New York

City, telephone No. Mirray Hill I-2087, personally appeared at the New York Office and furnished the following propared statement:

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The policy of every member of the United Nations, without a doubt, first sust to internal unity and unity among the Allies. The Jugoslava have to promote unity among the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, who constitute Jugoslavia, and to urge that any internal and personal differences to buried in favor of a concentrated strong and united action against the Axis.

Here in America 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 propagands is the breaking of unity and exploiting national, religious and radial differences. The great majority of Americans of Jugoslav extraction are good and conscientious Azerican citi mas.

Cas small group of Serbà, calling itself the Serbian Mational Perensp, of Chicago, and the SRIPETAN paper, of Pittaburgh, began a campaign against unity, a campaign of hate towards Jugoslavia, towards the Creats and Slovenes, etc. At their convention recently, this group passed a resolution in which they proclaimed themselves, even though they are Americans, representatives of Serbdom and broke all relations with the Jugoslav Covernment in Exile, appealed to King Peter to proclaim himself king of Serbia, and accepting Hitler and Mussolini 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 Serbe, Croats and Slovens who are to bravely fighting against the Axis, and contrary to the official stand of the United States, Creat Britain, Eussia and all the Allies.

Miss Ruth 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 nemter of the Jugoslav Covernment which overthrew the appearement government in Jugoslavia, as an anti-fascist, as the leader of one of the most democratic parties in Jugoslavia, to act against this

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kind of prepaganda.

As to what the United State thinks of the situation. I hereby guote Elmer Davis. Director of the Office of War Information, as to his opinion of SHEDEAN, which is the contributes for the Serbian National Defense Committee; Mr. Davis specifically accuses SHEDEAN of aiding the Mari propaganda program and damaging the war effort, and the Department of Justice, the State Department and the Office of War Information have all been watching this with concern.

Following is a direct quotation from a letter written by Elmer Pavis on June 10th to Samuel Verlinich President of the Early National Federation:

For some time, several franches of the United States Covernment including the Office of War Information, 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 clergy, its strong anti-Catholic articles, and its violed efforts to defend the Quisling 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 toasted that they would set Americans against Americans and they are striving to do so. They have sought for years to set people of Sarbian. Creatian and Slovenian extraction against each other. It is the old game of divide and conquert. 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 saek to unite all people of Perbian, Creatian and Slovenian heritage.

When Miss Mitchell tegan writing articles and letters to the Aperican ress whichers against the policy just described by Almer Davis as a United States policy, and which were also against the policy of the Jugoslav Government for unity, I wrote a letter to the Herald Tribune on April 6th in reply to a particularly damaging article which she had previously written to the Tribune on April 2nd.

Following the appearance of my letter in the Herald Tribune, I received a filthy and threatening letter from Philip Enrhovich, who is the

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President of the New York branch of the Serbian Mational Defense 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 ansaking to offset the damaging effects of the Serbian Mational Defense Committee's policies and activities.

I therefore caused the arrest of Philip Herkovich and I will not be intimidated by him or any other member of any group who is consciously or unconsciously following the Maxi line and attempting to promote any one section or any one group at the expense of the war effort as a whole.

Mr. ACCAMOVICH also furnished 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 midress of the Serbian Mational Defense Committee of New York, ADO West 22rd Street, New York City, and was postmarked at 4:00 P.M. April (date obliterated) 1943 at New York City. It is addressed in handwriting to Kr. SAVA KOZANOVICH of 812 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The letter is dated at New York City, April 7, 1943, and is handwritten and signed by PHILIP PARKOVICH.

Kr. KOJANJVICH furnished the following translation of this

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Men York City April 7, 1943.

Sava Kosanovicht

German batard, if I see in the newspapers any more attacks on our Serbian Enightly Chatnik Ruth Mitchell, or if someone brings to as some written or oral attacks which I might has overlooked. I will break all your bones, which the Carmanic 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 Jugoslavia and where they have brought here. I am here in New York and we will meet easily if you speak again on behalf 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 Mitler and Mussolini who disclose secret information from that Mouse of Prostitutes, but wait the F.B.I.

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Will take care of you soon. So much for your knowledge, I am warning you to cease attacking the National Defense and Miss Mitchell. Do you, you pissed on soun, expect to undermine Jugoslavia as before? You are the conspirators who killed the King, but you, soun, will pay for it. I am watching your steps and what you do and with whom you cooperate, you German, you traiter worse than a coward. You, your company and your satellites stink.

Philip Karkovich

by his own hand."

Hr. KCOANOVICH 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 proud of having written the letter.

Detective JAHIS E. KNOTE, nestgned to the Special Squad No. 1 of the New York City Police Department, advised that he had arrasted PHILIP MARKOVICH, who resides at 103 East 101st Street, New York City, on July 12, 1943, charging him with violating Section No. 151 of the New York Penal Law, which prohibit the sending of thesatening letters.

Detective KNOTT stated that subject was arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross in Yorkville Court on July 12, 1943 and that Engistrate Kross perolled MARKOVICH in custody of his lawyer, HYMM JCORPHS, and adjourned the arraignment until Friday, July 16, 1943.

Three facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy of the Southern District of New York, who advised that he would decline presecution, pending the results of the action taken in the New York City Court.

CHARLES LIEBBIRS, Court Officer of the Yorkville Court, 183
Zest 57th Street, New York City, advised that on July 16, 1943 Magistrate
Anna Kross adjourned the case against 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 prosectuion in the near future.

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March 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.

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 or 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., Combridge, Mass. January 30, 1943.

r. Walter Goranch, Alien Property Custodien, 120 Éroadwey, New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

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

This exmination was made at the Lanhatten Werehouse, 52nd Street, New York City, on January 20-27, and included all of the notes and anterial 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 natural in trunks which had remained untouched in the basement of the New Yorker Rotal for ten years prior to Dr. Tosla's death.

As a result of this exchination, it is my considered opinion that there exist enong in. Teplata 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.

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 realizing such results.

Very truly yours,

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

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ACCTRACTS OF DR. NIKOLA TESLA'S WRITINGS RETAINED AS EXHIBITS FOR THE MILEN 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 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 fund among his possessions. Participating in this examination were Mr. John C. Newington, New York Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Mr. Charles J. Hedetniemi, Washington Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Mr. 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 Yeoman, USNR; John J. Corbett, Chief Yeoman, USNR.

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 article 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

"Recetive Forces of Olycerine 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.

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Exhibit C

"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.

Exhibit D

"Reply to Interg re the generation of high-voltage and the acceleration of charged particles's - This document, dated November 8, 1935, answers questions raised by Soviet engineers and scientists regarding Tesla's 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 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 ides.

Exhibit F

through Natural Median - 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 non-dispersive" 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.

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The proposed scheme beers 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 scientific and medical interest, are incepable of the transmission of large counts of power in non-dispersed beams over long distances. Tesla's disclosures in this memorandum would not enable the construction of workable cambinations of generator and tube even of limited power, though the general elements of such a combination are succinctly described.

Txhibit 0

A circular by Carol Fird, dated September 10, 1938, entitled "Tremendous New Power Soon to Be Unleashed". 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.

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This exhibit consists of a series of letters to representatives of the British Government dated August 28, 1936; Cotober 26, 1937; Docember 15, 1937; and April 5, 1938. It includes a reply dated Januar, 7, 1938, from the British Government. These letters offer to the British Government, for a fee, the disclosure of a noung for accelerating to high energies minute porticles. Euch 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 P above. Following the initial letter dated August 23, 1936, the subsecuent 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

In undated memorandum written after Teslais 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

memorandum in Tesla's handwriting describing "a new process of generating powerful rays 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".

Exhibit K

A letter to prospective licensees on telegeodynamics dated December 27, 1941. This is a single-page letter with the type-written signature of Dr. Nikola Teals, 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 Lorgans, Crawford, J. J. Astor, and Fish, as well as commercial organizations, and states this to be a new art with which "unveligrable wonders can be achieved".

Exhibit L

Tesla's "New System of Rivid Propulsion". This is an undeted 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 momorandum 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.

<u>Exhibit u</u>

"The Pener 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

Exhibit W (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 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 advences 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

article by N. Tesla in the Flectric Forld, Narch 5, 1904, pages 429-431. A general, somewhat biographical article on Tesla's early work with some speculation on the possibility of long-distance wireless transmission of large emounts of energy.

Exhibit 0

World System of Wireless Transmission of Fnergy" - 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. Armagnaq for Popular Science Konthly, May 24, 1928. An 11-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.

Exhibit Q

An agreement dated april 20, 1935, between Nikola Tesla and the intorg Trading Corporation, in which Tesla agreed to supply plans, 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 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 Tesla and by A. Bartanian of the Intory 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 published 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 among the Tesla efforts at the Linhattan 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.

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

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

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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 June 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 calvage 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, Dolaware was the notivating influence behind this attempt to obtain TESLA'S papers which are presently held in storage at the MANHATTAN STORAGE WARTHOUSE in New York City. BENCETRESSER 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 chur of his from Wichita, Kansas, BLOYCE FITZGERALD, had been TESLA'S protego 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.

BERGSTRESSER related that sometime in December 1942, when FITZGERALD was attending a meeting of the AFRICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL FNOINEERS, he made the acquaintance os ARRAHAN SPANEL who become interested in FITZGURALD'S

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gun. STANTL offered financial aid to FITZGERALD and the two were in the closest contact with each other for a considerable period of time.

BERCOTRESSER said that FITZGERALD had lined up a deal for the purchase of the gun by the REMINOTON ARMS COMPANY, but for some reason SPANTL blocked this deal by reaching top men in the REMINOTON COMPANY. SPANTL is then reported as having obtained a job for FITZGERALD with the HIGGENS STIP 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 COM of the profits derived to SPANTL,

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 HIGGINS CMPANY. 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. BINGSTRESSER 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 BTROSTRESSTR, FITZGERALD is presently working on the perfection of TESLA'S "death ray" which in FITZGERALD'S opinion is the only possible defence 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 "SCIENCS 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 radius of 250 miles.

BERGSTRESER stated that during FITZGERALD'S acquaintance with SPANEL, FITZGERALD had told SPANEL of his associations with TESLA and had apparently described to SPANEL some of TESLA'S most secret work. BERGSTRESSER 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 KINO FEATURE SYNDICATE THEORYPOTATED, 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 COMPORATION, 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 SYNDICATE INCORPORATED for six million dollars alleging the column by PEGLER to have been liabelous.

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. BERGSTRESSER 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 HERRY WALLAGE.

FUNCTIFIESER advised that two agents from Army Intelligence contacted and stated that in an investigation to determine the qualifications of FITZCTPALD for a commission, they had developed information indicating that SPANZL was definitely endeavoring to secure possession of TESLA'S effects. BURGOTR'SSUR 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, ECRGSTRESSER 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 WI, 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 Marfare Department of the OWI.

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 General Stillwell's car from Mashington to the Mest 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.

EXRCSTRESSER stated that FITZCERALD 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 HEMRY FORD, SR., to solicit his aid in this regard.

before 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 MANHATTAN STORAGE WAREHOUSE in New York City, and it was determined that the effects of NIKOLA TESLA are contained in some

75 packing cooss 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 CYARLOTTE MUZAR, 134 East 63rd Street, New York, New York, who is listed as the agent for SAVA KOSANOTICE.

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 CORSUCE, Chief Investigator for the Alien Property Qustodian, provided a cover letter and a summary of materials owned by TESLA at the time of his death which was examined by JOIN G. TENAP, of the office of SCIENTIFIC RESPARCIES. DITTELORM N'VI. Mr. CORSUCE 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 SHORY & WALKER SAFE COMPANY. It was Mr. CORSUCE'S belief that a Mr. SWIZZEY who is believed to be one of the editors of the POPULAR STENCE WACAZINE was present in TESLA'S room shortly after the safe was opened. These individuals were WILLIS CORGE, EDMARD PALMER, and JOIN J. CORBETT.

There are enclosed herewith two typewritten copies of the report by Wr. TRUMP of the ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN reflecting the findings of Wr. 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. BERGSTRESSER.

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

Very truly yours,

R. B. 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 Resla 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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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. FRATT, ASN 39293663, Lt. HERBERT O. SCHUTT, and Lt. R.E. KOULE, all of a research development unit at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. These men carried a letter signed by BRIGADIER CHERAL L.C. CRAIGER, Chief Engineering Division, Wright Field, requesting the assistance of this office in allowing the bearers of the letter access to the effects of NIKOLA TESLA.

It was explained to Private FITZOTRAID and his associates that this office had no jurisdiction over TESIA's effects, and FITZOTRAID was referred to the office of the Alien Property Custodian, which made a very thorough investigation of TESIA's belongings following the inventors death.

For the Bureau's information, Private FTTZGERALD, and his associates stated that the Army believes TESLA'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 TESLA's effects, which occupy several trunks at the Manhattan Storage Warehouse, New York City. It will be recalled that prior to TESLA's death, FITZGERALD, who is reported to be a brilliant young scientist, was taken by TESLA as his protege.

This office is conducting no investigation on this matter.

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MR. SCHEIDT MR BELMONT LAIR WHELAN ...MR. COLLIER ...MR. GRANVILLE ...MR. HUGHES .MR. KENNEDY _MR_LEVVIS ...MR.MARCHESSAULT MR RAGAN -- NIGHT SUPERVISOR MR. TOOHY March 29th, 1950 MR. WALSH MR. WOHL CHIEF CLERK PROPERTY CLERK TRAINING UNIT MEMO SAC: RE: NICOLAI PESLA SAVA N. KOSÁNOVIC TESLA On this date Insp. A. Belmont advised that one SAVA N. KOSANOVIC KW contacted the Bureau 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 mino died 1-7-43. Pesla had left all of his technical papers to be given to the institute of Belgrade. PESLAGs papers were left in the Manhattan Storage Co, and the Manhattan Storage Co. advised him that the F.B.I. had made MICRO-FILLS of all these papers. KOSANOVIC requested that if the F.B.I. had done so, would it be possible for him to get a copy of same???????? THISP BELLIONT advised MR. KOSANOVIC that he doubted very much if the F.B.I. had done this but he could check and find out. Insp. BELLIONT requests that a check be made on this matter and if this is the case, was anything of value obtained. FBI - NEW YORK MAR 3 0 1950 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED I LOIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

April 17, 1950

Director, FBI SAC, New York

SAVA N. KOSANOVIC INTERNAL SECURITY-YU (Dufile 65-47953)

Rebulet dated April 3 last.

On April 7, 1950 agents of this office interviewed Kr. J.V. POTTS, Vice President of the Kanhattan 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 NIKCLA TESLA, N.T. POTTS revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons cutside 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 TESIA effects are stored in rooms 5J and 5L of Manhattan Storage's warehouse 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 TESIA 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 were 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 "TEDETAL AUTHORITIES". According to LTM. KING, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TECIA 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 UNIXON SUBJECT; SAVA MOSANOVICH; Experiments & Research of NIXOLA TECLA (Decembed), 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 LR. POTTS, the only correspondence relating to the TESLA estate has been 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. CIOSED.

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New York, N. Y. 2/5/51

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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 Economich, Eureau, to ASAC W. M. Whelan, 2/5/51.

The Eureau pointed out they were in receipt of a letter written by RALPH BENGSTRESSER to Senator Joseph McCarthy relative to one AERAHAM SPANEL in which he makes certain allegations about conversations which he had with former SA Harvey E. Rath. On 2/8/51, Mr. Rath came 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 made to this office.

For the Eureau's information, a search of MY files reflect EUNGSTRESSER came to this office on another matter and furnished a complnint 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 EUNGSTRESSER 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 WALDLOK, was, ESP. G.

Mr. Rath recalls that he left the Eureau in May, 1945, to enter private industry; that sometime after his resignation EMESTRESSER contacted him telephonically at his place of business. He could offer no explanation as to how EMESTRESSER knew where he was employed. EMESTRESSER, at that time, asked him if the FBI was doing anything about the natter he had previously reported and Mr. Rath recalls having told his that that was something about which he could offer no information since he had officially resigned his connection with that agency. Mr. Rath remembers specifically informing EMESSERESSER 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 DEMESTRESSER 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 BERGSTRESSER 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 BERGSTRESSER's allegation that the FBI 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 Delaware and such an investigation would not be undertaken by this office. RATH advised that he at no time advised BERGSTRESSER that the Eureau was undertaking any investigation of SPANEL and neither did he ever indicate that the Eureau 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 married 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 Bureau, sometime in 1946, RATH believes BERG-STRESSER asked him why he left the Bureau 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.

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Mr. Rath Further states that he did not discuss the merits of this case in any way during his last telephone conversation with BERGIRESSER and, hence, he is positive that he never mide any statement that there was no hope left or that, "the last hope was Congress",

Since the one phone call referred to above ir. Bath has had no contact whatsoever with BERGSTRESSER and he has never heard anything from him or about him.

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DIRECTOR, FOI

SAC, NEW YORK (65-12290)

NIKOLA THELA (Deceased)

PETER SAVO, 132 West 78th 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:

SAVO stated that a certain women named Mrs. MARGARET STOCK who lives with her husband, JUNI, at the Colonial Motel, 51 West Slat Street, New York 24, New York, has been issuing newsletters which contain information pertaining to flying saucers and interplanetary matters.

SAVO rested that in his opinion Nr. and Nrs. STOM are exploiting the reputation and genius of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased, inventor of Yugoslav extraction who discount wide fame as a result of his inventions in the United States.

July, 1859 and came 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 ratter. After 1900, communications and wireless power transmission occupied most of his research.

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TESLA's only military invention was a method to which he once eluded but nevr fully described. This invention was a means whereby an impenetrable "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 mitter 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 crate through a beam one hundredth millionth of a square a centimeter in diameter and could be generated from a special plant that yould cost no more than two million collars and would take only about three months to costruct. TESLA stated that a dzen 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 defense against it could be devised and he asserted that the beam would be all penetrating.

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TESIA stated to Mr. LAWRENCE that he makes one important stipulation before he tould divulge this scoret 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. TESIA stated that he would suffer "no interference from experts."

In this "Now York Times" article Mr. LAWRENCE to mented that with conditions as they were in 1940; and with the United States getting ready to spend millions of dollars for National Defense, Ir. 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 comission him to go shead 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.

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

Ir. SAYO 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 commication. 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 nonsletter furnished by ir. SAVO included the following names:

HARGATE STOCK JOHN STOCK GEORG'S VAN TASSEL, Yugga Valley, California DAN FRY GEORG'S KING, London, England

The files of the New York Office contained no pertinent information regarding any of the above mentioned individuals.

Two photostatic copies of this newsletter are being sent to the Eureau for purposes of information while one copy is being submitted to the Los Angeles Office for information purposes.