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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 4, 2011

Subject: FOIA BUZZ NEWSLETTER

FOIPA No. 1160621- 000

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

- ☐ (b)(1)
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- ☐ (b)(4)
- ☐ (b)(5)
- ☒ (b)(6)

Section 552a

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44 page(s) were reviewed and 44 page(s) are being released.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
 - ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
 - ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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Freedom of Information Act newsletter for RIDS

RIDS FOIA BUZZ

Volume 1, Issue 1

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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

I'm really excited about the first edition of the RIDS FOIA BUZZ. The BUZZ is one of several new initiatives in RIDS to encourage professional development. In the past, learning the necessary skills to be a highly effective FOIA or declassification analyst was largely dependent on gaining years of experience. This worked well when 85% of the section had over 20 years experience in FOIA or declassification. The dynamics of the section have changed radically. Today over 60% of the section has less than five years experience. So,

our approach to knowledge sharing has had to change as well. Instead of one employee learning many things over a number of years, we're going to have many employees share what they learn as quickly as possible. The BUZZ is part of this process.

In addition to the BUZZ, we have started the development of a RIDS blog site where information derived from processing requests, as well as questions, will be posted. The blog site will be peer managed. Classification Unit One will be testing the concept

shortly. This all wraps into the more formal development of technical proficiency through the certification program, overall LAS development through continuing education, and the leadership development continuum. Overall, we believe we will develop a dynamic organization that encourages innovation and achieves excellence. We know we have the talent to do so.

Special Topics:

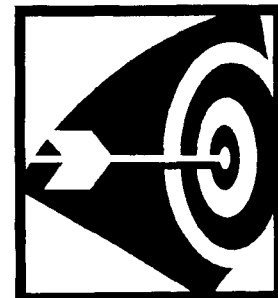
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New AG Guidelines (Reminder)

A reminder to all RIDS personnel regarding the Attorney General's New FOIA Guidelines that emphasizes openness. The guidelines are the result of President Obama's new policy announcement on FOIA matters. AG Holder stated, "By restoring the presumption of disclosure that is at the heart of the Freedom of Information Act, we are making a critical change that will restore

the public's ability to access information in a timely manner." "The American people have the right to information about their government's activities, and these new guidelines will ensure they are able to obtain that information under principles of openness and transparency." The AG encourages all agencies to make discretionary disclosures of records and

to release records in part whenever they cannot be released in full.



Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Border Patrol, et al.



In the captioned court case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Judge Paul L. Friedman, ruled on FOIA Exemption (b)(5) on June 11, 2009 that,

"The two divisions of the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) did not produce adequate Vaughn indices, stating they were so vague that he was unable to determine whether the claimed exemptions were valid, whether DHS reasonably segregated information for release,

and whether the two agencies adequately searched for responsive records." Further readings of this case can be found in the above mentioned case or the Privacy Times at www.privacytimes.com, volume 29, number 12, dated June 22, 2009.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

A requestor called RIDS and stated that he wanted to file a FOI/PA request to verify if he had any unpaid parking tickets before entering the military!!!

Virginia Tech Tragedy— Assigned LAS

The VA Tech shooting occurred on April 16, 2007 resulting in 33 fatalities and 29 non fatal injuries.

The investigative file contains various writing samples authored by Seung Cho, two of which are entitled "Mr. Brownstone" and "Richard McBeef." Both writings are violent and sexual in nature. "Mr. Brownstone" is about three kids who loathed their

teacher and vowed to get revenge, while "Richard McBeef" concerns a distraught teenage boy upset with his stepfather for stealing his mother away following his father's death.

FBI agents distributed voluntary questionnaires around campus, which included a picture of Cho. None of the students who lived in Harper Dormitory recognized Cho, who also

lived in the dormitory. In all of the FD-302 interviews, it was continuously reported that Cho was never seen talking with others around campus.

Cho's preferred means of communication was the internet, including Facebook, instant messenger and e-mail. This FOIA request illustrates how crucial technology is to current or recent investigations.

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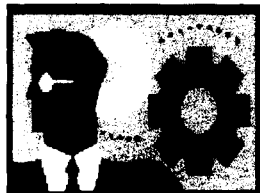
New RIDS FOIA/Privacy Website

A new FOIA website is in the final stages of development which will be more user friendly and offer additional search engines at every corner.

RIDS personnel have been working with Online Print Media and Historian John Fox for the past several months developing the changes to this site.

To compliment the website, the FBI will offer, for the first time, a new E-FOIA Electronic submission form. Requesters will simply enter the data into the required blocks using a computer, etc. and send it electronically. Requesters will also have the option to complete a FOIA request in a PDF fillable version format.

The new changes will allow RIDS to comply with DOJ mandates and expand the use of technology in FOIA processing. The new submission forms will likely reduce the time LAS's spend attempting to decipher hand written requests.



RIDS Q & A

Q. Upon completion of processing a FOI/PA request and documents are released in their entirety; does the appeals pitch need to be included in the release letter?

A. YES! This is because even when a document contains no redactions, the requestor can still file an appeal with OIP for the search conducted by WPU.

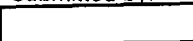
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Q. Do I have to list -0, -2, -5 files on my search slip?

A. Yes, you must list these files with their serials. When conducting an ACS search, sometimes files come up like (190-0). Although these are not treated as main files, they are still listed with their serials in the event they may need to be called in the future. Serials have to be listed so they can be easily identified for future use.

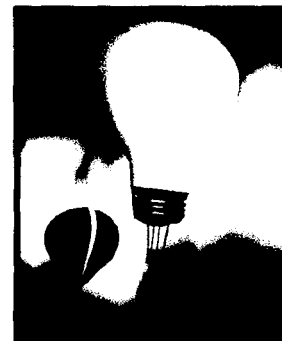
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Q. How many CEP credits are obtained by reading 90 pages of an approved book?

A. 3 CEP credits.

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Classification

CLASSIFICATION UNIT 1

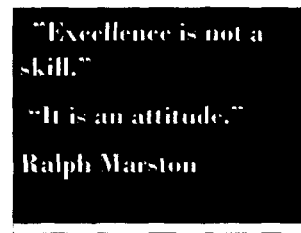
On Thursday, 9-24-09, FBI agents arrested Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, who allegedly placed a car bomb near Fountain Place Tower in downtown Dallas, TX. Days prior to his arrest, LAS [redacted]

and LAS [redacted] of RIDS Classification Unit-1 were hard at work processing the steady stream of documents forwarded to

RIDS CU1 for declassification. These documents included numerous email conversations between Smadi and undercover agents that took place in the months leading up to the arrest. These expedited documents were an integral part of a successful, and highly coordinated operation, that were used to justify his arrest and detainment on that crucial

day. This case is a great example of how RMD/RIDS plays a vital role in current FBI investigations.

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On the Lighter Side!

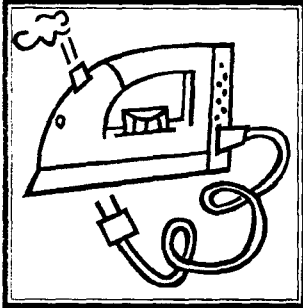
An FBI Investigation.

The phone rings at FBI headquarters. "Hello? I'm calling to report my neighbor, Clifford. He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood!" "Thank you very much for the call, sir." The next day, FBI agents descend on the neighbor's house. They search the shed where the firewood is

kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They swear at the neighbors and leave. The phone rings at the neighbors house. Hey, Clifford, did the FBI come?" "Yep." "Did they chop your firewood?" "Yep." "Great, now its your turn to call. I need my garden plowed."



FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



The death of singer Michael Jackson has led RIDS to be inundated with requests for FBI related files. The Savannah office is presently processing those requests and we are planning to make simultaneous releases in the future. The release will also be available for viewing/download on our website under Hot Topics. Major media outlets are anxiously awaiting this release!

LAS [redacted] assigned to the Single Station Team is processing requests related to the late Senator Edward Kennedy.

The death of media icon Walter L. Cronkite, Jr. resulted in many requests but all are being returned with a RIDSDESTROY letter. Potentially responsive records were destroyed on 10-9-07. View the recent article in USA Today (9-23-09) titled, "Cronkite records destroyed by FBI".

The Saddam Hussein—Written Interviews by the FBI consisting of 132 pages was recently released. The interview and The FBI Prosecutive Report of Investigation concerning Saddam Hussein are available on our website under HOT TOPICS.

The new release of the Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide (DIOG) has been made and is now available on HOT TOPICS.

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BOLO (Be On The Lookout)

"Don't be afraid to see what you see."
Ronald Reagan

GITMO Detainees—Department of Defense, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba list is available at <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/detainees/>. Additional information concerning "Detainee Related Documents" is also available on this page titled "The Office of The Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff Reading Room".

Attorney [redacted] with Cozen & O'Connor continues to submit FOIA requests on behalf of several thousand victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. He has filed a civil suit in U.S. District Court in NY against Osama bin Laden and others.

We are always on the BOLO for articles to be published in the RIDS FOIA BUZZ. Please indicate which category your article is best fitted for.

Reminder—Please keep your article or topic brief in order to publish all of the material. Please complete, save and send your article/topic in a Word document.

Articles for publication can be forwarded to David P. Sobonya in SRU.

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Back Page Buzz!



One FOIA training class started on 9-21 consisting of 11 LAS'. A second class is scheduled for 11-2 with 10 LAS' attending. A third class is planned for January 2010. Upon completion members will be assigned to the Single Station Team (SST) while others will be assigned to the FOIPA units.

Please welcome four new LAS' that began WPU training on 9-28-09. The LAS' will undergo training for the next several weeks before reporting for duty.

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The process of hiring new contractors for assignment to WPU is underway. Training began on 9-28 and will continue until all new personnel are trained.

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Wow! We couldn't have more moving parts in the section than we have right now. We just finished training 30 contractors in WPU processing and are in the process of moving 39 LASs into FOIA training (one additional LAS is headed for declassification). At the same time we've doubled the size of LASs at our office in Savannah, GA and brought our office in Butte, MT into FOIA processing. This will add 32 additional LASs. I want to express my appreciation to the trainers, supervisors, and mentors (both formal and informal)

who are shepherding this transition. In addition, in December we'll turn out the lights on WPU 2 in anticipation of standing up FOIA 4 later in spring 2010.

Despite the enormous effort involved in bringing contractors and other offices into the FOIA process, we decided to continue the Certification, knowledge sharing, and single station processing initiatives already in progress. They are progressing well and we hope by January the dust will be pretty much settled.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This is a special holiday for gathering with family and friends. I hope all of you are able to make the most of it. If traveling, please be careful.

I want to say thank you to [redacted] Unit Chief for FOIA 1. She stepped up to lead FOIA 1 during the entire transition from HQ to the ICRC. Her retirement this month is well deserved, but we will certainly miss her.

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- *On the Lighter Side!*
- *FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"*
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New DOJ FOIA Training Material

The Office of Information Policy (OIP) with DOJ has available new FOIA training power point slides.

The slide presentations are available by accessing the DOJ website at (www.usdoj.gov) and clicking on the FOIA link then OIP HOME. There are four different training power point slides available.

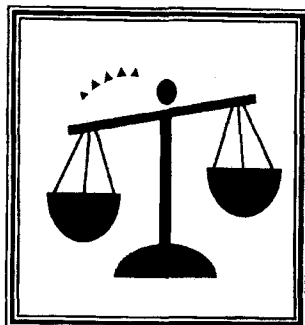
Slide Presentation #1— Overview of the Freedom of Information Act— Procedures—46 slides (10/16/09).

Slide Presentation #2— Overview of the Freedom of Information Act— Exemptions— 57 slides (10/16/09).

Slide Presentation #3— Refresher Training on the 2008 Guidelines for Preparation of Annual FOIA Reports—54 slides (10/13/09).

Slide Presentation #4— President Obama's and Attorney General Holder's FOIA Memoranda— 72 slides (3/26/09).

SIDNA Investigation by LAS [REDACTED]



On 4-29-92, Sidney Reso, President of Exxon Corp. International and father of four, left his suburban home for another ordinary work day. At the foot of his driveway, he stopped to pick up the morning mail. Two individuals approached Mr. Reso and executed a well planned kidnapping. The next day, a female called Exxon Corp. in NJ and stated that a ransom letter could be found at the Livingston Mall.

Over the course of the next two months, the kidnapers

played a "cat and mouse game" with law enforcement. In order to establish communication with authorities, the kidnapers demanded the police obtain a cell phone and advertise the cellular number in a local paper with the last four numbers reversed. Contacts between the kidnapers and Exxon continued for several months. On 6-19-02, Arthur Seale and his wife, Jackie, were arrested at a car rental

agency in NJ after subsequent surveillance and traps and traces on telephones used during the money drop scenario.

After being kidnapped, the victim was transported to a nearby storage unit, where he was shot in the arm, bound with duct tape, and shoved inside a cramped wood box in a hot, poorly ventilated storage vault. The victim died four days later. The suspect buried the victim's body in a shallow grave in the South Jersey Pine Barrens area.

SIDNAP Investigation Continued

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?
A requester called RIDS and wanted to know if President Obama has a security clearance???

Arthur Seale was sentenced to life plus 125 years, which is the maximum years of imprisonment which can be levied on both the state and federal levels. Mr. Seale is currently serving his sentence at USP McCreary in Pine Knot, Kentucky.

This investigation illustrates cases that come across the desk of FOIA LAS's. Extreme care has to be taken when processing such cases as not to reveal any sensitive investigative technique or sources. This investigation had a sad ending with the death of Mr. Reso, but thanks to the Bureau's hard work, Arthur Seale is reading his second FOIPA

release package behind bars.

Thanks to LAS [REDACTED] for contributing this article for publication in the RIDS FOIA BUZZ.

Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) vs. DOJ



The Litigation Unit was busy preparing three Declarations consisting of 383 pages for the litigation action regarding DIOG. LAS [REDACTED] was tasked with the assignment. Two Declarations had to be prepared for the suit involving the EFF. The first consisted of 21 pages of justifications signed by Mr. Hardy, and the second

discussed the operational concerns in more detail regarding exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(7)(e), which had to be reviewed by DD [REDACTED] LAS [REDACTED] had to breakdown every redaction and formulate categories for each exemption. [REDACTED] had to communicate with many other Divisions in the process such as: WMD,

CD, Cyber, DI and CPO regarding their input. A third Declaration had to be prepared regarding the suit of Muslim Advocates vs. DOJ. The final Declaration had to be completed very quickly and efficiently because [REDACTED] only had one day to finish the assignment. Another success story for the LSU!

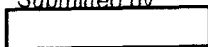
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RIDS Q & A

Q. Can you apply (b)(2) in a first party request for a personnel file?

A. No, this is because in a file of this type you will be applying Privacy Act exemptions and there is no corresponding Privacy Act exemption for b2. In Privacy Act cases you must always have Privacy Act exemption to cite first before you apply a FOIA exemption. Therefore, b2 can not be applied

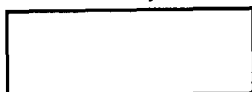
Submitted by:



Q. How did the AG Memo, dated April 2009, effect incoming FOIA requests?

A. All direct ident files in any office are now called and processed for release to the requester.

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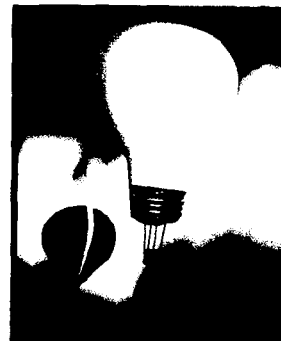
Q. What is the highest resolution (dpi) that a photograph can be scanned by the Photograph Unit at the Laboratory Division?

A. 5,000 dpi would equal a file size of 5.59 Giga-bytes. Typically, the lab can scan an 8x10 print at 400dpi which is sufficient to make a print for FOIA photograph requests.

Source:



Laboratory Division



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Classification

Sharepoint?

Classification Unit 1 will become the test pilots of implementing an online forum for exchanging information gleaned from years in classification and from the complexity of cases between all levels of LASSs.

This is an exciting venture and it should prove to be invaluable for everyone as

we strive for quality and understanding.

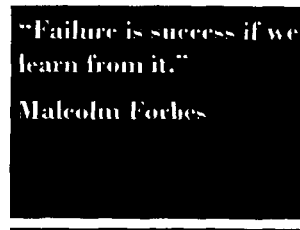
A place to discuss and communicate policy and procedures in application: the new reality.

Source: CU 1



"Failure is success if we learn from it."

Malcolm Forbes



On the Lighter Side!

FBI Dog—Joke

A police dog responds to an ad for work with the FBI. "Well, says the personnel director, "you'll have to meet some strict requirements.

First, you must type at least 60 word per minute." Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types out 80 words per minute.

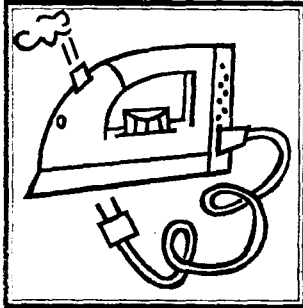
"Also," says the director, "you must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course." This perfect canine specimen finishes the course in record time.

"There's one last requirement," the director continues; "you must be bilingual."

With confidence, the dog looks up at him and says, "Meow!"



FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



Anna Nicole Smith (a.k.a. Vickie Lynn Marshall; a.k.a. Vickie Lynn Smith) is now available on Hot Topics.

A celebrity and model, Smith was born in 1967. Her career was marked by controversy, especially concerning her marriage to billionaire J. Howard Marshall. Following his death, she became involved in a number of court matters regarding her husband's estate and other controversies. She died at the age of 39 in 2007.

9A-LA-237335 & 9A-LA-237335-GJ details an extortion investigation of someone who sent Ms. Smith a threatening e-mail.

File 49A-LA-22178 concerns a bankruptcy fraud investigation that took place between 1999-2001.

Files 166C-LA-223601, 166C-LA-223601, 1A Volume 1 and 166C-LA-223601, 1A Volume 2 dealt with the FBI investigation where there was an allegation of murder where Ms. Smith was a suspect.

Ali-Hassan al-Majid (aka "Chemical Ali") and **Sabir Abdul-Aziz al-Duri**. This release consists of FBI interviews conducted in 2004 with officials of the regime of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. The first interview of "Chemical Ali", the maternal cousin of Hussein and director of his 'al'Anfal Campaign,' an attack on Kurdish rebels and civilians involving the use of chemical weapons. The interview of al-Duri, director of military intelligence for Hussein is also included in this report.

BOLO (Be On The Lookout)

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."
Abraham Lincoln

Convicted DC Sniper—John Allen Muhammad was executed by lethal injection on Tuesday, 11-10-09 at the Greenville Correctional Facility in Virginia. Subject was responsible for 16 shootings and 10 murders.

W. Mark Pelt dubbed Watergate 'Deep Throat' dies at the age of 95 and was the FBI's former second-in-command.

Pulitzer Prize winning author and activist Studs Terkel dies at the age of 96. Requesters seeking FBI files for subject want to know if the individual had applied for a job with FBI?

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Savannah-OSC

We're growing ya'll!

The Savannah FOIPA Module has grown by 26!

A new supervisor and two experts have been selected. On-board personnel transitioned into the module and new hires have joined the unit.

Savannah now has three teams totaling 40!

Supervisory LAS

15 WPU contractors are presently being trained on ACS searching and two additional contractors are being trained on conducting searches at the ARC.

A new FOIPA class began on 11-2-09 with nine LAS' in attendance. Upon graduation they will be assigned to either a FOIPA unit/Single Station Team.

RIDS has a flag football team and has already played a game against Name Check (25 to 12 in favor of NC. Next game is 11/21/09 @ 11:00 a.m.!

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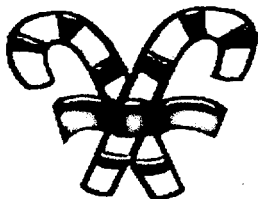
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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

This month the Executive Office of the President (OMB) published a directive for all agencies concerning "Open Government." While it is unclear exactly what we'll have to do in response to the directive, the directive clearly demonstrates the importance of agency operations being as open to the public as possible. More than most other government agencies, we are faced with the tension between the competing priorities of openness and protection of very important equities.

Here are some of my off-the-cuff thoughts on the

issue. First, the OMB guidance does not suggest that we not protect sensitive information. The guidance does reinforce the idea that the information must be truly sensitive. We have some obvious bright lines as to what is sensitive, such as confidential informant identities and classified information. Even classified information is undergoing something of a revolution—the 50 year rule we recently began using will most likely be codified in the next few weeks in a new Executive Order.

Otherwise, the most important factor that I see in determining the sensitivity of information is the age of the information. While "the older the less sensitive" would seem to be the general norm, there are lots of exceptions. Atomic energy information, Grand Jury information, REIs and TEIs all defy time. The "practical obscurity" concept actually works in reverse with the passage of time. All of this means that you can't work in automatic and that the best FOIA practitioners are those that think it through.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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CLEAN STREETS by [REDACTED]

A Penn State Professor recently made a request for FBI Pornography Cases. The "Clean Streets" case, was a 5-year investigation from 1977-1982 targeted at [REDACTED] of Baltimore.

[REDACTED] at that time was reported to be the 3rd largest distributor of pornography in the United States.

What initially started out as case involving the inter-

state trade of obscene material, quickly bloomed into a major RICO investigation. Aside from [REDACTED] porn empire, he and his cohorts controlled massage parlors, adult book stores, peep shows, pimps, prostitutes, and the pirating of major motion pictures which included *Star Wars*, *The Godfather*, and *Jaws*!

The motion Picture Assn. of America was even con-

tacted and determined that the economic loss due to the pirating by [REDACTED] organization exceeded 9 million dollars.

The FBI employed many resources to include undercover agents posing as porn-distributors, and even a hit man. There was also wide use of the NAGRQA tape-recorder which is about a size of a women's shoe box.

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**BELIEVE IT OR NOT?**

A requester called and advised that he suspects the local law enforcement where he resides is conducting an investigation on him, not the FBI. The requester wanted the FBI to confirm the investigation!!



Gonzales v. FBI, No. 09-13590, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 96289 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 16, 2009) (Cleland, J.). Re: Request for surveillance tap. Litigation considerations: Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperi* is granted. "Complaints filed by a plaintiff proceeding *in forma pauperis* are subject to the screening requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)" which "requires district courts to screen and dismiss complaints that are frivolous, fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or that seek mone-

Gonzales v. FBI

tary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief...A complaint is frivolous and subject to *sua sponte* dismissal under § 1951(e) if it lacks an arguable basis in either law or fact." Plaintiff claims that defendants have not released records to her and that she is "therefore entitled to damages in the amount of **seven million dollars**." FOIA, however, does not authorize damage awards. "Because Plaintiff does not have even an arguable claim to relief, the court will dismiss Plaintiff's

complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Source:
<http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2009foiapost23.htm>.

**Prepublication Review Office (PRO)**

The Prepublication Review Office (PRO) is responsible for the FBI Prepublication Review program based on the obligation of FBI personnel and persons with whom the FBI contracts to safeguard sensitive and classified information from unauthorized disclosures. This obligation is based on statutes, regulations, access and employment agreements, contractual

clauses, and the fiduciary relationships into which employees or contractor personnel enter when they are entrusted with such information in the performance of their official duties. The PRO coordinates the prepublication-review process; preparing the FBI response to each request for prepublications; reviewing the submitted work upon receipt; and

screening it to determine if further review is required and by whom. If there is an obligation to disclosure of any portion of a work, the PRO notifies the author that the FBI withholds permission to disclose or publish the portions and requests such modifications as may be necessary.

PRO Continued

If the author submits corrected portions for further review, the PRO continues to work with the requester until final clearance is authorized.

[redacted] is the Prepublication Review Coordinator and can be contacted at [redacted]

To better serve requesters, RIDS has established an official email account—fbi.prepub@ic.fbi.gov, whereby requesters can submit their prepublications for review by electronic means. This also provides another avenue of communication between requesters and the PRO.

Online Print Media has added a link to PRO on the FOIA/Privacy website which provides the PRO function and contact information. The link allows requesters to access the PRO email account and send emails with their prepublication reviews directly from that link.

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RIDS Q & A

Q. How do you process Title III information?

A. The court documents (i.e. affidavit, order, and extension request) should be withheld in their entirety under (b)(3). In addition, any pages that contain live 3rd party names or information should also be withheld under (b)(7) (C).

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Typically there are FBI documents that appear just before or after a Title III affidavit that set out the submission of the aforementioned court documents. In these FBI documents, redact the identifying Title III information and release the pages of the documents. You can release the mere mention of Title III, just not the who, what, where, when and how!

Submitted by:

Q. Can a requester file for expedited processing at anytime after the original request has been received and assigned a FOI/PA Number?

A. Yes!

Source:



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Classification

OIG INVESTIGATION - Interrogation of Detainees (SITREPS). The Washington Chapter of the ACLU filed the request in April 2008. The request surrounds information on how the FBI and its agents handled the detainees during their detention as well as interview and interrogation techniques. The ACLU wanted to know if policy and procedures

were adhered. Issues related to detainees humane treatment and their constitutional rights was of main concern. Agents had to submit daily Situational Reports detailing the number of detainees, captured, released, transferred and interviewed. The reports also detailed the number of personnel assigned to each camp and how many

interrogations were conducted. LAS also had to process a number of emails where agents consulted with OGC regarding Miranda and other interrogation related issues. An interim release to ACLU was made and posted on their website.

Source: LAS

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"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success."

Dale Carnegie

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On the Lighter Side!

FBI CLASSIC CHRISTMAS JOKE

Montegall, one of Santa's elves, goes missing, so Santa goes to the Missing Persons Desk at the Federal Bureau of Investigations in Washington, D.C., in order to file a report. When Santa walks into the relevant office in the FBI building, the man

working at the Missing Persons Desk kind of raises an eyebrow: "Here's a guy in a red velour outfit with white fur trim and black shiny boots and a big basically Santa hat, okay..." he's thinking. What he says is, though, "Hello sir, have a seat please and just go through it from the beginning, starting with the name of the missing

person and what have you." Santa says, "His name is Montegall. Montegall! Fistenwharf Glicksenhusk the Ninth." "Okay, perfect, now can you describe this person," says the man at the Missing Persons Desk of the FBI. Santa: "Well, he's a jolly little fellow, sort of *elvish*." Man: "Wait a minute..." Man: "Hold on a second here..."





Season's Greetings

FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"

REMINDER—The CFC Basket Raffle is being held from 12/7 through 12/17 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Baskets will primarily be on display during ticket sale times in the office space between rows Y and Z. All proceeds will benefit the 2009 RMD CFC Campaign.

Requesters are anxiously awaiting the release of the Michael Jackson files which are being processed by the Savannah office.

RIDS has received almost forty requests for his files. The majority of requesters are related to the media, major news outlets and TV shows such as; Court TV, Inside Edition, and Extra Magazine).

Upon release, the files will be listed on HOT TOPICS on the FOIA/Privacy website.

ACORN—The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now FOIA request is scheduled for release to Judicial Watch on or about 12-22. The 346 page release consists of fraudulent voter registration activities by local chapters of ACORN. The NH, PX and SE FO's conducted separate investigations. Another investigation conducted by the SL FO will be released later. The release will be placed on HOT TOPICS.

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"I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

Michael Jordan

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New FOIA/SRU/SSU Assignments:

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A new WPU training class will begin on January 4th. Tentatively, eleven new LAS' are scheduled to begin their training.

Also, beginning January 4th, another FOIA training class will begin consisting of nine LAS.

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We've finished the first three months of our "Attorney General Memo" project. The 30 contractor employees are trained and are now on metrics. With the transition of OSCs Butte and Savannah, plus ICRC employees, we've added 50 new FOIA disclosure specialists. There is currently a FOIA class in progress that will add even more specialists. Our goal is to review over 100,000 pages per month.

As we've added new employees to be FOIA disclosure specialists, this has created a great deal of work for experts and

supervisors. As a result, we've seen the review queues grow and the time to review completed work grow longer. This hurts both the learning process for new employees and our ability to complete requests. It also highlights that we are very thin on the number of experienced employees who can review completed work.

So, to alleviate this bottleneck, we're taking a number of steps. Non-sensitive work of high quality employees is being released with only periodic spot checks.

Denny Argall and I, Unit Chiefs, and Front Office members are reviewing completed work. I have to admit, reviewing this work is a nice change from all the management stuff that usually occupies my day. It also is a good window for me to see the skill level of various employees. The first LAS whose work I reviewed did really well and we had a nice e-mail exchange back and forth on various aspects of the work. I'll be reviewing additional requests in the up-coming weeks—maybe yours.

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The Michael Jackson Files! Processed by [REDACTED]

In response to several Freedom of Information Act requests, the FBI released its files on Michael Jackson, who died earlier this year. RIDS made the "Top Story" headlines on the fbi.gov website which listed a small portion of a redacted document from one of the several files that were released. The files were posted on HOT TOPICS and stated that Michael Joseph Jackson, a

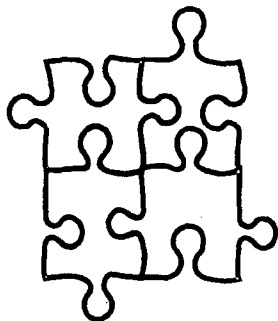
celebrity pop star, was born on August 29, 1958. He died unexpectedly on June 25, 2009 at the age of 50. Between 1993 and 1994 and separately between 2004 and 2005, Mr. Jackson was investigated by California law enforcement agencies for possible child molestation. He was acquitted of all such charges. The FBI provided technical and investigative

assistance to these agencies during the cases. The Bureau also investigated threats made against Mr. Jackson and others by an individual who was later imprisoned for these crimes. This release consists of seven separate files, as described below:

9A-LA-142276: 1992 to 1993, 196 pages. This file details a Los Angeles field office investigation

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Michael Jackson Continued



into extortion threats against Michael Jackson and others in 1992. The subject of this investigation pled guilty and was sentenced to prison in 1993.

62D-LA-162715: 1993 to 1994, 56 pages

This file involves a Los Angeles field office investigation opened to assist local authorities with a child molestation case in 1993. The case never went to trial.

62D-LO-11779: 1993, 9 pages

This file was opened by the FBI's legal attache office in London when it assisted local authorities with a child molestation investigation in 1993.

95A-HQ-1148159: 1995 to 1997, 8 pages

This file details a request made to the FBI to analyze a VHS videotape provided by the U. S. Customs Service as a part of a child pornography investigation.

62D-LA-236081: 2004, 41 pages

The LA field office opened this file when it was asked by local law enforcement authorities to provide forensic computer analysis assistance in a child molestation investigation case.

305B-LA-239204: September 14, 2004 to December 9, 2004, 5 pages

This file was opened in 2004 to investigate child molestation allegations.

25B-IR-6808: 2004 to 2005, 18 pages files involves FBI's Critical Incident Response Group

BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

A requester called RIDS and asked the following question.

Do you have someone working for you by the name of Mueller???? The PIO responded by informing the requester that Mr. Robert Mueller is the FBI Director.

The requester then politely responded and said, "Can you please have him stop sending me emails.".....

NSA Glomar on Records of GITMO Intercept Calls

A recent article posted on "The FOIA blog" dated 12-31-2009...**NSA Glomar on Records of Guantanamo Intercepts of Phone Calls Affirmed.**

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has affirmed a lower court ruling that allowed the National Security Agency (NSA) to glomar the existence of whether or not it had any records of

intercepts of phone calls between those held at Guantanamo and their lawyers.

A glomar response is when an agency says it can neither confirm nor deny that requested records exist and they then go on to state that if the records do exist, they would be exempt from FOIA pursuant to one of the nine exemptions.


In this case Exemption 3. In most glomar cases, Exemption 1 and 7C are used. This was the first time the Second Circuit has specifically blessed the use of glomar—in this case it applies to seven requests made by attorneys to find out if their telephone calls with clients at GITMO had been intercepted. This article was reproduced as stated on the website.

FBI Dead List Released

The website called "The FOIA blog" recently posted an article on their site on January 4, 2010, titled, "FBI Dead List Released". The article states... Governmentattic.org has received the list of confirmed deceased persons used by the FBI in processing FOIA requests. The document has been compiled by various

employees of the FBI FOIA Section since its start and records the names of individuals whose death has been proven during the processing of various FOIA requests. The reporter further states...to their knowledge, it is not compiled by FBI Special Agents and is not used for investigative purpose.

The underlined words offers a link to the FBI Dead List.

Requester  submitted an FOIA request for the FBI Dead List and a release of 805 pages was granted on 10-26-09.

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RIDS Q & A

Q. In a first party request, how do you process signed sworn statements of the requester and/or transcripts containing requester's exact statements that appear in a file?

A. Any exact statements made by the requester can be released back to the requester unredacted. Therefore, any third party names mentioned by the requester can be released as well. This is different from a 302 of the requester because the 302 is

actually the agent's interpretation of what the requester said. For that reason, in the requester's 302 third party names should be protected.

Source:



TIP OF THE WEEK =

"TYPOS"

When correcting typos on letters regarding subject/requester information, please be sure to change the letter, and the subject/requester information in RTS. This will prevent the letter from reflecting the wrong information each time it is generated by a WPU or FOIA analyst.

Source: WPU



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Litigation—ZODIAC KILLER (Robert L. Barrett v. U. S. Dept. of Justice)

RIDS received a FOIA request from [redacted] Fall River Mills, CA in July 2009, requesting "High resolution copies of all latent fingerprints contained in the file for FBI latent case #A-10042." The requester further states that the latent prints are in what is commonly known as the Zodiac Killer cases in California. The requester states that he is

attempting to build a case concerning a certain individual who he went to school with as the Zodiac Killer! The requester indicates that if he makes a fingerprint identification he will notify authorities. He also writes that he is going to publish a book someday that will benefit the victims, law enforcement, and the public.

In response to a suit filed

the Litigation Unit is going to withhold the Zodiac latent prints and argue b7A and b7D in their declaration. The San Francisco and Napa County law enforcement agencies have asked RIDS not to release the prints because of pending cases. Litigation filed an Answer on 12-28-09 and will file a Motion for Summary Judgment.

Source:



"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes."
Oscar Wilde

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On the Lighter Side!

Requester [redacted]

Sent a Christmas Card titled:
"The Four Years of FOIA"

For my three-hundredth request the Bureau sent me....

12 searches searching,
11 letters dunning,
10 FOIPA numbers,

9 status letters,
8 ELSUR records,
7 bits of June Mail,
6 [redacted] phone calls,
5 CD-ROMS,
4 b7c's,
3 Glomars,
2 Redactions,

All signed by David M. Hardy!

Wishing You Happy Holidays and a Wonderful 2010!

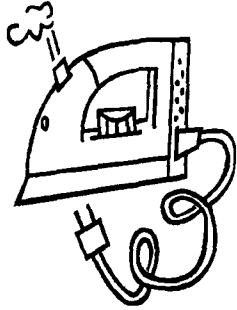
Thanks for all your help this year!

Signed



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RIDS received its first request last week for the accused Holocaust Museum shooter, James von Brunn, 89. Mr. Brunn was identified as the individual who opened fire and killed a security guard at the museum in Washington on June 10, 2009. The individual died in a federal prison hospital while awaiting trial for killing a security guard. Mr. Brunn was being treated for gunshot wounds he suffered after being shot by guards during the attack.

A release will be forthcoming of FBI documents pertaining to Claudia A. (Lady Bird) Johnson in response to a number of FOIPA requests for the subject.

AMERITHRAX CASE—An interim release consisting of 2,687 pages regarding the FBI's investigation into the anthrax attacks is planned for this month. Once a release is made additional information will be made available.

FOIPA Unit #1 is processing FBI records related to real estate developer Raffaello Follieri. A Chicago based production company is planning to use the material in an upcoming segment of the documentary program "American Greed" which is featured on A&E television.

Mr. Follieri was known to associate with a number of high profile entertainers and politicians. A release is scheduled for this month.

Source: LAS

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BOLO (Be On The Lookout)

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."
Bill Cosby

BOLO—Anyone receiving correspondence from please contact SRU/SST, O-18, at is coordinating all responses to this requester.

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DOJ FOIA Training Slides are available at <http://www.justice.gov/oip.html>

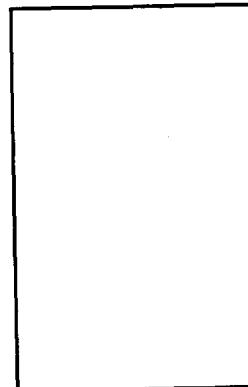
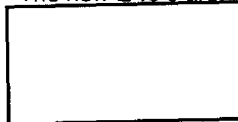
Slide Presentation titled - **Chief FOIA Officer Reports** dated 12-2-09, consisting of 22 slides.

Slide Presentation titled—**FOIA Public Liaison Training** dated 12-7-09, consisting of 26 slides

New WPU EOD Class -

12 new LAS's began their training on January 4th. The LAS's basic training will be six weeks in duration and graduate on February 12th.

The new LAS's are:



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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

First, I'd like to thank everyone for the smooth move as we adjusted to make room for the new FOIA 4 Unit. I received a number of comments from outside the section as to how easy it appeared to be. From the surface it may have looked effortless, but underneath there was a lot of effort. Hats are off to [redacted] our new Assistant Section Chief for Plans and Policy, for the planning and execution of it all. Also, BOSU really stepped up to assist.

This move should be our last adjustment for awhile.

One reason is that we're maxed out as to available space. It is amazing to see the ICRC completely full. RIDS was the first section to begin moving from HQ to the ICRC. Four years ago there were only about 20 people working in what seemed to be the vast expanse of the great room.

We're also almost maxed out as far as filling our employee positions. I think as of today there are only four vacancies. That doesn't mean we are not working to fill those positions. We are

anticipating some retirements this year as well. We are continuing to direct hire new employees under the FBI's college graduate program. The basic qualifications are graduation with at least a bachelor degree within two years of application and at least a 3.0 GPA. If you have a friend, neighbor, or relative that you know would be a great addition to the section, they can submit their resume through you.

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AMERITHRAX/BRUCE E. IVINS RELEASE

Soon after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, letters laced with anthrax began appearing in the U. S. mail. Five Americans were killed and 17 were sickened in what became the worst biological attacks in U. S. history.

The ensuing investigation by the FBI and its partners-code named "Amerithrax"-has been one of the largest and most complex in the history of law enforcement. In August 2008, DOJ and FBI officials announced a breakthrough in

the case and released documents and information showing that charges were about to be brought against Dr. Bruce Ivins, who took his own life before those charges could be filed. On 2-19-10, the DOJ, FBI and the U. S. Postal Inspection Service concluded the investigation into the 2001 anthrax attacks. The interim release of FBI files concerning the investigation consists of a total of 2,728 pages and 30 separate files. Additional releases will be made when the

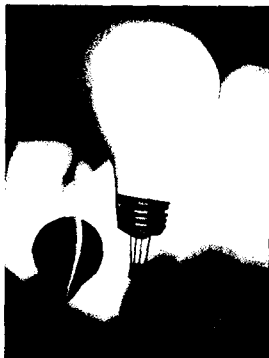
files have been processed. The files can be viewed by accessing the HOT TOPICS section on the fbi.gov FOIA website.

The DOJ Prosecutive Summary was also simultaneously released and is listed on their website (www.usdoj.gov)

The request was processed by LAS [redacted]

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Meet Your New Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED]



There's a new face in RIDS, [REDACTED] our new Assistant Section Chief! [REDACTED] earned her BS, summa cum laude, in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University. She spent 20 years with DOD, beginning as a GS-3 Library Aid in Germany.

With the DOD, she performed many supervisory and training functions. Some of her career highlights include working for the Navy at the Aegis Training and Readiness Center approving curriculum that trains sailors to deploy Ballistic Missile Defense and supervising the curriculum development at the Naval Submarine School

in Connecticut.

As one of RIDS's ASC, [REDACTED] leads a team with duties ranging from training, policy and planning, budgeting etc. [REDACTED] is not a stranger to RMD. As you may know she formerly was RMD's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born on July 4th, a patriotic lady and a national holiday for a birthday! She enjoys singing and sang the national anthem at a minor league baseball game and for ceremonies and retirements for the DOD. It's no surprise since her mother is a music professor. Her father was a USDA Soil Conservationist for the gov't, so [REDACTED] carries on the

the tradition of federal service. [REDACTED] has two children with her husband of 17 yrs. Her husband is an Army Reservist and her son is a US Army medic who has served 2 tours in Iraq. Her daughter is an honor student and cheerleader [REDACTED]

When asked about her feelings on RIDS, [REDACTED] states, "If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times since to coming RMD, 'RIDS is my favorite RMD section.' It's because of the leadership. I still have to pinch myself...this is my dream job." [REDACTED] has a lot to be proud of and we are proud to have her!

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

A requester recently called RIDS and wanted to check on the status of her request which according to her response letter was dated May 1998??? Requester provided FOIPA #0435082 which indicates 159 pages were released on 1-11-2001? Requester called RIDS after 12 years stating she never received the documents!!!!

Who Has Been Hindering Your Growth? Author Unknown

One day the employees came to work and they saw a sign on the door on which it was written: Yesterday the person hindering your growth in this Company died. We invite you to join the funeral. In the beginning, they all got sad for the death of one of their colleagues, but after a while they started getting curious to know who was the person who hindered the growth of his/her colleagues and the company itself. Upon reaching the coffin, the more excited they be-

came. Everyone thought: "Who is this person hindering my progress? Well at least they died!" One by one the employees got closer to the coffin and when they looked inside they suddenly became speechless. They stood nearby the coffin, shocked and in silence. There was a mirror inside the coffin: everyone who looked inside it could see themselves. There was a sign next to the mirror that said: There is only one person who is capable to set

Limits to your growth: it is YOU. Your life does not change when your boss changes, when your friends change, when your parents change, when your company changes, YOUR life changes when YOU change, when you go beyond your limiting beliefs. Examine yourself, Watch yourself. Don't be afraid of difficulties, impossibilities and losses: be a Winner; build yourself and your reality...It's the way you face Life that makes the difference...Submitted by LAS [REDACTED]

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PITY The Paying Client by LAS [REDACTED]

WPU received a FOI/PA request from a woman seeking information about a dead relative. Although this is a relatively simple task, she made the request through an attorney whom I assume she paid for his services.

The attorney misspelled the relative's name as Frasier, though I noted that the death certificate spelled it as Frazier. So I searched both spellings. The attorney misstated the

subject's death date, using instead the burial date. Both dates were provided on the Death Certificate. I searched the death date. The attorney was mailed a No Record letter.

Several weeks later, the attorney writes back. His client has informed him that the subject's name was misspelled. Could we please check to make sure the request was searched under the spelling "Frazier." The attorney

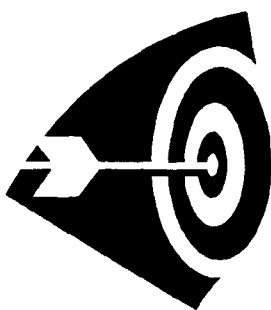
provided no request number.

My case notes attested to the correct searches. So I responded to the attorney that, yes, we did search both spellings. I didn't mention the death date, nor the fact that he could have included the FOI/PA number.

Attorney's fees: Too much at any cost!

Service from WPU: Priceless!

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RIDS Q & A

Q. If adding additional information to your OPCA 16 i.e. cost paragraph etc., where should that information be placed in the release letter?

A. If you are adding additional information to your OPCA 16 and check the box indicating so, you add the additional paragraph to the very end of your release letter. The information should be placed two lines below the word enclosure(s).

Submitted by:

LAS

Q. Do we require the "original" signature in order to make a Perfected Request?

A. No. RIDS now accepts in lieu of the "original" signature requests sent by either facsimile or as e-mail attachments (scanned signature).

Source: WPU

Note: Change of Address for referrals:

A/RPS/ISP (old)
Room 8100, SA-2
Department of State
Washington, DC 20522-8100 is now:

A/GIS/IPS/RL/RC (new)
(remaining address is correct)

FOIA Requesters
Communications Branch

Dept. of State

Contact #202-663-2656



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Classification—CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations) San Diego Chapter

The San Diego Chapter of ACLU filed an FOIA request in July 2008 related to CAIR. The request surrounded information re: investigations, observations, surveillance, infiltrations of the organization by the FBI. The ACLU further sought information as to what extent were the surveillance and other investigative techniques used to compile information on law abiding Muslims, residents and citizens of the Southern

Chapter based on their religion. The FBI was actually investigating CAIR for allegations of money laundering.

These allegations were denied by CAIR. A release was made by RIDS but the ACLU was not satisfied with the documents provided to them. The case is presently in litigation.

Since the first CAIR case, several additional FOIA requests have been received by RIDS and are also in litigation

concerning the various CAIR Chapters and board of Directors

Source: LAS
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"There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder."

Ronald Reagan

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On the Lighter Side! "FBI Controls"

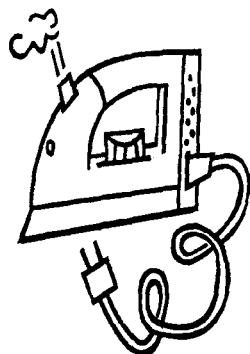
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loudly into the base of his seat, so that the talkative guys could hear him; "If the FBI director can hear me: could you please bring me a glass of water and some sleeping pills at 3 a.m., because there are some idiots here who are speaking too loudly about some political issues and won't let me sleep." The guys continue talking. Exactly at 3:00 am, the conductor comes and gives Bob the water and sleeping pills. The guys are shocked

and finally stop talking. Bob is happy and falls asleep. When Bob awakes the guys are no where to be found. Out of curiosity he asks the conductor about them. The conductor replies that some people in black suits stopped the train and arrested those guys. Bob asks why he wasn't arrested? The conductor said he doesn't have a clue but one of the guys in the black suit said the FBI director liked Bob's joke!

FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



U. S. Representative John "Jack" P. Murtha of Pennsylvania recently died while being treated for complications of gallbladder surgery. Rep. Murtha was 77 years of age at the time of his death and a former Marine. He was also the ranking Democrat on the Appropriation Committee's military subcommittee

Former U. S. Secretary of State and a four-star general Alexander M. Haig, Jr. recently died. Gen. Haig was 85.

The plane which crashed into the IRS Building in Austin, TX on 2-18-2010 by a distraught individual apparently upset with the IRS...

FBI has taken the lead in the criminal investigation. Requests were also made for the fire which destroyed the suspect's residence located near Austin...911 calls, surveillance and traffic cameras, etc.

Based on the advice of the CDC in Austin, b7A letters were sent to requestors.

Exclude vs. Trash

We are reminded not to use the Trash function. All pages that need to be removed from your file, **need to be EXCLUDED**. Also, please place lines through all pages that are excluded and place text on the page stating the page was excluded as well. (Consistency Notes 3/5/10)

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"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other"
Abraham Lincoln

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NOTE: All requests related to the late Senator Kennedy please forward to LAS [redacted] in SST at Q-12. Ext. [redacted]

All requests related to the late Rep. John P. Murtha please forward to LAS [redacted] in SST at Q-14. Ext. [redacted]

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Online Print Media has sent RIDS a SAMPLE TEST of the new FBI E-FOIA (electronic) request form. If you would like to see the sample and make any suggestions, etc. please stop by R-16.

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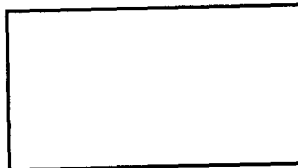


NEW Contact/Address when making referrals only to USCIS, NRC, FOIA Division

Department of Homeland Security
USCIS, NRC, FOIA Division
150 Space Center Loop,
Suite 300
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

[redacted]
Paralegal Specialist
DHS, USCIS, FOIA
[redacted]

RIDS sends a warm welcome to the four new LAS' who started their WPU training on 3-8-10.



Congratulations!

Butte OSC recently added three new LAS' to their team and RIDS wishes to welcome them aboard.



Congratulations!

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Freedom of Information Act newsletter for RIDS

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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

I'd like to thank everyone for their professionalism and salient comments as we reviewed the results of the 2009 RIDS' climate surveys. As I stated, I take the survey results seriously and consider them to be an opportunity to improve the section.

While our survey results were very positive overall, one area that was consistently mentioned was the lack of recognition for good performance by employees. It goes without saying that any recognition needs to be meaningful. We are discussing this further in the front office and with the unit chiefs. We will have more resources available for recognition for the remainder of the fiscal year. That said, we're open to considering pretty

much any idea. I encourage any thoughts you might have on the subject.

Somewhat related to the recognition issue, another area that was mentioned consistently was that decision making was too top down and that employees had little say in the decision making process. I believe I need to plead guilty on this issue. While the radical changes made in FOIA and declassification required strategic direction, we also had a great model with the knowledge sharing initiative of how a program could be shaped by non-supervisory employees. This is one of four initiatives (also including quality assurance, certifica-

tion, and employee development) that would greatly benefit from transparency as to their effectiveness. We will be asking for volunteers to help us assess the effectiveness and recommendations for any needed modifications to these initiatives.

Special Topics:

- *RIDS Q & A*
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- *FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"*
- *BOLO's*
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WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE RELEASE

William Lewis Safire was a Pulitzer Prize winning political columnist and a speechwriter for President Nixon. He died on September 27, 2009 at age 79.

Over the course of his journalist and political career, Mr. Safire came to the attention of the FBI in several matters. The main files released here document four separate investigations between 1965 and 1994.

Only one of these files is related to a potential criminal matter, which focused on leaks from the White House regarding classified material to newspaper reporters. At the time, Mr. Safire was an employee of the National Security Council and became a target of FBI electronic surveillance.

The files that have been released are as follows:

9A-NY-245117 (25 pages)

105-NY-72869 (9 pages)

161-HQ-5833 (126 pages)

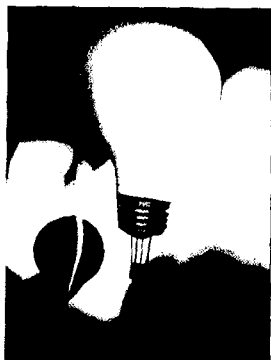
161-WF-5270 (4 pages)

161-WF-5270:1 (5 pages)

65-HQ-75085 (176 pages)

For more information on the release access the HOT TOPICS on our website or: http://foia/fbi.gov/foiaindex/safire_w.htm

Meet Your New Litigation Unit Chief



There's a new face in RIDS. [redacted] was responsible for eight different JAG functions such as; civil litigation, administrative law, international and operational law, environmental law, claims and tort law, legal assistance, national security law and Admiralty. [redacted] has been named the new Unit Chief of the Litigation Support Unit effective April 23, 2010. [redacted] recently retired from the United States Navy after serving his country for the past 27 years. [redacted] retired as a Captain (Colonel) where he served as the [redacted] for Civil Law at the Pentagon. During his last assignment where he spent the majority of his Naval career, he supervised 170 personnel which included both military and civilians. The personnel consisted of JAG attorneys, paralegals, and support staff.

[redacted] wife name is [redacted] and he has three daughters. [redacted] and his family reside in Fairfax County. He is very excited to be here and becoming part of the RIDS family. He is looking forward to working with what he believes to be a super staff in LSU.

Please welcome [redacted] to the RIDS family.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

A requester recently submitted an FOIA request and wanted to know....Does President Obama and his staff members smoke inside the White House???
True!!!!!!!

SharePoint Team Sites (A place to share, learn, discuss and understand)

SharePoint was designed to enhance the knowledge base of RIDS employees. This site will allow all RIDS employees to share useful information that they have learned, discuss difficult cases, and to get those questions answered.

One of the great tools involved with SharePoint is **Ask the Expert**. This feature allows an employee to ask a question

Concerning Legal Administrative Specialist work anonymously. Within three days of posting the question, a response will be received.

Each individual unit within RIDS has its own separate page to post information concerning their team questions, discussion, policies and procedures, and other work related topics.

The Service Request Unit will be collaborating to incorporate knowledge sharing between the Single Station Processing Team and SRU.

Let's start communicating and sharing knowledge through SharePoint!

Source: LAS

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DOJ/OIP News

OIP- Office of Information Policy recently posted two interesting articles and one training presentation on their website.

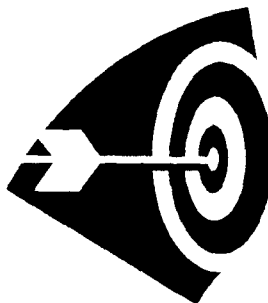
The first article is under CHIEF FOIA OFFICER REPORTS and is titled, "Agency FOIA Success Stories (March 2010), consisting of 9 pages.

The second article is under TESTIMONY and is titled, "Testimony of the Director of OIP - Freedom of Information Act: Current Trends (March 2010), consisting of 12 pages.

Both articles are in PDF format.

The training presentation is listed under TRAINING and is titled, "Achieving Transparency through Proactive Disclosure", consisting of 18 slides.

The articles and can be accessed: www.usdoj.gov and click on the FOIA link or <http://www.justice.gov/oip/oip.html>



RIDS Q & A

- Q. How many hours of CEP credits must a LAS obtain each year?
- A. Each year a LAS must do a minimum of 18 CEP hours. Of those 18 CEP hours, 10 of the CEP hours must be from the LAS continuum. Everyone is welcome to do more than the minimum 18 CEP hours.

CONTACT:

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE
Capitol Hill and Inter-
agency Liaison Division

[REDACTED]
Washington, D.C. 20223

[REDACTED] or

FAX: [REDACTED]

REMINDER:

When producing the OPCA 16 letter please include the RIDS address information in the payment paragraph.

This information will hopefully alleviate confusion by requesters on where to send payment (payment going to HQ, etc.), and increase timely payments.

Continue to remind requesters to place their FOIPA number on the check/money order.

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Submitted by:

LAS [REDACTED]

RIDS/RMD DEADLIST by LAS [REDACTED]

The RIDS/RMD DEADLIST is a tool used in processing FOIPA requests. This tool **should be used with caution**, ensuring that the individual mentioned in the record is identical to the name on the DEADLIST. Matching DOB or occupation is absolutely necessary.

When submitting names to be added to the DEADLIST, please include items if available:

Aka not on the list if name is already on DEADLIST

Date of Birth (DOB)

Date of Death (DOD)

Deceased occupation, what he/she did that made them note worthy to be included on the DEADLIST.

Example:

[REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

DOD: 4/14/2010.

(FBI Agent, LCN, author, actor, CEO of XYZ Co., etc....)

All submissions to the DEADLIST can be submitted to: LAS [REDACTED] Savannah OSC, FOIPA Unit by bureau e-mail or inner office envelope.

Questions please contact LAS [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success"

Dale Carnegie

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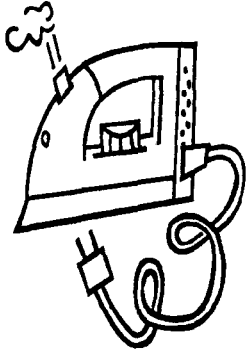
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FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



The FOIA Blog...posted an interesting article regarding the late Senator Edward Kennedy. **FBI Processing Ted Kennedy File; Consulting With Family.** The FBI has a number of requests for the file of the late Edward Kennedy. According to the Boston Globe, it is consulting with the late senator's family per the ruling set down in caselaw from the requests in the 1990's for the Vince Foster files (Foster committed suicide while a White House employee).

The blog further states that if the FBI withholds a good deal of information at the urging of the family, an interesting legal review could shape up.....

This article was posted on the web on 4-12-2010, and can be viewed by accessing www.thefoiablog.

Requests have already been received for the late Benjamin L. Hooks, Civil Rights Leader and executive director of the N.A.A.C.P. who recently died this month.

The FOIA Blog...posted an article on their website titled, **'DOJ Creating FOIA Dashboard'**. The article states that as part of its Open Government Plan, DOJ has announced it will create a FOIA Dashboard that will be a type of FOIA report card. It appears the Dashboard will basically be an online version of agency FOIA reports to Congress.....This article was posted on the web on 4-9-2010, and can be viewed by accessing www.thefoiablog.

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"Failure is success if we learn from it"
Malcom Forbes

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Senator Kennedy please forward to LAS [redacted] in SST at Q-12. Ext. # [redacted]

Rep. John P. Murtha please forward to LAS [redacted] in SST at Q-14. Ext. # [redacted]

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Benjamin L. Hooks

Plane crash into IRS office, Austin, TX

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A new Disclosure training class began on Monday, 3-29-10, consisting of ten LAS':

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[redacted] (Savannah)

RIDS Team Site Members:

[redacted] SRU
[redacted] TTSA
[redacted] LSU
[redacted] WPU
[redacted] FOIPA
[redacted] CU

A BIG THANK YOU for the following LAS' who assisted or have assisted on the Amerithrax/Bruce Ivins release:

1st/2nd Releases: [redacted]
3rd Release/GJ material: [redacted]

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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

While we work daily on completing our requests, I think we're often not aware of how the FBI's FOIA program fits within the government's Open Government Program.

Size wise, we have the largest volume of requests in the Department of Justice, accounting for almost 1/3 of all requests to the Department. Within the entire federal government we are in the "top ten" and, if you eliminate the Privacy Act requests to agencies like the Veteran's Administration or Internal Revenue Service, we are in the "top five." When it comes to complexity, we rank in the uppermost tier. We have to consider privacy, law enforcement, national security, and

policy making sensitivities on a routine basis. The information in our files is of great interest to the public and is routinely highlighted in the public media. All of this means that we are very, very visible as to how well we process requests and as to the information we release.

Programmatically we fit within the Department of Justice's Open Government Plan. I invite you to review the plan on the Department of Justice's Homepage. The importance of the plan is evidenced by it being the topmost link on the homepage. As you review the plan you will see a great deal about the FBI's program, as well as the genesis of much

of what we place emphasis on in our priorities. Essentially the plan requires that we be as open as possible, we eliminate needless administrative requirements, and that we provide the information as quickly as we can. In order to achieve these goals we are required to innovate and automate as much as possible.

Next month I'll continue this discussion with an emphasis on our influence as to the substance of what can or cannot be released under FOIA.

The link is:
<http://www.justice.gov/open>

"OPEN GOVERNMENT At The JUSTICE DEPARTMENT"

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Requesting FBI Records (*Making the Process Easier*)

The Top Story on fbi.gov for the week of April 25th: *Requesting FBI Records (Making the Process Easier)*. "We have launched a new electronic form and revamped website to make it easier to request our records," said OPA.

For years, RMD has been steadily adding these files to our FOI/PA website so requesters can access them with a click of the mouse.

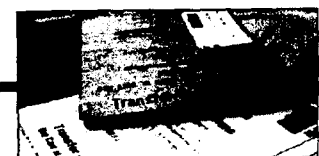
This request process has just gotten easier, thanks to a new

electronic form and revamped website. The new eFOIA form works like this:

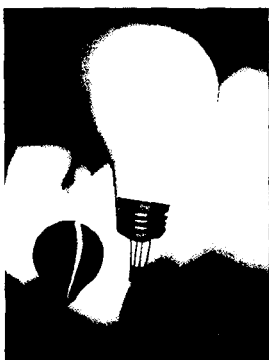
Type the information straight into the form, hit "submit," and the request will be sent to RMD automatically. Or, fill in the information, print out the form, and mail or fax RMD a copy. It is also possible to print and scan the completed form and e-mail it to foiparequest@ic.fbi.gov.

The DOJ-361 (Certification of Identity form) in a PDF format

has also been placed on the site. Other new features include: A Guide to Conducting Research in FBI Records, details on what happens after a request is received, and how to file an appeal with DOJ. Overviews of the FOIA Privacy Acts and detailed instructions on how to complete the new forms round out the helpful tools on this exciting new site! This photo appeared on fbi.gov



FBI Releases Robert Novak files



Robert David Sanders Novak (1931-2009), was best known as a political columnist, journalist, television personality and author. He was the former co-host of the TV talk show "Crossfire," which aired on CNN, as well as a reporter for the Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal's Washington Bureau, and Fox News. Mr. Novak died of brain cancer on August 18, 2009.

On May 17, 2010, the FBI released three files related to Robert Novak consisting of 64 pages.

65-HQ-78189 (34 pages)

This file originated in 1983 and centers around an investigation into an alleged unauthorized disclosure of classified information (The Washington Post, 5/16/83, in a Column, by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak; Espionage - Media Leak).

65-HQ-78445 (9 pages)

This file is a directive from FBI Headquarters on May 3, 1984, requesting that FBI Alexandria provide investigative results regarding the unauthorized disclosure of classified information by Robert Novak during the televised program "The MLaughlin Group," on October 30, 1983.

65-HQ-80579 (23 pages)

This file contains investigative material related to the reference media leak report conducted by the FBI Kansas City, Missouri office on October 24, 1988 at the campus of Southwest Missouri State University.

All requests were processed in FOIA #1135893-000 by LAS [redacted]. The release will be added to our Electronic Reading Room for easy online access.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

A requester called and wanted to make a FOIA request because he wanted to know the location of John Dillinger's automobile. The requester stated he was one of the individuals who signed the vehicle's dashboard next to Director Hoover's signature!

Today's Issues? Submitted by LAS [redacted]

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These were some of the hot topics addressed by a gathering of people, as noted recently by a FOIA 4 LAS who was reviewing a file:

- Resolved; that this 45th Convention...pledges the resources of our union to save the Bill of Rights from destruction. Resolve; that this 45th Convention...go on record as wholeheartedly in favor of a National Health Insurance Program."
- Support: An adequate public works program to create jobs

or projects of social value.

- Support: The end of discrimination against the Mexican-American people in the Southwest.

- Oppose: Monetary aid to Greece

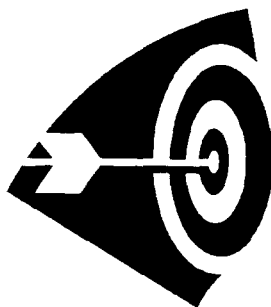
- "Whereas: the real danger to our country comes not from the left but from the Wall Street agents of reaction who are ready to destroy the American standard of living and the Bill of Rights in their greed for

super profits."

All are today's hot topics to be sure, but these issues are just some of the election platforms presented by candidates in the Communist Party in 1948!

Ask any FOIA 4 employee about the "Red Scare," "red-baiting" or the goings-on of members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and you're liable to get an earful. FOIA 4 is currently processing upwards of 20,000 pages of Communist files for requester Steve Rosswurm.

"Feds are too stupid to catch anyone"



This is an excerpt from a recent FOIPA request. A drug dealer told an undercover FBI agent that he suspected he might be under surveillance. The drug dealer said he was not worried because he had friends in the local police departments that would tell him if he was being investigated. The undercover FBI agent asked him, "Could it be the Feds?" The drug dealer stated that the Feds are too stupid to

catch anyone, and the only people who work in federal law enforcement were people who cannot not get hired by the local law enforcement agencies.

The above conversation was recorded on the NAGRA body recorder that the FBI agent was wearing at the time the drug dealer made the statement.

The drug dealer was convicted under the RICO/ Drug Trafficking statute and received a 30 year sentence!

RIDS Q & A/New Contacts/Reminder

Q. What is the process for sending CIA Referrals?

A. CIA referrals can be either consults or direct referrals, depending on the situation. When we find CIA info located within an FBI document, they will be sent as a consult to [redacted] at FBI HQ. When the document is the CIA's in its entirety, you may send a direct referral to CIA HQ.

CONTACT FOR:

Special Agent

USAF Office of Special Investigations (OSI)
Liaison to the FBI
935 Pennsylvania Avenue
Room 5129
Washington, DC 20535

Com [redacted]

Fax: [redacted]

Cell: [redacted]

SA [redacted] does have FBI e-mail access (low/high).

The Walter Cronkite files were released on May 10, 2010. 72 pages were released to 17 requesters.

The release will be added to our Electronic Reading Room files.

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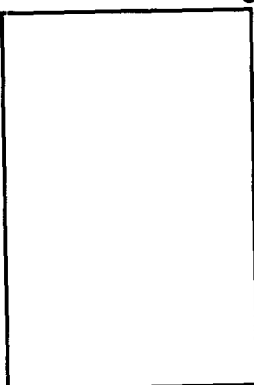


Submitted by:

LAS [redacted]

Butte Training

[redacted] and [redacted] traveled to Butte Montana to conduct training with staff at the Butte OSC the week of May 3-7. The training was a success and centered around historical processing, exemption b7D, classification and referrals. The Butte staff in attendance were as follows:



Butte will be receiving the historic Alger Hiss files to process soon. In addition, [redacted] and [redacted] would like to thank the Butte OSC for their incredible hospitality.

"In order to succeed,
your desire for success
should be greater than
your fear of failure"

Bill Cosby

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On the Lighter Side - "F.B.I. Phone Logs"

FBI agents conducted a raid of a psychiatric hospital in San Diego that was under investigation for medical insurance fraud. After hours of reviewing thousands of medical records, the dozens of agents had worked up quite an appetite.

The agent in charge called a nearby pizza parlor with delivery service to order a quick dinner for his colleagues. The following telephone conversa-

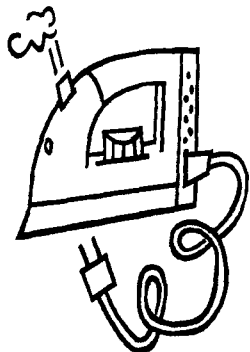
tion took place and was recorded by the FBI, which was taping all conversations at the hospital.

Agent: Hello. I would like to order 19 large pizzas and 67 cans of soda. **Pizza Man:** Where would you like them delivered? **Agent:** We're over at the psychiatric hospital. **Pizza Man:** The psychiatric hospital? **Agent:** That's right. I'm an FBI agent. **Pizza Man:** You're an FBI agent?

Agent: That's correct. Just about everybody here is. **Pizza Man:** And you're at the psychiatric hospital? **Agent:** That's correct. Make sure you don't go through the front doors. We have them locked. You will have to go around to the back service entrance to deliver the pizzas. **Pizza Man:** You say you're all FBI agents? **Agent:** That's right. How soon can you have them here? **Pizza Man:** And everyone at the psychiatric hospital is an

FBI agent? **Agent:** That's right. We've been here all day and we're starving. **Pizza Man:** How are you going to pay for all of this? **Agent:** I have my checkbook right here. **Pizza Man:** And you're all FBI agents? **Agent:** That's right. Everyone here is an FBI agent. Can you remember to bring the pizzas and sodas to the service entrance? We have the front doors locked. **Pizza Man:** I don't think so. CLICK

FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



The heroine of the civil rights era, Dorothy Irene Height, died on April 20, 2010. She was 98 years old. She was born in Richmond, VA on March 24, 1912. A long time Washington resident, she died at the Howard University Hospital. She was known as a leader of the African-American and women's rights movements. Ms. Height was also a longtime executive of the Y.W.C.A.. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from

President Clinton in 1994, and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bush in 2004. President Obama called Ms. Height "the godmother of the civil rights movement and a hero to so many Americans". In 2008, she told the Detroit Free Press, "I'm still working today to make the promise of the 14th Amendment of equal justice under law a reality".

A FOIA request was made by POLITICO for documents related to threats against congress in 2009. On May 5, 2010, a release was made to [redacted] with POLITICO in Washington, consisting of 225 pages.

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Walter J. Hickel, 90, the former Alaska governor who was fired as Secretary of the Interior by President Nixon, died on May 7, 2010. Be on the lookout for these requests.

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"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him"
David Brinkley

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LAS [redacted] with SST is still receiving requests for the late Senator Edward Kennedy. Please forward all requests to him at Q-12.

For Your Information-Requesters who are seeking copies of the new FBI Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide or (DIOG) can access the manual online, which was posted under the HOT TOPICS on September 25, 2009. The DIOG consists of 381 pages and has 17 parts and appendices. Requesters can now access (actual viewing or download) the new DIOG manual at <http://foia.fbi.gov/foiaindex/diog.htm>

Requesters still must submit an FOIA request for the MAOP and MIOG.

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RIDS is pleased to welcome two new LAS' who started their orientation and WPU training on May 10-2010.

Please welcome them to the RIDS family.



Meet the new team, effective April 25, 2010.

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SLAS [redacted]
LAS [redacted]
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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

I want to continue discussing how the FBI's FOIA program fits within the government's Open Government Program, in particular our influence as to the substance of what can or cannot be released under FOIA.

If you thumb through the "Yellow Book", you will see that FBI cases comprise a significant portion of the footnotes in the book. This is logical given we are the largest federal law enforcement agency. In a more basic aspect, it means that the quality and consistency of your work can impact the entire law enforcement community.

Beyond setting precedence in court cases, FBI FOIA has been in the forefront in adapting exemptions to new circumstances. An example is the current use of the b2/b7e Glomar response for requests for watch list records. Watch list requests were unknown before 9/11 and required federal agencies to adopt a new approach to respond to this type of request. OGC's FOIA Litigation Unit, working with RIDS, was at the core of developing the new approach.

The development of the Glomar response high-

lights another new aspect in FOIA processing. We are becoming much more connected with other agencies in our use of exemptions. This is particularly evident in the intelligence community and is a reflection of the FBI's post-9/11 role as a member of this community. We are in the infant stages of developing a Sharepoint coordination methodology that will be used for both declassification and FOIA requests that cut across the intelligence community. This, in turn, will require us to have more LASs with SCI clearances and, eventually, larger SCIF spaces.

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Congressman John "Jack" Patrick Murtha Release

RIDS recently released the files of Representative John P. Murtha. Pennsylvania's longest-serving congressman died on February 8, 2010. He was 77 years old. Murtha was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, serving in the Marine Corps in both conflicts. He was awarded a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Murtha served as a representative in Congress from 1973 until his death. He was a ranking member of the

Democratic Party for many years and chaired the Defense Appropriations subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. This release consists of two major types of cases: extortion threats made against Murtha and public corruption investigations in which Murtha was investigated.

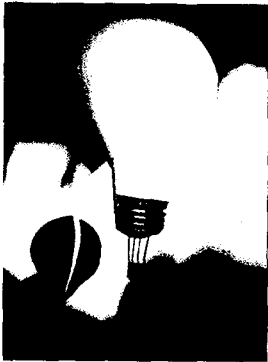
Like many prominent public figures, Mr. Murtha received a number of violent threats. The FBI investigated each of these to determine if the

threat was real and whether or not a crime had been committed.

Murtha was also a subject of interest in the well-known ABSCAM case. ABSCAM was an undercover FBI operation run from the late 1970s into the early 1980s. The investigation originally targeted individuals trafficking in stolen property, but later turned into a public corruption investigation.

<http://foia.fbi.gov/hottopics.htm>

Meet your new Assistant Section Chief (ASC): [REDACTED]



"STRANGE, BUT TRUE"

Could a requester have asked for the following?

"An...I also need a devise removed from my head illegally placed in my head and I am being psychologically tortured:" as well as

"I need to know where to get the devise out." Yes! This request was received on June 4, 2010.

There's a new face in RIDS: [REDACTED] has joined the team as the ASC of the Policy and Planning section. He has 10 years of government service, starting with active duty military service with the U. S. Marine Corps as an Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer for 6 years. During that time, he served with the 1st Battalion 6th Marines, Marine Barracks 8th and 1 and concluded his final duty station assigned to The White House Military Office. During his tour of duty, he was awarded the Presidential Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, meritorious recognition and numerous campaign medals.

Upon leaving the military, [REDACTED] to name check requests. [REDACTED] was employed as a government contractor with Advanced Concepts, Inc., for six years. At Advanced Concepts, Inc., he worked in areas that provided Program Management and Information Technology solutions to the Naval Sea Systems Command (Littoral and Mine Warfare), as a Deputy Program Director. He joined the FBI in 2005, and was assigned to RMD in the RAS unit. For the past four years [REDACTED] was assigned to the National Name Check Program Section; first as a UC, then as the Operations ASC. As ASC, he was responsible for overseeing six operational units in charge of responding to name check requests. [REDACTED] was born in Princeton, WV. In his spare time, he enjoys quality time with his family, outdoor activities, working on cars and home improvement. He resides in Woodbridge with his wife and their two children: a daughter [REDACTED] age seven and a son [REDACTED] age three. When asked how he feels about RIDS, [REDACTED] stated, "The mission we serve for the American public is extremely important. RIDS is on the edge of new and exciting opportunities, and I am excited about being part of where we will go as a section. The level of talent and ability throughout RIDS makes our ability to come a world class program extremely promising."

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Thoughts from Director Hoover....

NO! NO! A thousand times NO! Tell me this is not true! -H

These hastily scrawled words dominate the cover page of an inter-office memo from Mr. Hoover to his Assistant Directors on January 22, 1947. One can only imagine their panic as they rushed to determine what had sent their leader to such vehement protests-- and their confusion when they turned the page to reveal the source of his angst to be... the National Football League?

Yes, in the *New York Daily Mirror* on January 9, 1947, Mr. Hoover had emphatically underlined several key passages in an article titled "Those Football Players Train Too Rigorously," which focused on the score-fixing scandal of the 1946 NFL title game between the New York Giants and the Chicago Bears. Two Giants players, tailback/quarterback Frank Filchock and tailback Merle Hapes, had been offered \$2,500 each (and additional profits from a \$1,000

bet) to ensure that Chicago would win by at least 10 points. Though Hapes did eventually admit to taking the bribe and was suspended from the game, Filchock denied his involvement in the plot and was allowed to play. The Bears did beat the Giants 24-14, through no evident fault of Filchock, but a pall had fallen over the league as accusations of bookmaking and mob involvement flew in New York and Chicago.

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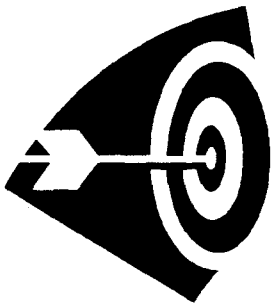
Senator Edward "Ted" M. Kennedy Release

Edward "Ted" Moore Kennedy served as U. S. Senator from the state of Massachusetts from November 7, 1962, until his death in 2009. This release consists of material from seven FBI files--three Headquarters files and four field division files, totaling more than 2,200 pages. They cover the FBI's relationship with Senator Kennedy from 1961 to 1985. At no point do these files suggest that the FBI investigated

Senator Kennedy for a criminal violation, or as a security threat. The bulk of this material concerns FBI investigations into threats of violence and other extortion attempts against Senator Kennedy and other public officials. One file contains an investigative report regarding an allegation made by a federal prisoner that Sirhan Sirhan attempted to hire an individual to murder Senator Kennedy. Another file contains an investigative re-

port in which a threatening letter was sent to President Ronald Reagan and Senator Kennedy. The files were processed by LAS [REDACTED] SRU/SST. To see how to access the release please see the BOLO section on page 4.

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RIDS Q & A/New Contacts/Reminder

Q. Can watching the movie *The Informant* count towards credits on the LAS Continuum or should I still read the book?

A. Yes, you still should read the book *The Informant*. The book goes into greater details that the movie does not capture. Reading the book will be beneficial to learning how the FBI conducts investigations, etc..

You can still receive the 2.5 credit hours for watching the movie in addition to the credit hours from reading the book.

Submitted by:

RIDS/Front Office

The Fax Number (540) 868-4996, which appears on many FOI/PA correspondence has been transferred to Name Check and moved to a new location. Fax Number (540) 868-4997, is still available and located in the mailroom.

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Continued from page 2: Thoughts from Director Hoover

In his trademark sarcastic style, Mr. Hoover had gleefully latched on to the accusations of corruption in the NFL with all the strength his pen strokes could muster. In a paragraph mocking the "work out regimens" of professional players he highlighted:

"...what with all-night drinking bouts, tours of the night club circuit and a rendezvous or two with chicks as extra-curricular exercises for getting in shape."

In another, he chose the following: "Professional football has blundered through this crisis, by the skin of its teeth...Reports persist, however, that two other National League forward passers are dominated by the mobs...It is no secret that, in the private boxes of some team owners, bookmakers are weekly guests."

Mr. Hoover may not have been a football fan, but he certainly seemed to delight in the scandal that plagued the NFL that

year. *This can't be true! The "dear boys" would never let their "dear public" down like this!!!*, he writes to conclude the memo. Though one would not think that the dealings of the relatively new National Football League would demand the Director's notice (especially as he maintained the Mob did not exist), this memo would certainly seem to illustrate that nothing was ever too small to be missed by Mr. Hoover's eye...or his wit.

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

Henry Ford

On the Lighter Side - Two FBI JOKES

Bulls Eye—One of the best marksmen in the FBI was passing through a small town. Everywhere he saw evidence of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls, and on fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with a bullet hole in dead center. The FBI man asked one of the townsmen if he could meet the person responsible for this wonderful marksmanship. The man turned out to be the village idiot. "This is the best marks-

manship I have even seen," said the FBI man. "How in the world do you do it?" "Nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward."

The LAPD, FBI and CIA—The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), The FBI, and the CIA are all trying to prove that they are the best at apprehending criminals. The

President decides to give them a test. He releases a rabbit into a forest and each of them has to catch it.

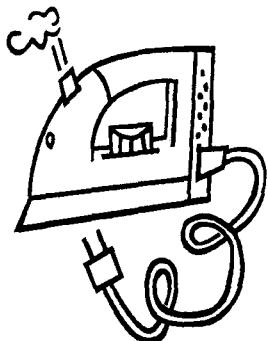
The CIA goes in. They place animal informants throughout the forest. They question all plant and mineral witnesses. After three months of extensive investigations they conclude that rabbits do not exist.

The FBI goes in. After two weeks with no leads they burn

the forest, killing everything in it, including the rabbit, and they make no apologies. The rabbit had it coming.

The LAPD goes in. They come out two hours later with a badly beaten bear. The bear is yelling: "Okay! Okay! I'm a rabbit! I'm a rabbit!"

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Recent FOI/PA requests:

David Ginsburg, a liberal and longtime Washington insider who helped found the Americans for Democratic Action, died recently at his home in Alexandria, VA. He was 98. He led the presidential commission on race relations, whose report in 1968 warned that the U. S. was "moving toward two societies—one black, one white, separate and unequal." In 1970s, Mr. Ginsburg successfully represented Henry A. Kissinger in his

long battle to keep private the transcripts of his telephone conversations while serving as secretary of state and national security adviser under President Richard M. Nixon.

The Shooting death of **Sergio A. Hernandez**, a 10 year old boy by a U. S. Border Patrol agent near the Texas/Mexican border on June 7, 2010.

Art Linkletter, who hosted the popular TV shows *People Are Funny* and *House Party* in the 1950s and 1960s died on June 2, 2010. He was 97. Art Linkletter's *House Party*, which debuted on radio in 1944 and aired on CBS from 1952 to 1969, was one of television's longest-running variety shows.

Carl R. Pohlad, owner of the Minnesota Twins baseball team died at the age of 93 on June 14, 2010.

"I find that the
harder I work, the
more luck I seem to
have."

Thomas Jefferson

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The Senator Kennedy release can be accessed at:

<http://foia.fbi.gov/hottopics.htm> — Click on Read the Files under Edward "Ted" M. Kennedy.

<http://foia.fbi.gov/foiaindex/kennedy.htm>

<http://foia.fbi.gov/> — Click the link to FBI Records: Our Freedom of Information/Privacy Act website.

The FOIA BUZZ is now available on Share point

The Russian Spy Case...WV Senator Robert Byrd...Yankees owner George Steinbrenner...DC Metro Train Crash

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Congratulations to the six LAS' who have recently completed their Disclosure training and their new assignments are:

FOIPA 3- [redacted]

FOIPA 4- [redacted]

SRU- [redacted]
SST- [redacted] and [redacted]

LAS [redacted] is assigned to the new FOIPA 4 team.

LAS [redacted] Butte OSC, also attended the recent training conducted by [redacted] and [redacted] at Butte from May 3-7.

To access the RMD AD Concerns:

<http://home.fbinet.fbi/DO/RMD/Lists/ADConcernsResults/AllItems.aspx>

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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

It is very gratifying to see the section push to close our older cases while reaching a new all time high in pages reviewed. This represents considerable dedication on your part and this is fully recognized by both the section and division management.

There are actually three separate "pushes" ongoing at this time. Besides the "whale" project, we are working to close as many small requests as possible before the end of FY 2010. In addition, we are working to eliminate all requests in the "triple digits" that are being made date ready. So, every FOIA team (including the CU teams) is focused on these initiatives. From the front office perspective, we are trying not to introduce anything that distracts

from these efforts.

Related to "distractions," I received a thoughtful note in the RIDS suggestion box that recommended we work to eliminate mandatory training deadlines during such time as we are focused on the "whale project."

There are a number of aspects to this. First, with respect to the annual 18 hours of continuing education required of each of us by September 30th, each individual can assist by spreading out the training over the entire year so there aren't competing work and training deadlines looming at the same time. Unfortunately, we have no influence on the timing of FBI-wide training

deadlines such as PA or INFOSEC training. They come when they come. Within the section, we decided that declassification training for FOIA analysts is too important to delay. I believe that any time "lost" to this training will be regained through the positive impact of the training.

We're also approaching the question from another direction. Why need a "whale project" in the first place? If we can manage our largest requests from the get-go, we shouldn't have to have push to get them done by the end of the FY. This will be our focus starting on October 1st, developing plans to better anticipate and manage these large requests.

Howard Zinn Release (Processed by LAS [redacted] Savannah)

On July 30, 2010, the FBI released one file with three sections, totaling 423 pages on Howard Zinn, a best-selling historian, teacher, playwright and political activist.

Zinn was born in Brooklyn, New York and died at the age of 87 on January 27, 2010. As a young man he worked as a shipyard hand and served in the U. S. military as a bombardier during World War II. Returning from the war, he became involved in a number of

left-wing political causes, some of them associated with the Communist Party of the United States (CPUSA).

In 1949, the FBI opened a domestic security investigation on Zinn (FBI File #100-360217.) The Bureau noted Zinn's activities in what were called Communist Front Groups and received informant reports that Zinn was an active member of the CPUSA; Zinn denied ever being a member when he was questioned by agents in the 1950s.

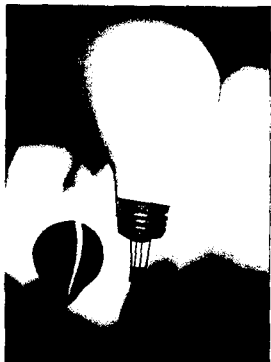
In the 1960s, the Bureau took another look at Zinn on account of his criticism of the FBI's civil rights investigations. Further investigation was made when Zinn traveled to North Vietnam with Daniel Berrigan as an anti-war activist. The investigation ended in 1974, and no further investigation into Zinn or his activities was made by the FBI.

Read the file at:

<http://foia.fbi.gov/hottopics.htm>

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Attitude is Everything by Charles R. Swindoll



The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

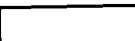
It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home.

The remarkable thing is WE HAVE A CHOICE everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people

will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our **ATTITUDES!**

Contributor:



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"STRANGE, BUT TRUE"

Could a requester have asked for the following?

Subject—Thumb print identification

"We have a mystery thumb print we are attempting to identify; we are a private law firm and not part of any government agency. Can we send you the thumb print with a FOIA request for information regarding the identity of the person who left it?"

Yes! This request was received on July 14, 2010.

Marquette College Basketball Coach — Al McGuire

RIDS recently released 20 pages of file #172-130-1 regarding gambling allegations against former college basketball coach Al McGuire to Patrick McCraney of FOX 6 News in Milwaukee.

McGuire was born on September 7, 1928 in New York and died on January 26, 2001 in Milwaukee. He coached the Marquette University men's basketball team from 1964 to 1977. McGuire played collegiate basketball for St. John's University, and he also played professionally for the New York

Knicks and Baltimore Bullets between 1957-1977. McGuire was inducted to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

His Marquette team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) National Championship game in 1977, NIT Championship in 1970 and made two Final Four appearances. A member of the (NCAA) provided information to the FBI that McGuire may have been involved in gambling activities and may have controlled the point spreads of Marquette's basketball

games. The source also provided information that McGuire was arrested in 1971 in Milwaukee when police raided a gambling establishment-but that the arrest was "squashed" and received no publicity. McGuire also had a brother who operated a bar in New York, and allegedly had been able to predict the point spread of Marquette basketball games within two or three points.

The FBI never filed any criminal charges against McGuire.

Context and Content

While redacting third party names from files recently, I was reminded of Mr. Hardy's regular reminders to consider the context and the content of what we read.

Often, during a second read-through of a file, I'll find names I missed during the first overview. However, I recently caught myself redacting some items that clearly, on second read, should be released.

For example: I was deleting third party names from a San Diego file when I realized I could release the fact that my subject met at MARIE CALLENDERS. On first read, I was protecting Marie Callender. On second read, the light bulb went on. Oh, yeah, Marie Callenders, the restaurant!

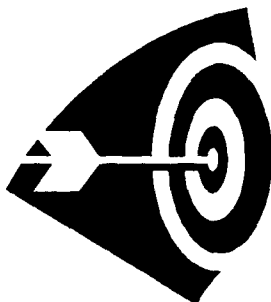
In another instance, I was deleting the names of prisoners involved in jail fights from

files requested by another of the brawlers. Several injured prisoners sought medical attention—I deleted their names—and signed their injury forms. I deleted their signatures. On second read, I released those signatures which were "cuffed from behind" and "I/M Handcuffed."

Submitted by:

LAS [redacted]
FOIPA 4 "Where everything is just peachy".

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RIDS Q & A/New Contacts/Reminder

Q. What is the goal of the negotiator when the requester has a case in the large track queue and submits correspondence stating that he/she wants all responsive records no matter how long it takes?

A. To have the requester narrow the scope of their request in order to move the request to either a medium or small track queue. The ultimate goal is the reduction of pages, no

matter what the requester may say initially.

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UPCOMING TRAINING:

Classification training for all RIDS personnel will be held August 16th, 23rd and 31st.

Financial Crime Enforcement Network (FinCen) training will be conducted by SSA [REDACTED] on September 21st. Details will be forthcoming.

Mandatory training for all personnel: "Privacy: It's Every Employee's Business", should be completed through Virtual Academy by August 30th.



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Not an Equal Opportunity Employer

I was processing a case involving a ring of computer scam artists who had devised a nifty way to use stolen credit card numbers to order inventory from online auction houses, deliver the stolen goods to unsuspecting third parties, and then have their network of employees—who thought their job was legit—pick up the parcels to that the ringleaders could

profit from their ill-gotten goods. The crook in charge of hiring asked every prospective employee to fax their personal information to him including their driver's license and Social Security card. He then ran a background check on each individual to see if they had a criminal record. No run-ins with the law? Hired! Any criminal record? Not hired!

Only the innocent were trusted to carry out this gang's dirty deeds.

Submitted by:

FOIPA 4

"Where everything is just peachy".

"Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do, he will never do all that he can."

Henry Drummond

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On the Lighter Side - Humorous FBI Stories

[REDACTED] 25, sealed himself in a crate and had himself shipped home from New York to the Dallas suburb of DeSoto for Christmas. After 17 hours inside, he used a crowbar to pry open the box, popped out on his parents' doorstep, shook the hand of the shocked delivery man and walked away. The delivery man called the police, who arrested him on some outstanding warrants. He also sparked an FBI

investigation to find out how airports could have such tight security on passengers but miss people sealed in crates. When asked why he chose this unusual method of travel, the man said it was roomier than flying coach!

Did you know that the Mob helped make the famous dance move "the Twist" popular? John Biello, a Captain in the Genovese crime family, was the co-owner of the Peppermint Twist Lounge in Miami Beach which was frequented by celebrities and the elite who would go there to dance to Fats Domino's dance craze.

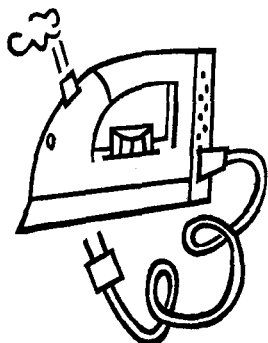
The unfortunate twist for Biello

was that he was assassinated by an unknown hit man. He was warned on two prior occasions by the FBI that a hit had placed on him.

He responded to agents on one occasion that "he came into this world as a man and would leave as a man."

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Recent FOI/PA requests:

MOHAMMED ALI HAMADEI - A Most Wanted Terrorist poster offered a reward up to \$5 million for information leading directly to the apprehension or conviction of Hamadei.

Hamadei was a major Lebanese terrorist who was released by the German government five years ago. He was killed in a U.S. drone attack in Pakistan's tribal region, as reported by Pakistani intelligence sources in June 2010.

DANIEL SCHORR, whose aggressive reporting over 70 years as a respected broadcast and print journalist brought him into conflict with censors, the Nixon administration and network superiors, died on Friday, July 23, 2010, in Washington. He was 93. Processing to be performed by LAS [redacted] SST.

Ex-Senator TED STEVENS from the State of Alaska was killed in a plane crash on August 10, 2010. The former Senator was on a small aircraft that crashed about 20 miles north of Dillingham Alaska. The aircraft carried 9 people, 3 of whom survived. LAS [redacted]

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Craiglist Killer' Philip Markoff commits suicide while in police custody on August 15, 2010.

"The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people."
Woodrow Wilson

BOLO (Be On The Lookout)

RMD MANDATORY WRITING COURSE:

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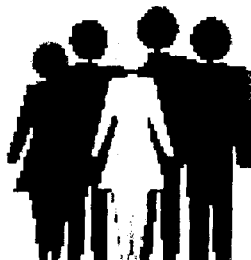
9/20/10 8:00—11:00 and 1:00—4:00

Please register in Virtual Academy to sign up for a training date. All classes are limited to the first 58 students. Butte and Savannah personnel are automatically enrolled.

Former Illinois congressman Dan Rostenowski, has died at the age of 82 in Wisconsin after an extended illness. Rostenowski first entered Congress in 1959 and eventually became chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee in 1981. Rostenowski was defeated in the Republican landslide of 1994 after prosecutors alleged he used public funds for personal matters and to pay employees who did little actual work. Rostenowski pleaded guilty to corruption charges in April 1994, and served over a year in federal prison. He was pardoned by President Bill Clinton in 2000. LAS [redacted]

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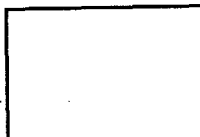


Please welcome a new LAS to the RIDS family. LAS [redacted] will be assigned to WPU upon completion of his training.

An RMD Coin Award Nomination Form is now available for use. It can be found at:

<http://home.fbinet.fbi/DO/RMD/Pages/AwardsProgramReceipts.aspx>

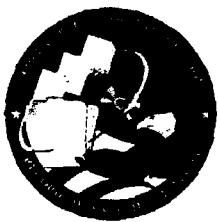
Congratulations to the following RIDS employees on their acceptance into the FY10 University Education Program (UEP):



To access the RMD AD Concerns:

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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

Well, you did it. It was a tremendous effort to clear out our older requests, as well as trim the number of 1.3 million pages last fiscal year. Over 200,000 pages were completed in September. The number of requests in the Scope Queue dropped from over 1400 to under 900. In all, the results were spectacular.

We begin the fiscal year with a reduced contractor footprint. Our contractor support in WPU dropped from 40 to 27 employees. We are unable to fund the eight contractors in DOCLAB that supported FOIA scanning. This will impact the time it takes to make a request date ready.

In addition, I think everyone agrees we need to upgrade FDPS. The FDPS contractor has laid out a proposal that would migrate the current software to a newer version. We're looking for ways to fund the project. In this regard, RMD has been enormously supportive of our efforts to increase our personnel resources and our processing capabilities. The current funding for contractors was put together solely within RMD.

This next year we will be developing plans to complete in a timely manner a dizzying number of huge requests that we're giving the moniker of "Behemoths."

In addition, we'll continue to work to improve quality. Our goal is to develop GS-12s whose work routinely requires only 10% spot checks. I am certain that by end of next fiscal year all GS-12s and certified GS-11s will have the opportunity to participate in peer review groups.

Again, thanks for the tremendous effort this past year.

The RED WOLF is Closed!

RIDS received an EFF request for agency's records on Red Wolf, a telecommunications surveillance system. Red Wolf is the Telecommunications Intercept & Collection Technology Unit's (TICTU) primary digital collection system for authorized FISA data. WPU collected all of the responsive material using a search EC. Initially the responsive material was so voluminous that it filled three separate FOIA numbers. SRU scoped it down to a more manageable 40,000 pages

Before it came to FOIA-3.

CU-1 reviewed each page classifying technical information when appropriate and answering numerous queries during our processing. Each person on FOIA-3 processed work items and contributed to cutting this behemoth of a request down to size.

Of immense help in processing the material were the several trips to Quantico to consult with the subject matter experts in TICTU.

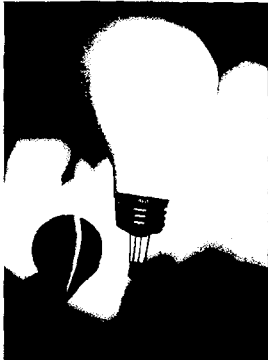
They were and are an invaluable resource to RIDS. The vast majority of the information was protected as either law enforcement sensitive (LES), proprietary or classified.

Each unit in RIDS that touched this request contributed to its closing.

Submitted by FOIA-3
Unit Chief [redacted]

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President Obama's and Attorney General's Call for Transparency



"STRANGE, BUT TRUE"

Could a requester have asked for the following?

Subject—Metal implanted in my brain

"I know you probably hear this a lot and think I am crazy, but I have had metal implanted into my brain and I want to know if the FBI can remove it". Yes! This inquiry was received in August 2010.

This article was taken from THE JUSTICE BLOG at <http://blogs.usdoj.gov/blog/archives/925> posted on July 29, 2010. "Agency Chief FOIA Officers Respond to the President's and Attorney General's Call for Transparency".

This year, for the first time, all agencies subject to FOIA were required to submit Chief FOIA Officers reports. In those reports, agencies were asked to describe the steps they had taken to improve transparency in accordance with the President's FOIA Memorandum, and the Attorney General's FOIA Guidelines. OIP analyzed and prepared a summary of the

reports. The reports show that more documents have been released, more information has been made available on websites, and backlogs of pending requests have been decreased in the past year.

Among the results:

More information is being released to FOIA requesters. In Fiscal Year 2009, the number of responses with released records, either records released in full or in part, increased overall. The number of partial releases increased by approximately 50,000 documents.

89% of agencies reported

pro-actively disclosing material on websites—i.e., producing material that has not (yet) been requested by the public.

95% of agencies, including all Cabinet agencies, can receive FOIA requests electronically, rather than merely via snail mail. 91% track the requests electronically as well.

60% of agencies either had no backlog in processing FOIA requests or reduced that backlog in Fiscal Year 2009. 85% reduced the oldest age of the oldest request or had no backlogged request to close.

Further information can be viewed at the stated website.

Release of Arthur Arthur "Art" Linkletter Files (LAS [REDACTED])

Mr. Linkletter was best known for his radio/television show "Art Linkletter's House Party," which is one of television's longest running variety shows, which debuted on radio in 1944 and on television from 1952 to 1969. He was also known for the popular television shows "People Are Funny" and "Kids Say the Darndest Things".

Two extortion and one Fraud Against Government case were released consisting of 125 pages.

9-HQ-25669 (Extortion); In 1954 Mr. Linkletter received a threatening letter wanting \$1,000 or his daughter, Diane, would be killed.

Mr. Linkletter felt that the matter was not serious and refused FBI intervention. However, the AUSA stated it was a criminal violation and wanted the FBI to conduct an investigation into the matter. The forensic lab could not develop any latent prints but the handwriting analysis indicated "the possibility that the writer had taken or was taking a school course such as Art in which lettering was used". The postal stamp of Jamaica, NY, resulted in leads sent out to retrieve handwriting samples from students of nearby high school and technical schools. Thus resulting in nearly 4,800 handwriting samples. The suspects were

never identified and the case was closed in 1954.

9-HQ-34483 (Extortion); Art Linkletter, Vice President Richard Nixon, and Senator Herman Tallmadge received threatening letters sent by Bennie James Riggins (now deceased), 18 years old, of Molena, CA. The individual did confess to the crimes and the investigation determined the subject was a former inmate of a Georgia mental hospital and suffered from a diabetic condition.

46-HQ-36108 (Fraud Against Government); Mr. Linkletter omitted information on a "PSQ" form concerning a prior arrest in 1942.

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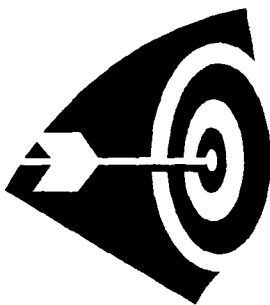
Kromer v. DOJ Decision

Kromer v. DOJ, Re: Request for any investigatory records generated in response to plaintiff's complaints. Adequacy of search: The court concludes that the FBI's second search, which was conducted after it received the complaint for the instant action, was adequate. "While plaintiff alleges that there must be more records, he has produced no evidence that there are any additional records, nor does he dispute the

fact that the FBI conducted a search reasonably designed to yield documents responsive to his request." The court further notes that "[at most, the FBI might be faulted with hindsight for failing to examine its local office records, but it is very difficult to tell if plaintiff provided information, at least in his initial request, to expect the FBI to make that connection."

Further information regarding this case and other new court decisions can be found in the FOIA Post July 2010 issue.

<http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2010foiapost25.htm>



RIDS Q & A/New Contacts/Reminder

Q. Is there a code section that prohibits the establishment of a payment schedule with an inmate? Background-WPU has a prisoner who requested to be put on a fee schedule because he could not afford the \$200 fees that could be assessed to his request and wanted to know if there is a section of the law that states we cannot provide a fee schedule to prisoners.

A. There is no Code section prohibiting the establishment of a payment schedule with an inmate. There is also no requirement to accept an installment plan for a requester.

Source:

Attorney-Advisor

DOJ—OIP

Guidelines for processing FinCen/Bank Secrecy Act information has been posted to the FOIA tab of the Share-Point site. They can be found on the left side of the page under Processing Procedures/FinCen (SARs).

Submitted by:

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Release of Jack Kemp files (LAS [redacted] FOIA-3)

Former HUD Secretary, Congressman and NFL quarterback Jack Kemp died in May 2009. Kemp's public service career spanned three decades, from his appointment to the staff of California Governor Ronald Reagan in the late 1960s through his service as HUD Secretary in the early 1990s and time as presidential candidate and vice-presidential nominee under Bob Dole in 1996. RIDS released slightly over

1,200 pages on Mr. Kemp, most of which detailed a number of threats against him and his Congressional staff in Buffalo and Washington, D.C., in addition to his background investigation before assuming the HUD Secretary post.

Kemp played 13 seasons in the NFL and was named AFL MVP during his career as quarterback with the Buffalo Bills. He was first elected to Congress in 1973 and served nine terms, representing Buffalo, NY. He was

selected to be Secretary of HUD under President George H. W. Bush in 1989. Kemp served as President Bush's HUD Secretary until 1993, during which time he also sought the Republican Presidential nomination in 1992. In 1996, Kemp joined Bob Dole on the Republican ticket as nominee for Vice President, but the pair lost that bid, returning Bill Clinton to the White House for a second term. Upon retirement, Kemp authored nine books.

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby

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On the Lighter Side - Humorous/Serious FBI Requests

This statement actually came from a requester to RIDS in August 2010.

Mr. Hardy...this response is merely a lazy form since you could not have conducted any search. My mailed letter of ...was received by you on ...and you simply sent this form on Are you advising me that the FBI has no personnel file on my employment at Typing and Ident sections in the spring of.....???????

What the (blank) is going on?

Stop giving me the runaround or tell me you will not help me. I've been sent on a wild goose chase by asking me to get fingerprints, sent \$18 etc.

Give me a telephone call at..... to advise if I should appeal my request to the FBI Director?

Enclosed is the file on foolishness to date.

The following are several FOIPA requests that have been received by RIDS in their entirety and are being published for your reading.

"This is a self look up, I give my consent".

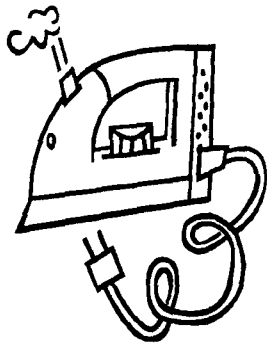
"I wish to obtain my FBI record".

"Please provide me with information regarding FBI investigation. I have sent a ton of

Information on white collar crime, spam, employment discrimination—I am one who appreciates you!"

"Just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for your help with efficiently processing my FOIA request regarding Richard Charles Haefner".

FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



Recent FOI/PA requests:

James Lee, the gunman police shot to death after he took hostages at Discovery Channel's headquarters in Maryland.

Roland Haas, a self-described CIA assassin who authorities say accidentally killed himself in Newnan, Georgia.

Andrew Roth, who recently died at the age of 91, was a Left-wing American journalist who, after a failed attempt by J. Edgar Hoover to prosecute him

for espionage, reinvented himself in London as the leading authority on the foibles, opinions and business interests of Members of Parliament.

William Saxbe, a former U. S. senator from Ohio who was appointed as President Richard M. Nixon's fourth Attorney General after the infamous "Saturday Night Massacre," died at his home in Ohio at the age of 94.

International Burn a Koran Day—which was scheduled for September 11, 2010 at the Dove Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida.

Paul Conrad, 86, a political cartoonist who won three Pulitzer Prizes by turning his outrage into journalistic art but who was even more proud of being named to the Nixon administration's enemies list during the Watergate era, died on September 4, 2010 at his home in California.

"I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."
Michael Jordan

2010 Science and Technology Demonstration Day

A visit to the FBI Science and Technology Demonstration at Quantico with several RMD employees soon became exhilarating as we witnessed the state-of-the-art technology and science the FBI has available to combat crime and assist with disaster. We saw the Forensic Facial Imaging Unit where skulls and models of reconstructed faces were on display.

The Explosive Unit gave examples of everyday available materials that both criminals and terrorists use. Several bombing events including the Shoe Bomber, the New York Times Square Bomber and the Reno Casino Bombing of 1980. The Shoe Bomber demo had a 3-foot-long model shoe with the sole exposed showing where the bomber placed a fuse connecting it to plastic explosives. The unit simulated the bombing (revealed in a photograph) that would have created a hole 3 feet wide through the aircraft.

The Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Services Unit revealed how 3 teams work together to capture evidence and keep the environment safe.

CJIS had its Mobile Command Unit, which included a conference room utilizing computers with tracking devices showing how Geospatial transmission is useful for surveillance.

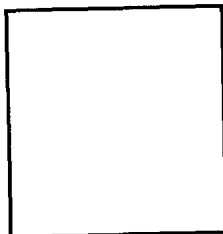
The Underwater Search and Evidence Response Team displayed a sonar transmitting device that captured photographs of the scene at the collapsed Minneapolis Bridge incident. We took great pride in experiencing the FBI's capabilities in the Science and Technology fields. Submitted by LAS [redacted] SRU.

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Please welcome six new LAS' to the RIDS family who began their WPU training on September 27, 2010:



The following LAS' began their Disclosure training on October 4, 2010. Upon completion of their training they will be assigned to FOIPA 4.



To access the RMD AD Concerns:

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The FBI has unveiled a new modern look to its website at www.fbi.gov. Please take a look when you have time.



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Message from Section Chief David M. Hardy Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

CURRENT SNAPSHOT,
2,828 Pending Requests In-
cluding:

58 Requests w/315-415 files
-12 requests w/266 files.

FISA Amendment Act of
2008, UK Alleged Terrorist
Plots, Rendition of Detainees,
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GITMO Detainees, Ghost
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Surveillance of Muslim Com-
munities in Northern Califor-
nia, NCIC Operating Manual,
8 GITMO Detainees, OIG
Report on Detainee Interroga-
tion, Case Maps on Detain-
ees, Madrid Train Bombing,
Misuse of NSLs, Watchlist
Policies, NSLs 2007 to Pre-
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Council, E-Guardian Program,
Red Wolf, Patriot Act Reau-
thorization, IOB Reports,

DIOG, Use of Racial-Ethnic
Information, Telecommuni-
cations Data Collection Cen-
ter, Going Dark-CALEA,
Gang Intelligence Logs, 12
Russian Spies, CIA Leak
Investigation (302s w/Libby,
Pres. Bush, VPres. Cheney,
AG Gonzales, Armitage,
Rove, Novak, Russert),
Ivins, Mayfield, Steinbren-
ner, Sen. Stevens, OPR
Closing Letters, OPR Ap-
peals, FBI Declassification
Guide, FBI Shooting Incident
Reports, Secure Communi-
ties, IAFIS, Sentinel PMO-
NG Communications, Carne-
gie-Melon Sentinel Report,
FBI Ethics Waivers, FBI Of-
fice of Integrity & Compli-
ance.

You guys are fantastic!

*Wishing everyone a Happy
Thanksgiving and safe
holiday.*

FOIA 4 Release of Mitch Miller's Files (9-HQ-41216/9-40938)

In response to a FOIA re-
quest on November 6, 2010,
the FBI released its files on
Mitch Miller who died re-
cently at the age of 99.
Miller was best known as
host of "Sing Along With
Mitch." His show, with its
all-male chorus and the
many record albums re-
leased throughout the dec-
ade, had a nation singing
along at home to Miller's rep-
ertoire of well-known tunes.

Miller had a legendary his-
tory in the music busi-
ness—both popular and
classical. As A&R (Artists
and Repertoire) Director
for labels like Mercury and
Columbia, he discovered
musical talents that in-
cluded Tony Bennett,
Johnny Mathis, Rosemary
Clooney, Vic Damone,
Patti Page and even Are-
tha Franklin. Bennett is
quoted in USA Today as
calling Miller "perhaps the

single most influential pro-
ducer in the history of re-
cording." His extraordinary
talent came to the forefront
early as he became recog-
nized as the world's best
oboist. He played with the
CBS Symphony Orchestra
in the 1930s, full orchestras
provided background music
for radio shows, and re-
corded with legendary con-
ductor Leopold Stokowski

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Mitch Miller's Release continued....

In recent years, he guest conducted symphony orchestras around the world. Our own FOIA 4 LAS [redacted] who was a journalist in the '80s, interviewed Miller when he guest conducted The Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Pops Concert. That interview led to a torrid coast-to-coast affair with the celebrity who hobnobbed with Hollywood actors and producers and flew [redacted] to various venues.

The request resulted in little information that reflected on his illustrious life. A total of 341 pages were released, most of which was of an overzealous fan who loved Mitch but insisted she was the brains behind the great ideas of his show and he needed to get rid of his producers. [redacted] interlude with the entertainer was not mentioned and no privacy waiver was required of her. Submitted by LAS [redacted] FOIA 4 in collaboration with LAS [redacted] also assigned to FOIA 4.



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**"THAT'S ONE WAY
TO FAIL A
POLYGRAPH"**

A Washington State Patrol manager arriving at the Olympia headquarters for a meeting noticed a book on the seat of a parked car about "how to beat the lie detector." The patrol manager found that a job candidate was in the process of taking a polygraph exam. When the patrol manager matched the candidate to the car, he was told he would not be considered for the job. Spokesman Dan Coon said past misdemeanors, such as marijuana possession, don't automatically disqualify someone for a job with the patrol, but lying does.

Source:

The Free Lance-Star
Newspaper issue October
13, 2010

The FOIA blog—Everything FOIA (and government disclosure)

Here are some interesting comments and thoughts to ponder noted on The FOIA blog under "What Do The Mid-Term Elections Mean for FOIA?":

"Gazing into the crystal ball, one can see positive and negative fallout from the midterm elections that brought a change in leadership in the House of Representatives. The positive is that there may be more oversight of the Executive Branch, which will include FOIA operations. House leadership may use their new powers to have

have actual hearings concerning FOIA operations, especially in those agencies that view the 20 working day time to respond to FOIA requests as a guidepost, not a law.

One negative note, many FOIA operations are clearly under funded. With a large deficit, no one is going to be in the mood to increase spending for what many consider a discretionary practice.

Finally, I don't see much FOIA legislation taking place. While there are a number of

current FOIA laws, I don't foresee them taking place during the upcoming Congress.

The most important FOIA venue in the next few months will be the Supreme Court, where a number of FOIA issues are pending, such as whether corporations have privacy under the FOIA's privacy exemptions; such as Exemption b7 (C)."

These comments were taken from The FOIA blog on November 4, 2010 and the author is unknown. To access the site: <http://thefoiablog.typepad.com/>

Release of Westboro Baptist Church files

On October 28, 2010, RIDS released 191 pages on the Westboro Baptist Church, run by Pastor Fred Phelps of Kansas. Members of this church have made the news by protesting at the funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Westboro Baptist Church also runs a website www.godhatesfags.com, which has brought the church a lot of attention. Most of the files are threats made against the

church by those who are offended by its message. Also, law enforcement offices across the country and internationally have asked the FBI for threat assessments because the church has planned protests in their jurisdictions. In one Jackson file, the Chief of Police in Starkville, Mississippi reported that a protest was planned for a local soldier's funeral. Church members never showed, but at

least 50 members of the Patriot Riders, a motorcycle group that counter-protests Westboro members, came in support of the soldier's family.

The request was processed by LAS [redacted] SRU/SSJ.

Reference FOIA #1151161 for further information.

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RIDS Q & A/New Contacts/Reminder

The Attorney General Award for Outstanding Service in FOIA was recently presented to our own Service Request Unit Chief [redacted] for her efforts in enhancing the FBI's FOIA website. UC [redacted] was one of 54 FBI employees to be honored during the AG's 58th Annual Awards ceremony. FBI employees earned recognition for their distinguished public service and received a standing ovation during the ceremony.

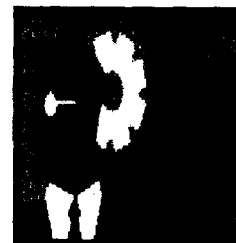
The new 2011 LAS Continuum release is located on SharePoint site, under the Training tab. [redacted] will be making rounds to all the teams to discuss changes from the 2010 Continuum.

If you missed the LCN Speaker on November 8, 2010, that presentation will be recorded for later viewing. Attendees receive 1.5 CEU, but you must submit the training under "Self-Reporting" to receive credit.

OPA's contact person is [redacted]

[redacted] CJIS Correspondence Group new telephone number is:

His old number was: [redacted]



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A Salute to Our Veterans!

RIDS wishes to extend its appreciation to all veterans who have served in the Armed Forces to protect our country.

Army Staff Sergeant [redacted] was awarded the Medal of Honor on November 16, 2010 by President Obama. Medal of Honor awardees are the only people that the President must salute first—all other service members must salute them when passing, even officers!

SSgt [redacted] is the only living individual to be awarded the medal since the Vietnam war. Three others, all of whom died in combat, have been awarded the medal during the Iraq/Afghanistan wars. Prior to these most recent conflicts, two Delta Snipers who fast roped down to save a Blackhawk pilot in Somali, were awarded medals. They both died as well, but the helicopter pilot lived and inspired the movie *Blackhawk Down*.

USMC GySgt. [redacted] WWI, WWII was awarded two medals of honor.

In WWI he jumped into a machine gun pit filled with Germans, then killed or wounded all of them with his bare hands, a bayonet, and his helmet!



"I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it."

Jonathan Winters

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CFC Time (*The Compassion of Individuals, the Power of Community*)

It's that time of year again—the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has begun! The 2010 campaign is already rolling at the ICRC, and there are many exciting fundraising events happening in the weeks to come. The fun has already started with perennial favorite, Jeans and Jersey Thursdays. This year, this event will directly benefit the Homes for Our Troops organization, which builds homes for disabled veterans. This organization recently built a home for a Winchester native, SSG [redacted] who

was wounded in Iraq in August 2006. Paralyzed from the neck down, SSG [redacted] now has a handicap-accessible home. Over \$1,500 has already raised by this event! November starts the ever-popular Penny Wars. In this event, units compete against each other to see who can gather the most pennies and currency, while collecting silver change to sink their competitors. The winner of this event will win a pizza party, so start digging through those couch cushions and bring in your change!

December will bring three special events. On December 2nd, CFC will host the annual hot dog and bake sale. (Pricing and ticket sales will be announced later. Any monetary or culinary donations to this event can be made to your CFC Keyworker.) The RMD Holiday Basket Raffle will also occur this month, and the competition is already heating up. There are many great ideas out there, so start building your baskets now! December will also see the first 1st annual RMD Bake-Off. During the Bake-Off, our division's culinary

Masters will face off to see who has the best pie recipe. More details will be forthcoming. As always, your Keyworkers are here to assist you in anything you may need throughout the CFC season. Please see your Keyworker for donation forms, assistance in on-line contributions, access to the Catalog of Caring or if you would like further information. Together, we can make this the best CFC season ever!

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FOIA Processing "Hot Topics"



Recent FOI/PA requests:

Theodore C. Sorensen, one of the last links to John F. Kennedy's administration, a writer and counselor who did much to shape the president's narrative, image and legacy, died on October 31, 2010 in Manhattan. He was 82.

Nicholas A. Marsh, a DOJ lawyer involved with the botched corruption trial of former Alaska Senator Ted Stevens committed suicide in September 2010.

Ernest C. Withers, a photographer whose voluminous catalog of arresting black-and-white images illustrates a history of life in the segregated South in the 1950s and '60s, from the civil rights movement to the Beale Street music scene, died on October 11, 2010 in Memphis. He was 85.

Robert J. Lipshutz, the former White House counsel, died on November 6th. He played an important behind-the-scenes role in negotiations leading to the

Camp David peace accords. Mr. Lipshutz served in the President Jimmy Carter's administration. He was 88.

Jack Kershaw, who represented James Earl Ray as he fought to overturn his conviction in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kershaw argued that Ray was an innocent participant in a conspiracy led by a mysterious figure named Raul. Kershaw died on September 7, 2010, in Nashville. He was 96.

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."

Vincent Van Gogh

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)

[redacted] Congressional Affairs Specialist, wishes to remind all RIDS personnel that she is the point of contact at OCA. Her telephone number is [redacted]

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OCA is the FBI's primary liaison to Congress and plays a key role in communicating with lawmakers about FBI activities. OCA's mission is to enhance and maintain Congressional confidence in the FBI through the disclosure of information about the mission, accomplishments, operations and values of the organization by interacting directly with the FBI's Congressional Oversight Committees, members and staff.



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New assignment—Our best wishes are extended to FOIA 3 LAS [redacted]

[redacted] who started a new position with RMD on November 8, 2010. [redacted] will be a write/editor assigned to the Front Office Communications Team. She will be working on a variety of projects including the annual report, section business plans,

SharePoint maintenance, proofreading correspondence, and other projects as assigned.

Please congratulate [redacted] and extend your best wishes for future success.

CJIS temporary routing address:

On October 18, 2010 the Correspondence Group has moved to a temporary building where they will remain until 2014 when their new building will be completed.

CJIS new routing address is: **CJIS Correspondence Group Sat II**

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