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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

July 15, 2008

Subject: NICOLAIDES, JOHN D Request No.: 0988958-000/190

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David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DR. JOHN D. NICOLAIDES

February 13, 1980 DATE: 2-10-05 CLASSIF GOZZO AUC REASON 14(C) BALFIEL ON: FEDERAL GOVERNO

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 29, 1979.

A review of the files of this Bureau indicated Mr. John D. Nicolaides, 2048 Skylark Lane, San Luis Obispo California, by letters dated June 14, 1979, and September 10, 1979, requested a copy of a letter of appreciation which Director J. Edgar Hoover sent to him some years ago.

John Dudley Nicolaides was the subject of Bureau file 116-101121, a Department of Energy-applicant type case, which indicated Professor John D. Nicolaides, Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, by a letter dated July 20, 1970, addressed to the Director enclosed a copy of his letter dated July 20, 1970 Assistant Chief of addressed to Rear Admiral Maval Operations Pentagon, Washington, This letter read as follows:

"As per our recent discussion, please find enclosed correspondence relating to my trip to Israel. Also enclosed is a summary report on the Parafoil, and my recent report on the 'History of Ordnance'.

"You are my completion of my visit, I will prepare a report for you on my findings.

"I am anxious to assist the DOD in any way that I can.

By letter dated July 20, 1979, the Director responded to Professor Nicolaides' letter indicating hips MA 29 1930 letter of July 20 had been received and the Director appreciated his interest in bringing this information to his attention

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 4. E lemorandum he Director! 3 1980 DATE: MAR ederal Bureau of Investigation PBH:JHD:JJT: Philip B. Heymann TENERAL GOVERNMENT 6-12-3791 Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division Request for Preliminary Inquiry SUBJECT: Dr. John D. Nicolaides - Atomic Energy Act By a memorandum dated February 13, 1980, the Bureau advised that the only information it has on Dr. Nicolaides relates to a recent ALL INFORMATION CONTAIN HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED E) WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISI **b**1 Freedom of Information Act request made by him, b5 We would appreciate the Bureau conducting a limited inquiry to determine whether there is any basis for further investigation under the Atomic Energy Act. 5w3:mac 3/81/80 **±** 1980 (s) Title 42, United States Code, Section 2274 makes it a criminal offense for anyone to communicate, transmit, or disclose a "document model . . . or information 2+ to SAC, LA, 2-10-05 60290 hue bee/The REASON 1:4 (C b1 DECI-A SIF **b**5 SÉ**X**ET Form OBD-197 MAY 1978 Buy U.S. Savo Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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Because the applicable statute of limitations is a bar unless prosecution is undertaken within ten years after the offense has been committed, the Bureau should conduct this inquiry as expeditiously as possible. The results should be furnished to the Internal Security Section. You will then be advised as to what additional investigation, if any, is needed.



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Director, FBI (116-101121)

REQUEST FOR FRELIMINARY INQUIRY 199 DR. JOHN D. NICOLAIDES - ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

Reference Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 3/11/80. (U)

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On 2/22/80, a letter was forwarded to the subject advising that his letter to the then Director of the FBI, J. E. Hoover, and copy of letter to President Richard M. Nixon I had been located and he was advised to submit another request furnishing a notarized signature, date and place of birth to Ecomply with provisions of FOIA and copies of above letter would be forwarded to him. (U)

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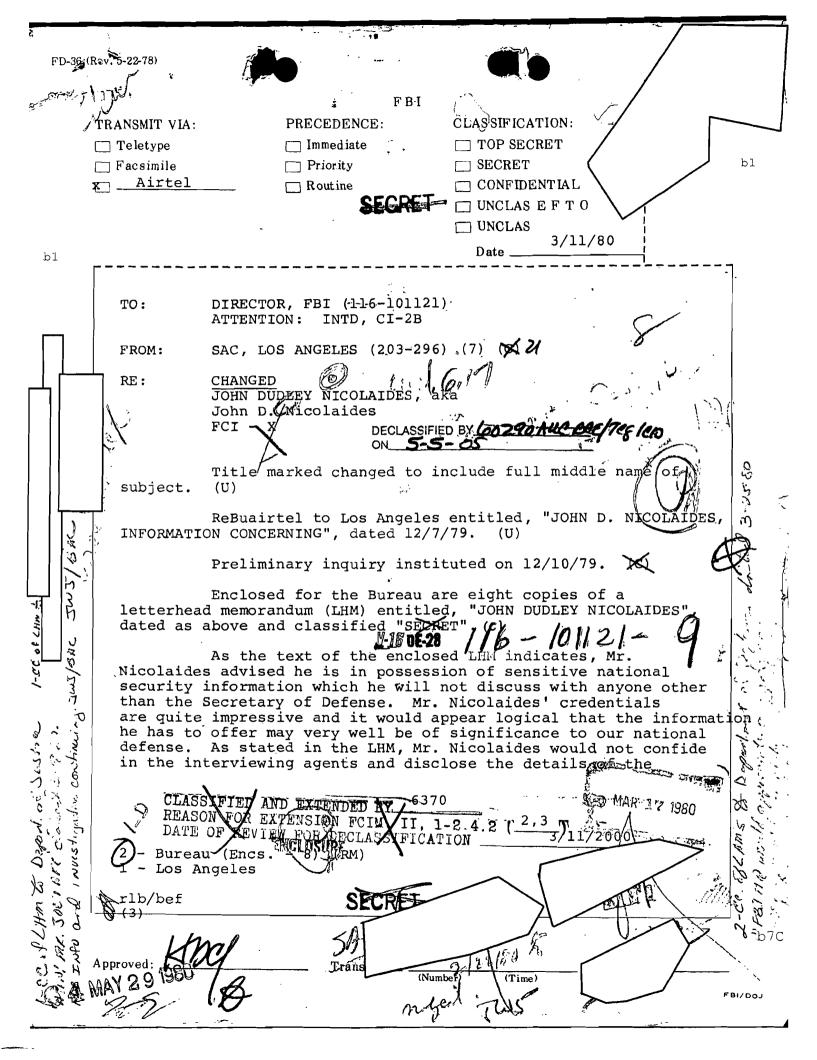
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Los Angeles should expeditiously conduct interview and submit results in an FD-302 to CI-2, C Unit, Intelligence Division. (U)

NOTE

Los Angeles has been requested to interview subject, to determine if pertinent information was classified.





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information in question. He repeatedly stated he would only disclose the information to the Secretary of Defense since it involved policy making decisions at the highest levels of our government, and since his personal safety might be endangered if the wrong people were cognizant of those facts.

In view of the above, Los Angeles recommends that FBIHQ, through appropriate liaison, provide sufficient copies of the enclosed LHM directly to the office of the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Harold Brown. (U)

The LHM also indicates that Mr. Nicolaides was anxious to receive a copy of the letter written to him by former Director J. Edgar Hoover on 7/28/70, and a copy of his letter which predicated that response, since his personal copies are missing. Los Angeles recommends FBIHQ determine if copies of these letters exist, and, if so, provide same to Mr. Nicolaides. (U)

For information of the Bureau, Mr. Nicolaides was interviewed on 2/26/80, by Special Agents and of the Santa Maria Resident Agency, Los Angeles Office. (U)

Los Angeles is placing this matter in closed status. (U)

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Regarding paragraph 3 of referenced Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, Mr. NICOLAIDES advised that he has not received any correspondence from FBIHQ dated 2/22/80, and has not submitted another request to the FBI for a copy of former Director of the FBI, JOHN E. HOOVER's, letter to him. (U)

For information to the Bureau, it also appears, as set forth in the attached LHM, that Mr. NICOLAIDES has only discussed information pertaining to the atomic bomb possibly in possession or developed by the Israeli Government in 1970, in his letters to former Director HOOVER and President NIXON,	bl
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In view of the fact that there is no further investigation to be conducted by the Los Angeles Division, this case is being placed in an RUC status. (U)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
May 19, 1980

DR. JOHN D. NICOLAIDES	
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He did supply or ship to the Israeli Government, subsequent to his return to the United States in 1970, a dynamic testing wind tunnel model and some parafoils. He advised that this dynamic testing wind tunnel model is a technique that he personally developed and perfected for use in aeronautical engineering and it is not classified in any manner. It can be used for various tests of various items pertaining to aeronautical engineering and flight dynamics. (U)

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Upon his return to the United States in 1970, he personally felt that the Israeli Government had already perfected an atomic bomb. He also felt that the only individuals in the United States Government at that time that he could fully trust were former Director of the FBI, John E. Hoover, and the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon. He stated that at this time he



DR. JOHN D. NICOLAIDES

addressed letters to both of these individuals relating his thoughts and the possibility that the Israelis had developed an atomic bomb. As a result of these letters, he received a personal letter from former Director Hoover and from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger expressing their thanks for his interest. Other than these letters to former Director Hoover and President Nixon, he has never mentioned to anyone his belief that the Israeli Government had the atomic bomb in 1970.
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He also mentioned to these three individuals that the Israelis had questioned him concerning the use of his invention, the parafoil, as to whether it could be used as a decoying device flown from a naval warship which would act as a decoy against the Egyptian Styx missile. He did advise the Israelis that this appeared to be a good use of his invention, the parafoil. (U)
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Dr. Nicolaides has clarified the original information he himself had supplied to your Agency, and there is no indication that he committed a violation of the Atomic Energy Act. (U)

It is our opinion, therefore, no additional investigation is warranted.

Very truly yours,

Philip B. Heymann Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

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Mark Richard Deputy Assistant Attorney General

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation



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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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DR. JOHN D. NICOLAIDES, FCI-X.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN ITS ENTIRETY,

ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 3, 1984, THE ABOVE SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NIGHT SUPERVISOR OF THE FBI,

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION

INTO THE THEFT OF FOUR NATIONAL SECURITY AIRCRAFT HAVING A

CLASSIFIED NATURE.

A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION REVEAL THATAN INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT WAS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUMS DATED MARCH 11, 1980 AND MAY 19, 1980, WERE SUBMITTED FOR DISSEMINATION.

ON FEBRUARY 6, 1984, THE SUBJECT CONTACTED AN AGENT OF THE FBI AT THE SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA RESIDENT AGENCY WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN IN PREVIOUS CONTACT.

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DURING THE COURSE OF THE TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH THE SUBJECT. HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE IS NO LONGER EMPLOYED AS A PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (CAL POLY), SAN LUIS OBISPO, AFTER HAVING TAKEN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TWO YEARS AGO. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS NOT BEEN ON THE CAMPUS AT CAL POLY. HE HAS WORKED UNDER VARIOUS CONTRACTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND CIVILIAN CONTRACTS AFTER LEAVING CAL POLY. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD THEN FULLY RETIRED FROM CAL POLY LAST SPRING.

HE ADVISED HE WAS WRITING A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE

FBI, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,

AND THE SECURITY OFFICER OF THE NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND

REQUESTING THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED PERTAINING TO FOUR

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT REFERRED TO BY HIM AS "PARAFOILS", WHICH ARE

ALL VERY HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND WHICH HAVE BEEN STOLEN BY CAL POLY

FROM HIM.

HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD NUMEROUS WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CAL POLY AND THE BUSINESS
MANAGER OF CAL POLY PERTAINING TO THE QUESTIONED AIRCRAFT, WHICH



PAGE THREE (203-296) SECRET HE STATES THAT HE FUNDED SOLELY BY HIMSELF ALTHOUGH HE WAS WORKING UNDER CONTRACT FOR THE DOD OFFICE OF EVALUATIONS AND HAS BEEN DOING WORK FOR THE DOD SINCE HE WAS GIVEN THE CONTRACT DURING 1965. HE ADVISED THAT THE PROGRAM WAS CALSSIFIED BY A COLONEL OF THE DOD IN 1965 IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HE ADDED THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAS USED TO ASSIST HIM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE AIRCRAFT UNDER THAT CONTRACT HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON A DOD CLASSIFIED CONTRACT. HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CAL POLY APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO WHICH STATED THAT CAL POLY WAS GOING TO KEEP THE QUESTIONED AIRCRAFT AND BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTION HE STATED THAT THE FOUR AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION ARE ACTUALLY THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARAFOILS AND ONE OF THEM CONSISS ONLY OF PARHS WHICH ARE TO BMZADE INTO A PARAFOIL.

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