Freedom of Information Release

On

Subject: Nikola Tesla

File #: 100-2237 Pages Reviewed - 160 Pages Released - 160



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice,

Atten. Mr. C. Edgar Hoover,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoovers

ALL ENFORMATION CONTAINED

IN IS UNCLASSIFIED

E 2-2-80 BYSP4 Jangs

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

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

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

Weey truly yours

F ENCY PERCY

NY 4 MES .9/25/40 'Death Ray" for Planes

Nikola | Tesla, one of the truly great invintors who celebrated his eighty-forth birthday on July 10, tells the writer that he stands ready to idivulge to the United States Government the secret of his "teleforce." with which, he said, airplane motors would be melted at distance of 250 miles so that an a distance of 250 miles, so that an invisible Chinese Wall of Defense would be built around the country against any attempted attack by an enemy air force, no matter how

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

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

With this enormous voltage, he said, microscopic electrical parti-cles of matter will be catapulted on their mission of defensive destruction. He has been working on this invention, he added, for many years

invention, he added, for many years and has recently made a number of improvements in it.

Mr. Tesla makes one important stipulation. Should the government decide to take up his offer he would go to work at once, but they would have to trust him. He would suffer "no interference from experts."

In ordinary times such a condi-

fer "no interference from experts."

In ordinary times such a condition would very likely interpose an insuperable obstacle. But times being what they are, and with the nation getting ready to spend billions for national defense, at the same time taking in consideration the reputation of Mr. Tesla as an inventor who always was many years ahead of his time, the question arises whether it may not be advisable to take Mr. Tesla at his advisable to take Mr. Tesia at his word and commission him to go ahead with the construction of his teleforce plant.

Such a Device "Invaluable"

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

Take, for example, the Panama Canal. No matter how strong the defenses, a suicide squadron of dive

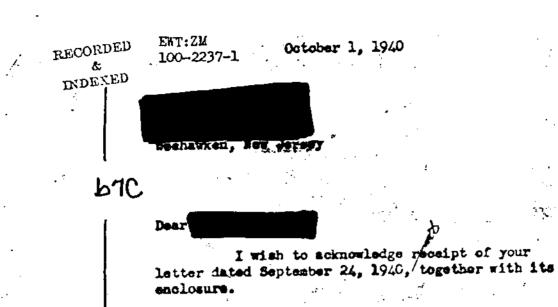
would cost no more than \$2,000,000 and would take only about three months to construct.

A dozen such plants, located at strategic points along the coast, according to Mr. Tesla, would be enough to defend the country against all possible aerial attack. The beam would melt any engine, whether Diesel or gasoline-driven, and would also ignite the explosives aboard any bomber. No possible defense against it could be devised, he asserts, as the beam would be all-penetrating.

High Vacuum Eliminated
The beam, he states, involves four new inventions, two of which already have been tested. One of these is a method and apparatus

NOT THE CHALLON CONTROL TO LATE THE CHALLON CONTROL TO

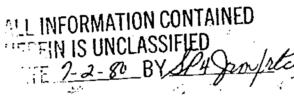
100-2237-1



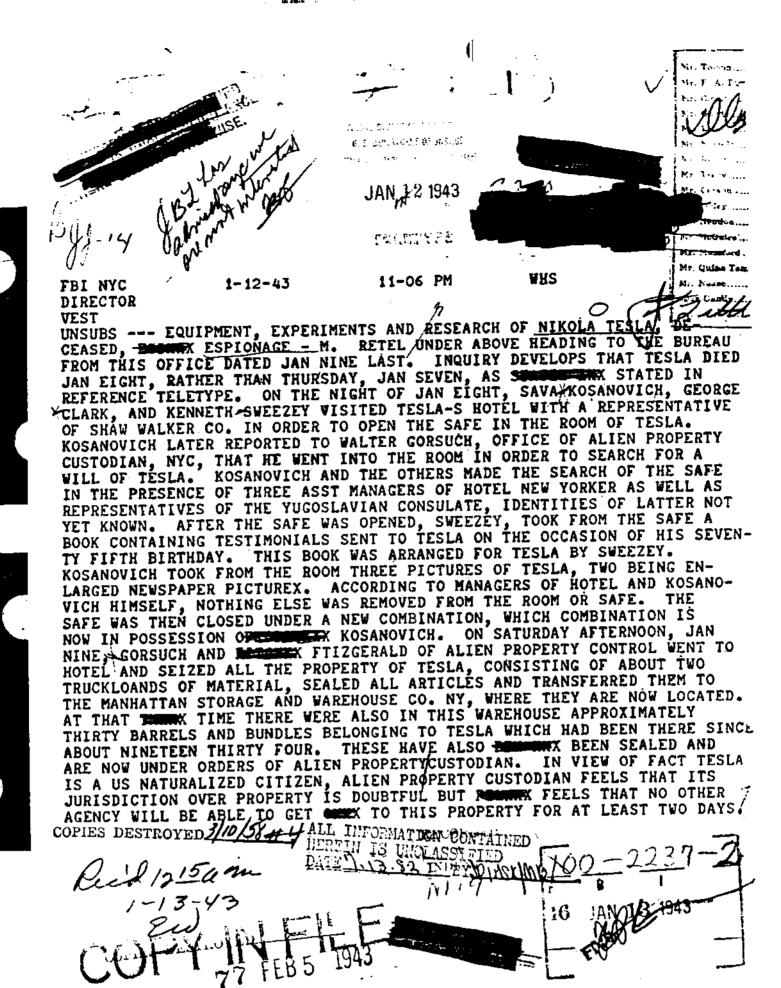
Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director



COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MALLED - 0Cl 1 1940 ★ FEDERA GRASAN OF INVESTIGATION OF SUBSIGNATION



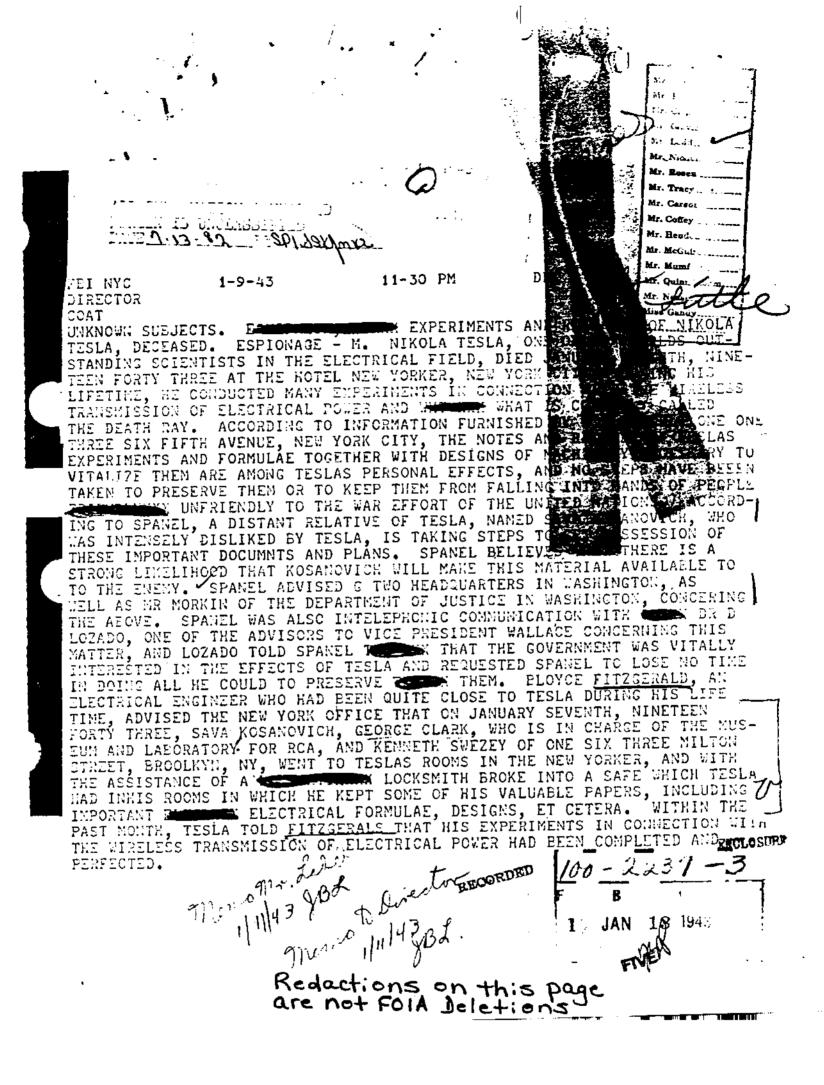
REDACTIONS ON THIS PAGE ARE

PAGE TWO AFTER THAT TIME IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE APPOINTED FOR THE PROPERTY WHO MAY TAKE THE PROPERTYINTO HIS CUSTODY. TESLA ALSO HAD SOME PROPERTY, AMERICAN ALLEGED BY INFORMANT FITZGERALD IN THIS CASE, TO BE A WORKING MODEL OF AN INVENTION IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL IN NY. INQUIRY SHOWS THAT THIS WAS PLACED HERE BY TESLA IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AS SECURITY FOR FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OWED HOTEL. THIS BILL IS STILL OWED AND HOTEL APPEARS UNWILLING TO RELEASE THIS PROPERTY TO ANYONE AT LEAST UNTIL MENT DEBT IS PAID, BUT THIS OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED IF ANYONE ATTEMPTS TO PAY BILL AND OBTAIN PROPERTY. CONCERNING TESLA HOTEL MANAGERS RE-PORT HE WAS VERY ECCENTRIC IF NOT NEEDS MENTALLY DERANGED DURING PAST TEN YEARS AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF HE HAS CREATED ANYTHING OF VALUE DURING THAT TIME, ALTHOPRIOR TO THAT HE PROBABLY WAS A VERY BRILLIANT INVENTOR. THEREFORE, ANY NOTES OF VALUE WERE PROBABLY THOSE MADE PRIOR TO THAT TIME. KOSANOVICH IS A NEPHEW OF TESLA WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS FORMERLY QUOTE YUGOSLAV MINISTER OF STATE UNQUOTE AND NOW QUOTE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL PLANNING BOARD REP-RESENTING YUGOSLOVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND GREECE, UNQUOTE. SWEEZEY IS A WRITER FOR POPULAR MECHANICS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS WHO IS BELLEX DESIROUS OF PUBLISHING A BIOGRAPHY OF TESLA AND THERFORE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF HIS NOTES FOR THIS WORK. CLARK IS EMPLOYED BY RCA AND WOULD ALSOPROVIDE STORAGE ROOM FOR TESLAS EFFECTS IN ORDER TO USE THEM IN WRITING A BIOGRAPHY. TESLA AT ONE TIME REPORTED TO BE WORKING ON EXPERIMENTS FOR YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. IT IS DESIRED THAT BUREAU ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER IT IS INTERESTED FURTHER IN THIS PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING CONTROL OF IT. SUGGEST THAT, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE NOTES AND OTHER MATERIAL WOULD BE HIGHLY TECH-NICAL IN CHARACTER AND FOR THAT REASON COULD NOT BE REVIEWED THE EXCEPT BY A TRAINED PERSON THE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DEVEL-

OPMENT MIGHT BE INTERESTED. FOXWORTH END NYC S2 WHS HOLD WA R 2 RSG



REDACTIONS ON THIS PAGE ARE NOT FOIR DELETIONS



PAGE TWO

FITZGERALD ALSO KNOWS THATTESLA HAS CONCEIVED AND D ARY TYPE OF TORPEDO WHICH IS NOT PRESENTLY IN USE B IT IS FITZGERALDS BELIEF THAT THIS DESIGN HAS NOT E TO FITZ-CATIONS OME PLACE IN A WORKING TO ANY NATION UP TO THE PRESENT TIME. FROM STATEME GEARLD BY TESLA, HE KNOWS THAT THE COMPLETE PLANS. AND EXPLANATION OF THE BASIC THEORIES OF THESE THINK THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF TESLA. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT I MODEL OF TESLAS WHICH COST MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DE A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX BELONGING TO TESLAS CLINTON HOUX HOTEL, AND FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SAFETY OF THE SAFET TO EUILD IN
EOVERNOR
THIS MODEL
NSMISSION HAS TO DO WITH THE SO CALLEDE DEATH RAY OR THE WIREL ELECTRICAL CURRENT. TESLA HAS ALSO TOLD FITZGEARLE CONVERSATIONS
THAT HE HAS SOME X EIGHTY TRUNKS INDIFFERENCES CONTAINING TRANSCRIPTS AND PLANS HAVING TO DO WITH EXPERIMENTS TITLE BY HIM.
BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHAT, IF A TION SHOULD
BE TAKEN CONCERNING THIS MATTER BY THE NEW YORK FIELD TO TOON.

FOXWORTH

CORRECTION- THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TELETYPE THE NAME THAT SHOULD APPEAR IS FITZGEARLD NOT FITZGERALD AS IT SOMETIMES IS SPELLED

HOLD

Redactions on this page are not FOIA Deletions

A REVOLUTION-

E AVAILABLE

THE NATIONS.

SMISSION OF CONVERSATIONS

On January 7, 1943, Mosanovich, accompanied by Peorge Clark, in charge of the Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Ewezey of Brooklyn, New York, entered Tesla's rooms at the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where, with the aid of a locksmith, the Model New Yorker where t broke into a safe in which Tesla kept some of kingonluble papers, including important electrical formulae, designs, et cetera. & 563

Mr. Spanel, in addition to reporting these developments to the Bureau, has also advised the headquarters of the Military Intelligence Division, a ir-Workin of the Department of Justice in Washington, end Dr. JAN Lol & 1943e of the advisors to Vice President Wallace. Lozado advised Spanel that the BUY Covernment was vitally interested in the effects of resta and requests that Spanel loose no time in doing all he could to preserve them.

INDEXED

The New York Office was instructed to discretive the matter up with the State's Attorney in New York City with the possibly taking Kosanovich into custody on a burglary charge and obtain the various papers which Kosanovich is reported to have taken from Teslation. It was pointed out that any activities pursued by the State's Attorned and be hardled in a most secret fashion in order to avoid any publicity aspect to Teslation inventions. The New York Office was also instructed and the Surrogate Court in order that stops could be placed against the confidence of Tesla both in his hotel and any other points, in particular, the safety boast boxes that he may have in order that no one may enter them without a bureau mesontative being present and every precaution taken to preserve the secrecy. The late inventions. The New York Office is to keep the Bureau advised of all declarents.

f.M.C South is handling this with alex Trope the Custodian so thereappines to be no need for us to Mess oround in it.



Tederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice Washington, D. C.

EAT: DS

January 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Tolson____ Mr. E. A. Tamm_ Mr. Clegg___ Mr. Glavin__ Mr. Ladd_ Mr. Nichols_ Mr. Rosen_ Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson Mr. Coffey__ Mr. Hendon____ Mr. Kramer_ Mr. McGuire___ Mr. Harbo___ Mr. Quinn Tamm__ Tele. Room_ Mr. Nease__

On Friday, January 8th, Mr. L. M. C. Smith called me Miss Gards in connection with the death of Nikola Tesla. He advised me that he was concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the trunks of Tesla, who had died on January 7th. He understood that the War Department was interested in this matter and that apparently the Alien Property Custodian's office was taking some action. He desired to know whether the Bureau would take some steps to refrain relatives of Tesla from taking the contents of his trunks and whether the Bureau would seize possession of the trunks. Mr. Smith indicated that he was talking to the Alien Property Custodian along the same lines. I told him that in view of the fact he was going to handle the matter with the Alien Property Custodian's office, there did not appear to be any action

which the Bureau could or should take.

ATION CONTAINED

WICTORY

REDUCED

WICTORY

BUY
STAMPS

#3 JAN 22 Is 347

1 JAN 13 1943

b7C Wilwanker 6, Wis april 16, 1948

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-3-82 BY Sex Jun Inte

Mr. J. E. Hooner DATE 2-3 Federal Bearan of Investigation

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Kooner,

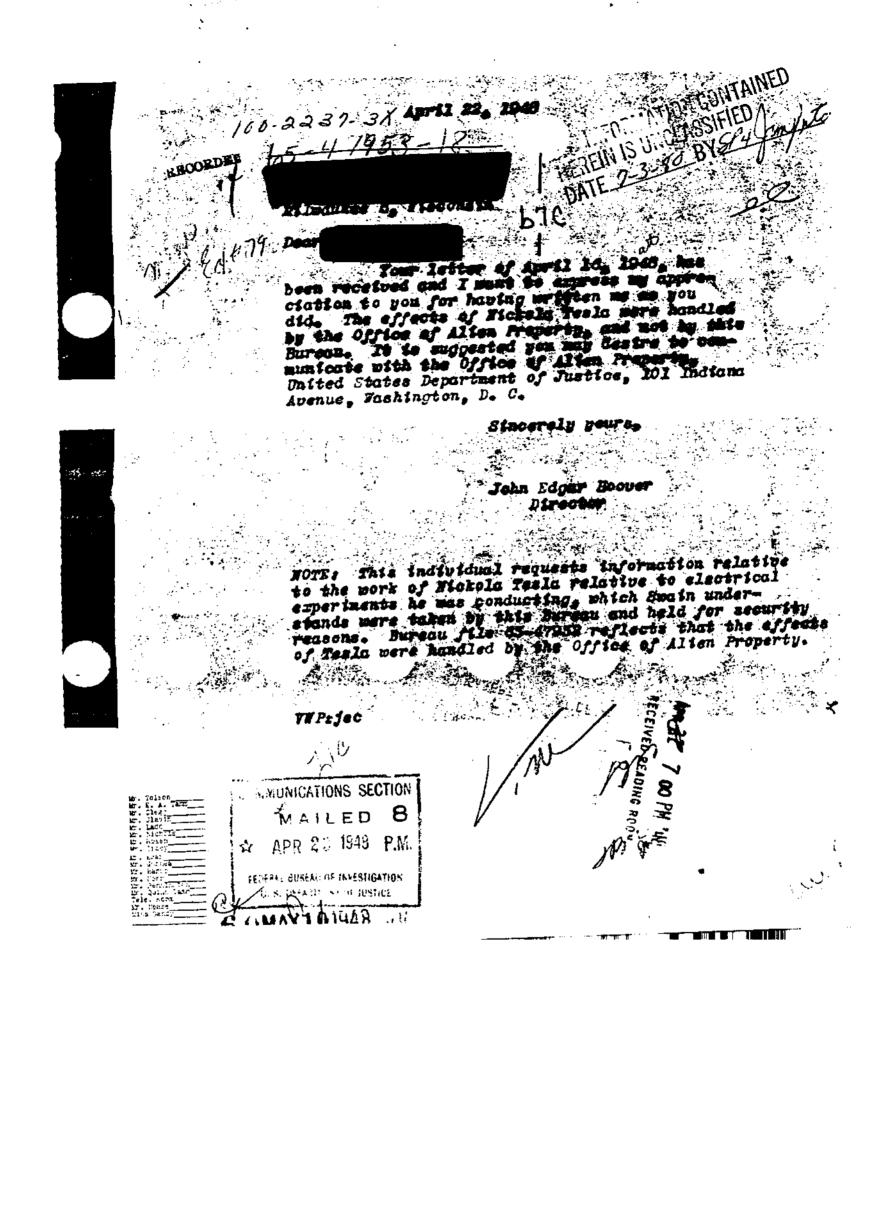
Sometimes of Engineery, studying Electrical Engineering. I am also futured in the life and work of Michola Tesla. I understand, that at the time of his death, your defeatment took his manuscript and experiment of ato for reational security. I am free carring a passing the presented before the student beauch of the American loss that of Electrical Engineers are Noted as presented to the present of the American loss that of Electrical Engineers are Noted as presented to the state of the state of

a better presentation of this paper and consequents a far greater appreciation of this paper and consequents the paid of serience.

I know that a part office periments and theory have a secret classification, and it is not expect any of it.

I am interested six I seemed o'current Transmission" as the resis of my this is for graduation. If is possible to their this information, I would be very grateful.

67C



67C Washington, D. C. My dear Reference is made to your inquiry by telephone on March 29, 1950, concerning certain technical papers which belonged to the late Nikola Tesla. From an examination of our files, we have been able to determine that this Bureau has never been in possession, as had been indicated to you, of a copy of Dr. Tesla's papers.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoove PJC:mes APR 4 1950 COMM - FS.

Director, FBI SAC, New York

SAVA N. KOSANOVIC INTERNAL SECURITY-TU (Buflle 65-47953)

Rebulet dated April 3 last.

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

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

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

It should be noted that the Bureau was informed of the exemination mentioned above by New York letter (with attachments) dated October 17, 1945; entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SAVA KOSANOVICH; Experiments & Research of MINOLA TESIA (Discessed), Espionage-No.

148 /00 25

El H: JJC 105-13-1

Letter to Director, FRI NY 105-1391

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

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

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

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



67C

Minneapolis 14, Minnesota August 18, 1952

Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Records Washington, D. C. METERN IS UNICLASSITED DATE 2.2-80 BY SPAGNATE

Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECORDED - 68

2 6. (2)

. . 28

Profit

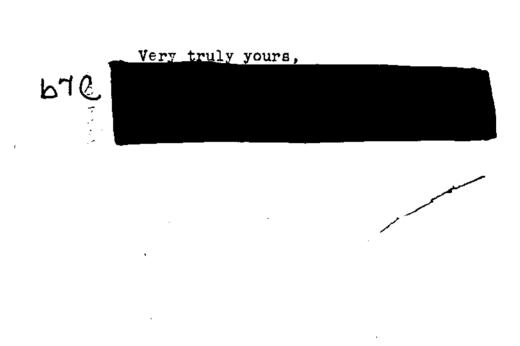
Now it seems that sufficient time has elapsed for an investigation of this kind. If Dr. Tesla's Estate has been released by the department in charge, any records that can be made available for examination will be welcomed.

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

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

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

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



INFORMATION CONTAINED EX. - 28 With reference to your letter of August 18, 1952, our files disclose that the effects of Nikola Tesla were taken into custody at the time of his death by the Office of Alien Property, and not by this Bureau. Consequently, you may wish to communicate further with that agency, which may be addressed as follows: (65-47953) Assistant Attorney General Rowland F. Kirks Director, Office of Alien Property United States Department of Justice 101 Indiana Avenue, N. W. Washington 25, D. C. Sincerely yours, n a dette de dante. John Edgar Hoover Director cc - 1 - Assistant Atterney Beneral (with copy of Rowland F. Kirks incoming)
Director Office of Alien Property
United States Department of Justice MAILED TO Tashington 25, D. C. V. V. V. S. S. V. V. S. V. 196 5 4 1625 PJC: awy , J 100-2237 NOTE: No reference Bureau files on correspondent in Winnesota.. 8-22-52...per

ice Meriorandum • United STATES GOVERNMENT المنافعة ا DATE: May 5, 1953 NIKOLA TESLA (Deccased) SUBJECT: IMPORTATION CONCERTING ordnance section 2 2-80 Standards (Em 2-4040, extension 623) called on the afternoon of May 4, 1953. stated that he had been reading a book entitled, "The Prodigal Genius - The Life of Nikola Tesla' by John J. C'Heill, whom described as a science writer for a New York newspaper (publisher - Ives Lashburn). The hoted in this book that Bureau Agents went to Tesla's room following his death on January 7, 1942, opened his safe examined his papers, and took over his personal files. Said this appeared on page 277. Er. Stated that Tesla is the father of modern power engineering, being responsible for the invention of the A. C. generator, motor transmission, and other electrical engineering feats. He inquired (1) if the pavers and works of Tesla were in the possession of the Bureau, and (2) if so, were they available for review in view of their scientific importance. I told Lr. that the statement concerning the Bureau's taking Tesla's files did not seem very logical but that I would check on the matter. The Bureau's files reflect that shortly after the death of Tesla in his hotel room in New York City on January 7, 1943, Sava Kosanovich, a distant relative, and other individuals entered his room and opened the safe, examining certain materials which he possessed. On January 8, 1943, Mr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department advised Mr. Tamm that he was concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the trunks of Tesla and apparently the Office of Alien Property Custodian was taking some action regarding these effects. Since the matter was being handled by the Office of Alien England. being handled by the Office of Alien Freperty Custodian, the Bureau did not make any inquiries into this situation. (65-47953,-6) It is noted also that the Bureau received a letter dated April 16, 1948, from Er. Milwaukee, bisconsin, explaining that he was studying Milwaukee, bisconsin, explaining that he was studying electrical engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and electrical engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and LLL:mer INDEXERS A MAI GLISSE

05-47.452

J - Mr. Nichols

SP SEC

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

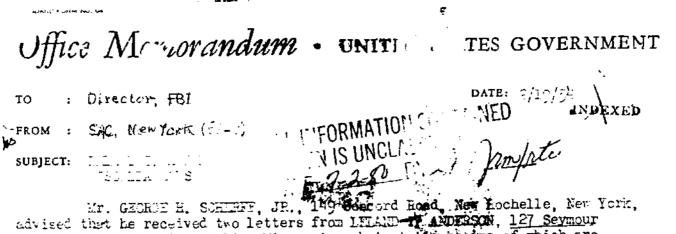
I called Lr. this morning and told him that it was the office of Alien Property and not the FBI which took over the effects of Tesla following his death. Accordingly, I suggested that Mr. might wish to communicate with the office of that Mr. Alien Property for further information concerning this matter.

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

ADDENDIL': LLL:mer 5-14-53

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

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



Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minneapolis, photostatic copies of which are being furnished the Eureau and Minneapolis.

Mr. SCHERFF stated that he was an associate of the MIKCIA TESIA in 1914 and that for many years his father had been Dr. Tables private secretary. Mr. SCHERFF said that he never heard of LHAD I. A DEFECT for did he ever hear of any of the names mentioned in ATDESSN'S letters.

Mr. SCHERFF stated that he has quite a bit of the manal writings in his possession and he didn't know whether or not they would be of value to a foreign government.

No further action is being taken by the N.Y. Office, UACB.

Encs. (29) 1 - Minnes olis (3 Encs.)

ಮ≲:ಹಚ

EXP. FROC.

ETB: aas

RECORNED. 15

尼拉 15

D. 12

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

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

February 3, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Scherff:

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

Following the death of Dr. Nikola Tesla on the 7th of Jenuary, 1940, Mr. John J. O'Neill, former Science Editor of the New York Heral & Tribune, presented the biography

PRODIGAL GENIUS
The Life of hikola Tesla

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

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

A journal of the TESLA-INTERPATIONAL organization was issued beginning the month of November, 1953. In addition to items of res no and historical interest related to Tesla, the journal will include

- 1) A formal roster of all those who have an interest in the tesla organization and with to engage in its activities
- An expertantly of editorial contange of members of the organization through the medium of the Journal.
- 3) A comprehensive biblic projected listing of all available stamp concerning Tesla, which would include a cataloging of the various collections of Teslians not generally known. Such a listen; will be of particular importance to coholars in the research field.
- 4) A presentation of Mitherto unpublished writings and analyses of Tosla's technical research studier as they become available.

The journal of the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization will be forth-coming at intervals of 12 - 2 months. Subscription rate is \$1.00 for 10 issues. Membership in the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization is concurrent with subscription to the journal.

Leland I. Anderson 127 Seymour Ave. S. E. Winneapolis 14, Minnesota White range & y Mr. George H. Schorff, Jr. 149 Seacord Knad Westchester, NEW YORK VIA AIR MAIL

February 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Scherff,

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

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

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

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

James W. McChesney of Long Island. The period of this correspondence runs from 1894-1930. Mrs. McChesney has another group of correspondence between Tesla and George Sylvester Viereck which is very interesting in that it is from a period later in Tesla's rife. (If you wish to receive any unotostatic copies from these collections I will be happy to send them to you.)

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

I have hopes that in 1956 (The Tesla Centenary) some significant observance may be organized here in the United States in honor of Tesla. The Tesla Museum in Yugoslavia has obtained the Tesla inheritance, which amounts to 9 tons of apparatus, writings, etc. It is the intention (so stated) or the Museum to publish the entire writings of Tesla, including those in the inheritance, on the Tesla Centenary. I don't know what sort of political propaganda might be injected in this publication, but it occured to me that it may be an importante to arrange an advance publication in this country lessals under issued works. Unfortunately, there is not much to work on as yet. While the Tesla estate remained in this country, institute of hearly every important paper in the estate were made ander order of aright Field Development Center in Onio. If these shotostate could be located there would be much material for a limitation. However, in working with the Library of Congress in the paperation of a file on Tesla, these photostate have excaped the most extensive search thus far.

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

The second secon

Yours faithfully,

University Station, Box 135 MANNEAPOLIS + 14 + MINNESOTA

TYPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To Members of the TESLA-INTERNATIONAL organization and those interested in the works of Dr. Nibola Tesla

HARR ADITION HOTBING A

"Ine Inventions Aerespones and Writings of Nizola Tesla"

Theres Convertord Martin

Through special an algement, it is with great pleasure that the Tobias about the reprinting of the closest of technical literature.

long recognized as the most important and significant work on the early resources of Tesla, a great demand for this book is anticipated. This will had abition is symbolic the supply as empasted. Those desiring a copy of the book are therefore wight to reply promptly.

Cost of this book at the special printing rate is only \$4,00 nost-paid any benewithin the United States to members and friends of the feets Three will be organization.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

VIA AIR MAI

Mr. George Scherff 149 Seacord Roud New Rochelle, New York

SAC, New York Director, FBI 100-2237-481

Not an FOIA Redaction

LELAND I. ANDERSON MISCELLAREOUS; INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Reurlet 2-19-54 concerning the above-captioned individual. Relat forwarded to the Bureau two Photostate of two letters from Anderson which were received and made available to your effice by George I. Beherff, Jr.

There is returned herewith one set of the Photostats received by the Bureau as enclosures with your letter inesmuch as it appears this set was intended for retention in your office file.

ETB:aas

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-2-80 BY THE PLANT

Harbo Tracy Vinterrowd _____ Tele. Ruom ___ Holloman — Miss Gandy —

MAR 1 0 1954 COMM - FEI

MAILED 16

41,34

CHAINTEORMATION CONTAINED

IS UNCLASSIFIED

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

163 Milton Street June 25, 1950 Wintermoved

Mr. Par Tele. Room ... Mr. Holleman Miss Gandy .

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

According to the attorney who handled the Tesla estate, Er. Philip Sittenberg, the Alien Property Custodian assured him that nothing had been held. I have a letter from the Office of Alien Property, dated March 15, 1955, which confirms this statement.

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

As a friend who had known Tesla well during his last twenty years, I was with Mr. Kosanović in Tesla's room in the Hotel New Yorker on the day he died A safe expert was called in to unlock Tesla's safe. Among its contents were several honorary degrees, a volume of greetings which I had gathered for him on his seventy-fifth birthday, a bunch of keys, and the Edison Medal. We kept out the book of greetings (I mentioned this at the time to the assistant manager of the hotel and later to a Mr. Gorsuch of the Alien Property Custodian's office), but Deverything else, including the medal and the keys, was replaced and the safe was looked. RECORDED . 87 /60 23 Except when it was inspected by the

Property Custodian, the safe was never reopened antil it 62 Jul 11 1955





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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kenett M. Swegy

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



Strange Genius

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

LEBRICH IS UNCLASSIFIED

LARRY AND EXPLORED

LARRY AND EXPLORED

AND EXPLORED AND EXPLORED

AND EXPLORED AND EXPLORED

AND EXPLORED AN

100-2237-5

(REPRINTED BY PERMISSION)

4



THE AMERICAN SRBOBRAN Second Class Mail Privileges Authorized at Pittsburgh, Pa

THE LARGEST AND OLDEST SERBIAN DAILY NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA Published Daily Except Sat's, Sundays and Holidays by SERB NATIONAL FEDERATION 3414 Fifth Avenue Telephone Mayflower 1-6600 Pittaburgh 13, Pa.

MOMCHILO SOKICH, Editor — JOVAN BRATICH, Ass't, Editor MILAN M. KARLO, Editor English Section

ПРЕТПЛАТА НА ЛИСТ

За Сједвњене Државе: на годину \$5.00; шеот месеци \$4.90. За Канаду: на годину \$9.00; шеот месеци \$4.50. За страде мемље: на годину \$10.00; шеот месеци \$4.50. За град Питобург: на годину \$9.00; шеот месеци \$4.50. — Један број би, Ирехимата за едгнеско жадање \$4.00 годишње.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

For United States of America: For One Year \$5; Six Months \$4. For Canada: Six Months \$4.50; Foreign Countries: One Year \$10; Six Months \$5. For Pi 5c. Subscription for the English Section only

Рукописи се не вравају никоме. — Огласи се плавају увепред.

RECOGNITION FOR

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

The man behind this belated recognition for the one-time 10N CONTAINED Serbian immigrant boy who made millions but died almost a pauper is Leland P. Anderson, head of the Tesla Society, which has headquarters at the University of Minnesota.

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

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

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

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

We are printing this form in duplicate in this issue and we urge all our readers to endorse it with their signatures. Send be completed petition

INDEXED-59

NOT RECORDED 1**38 JUL** 1 1 (05**5**

ICAN SRBOBRAN 29, 1955 sburgh, Pennsylvania

Office Mema andum • United STOTES GOVERNMENT

L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 29, 1955

A. H. BELLON

SUBJECT: NIKOLA TESLA

VISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE)

Nikola Tesla, a native of Yugoslavia, was a famous electrical inventor who died in New York City in 1943 where he had lived for many years. In attached letter to Bureau dated 6-25-55 Kenneth M. Swezey, Brooklyn, New York, advises he is gathering material to help in a nation-wide commemoration of Tesla's hundredth birth anniversary in 1956. Swezey relates he was present when Tesla's safe was opened by friends after his death and advises the contents were thereafter replaced and then impounded by the United States Alien Property Custodian. Later the safe was removed to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to be installed in a Tesla Kuseum. Wissing from Tesla's effects is a gold Edison medal he had been awarded. Swezey is seeking to locate the medal and has been advised by the Office of Alien Property (OAP) that CAP held none of Tesla's property. Swezey states he has heard the FBI assisted CAP in handling Tesla's effects while in storage, and accordingly, he asks whether Bureau could assist him in locating the Edison medal. Re FBI's assistance to OAP Swezey mentions that in the Tesla biography ("The Prodigal Genius" - 1944) by John O'Neill it was stated FBI broke into Tesla's safe the day he died (1-8-43 to protect contents from enemy hands). Swezey notes this same comment appears in article ("The Genius Who Walked Alone") by Alfred H. Sinks in the June, 1955, "Coronet." Swezey says he knows FBI did not do this. Bufiles not pertinent re Swezey. Bureau did not enter into Tesla safe matter upon Department's advice it was being handled by OAP.

Bureau previously aware of comment in O'Neill's book. Fer Priles Sinks was officer of American Civil Liberties Union in 1930-40; staff member of Communist Line newspaper "The Anvil" 1933-37; member of Lague American Writers ("CUA report-1944); close friend of reported CP member and suspected underground member -In 1945 Sinks requested for his use as author data re Bureau's microfilm procedure. Was advised no such data available for publication.

Enclosurelect 6-30-55 100-2237 cc - 1 - 65 - 47953

Ticklers - Mr. Bird Mr. Belmont

ETB: jaa Ar. Boardman

Memorandum For Mr. Boardman

RECOUMENDATION:

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

May have to

June 30, 1955

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED

Mr. Kenneth H. Swezey 163 Milton Street Brooklyn 28, see fork

MIN IS UNCLASSIFIED (Original) IE 22-80 BY SP4

Dear Mr. Swezey:

With reference to your letter of June 25, 1955, our files disclose the effects of Mikela Tesla were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property and not by this Bureau.

Since we did not participate in the handling of Mr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

JUN 3 0 1955 MAILED 25

J. Edgar Hoover 100-2237-6X John Edgar Hoover RECORDED - 26 INDEXED - 26

NOTE:

24 JUL 1 1955 A cover memorandum Fon Belmont to Bean man was prepared by ETB: jaa on 6-29-55 th connection with this outgoing mail.

Bufiles contain no derogatory data re conrespondent; reflect only that he was close friend and admirer of Tesla.

ETB: jda for the state of the stat admirer of Tesla.

Tolsoe Nichols Belmont Har bo Parac Sizoo Winterrowd _ Gaady _

64.111.8

Downey, California.

3.46

August 1, 1955.

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

Dear -r. Hoover:

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

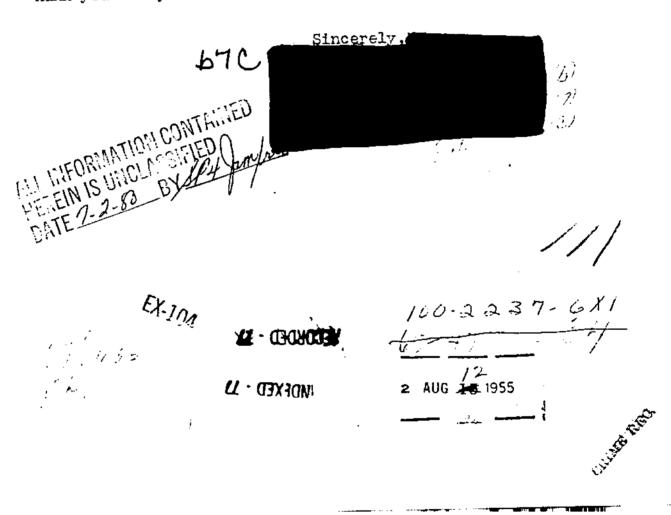
Was there ever any publication of what these papers contained? If so, could you inform me where I might obtain a copy of such publication?

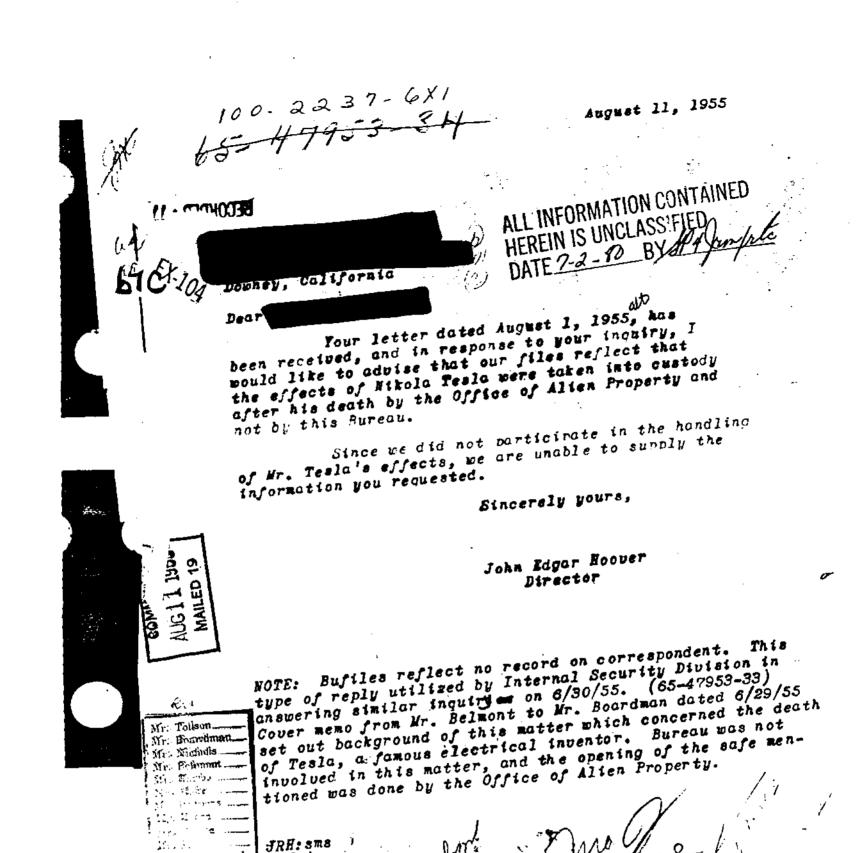
If there was no publication of the Safe's content, after more than 10 years, would it be improper to publish them?

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

Any information on this matter will be appreciated.

Thank you for your trouble.





7.4. E co.

670

Lowney, California. (5/7/6

September 10., 1955.

Mr. John Edgar Moover, Federal Bureau Of Investigation, Washington 25, 2.0.

Dear 4r. Hoover:

Cofering to my letter to you August first, this year - your letter to me, August 11th., reletive to the matter of the papers of Mr. Mikola Tesla.

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

I have a letter from Mr. Henry G. Hilken - that Department - File Mumber HGH: M SM: elk 017-5568, in which I am told that office "never had custody, nor has vested, any property of Mikola Tesla".

As I began this matter with you - because it was stated in Mr. 0'Neill's book that it was your department who opened Tesla's safe I am wondering if you have any further suggestions along lines I might follow to obtain some information in this regard?

Thank you for your time and trouble.

9. K.J

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNICLASSIFIED

DATE 7-2-80 BY STATE

DATE 7-80 BY STA

Sincerely B

Lein

RECORDED-12

EX-107

100-2237-6X2

17 950 \$ "

Oly.

SPECTAL SPECT

RECOLL INDEXED-12 September 20, 1955 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Donney, California Dear I have received your letter dated September 10, 1955.00 As you were advised by my letter of August 11, 1955, this Bureau was not connected in any respect with the acquisition or custody of the effects of Mikola Tesla, and it is therefore not possible to furnish you any additional information. Sincerely yours, John Edgar Hoover Director 67C 3/2) NOTE: By letter 8-11-55, we referred to the Office of Alien Property, which Office was reported to have assumed custody of Tesla's effects subsequent to his deat (65-47953-6) JRH: vjs (3) COMM - FBI MAILED 30

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PR

RECOGNITION FOR TESLA

(Please fill out this form and mail to the address appearing below.)

THE TESLA SOCIETY

University Station, Box 135 Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

(date)

(city & state)

Hon. Arthur E. Summerfield Postmaster General, Postoffice Dept. Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

Nikola Tesla's contributions to science, industry, and to his adopted country have greatly inspired engineering progress. His electrical systems helped create an American conomy of world pre-eminence.

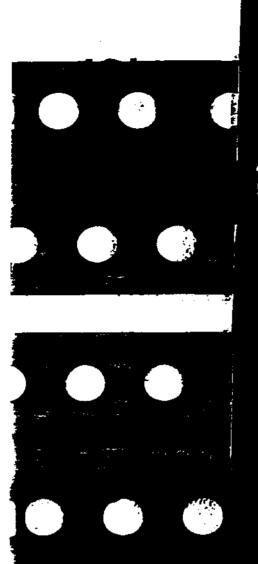
We respectfully request issuance of a 1956 commemorative stamp to be issued on the centennial of Tesla's birth (1856-1943).

(signed) ——

INDEXED-59 138 JUL 1 . 1955 AMERICAN SRBOBRAN June 29, 1955 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

60 JUL 13 19cc





from his inyent pring the industrial are we live in. For without his alternating current, there would be no mass production of automobiles, aircraft, refrigerators; no great water-power dams and generating plants, no Diesel-electric trains; we could not have developed radio, television or atomic power.

The direct current that Edison worked with—a feelide force at best—could be, sent no more than a couple of indes over wires because its power leaked away rapidly into the surrounding atmosphere. Lights near the power station neigh burn brightly and steadily, but those near the end of the line would be dim and flutteine.

thightly and steadily, but those near the end of the line would be din and fluttering.

Testa said his basic alternating-current patents in 1888, for a million dollars thou it. 1895, the first great power station at Yogara Falls had been boilt, and by the end of 1896, two more Testa generators had been installed. Within a few years, the pare of life over half the corth had clanged from a crawl to a fast gallop—and it has been gathering speed ever since. cring speed ever since.

vorite was an "engine" powered by 16 June bugs, harnessed in sets of four to spokes which radiated from the drive shaft.

Nikola was a frail lad, often ill; and he nearly went Juine from too much reading. He read everything he could get his hands on, not only science, but also religion, philosophy, history, literature. By the time he finished high school, he was fluent in French, German and Italian, as well as his native Serbo-Croat.

He got his schooling—the best his doting family could afford—at Gospic, Carlstadt, Gratz, the University of Prague and, finally, at Budapest. At the University, he saw his first electric motor, a new type direct-current affair whose brushes and commutators sent out showers of crackling blue sparks.

"If we got rid of those brushes and commutators, with all that noise and loss of energy, we'd have a much better motor," Nikola told his professor. "Perhops it night be done with an alternating current would never run anything. You're not the brilliam student I thought you were Torget it!"

The Max who, by his halliant idea of a "rotating magnetic field," changed the face of the earth and the living habits of the human face, was a Crost, born in 1827 in Smillian, a village in what is now Yugoslavia, but was then part of the old Austro-Huggatian Empire.

When he was about six, Nikola Tesla's father, the village priest, was transferred to a larger pairsh in the city of Gospic. There, the lad grew up and perferred his earliest "inventions." Of these, his fatigut the real from the inal months telling the real from the inal months telling the real from the inal months.

CORONET

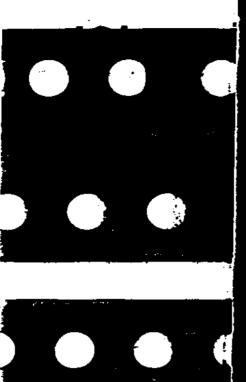














mentioned alternating energent to an electrical engineer, the man would look at him as though he were

reazy.

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

Where the average engineer or inventor would reach instinctively for drawing board, paper and pencil. Tesla would simply switch on that uncanny magic lantern inside his brain. He would live a mental image there. Then he would alter this detail or that, discard one plan, try another, without ever putting a line on paper.

Years later—from these mental images alone—he could give his workner exact instructions on how to build each part of a new device, though it was unlike anything ever seen before.

Thus, needing no drafting room and few laboratory conveniences to work on an idea, Tesla could use every spare minute that he had to respect to work on an idea, Tesla could use every spare minute that he had to respect to the first real job was manager of a newly organized telephone circuits were dull suff company. He became a kind of general trouble-shouler for the Continental Edison Company.

His brain was still chipping away at his hig problem, but the trouble was, he could if that is trivially goods, he had the clothes on his brig problem, but the trouble was, he could if thate it with trained men who ndight have helped him work it out. For whenever he

JUNE, 1955

117

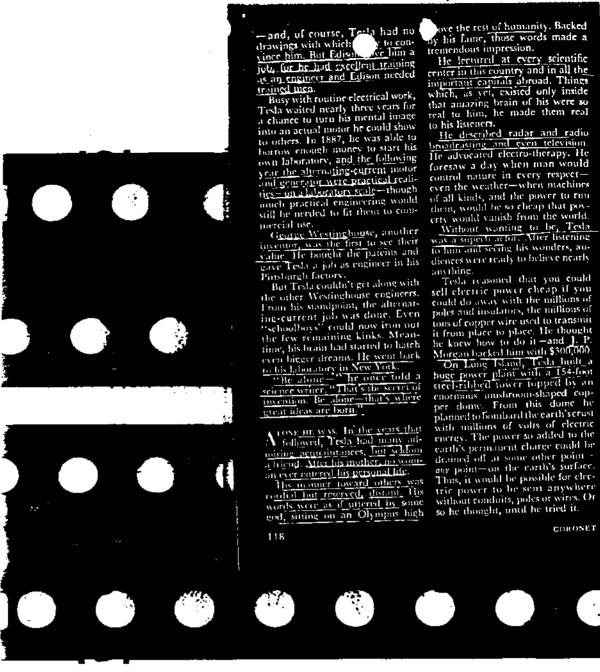










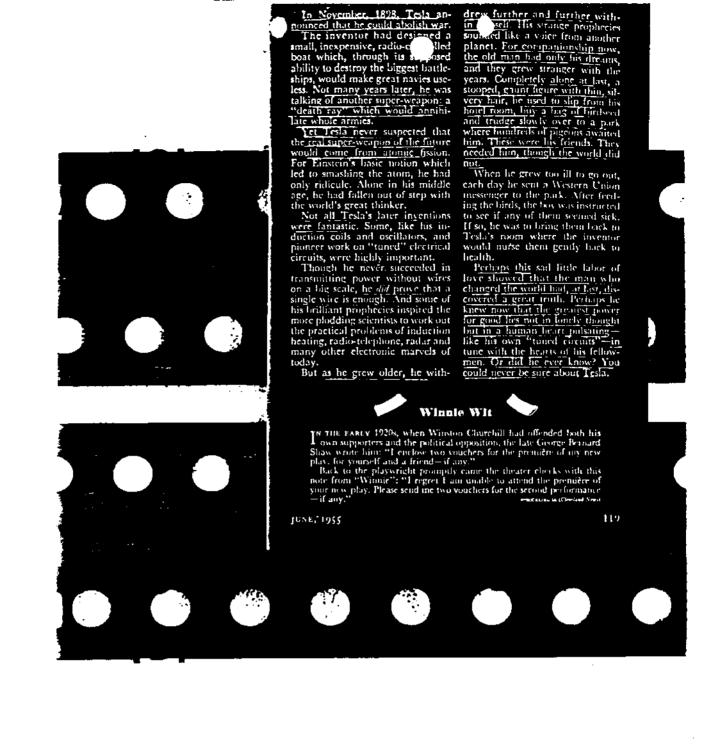


diences were ready to believe nearly

to him and seeing his wonders, audiences were ready to believe nearly anything.

Tesla reasoned that you could sell electric power cheap if you could do away with the millions of poles and insulators, the millions of tops of copper wire used to transmit it from place to place. He thought he knew how to do it—and 1. P. Morgan backed him with \$300,000.

On Long Island, Tesla built a huge power plant with a 154-foot steel-ribhed tower topped by an enormous mushroomshaped copper dome. From this dome he planned to fombard the earth's serias with millions of volts of electric energy. The power so added to the earth's permanent charge could be drained off at some other pointany point—on the earth's surface. Thus, it would be possible for electric power to be sent anywhere without conduits, pides or wires. Or so he thought, until he tried it.



RECOGNITION FOR TESLA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"AMERICAN SRBOBRAN" September 28, 1955 Pittsburgh, Pa.

INDEXED - 36

NOT RECOFDED

60 OCT 7 1955

THEODMATION CONTAINED

SNF Opens Drive for Tesla Memorial at Libertyville

BLIC AID

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

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

This would stand before the entrance of the Monastery in

Libertyville, Mt. and done at the Cost of the contemplated project in New York. which would clarion to the world that Or. Tesla was a Serbian, is estimated at \$3000. The Convention voted \$1000 to the cause and a hand Bration, Mr. Anderson revealed the collection among 122 delegates work, by Princess Vilma Lwoff-yielded several hundred dollars Parlighly, is missing. тоге.

Konjevich of Anderson wrote: Kinsman Milos Joliet, Ill., gave \$20h

Public Aid Sought

being sought thru good-will offer- An article in the NFW YORK her studio and all objects of art, ings of the general Serbian population of the March 2, 1916, stated—was sold at auction.

The Telsa portrait, 53x4x

A fund, similar to the one bein conducted to help defray mortrage expenses on Shadeland. has been established.

It is hoped to raise the neces-

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

Spearheading the movement for recognition, especially aim on g ipartment and the rays, filtered American elements, is the TESLA thru blue glass, were just the right SOCIETY, founded by scientist quality. The portrait was shown engineer Letand Anderson, a fanature of the same illumination. ical admirer of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla.

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

Seek Missing Portrait

In his current TESLAIAN oub

Reviewing developments,

gave a reception in her new studio Countless de Rittenburg and Mrs. in New York especially to exhibit E. T. Isham." Balance of the needed sum is now her latest protrait of Nikola Testa.

> Mr. Tesla that there was something unlucky shout posing for a nicture and he never sat to any hefere he entered the studio of the Princess. The from which she had chosen did not have a sky-

North exposure was missing.
"'At the suggestion of Mr. Tesla.

a cluster of powerful incandescents was put up in the corner of the spartment and the rays, filtered

At Dase for Sitting " 'Mr. Tesla, having solved the problem of the artifical sun, fell to thinking about other parts of the universe, and there he sat oblivious to his surroundings.

"The painter was able to pro-duce a likeness in which there no evidence that the subject was conscious that anybody was watching him, much lerr studying his features from the other side of the cases.

" 'Among those who attended the "On March 1, 1916, the Princess ander, Henry P. Davison, the

After the Princess died. in 1923.

TIME mygazine (Intv 26, 1831) and in the ELECTRICAL EX-PERIMENTER (January 1819). Mr. Anderson says.

Its location is not now known.

INDEXED - 14

Maria 15 127 April 4 (195)

AMERICAN SRBOBRAN . October 26, 1955 Pittsburgh, Pa.

10 6 NOV \$ 4855

LAF\$1580

Half of \$3000 Costs For Statue Pledged

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

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

In fact, total contributions counted so far come to

The Fund is an outgrowth of a plea by Bishop Nicolai for Serbians to do honor for the memory of the noted electrical historians, writers, educators, wizard during the world-wide Centennial celebration planned for the genius next year.

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

A hand collection among the 122 grass-roots leaders of the Societ raised another \$450. Then, at it first meeting October 5, the SNF Counsel N. Stone newly-elected Executive Board of Delegate N. Stepanovich the SNF appealed to the membership at large to fulfill the balance required.

First Contribution \$100

A scant 24 hours after the appeal was published in the Society's "Srbobran" organ last Wednes-1 1 day, Sime Zelich of Cadiz, O., gave \$100.

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

scientists, etc., would not be misled, Bishop Nicolai believes. Be that as it may, the SNF s

goal is to amass the needed monies in time to erect and dedicate the memorial before the Tesla Centennial celebration ends.

Donors and the amounts of

their donations are as follows:	
SNF	\$ 1000.00
Delegate M. Konjevich	h 200.00
" Todor Drazich	50.00
" Petar Borovich	25.00

20.00 20.00 Maxim Jakovac Ilija Janjanin 20.00 10.00 Lou Balta Jovan Vukcevich 10.00 10.00 Milan Kajganovich 10.00 Stevan Rogulia Bogdan Drugisich 5.00 5.00 Milan Tomich Todor Vuicich

5,00 5.00 Djuro Lukich G. Stoisavljevich 5.00 R. Vukadinovich 5.00 5.00 lanko Mrmich . 5.00 Peter Maravich Mirko Baranin

'n,

a, the delegates approved a Donors d the amounts 000 gift from the SNE and public their donat. .s are as follows: cided to raise, b \$ 1000.00 .000. int, the balance c SNF hand collection among the Delegate M. Konjevich 200.00 50.00 Todor Drarich raised another \$450. Then, grass-roots leaders of the So-... 25.00 Peter Borovich first meeting October 5, the SNF Counsel N. Stone 25.00 ly-elected Executive Board of Delegate N. Stepanovich 20.00 20.00 Mazim Jakovac SNF appealed to the mem-20.00 Ilija Janjanin ship at large to fulfill the bal-10.00 Lou Balta e required. Jovan Vukcevich 10.00 First Contribution \$100 Milan Kajganovich 10.00 Steven Rogulie 10.00 A scant 24 hours after the ap-Bondan Drevisich 5.00 il was published in the Society's Milan Tomich 5.00 bobran" organ last Wednes-Todor Vuicich 5.00 /, Sime Zelich of Cadiz, O., Djuro Lukich 5.00 e \$100. G. Stoisavljevich 5.00 The proposed memorial, a R. Vukadinavich 5.00 tue image, would be placed be-Innko Mrmich . 5.00 e the entrance of the St. Sava Peter Maravich 5.00 bian Monastery in Libertyville, Mirko Baranin 5.00 Stanko Jelich 5.00 Prof. Anthony Tomovich (Edmonton, Alberta, 10.00 Can.)

Teta Andia Mamula

(Pittsburgh)

5.00

10.00

\$ 1,"

"There it would proclaim to na of thousands of Serbian sitors annually that Nikola esta was of Serbian immigrant ock and son of a Serbian rthodox clergyman," Bishop icolai declared.

For half a century and more. Martha Mamula Bjelosh general American public has (Pittsburgh) en misled anent the nationality Sime Zelich (Cadiz, O.) 100.0" the man who foretold the com- Milinko Alexich, war invalid ; of atomic energy power. (Omaha, Nebr.)

Only recently, a prominent american magazine listed him, scorrectly, as of Croatian tock. The mistake was subseuently publicly corrected with nologies by the publication. But lacking an image reference. th historical statistics, similar fors are likely in the future.

Old References Poor

The magazine publication, for tance, explained it obtained its ference material from an antisted guide book.

Since the misleading matter re was never challenged by rbians and other interested rties before, the magazine logi-

ly assumed it was factual. Erection of a bust statue. Isa listing Dr. Tesle's date of irth, hirtholoce, parents, etc., and counter the old mide nd make certain that future -the honoring, forever, of two of Serbia's best-known immigrant sons who contributed so greatly to the welfare and

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

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

prosperity of their adopted America.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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

67C Arlington 3, Virginia

RECORDED - 86 100 - 2 37-

₩¥ YUL 3 1956

1 INFORMATION CONTAINED

1. IS UNCLASSIFIED OF A purpose

2-3-60 BY SEA Purpose

Ļ

, C

RECORDED - 86 INDEXED - 86 INFORMATION CONTAINED June 29, 1956 EIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Arlington 3, Virginia Dear NIKOLI TESTE Your letter dated June 28, 1956, has been received, and in response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Nikola Tesla were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property and not by this Bureau. Since we did not participate in the handling of Mr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested. Sincerely yours, John Edgar Hoover Director **OD E** COMM - FBI NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record on correspondent and reveal the correct JUN 2 9 1956 spelling of Tesla's name as "Nikola." Bufiles reflect this type of reply ha been utilized by the Domestic Intelligence Division in answering similar MAILED 24 ing Aries. (65-47953; 100-2237) Cover memo from Mr. Belmont to Boardman 6-29-55, set out background of this matter which concerned the death of Resia, a famous electrical inventor. Bureau was not involved in this matter, and the opening of the safe containing his effects was done by the Office of Alien Property. - Str. ROOF Belmont Harbo . ELJ:jh:mmh Mohr Parsons . Rosen . Sizoc **K**interrowd

Office Men. ...dum · UNITED (GOVERNMENT DATE: 7/25/57 "FORMATION CONTAINED DIRECTOR, FBI 11-31-11 SAC, NEW YORK (65-12290) NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased) IS -YU Street, New York 671 24, New York, a United States Citizen of Yugoslav extraction, who on occasion, voluntarily furnishes the New York Office with information he considers to 67C be in the interests of the Security of the United States Government, furnished Special Agent NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH the following information on MRAMES, JOHN STORM July 3, 1957: stated that a certain woman named Mrs. MARGARET STORM who lives with her husband, JOHN, at the Calonial Hotal, 51 West 81st Street, New York 24, New York, has been issuing newsletters which **57C** contain information pertaining to flying saucers NEWSLETT and interplanetary matters. // 16 100 (1777) stated that in his opinion Mr. and Mrs. STORM are exploiting the reputation and genius of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased, inventor of Yugoslav extraction who anieved world wide fame as a result of his inventions in the United States. TESLA was born in Smiljan, Yugoslavia in July, 1859 and came to the United States in 1894 and became a naturalized United States citizen. In 1886 TESLA designed the arc-lighting system and two Pears later he invented the Tesla motor and designed

a plan for the transmission of alternating current. In subsequent years, TESLA's discoveries and inventions inclided such fields and appliances as wireless inclided such fields and appliances as wireless communication, electrical oscillation, radiant power and radio active matter. After 1900, communications and wireless power transmission occupied most of his research.

2 - Bueau (RM) (Encs.2)

1 - Los Angelesco (Info) (Encl.1) (RM)

1 - New York (65-12290)

RECORDED-56 1 - New York (65-12290)

NJM:mcd (4)

W 1957 H

INDEXED-56

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

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

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

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

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

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

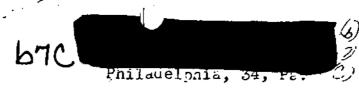
TESLA died at the age of 85 on January 7, 1943.

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

The Newsletter furnished by Mr. included b75 the following names:

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

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



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

L INFORMATION CONTAINED

Lear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, 16 MAR 18 1953

Och 3/14/58 "10000"

Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania Your letter postmarked March 7, 1888, received. In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were taken into custody after his death by the Office of Alien Property in the Department of Justice and not by the FRI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you requested. MOTE: Buffles reflect no record on correspondent. Buffles reflect above type of reply has been utilized in the past in answering similar inquiries. (100-2237-7) Cover Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman 6/29/55 set forth background of this matter which concerned the death of Tesla, assumous electrical inventor. Bureau was not involved in this matter, and the profiting of the gain containing his effects was done by the Office of Alien Pres DCL:abs COMM - FBI

Tolson Belmont Mohr

Rosen Tamm Trotter Nease Tele. Room Holloman

F B(2) Persons

REC'O . ESPIONAG

MAIL ROOM

MAILED 19

June 24, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, d. C.

dear Sira, EIN IS UNCLASS'FIED TE 7-3-80 Di SP4 parte I am doing a research study on life of Dr. Nikola Tesla of New York City (1856-1943), and desire information which you. may have. It was reported in the book "Prodigal Senius" that Dr. Fesla's papers were seized brom his New York hotel room upon his death in 1943 by the F.B. J. I am very interested in getting! copies of his papers for my study and would like to know if this report is true and where I might obtain further information about them or if you are holding them.

Sincerely yours

Milwarker 15, Wis REC.

REC- 91

July 2, 1959

Miwalikee 15.

Your latter dated June 24, 1959, has been receive

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBL. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesia's effects, we are smable to supply the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 5 JUL 2 1959 COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover Director

NOTE: Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. D'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened. ii, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department who did so, and the above. reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries.

Belmont Deileach

McGuire

Mohr . Parsons DCL:mgh (3) pt

£ 88₩ .28

BEST BEBARSI:

Tamm Trotter

MAID BOOM _____ TELETYPE UNIT ____

UNITED STATES GGVERNMENT lemorandum 12-6-60 Tamm DATE: W.C. Sulfavon . A. K. Bowles FROM NIKOLA TESLA (DECEASED) SUBJECT: **INFORMATION CONCERNING** Boston, massachusetts, terephoned December 5 and was referred to Ident by switchboard because he wanted to talk with someone in charge of records said he is making a research study for U<u>.S. Air</u> Force of deceased. on subject of geophysics. His deadline is ten days from now. he just discovered a sentence in a book by John J O'Neill entitled "The Prodigal Genius -- The Life of Nikola Tesla," which states the FBI took oustody of papers from Tesla's safe after his death in New York City in 1943. Tesla was a world-famous Yugoslav scientist and inventor in the electrical field who died January 7, 1943, in New York City. quested immediate access to Tesla's scientific works which may shed light we would have somebody from research study. I told our Boston Office contact him immediately. Bureau file 100-2237 shows no investigation of Tesla has been conducted by Bureau. Since erroneous statement concerning FBI's taking custody of papers from Tesla's safe after his death appeared in O'Neill's book published in 1944, Bureau has received numerous inquiries from scientists desiring to review Tesla's writings. Each inquiry has been answered by stating FBI did not participate in handling Tesla's effects, but information has come to our attention that Office of Alien Property of Department of Justice may have examined Tesla's effects. (File indicates that representatives of Office of Alien Property did actually review Tesla's possessions, including his writings, but file does not show what final disposit tion was made of Tesla's possessions.) A teletype to Boston Division was prepared, but before it was sent telephoned again to furnish me the exact page in O'Neill's book in the statement in the which he refers to the FBI. At that time I told book was untrue -- that the FBI had not examined or taken custody of Tesla's that he might contact Office of Alien Property. papers. I suggested to (Therefore, teletype to Boston was not necessary.)/60-2257-Bru (EX:113 REC. 385 DEC 8 350 ACTION: For record. Bu file 100-2237 1- Mr. Belmont

rt, Wayne, Indiana February 14, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Information Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

I have developed an interest in the discoveries and accomplishments of Tesla that is presently limited by the shortage of factual material. If in your files, you have any information concerning Nikola Tesla that you are permitted to release, I will sincerly appreciate your cooperation in helping me give the proper recognition to this great scientist and American. REC-55 100-2737-128 s FEB 28 1961

- facts that may be helpful to you;

 EX. / O X

 1. Born in 1856 at Smiljan, Crotia, now Yugoslavia 2. Came to America in 1884 and was employed for a short time with the Edison Co. at Orange, N.J.
 - 3. Died on January 7, 1943 at New York city

Thanking you for your time and co-operation that I have taken, I remain.

10-2231-February 23, 1961 Your letter of February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that our files reflect that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FM. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, we are unable to supply the information you desire MAILED 10 FEB 2 3 1961 COMM-FBI John Edgar Hoover Director NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, ally of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into authorized hands. The took, "Prodigal Genius," by John I. W. Neil, alleges that the PBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Talson Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of Mohr. the Department who did so, and the above reply is forwarded in Callahan answer to related inquiries. DeLoach Evans . Matone Rosen Tavel Trotles W.C. Sultivan LIELETYPE UNIT

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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

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

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

Respectfully yours.

Respectfully yours.

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED

New York 23, N.Y.

New York 23, N.Y.

EX-11A

REC. 39 100.0.11 13

EXX.

11-27-68

9,

November 27, 1962 53 PH '(') Your letter of November 21st has been received. In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since this Bureau did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, I am unable to supply the information you desire. Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover John Edgar Hoover Director NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 shows that Dr. Tesla was one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating Dr. Tesla's property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply Belmont Moht ___ has been forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Dr. Tesla was Casper . born in Yugoslavia and died in New York City 1-7-43. Collange -DeLoach . EFT:blc (3) MAID BOOM 🔲 FOLETYPE UNIT 📖

67C S HAFR. 120.

Fishington 25, D.C. Densetigation, Den Sin,

For some time, have been wondering about the metter of what were reported on the late Ditale Tielle, the inventor. He died during carly James 1743, while in residence at the Hotel Many be, Many yout to to Comment to have it that his tellinguing (propers, at) rouse standing the Many in the land of some to the standing the standing of completely can be charactered about the

to hoping to be on home, and in Washing to, along the third week of Eggid. This is mentioned, in case it is possible to view anything ruleting to the question.

103/3-14.64 mil

67C

Scott AFB, III. 10 March 1964.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

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

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

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

67C

INTERRMATION CONTAINED

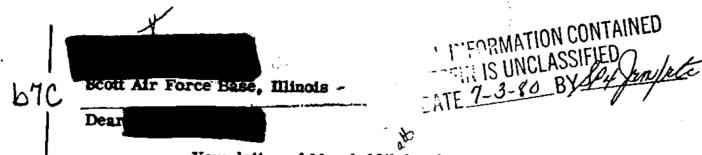
DATE 7.3.80 BY May for factor

ON 19 64

TO MAR 19 1964

When the second of the second of

March 18, 1964



Your letter of March 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, I am unable to supply the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover John Edgar Hoover Director

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department whildid so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries.

Belman SAW:mc Casper

Collabas DeLogati Evens Sele Forer.

Sons Jam

(3)

MAILED 19

MAR 18 1964

COMM-FBI

Sir,

Tesla

According to "Prodical Genius, Nikola Festa" by J. J. O'Neil (a book) some papers were taken from the safe of Mr. Festa about 1945 yr. Is this true. If so are the papers declasified yet? If so may I obtain a copy?

Zip 62095

67C

Wood River, Il.

Sir,

Testa Thy Fef. O'Heil (a book) some

papers were taken from the safe of

Mr. Testa about 1945 yr. Is this true. EX. II

If so are the papers lectosified yet?

Af so may d obtain a copy?

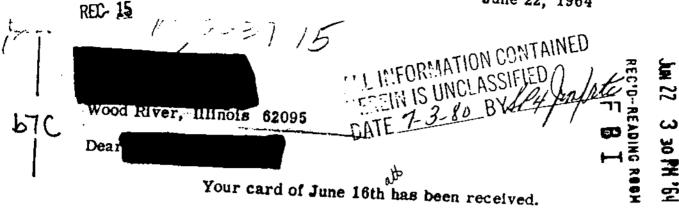
Wood River, Ell.

Wood River, Ell.

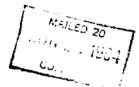
The 6. 22-4

MEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-3-80 BY SP4 Junglate



In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, I am unable to furnish the information you desire.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries.

<u>S</u>AW:ufy (3)

JUN 22 4 01 PH 154 14

RECEIVED DIRECTOR

Control of the contro

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Reply to: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SCIENCE

March 28, 1967

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Department of Information
9th Street & Pennsylvania Aven, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C. 20535

TEIN IS UNCLASSIFIED BY SPA June 12

Dear Sirs:

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

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

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

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

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

BEC 43

67C

.

FOENCE

LRA:dg

REC 49 100-2237-16 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED PEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Compate
DATE 7-3-80 BY SPA pempate 67C Department of General Science Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon 97351 67C Dear Your letter of March 28th has been received. In response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's effects, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. 1967 Sincerely yours, 7. Edgar Hoover John Edgar Hoover Director A NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries.

ED: emm (3)

Dear Mr. Hoover,

confiscated all of the papers and maybe some of the machines of physicist. Pihola Jesla. These papers were his experiments and ideas at the time of his death. Aucording to the books five read, these papers were confiscated on the younds of the enemy getting abold of his ideas and apply them to war machines. I have studied all of the material or this man and have found him to be more intelligent than the yeat "Brair" of his time, I homas Edison we know today. This is the man who was the one and only man who could see the possibilities of Alternating ament when men like Edisor said "it would never word?" What I am wordering is, maybe these papers could be reclassified from whatever sop secret classified from whatever sop secret about and and can gair knowledge from them.

CORRESPONDENCE

a would be willing to pay for reproductions of his explainments if nothing else. He still has a great many ideas that have never been tailed:

It disturbs me to think that everyone has forgotten about the idea of this man when he was so advanced for his time.

I can say with assurance that no men alive can say that he knows all of Desla's ideas. Und studying other men's ideas is the way to advance in science faster.

I hope something can be done to get these papers released.

67C

Dank Andiana
46928

J. Edgar Hoo en Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington D. C.

TRUE COPY

11 11 150 R 14 TION 000 TEAGLE 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Hoover,

DATE 2-3-80 BY Sty Jampate

In the year 1943 the F.B.I. confiscated all of the papers and maybe some of the machines of physicist, Nikola Tesla. These papers were his experiments and ideas at the time of his death. According to the books I've read, these papers were confiscated on the grounds of the enemy getting ahold of his ideas and apply them to war machines.

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

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

What I am wondering is, maybe these papers could be reclassified from whatever "Top Secret" classification they now have and be made available for study by the people who understand and can gain knowledge from them.

I would be willing to pay for reproductions of his experiments if nothing else. He still has a great many ideas that have never been tried.

It disturbs me to think that everyone has forgotten about the ideas of this man when he was so advanced for his time.

I can say with assurance that no man alive can say that he knows all of Tesla's ideas. And studying other men's ideas is the way to advance in science faster. 100-2237-17

I hope something can be done to get these papers released.

Thank You,

/s/

Fairmount, Indiana 46928

100-2237-17

INFORMATION CONTAINED

EREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 2-3-80 BY South front for the second second

Your letter of February 25th has been received.

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

Sincerely yours,

MAR 4 - 1969 COMM-FBI

Tolson

DeLooch Mobil ...

Busher . Cosper

Feit ____ Sole ___ Rosen __ Soll.con Tovel __

Collater .

J. Edgar Hoover

er &

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy of letter referred to Assistant Attorpey General, Civil Division of the Department.

LEE:jhs (3)

MAR T3 1969

MAIL BOOM TELETYPE UNIT

04/

JEH a

67C Lincoln Park, N.J. 07035 April 8, 1970

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Thanking you for the information

INFORMATION CONTAINED

RETERM IS UNCLASSIFIED

FATE 7-3-80 BY SET 4 Jungato

100-2237-18

2 APR 15 1970

REG AA 104 2 37-18 April 14, 1970 **670** Lincoln Park New Crsey Dear in reply to your inquiry of April 8th, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. A copy of your communication has been referred to the Depart-

Sincerely yours,

ment of Justice. for any help it may be able to offer.

1 Edgar Hooves

John Edgar Hoover Director

Mohz _ Cosper Callahan Conrad ... Gole

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Hesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy of letter referred to assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.

MHB:cfi (3) & AIL ROOM TELETYPE UNITI
MHB:cfj (3) 4.;

MAILED 9

APR 14 1970

COMM-FBI

LTC

1 1 PEND MATION CONTAINED

Harvista 66; Calif.

21 TE 7-3-80 BY SP4 Jungste July 8, 1970.

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

Dear Sir,

Nith-Testa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since

610

REC-3 100-2237-19 LL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mar Vista, Calliornia

Your letter was received on July 13th and the interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated. With respect to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and the FBI did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings. In addition, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and matters such as you mentioned do not come within the scope of this Bureau's authority.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MANED 9 JUL 1 5 1970

John Edgar Hoover Director

COMM-FBI Builles contain no record of correspondent. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and, at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. Bufiles indicate that the Office of Alien Property of the Department appropriated his property and replies similar to the above have been used to answer related inquiries.

DeLocch Walters .

Moht -Bishop

Casper Callchon

Felt.

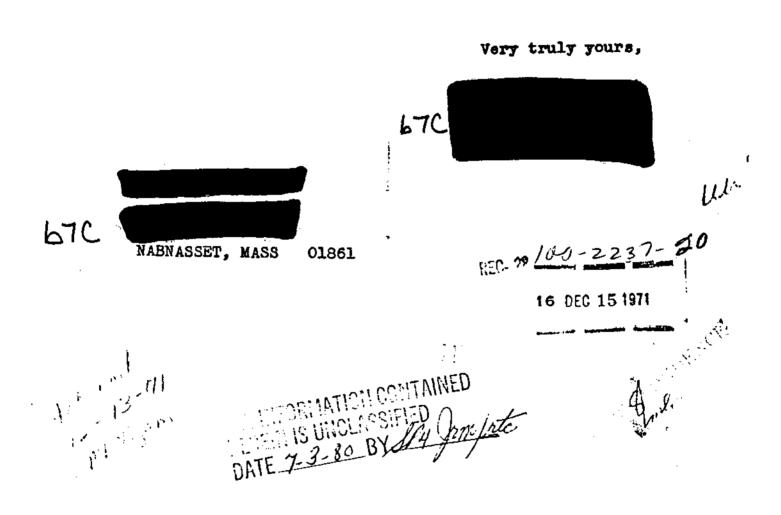
LEE cnb (3) Tele. Room Halmes MAIL PORTETETYPE UNIT

6 DECEMBER 1971

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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



December 14, 1971

REC-28 00-2237-20
b7C Maddiasset, Hassachusetts

LL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-3-80 BY SPA June 12

ear

Dear

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. We did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings in any way. Copies of your communication and my reply have been referred to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record correspondent. Dr. Tesla was world-famous electrical inventor, and at death, his effects believed dangerous to country's security. "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, alleges FBI took safe and appropriated his property. Above reply previously given to same inquiries. (100-2237) Material sent to the Assistant Attorney, Civil Division, of the Department.

 * Wh Parties

GAY.

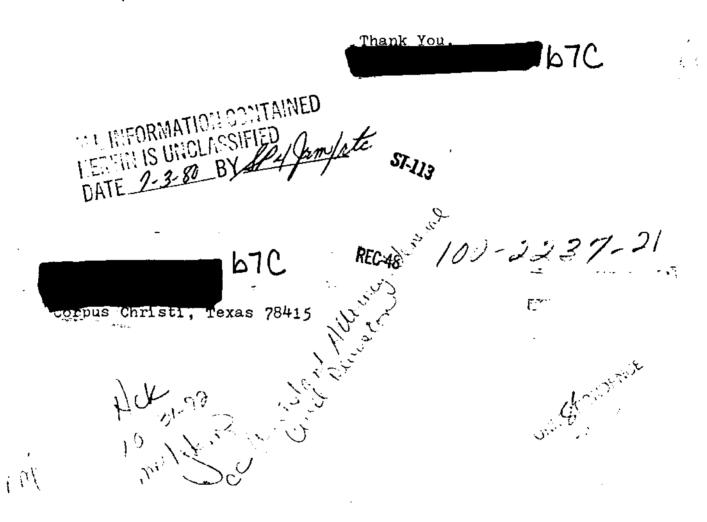
Federal Bureau Of Investigation Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Northeast Washington D. C. 20535

Dear Sirs,

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

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

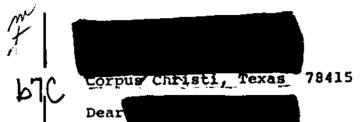
Please let me know If I can look at the records and if you can please answer my question of the real reason his records were locked up.

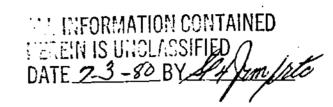


REC-48

1110-2237.21

October 31, 1972





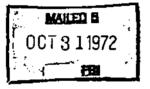
Your letter was received on October 26th.

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

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III Acting Director



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neil, Collabian alleges that The FBI took over a certain safe and opened it.

Cleveland appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the Marshall above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy of Miller, E.S. - letter referred to Assistant Attorney General Civil Division of letter referred to Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.

Tele. Room ____ Mr. Kinley ____ mn:jkm Mr. Armeton Rill 1872
Ms. Huge No. 1872
Mr. V. San No. V. ROOM _____. TELETYPE UNIT ____

Chile 3, 773

Tederal Bureau of Sometigation N'ashington District of Columbia

Dear Sire HEREIN IS UNGLASSIFIED DATE 7-2-80 BY Set Jungste

gritale de found that the the de found that The month forthing to the Monifered information is amailable and it to low copies might be detrined.

et am an engineering to etudent and hope possibly to resume where Tealn left off.

I have the harrow. EX-111 REC-36 100-2237 = 22

N: 1 A 1: 56A

EX-111;

REC-36

100-2237-22

April 11, 1973

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

EREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-3-80 BY 14 fm fm

Dear

Your letter was received on April 9th.

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

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III Acting Director

en in the **TII**

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. (Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neill, alleged that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. /Copy of letter referred to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.)

Mr. Gethardt
Mr. Johkins
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Miller, E.S.
Mr. Soyars
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Walters
Tele. Room
Mr. Kioley
Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Bowers
Mr. Herington
Mr.

TELETYPE UNIT

Mr. Felt_ Mr. Baker

Mr. Callaban ... Mr. Cleveland

Ans 16 12 113 PH 175

L7C Raynnam, Kass. C2767 June 20, 1973

1

rederal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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

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

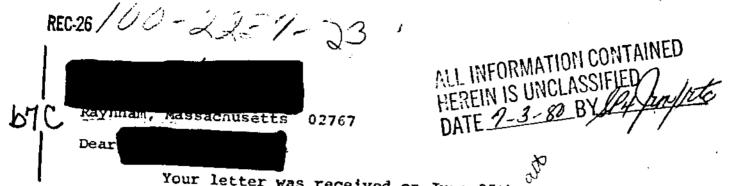
useful in my research.

I would greatly appreciate help in this matter.

67 C

JUN 29 1973

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



Your letter was received on June 25th.

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

Sincerely yours,

William D. Ruckelshaus

William D. Ruckelshaus Acting Director

NOTE: Bufiles indicate one letter to correspondent dated 1-15-66 in reply to his inquiry regarding the Air Force's Project Blue Book and UFC sightings & Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neill, alleged that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department that did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy of letter referred to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.) mn:cmc (4)

et, E.S. __

TELETYPE UNIT

United States Senate

June 26, 1973

Respectfully referred to:

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

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

> Senator Bob Packwood ATTN: W.S.S. Holmer

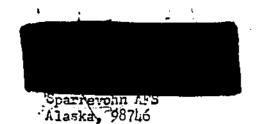
Form #2

EHCLOSURE

Mr. Miller, S.S. Mr. Wollers .. Tele. Rown _ Mr. Beine Mr. Carnes . Mr. Friege Mr. Beneeres Mr. Coamy . Mr. Kista _ Mr. Eardley . Mrs. Hogan .

Mr. Felt Mr. Baker Mr. Collois Mr. Cleveund Mr. Conred . Mr. Gebbord: Mr. Jeckins _ Mr. Marstall ..

E. 1.1



20 June 1973

Bear Senator Packwood,

Though in Alaska temporarily working on a military contract, I still consider myself an Orggon resident, hence it is to you that I write.

During ry days at Reed College, I became interested in a fascinating Czech physicist, Nicolai Tesla. Professor Tesla emmigrated to this country in the twenties, I believe, and did some of his most original here. Tesla had a poculiar bent of mind, in his younger days he was often called a final scientist, and did not publish extensively when he came to the US. Most of the extent primary material is in untranslated Czech. Tesla was however, an extensive note baker. It thought it strange that upon his death, none of his notes from his homerican period ever unneared. Upon discussing this with a friend, I was informed that all of Mr. Tesla's motes were confiscated by the FRI. I cannot conceive now those notes on physics and electricity can in may way endanger the national safety. It seems that Mr. Hoover in his zeal, had confiscated material whose only sin was a radical approach to science. There is indication that much of Professor Tesla's later work concerned a very novel approach to them theory. Weedless to say, it has been radical approaches to physics that have seen our greatest scientific advances in modern times, viz. Einstein, Heisenberg, et al.

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

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

67C

100--1:11-24

IENCLOSURE

ST-105

REC-15

100-2237-24

Honorable Bob Packwood United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-8-80 BY

Dear Senator Packwood:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated June 26th enclosing a letter from your constituent, who is temporarily employed in Alaska.

inquiry, central files In response to Hr of the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicate that the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded after his death by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the PBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire.

I am returning your enclosure as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Ruckelshaus William D. Ruckelshaus Acting Director

Enclosure

Mr. Felt 1 - Portland - Enclosures (2)

Wr. Baker 1 - Congressional Services Office - Enclosures (2)

Mr. Callahan NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence with Senator Note: Bufiles reveal prior cordinal correspondence with Senator Note: Bufiles reveal prior cordin Mr. Gorrad — Packwood. Mr.

Mr. Gebhardt — Bufile 100-2237 refrects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous

Mr. Marshall — electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his

electrical inventor Mr. Baise ___ safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearl'

Richardson, Texas 75080 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D.C. Dear Sirs, It has come to my attention that upon the death of Mr Nikela Tesla, the feunder of medern A.C. power systems and the eriginal inventor of radio, and innumerable other devices, eperatives of the F.B.L. epened his safe and removed his papers en-7 January, 1943, within a few heurs; efahis demise. Alse, Wallirecerds of his work have been slezed and sheld by four government since his death, al. weuld alke teknew. WHY, and alse to be we winfermed asate whe was; and is responsible for keeping the 11d en these recerds. Leweuld alse like to knew where they are new. I de hepe you en jey, a good laugh ever the raparent naievity of such a request as this, but litris earather strange situation exist in a country like this that a man of such genius achievement ceuld be systematically cut eutlef history beeks and that the facts about his works could be concealed to the degree they have been . I wish to obtain access to sall these cold recerds, which have abeen concealed for thirty weare, at would appreciate your kind consideration and atten and any assistence you may care to give. JUL 20 1973 me 13

July 19, 1973

-2237-Richardson, Texas 75080

10

Dear

Your letter was received on July 16th. response to your inquiry, the effects of Dr. Nikola Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the PBI. Since we did not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings, I am unable to furnish the information you desire. A copy of your communication and of this reply have been referred to the Department of Justice.

MAILED 4 ag **⊥**≘1973 F81

Sincerely yours, C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. (Bufile 100-2237 reflects that Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands. The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neill alleged that the FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles clearly indicate that it was the Office of Alien Property of the Department which did so, and the above reply is forwarded in answer to related inquiries. Copy of letter referred to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division of the Department.)

Training ... jkb:cmc (4) Legal Coun. .___ Cong. Serv. J11. 2 Carr. & Crm.

Telephone Rm. ____ Director Sec'y ___ MAIL ROOM ____ TELETYPE UNIT ____

Assoc. Dir.

Asst. Die.:

Admin. _ Comp. Syst. Files & Com. __

Ident. ___.

Intell. ___ Laboratory ____ Plan. & Evol. __ Spee. Inv. ____

Press Off. _

Gen. Inv. ____

Inspection ____

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

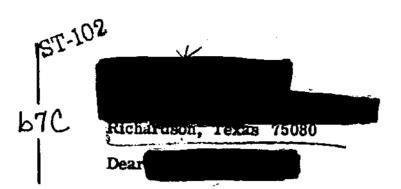
Dear Mr. Kelley,

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-3-80 BY Sey Junipale

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

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

Very best wishes.



MIL IMPORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-3-80 BY See Jumple

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

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

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

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

RWE:ner (3)

J. J. P.

(ale)

AUG2 - 1973

Assac, Dir. ____ Asst. Dir.: Admin. ____

Camp. Syst. ___ Files & Com. __ Gen. Inv. ___ Idens. ___

Inspection _____ Intell. _____ Laboratory ____ Plan, & Eval, ___

Spec, Inv. ____
Training ____
Legal Coun, ___
Cong. Serv. ___

Carr. & Crm.
Research
Press Off.

?m. __

L ROOM TELETY

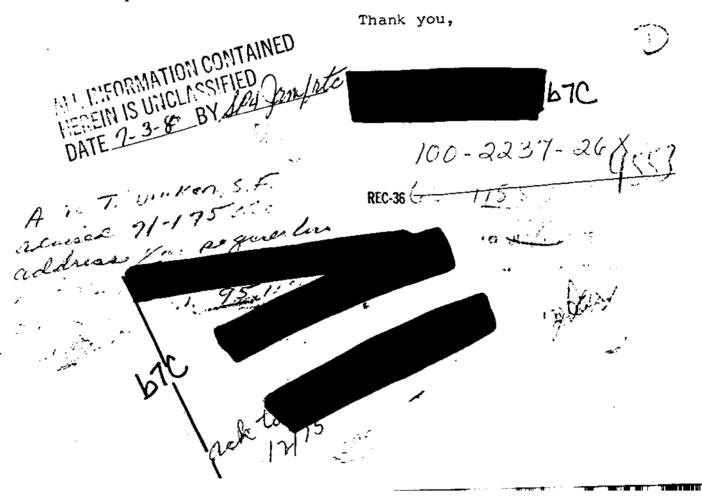
June 9, 1975

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

Sirs:

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

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



July 7, 1975

San Jose, California 95117 Door

This will acknowledge your letter of June 9th.

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

Sincerely yours,

C_M_ Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure -Attention: Susan Mr Hauser

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

Dep. AD Adm. ... Dep. AD Inv. ___ Asst. Dir.;

Admin. _ Comp. Syst. _ Ent. Alfairs _ Files & Com.

Gen. Inv. totall. _

MAILED 7 JUL 7 1975

dbb:cgg - (4)

GPO(9944)

Kensington, Md. 20795 67C

13 November 1975

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

AN INFORMATION CONTAINED

1 FORM IS UNICLASSIFIED

DATE 2-3-80 BY SP4 Prefer

Dear Mr. Kelley:

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

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

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

As I stated in my first letter, I am following up the Tesla data for a magazine article. I am tempted to have your reply of the 16th printed and run nationally as an example of how bureaucratic manoeuring is used to get around the FOIA. Does the bureau need more of this type of publicity?

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

a p. 11-26 15

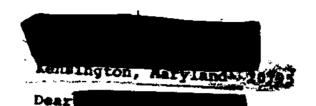
Sincerely.

Sincerely.

D7C

REE. 57 CX 103 160-12-27-27

Movember 26, 1975



This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Bureau on November 14th. atb

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

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure Attention: Susan M. Hauser

NOTE: Bufile 100-2237 indicates that Dr. Tesla was a World famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death his personal papers and effects were impounded by Office of Alien Property for National Security reasons. Since Tesla's death in 1943 the Dep. AD Inv. - Bureau has received numerous inquiries about the Admin ____ disposition of his technical papers. The above Comp. Syst. _ reply is forwarded in answer to these inquiries.

Spec. Inv. ____ Training __ Legal Coun. ____ Telephone Rm DEC 24 1075 ROOM

Leberatory ____ Plen. & Evol. _.

Files & Com. _ Gen. Inv. ____

TELETYPE UNIT

ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL S	LIP	ACTION
TO (Name, office symbol or location)	INITIA	LS CIRCULATE
į	1	ET THE COURT
Alan McCreight	DATE	
Rm. 5435 - JEH		COORDINATION
2	INITIAL	
	""""	FILE
	DATE	
	1	INFORMATION
3		
	INITIAL	S MOTE AND RETURN
		_
	DATE	PER CON VERSATION
4		
	INITIAL	SEC MC
	Ĺ	<u>L</u>
	DATE	SIGNATURE
REMARKS		1
		!
•		
Do NOT use this form as a RECORD of appr disapprovals, clearances, and simil	ovals, concurrence ar actions	es,
Do NOT use this form as a RECORD of approdisapprovals, clearances, and simil	DATE	
COM Counte, office symbol or location)		
Do NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, clearances, and simil ROM (Name, office symbol or facation) Susan M. Hauser	DATE	1/75

AUGUST 1967 GSA FPMR (41CFR) 100-11-206

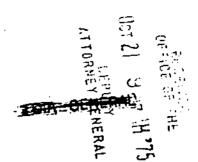
67C

Kensington, Md. 20795

17 October 1975

Freedom of Information Act Request

Deputy Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20535



Gentlemen:

I am writing an article for a magazine on early twentieth century inventors and want to obtain information on some papers of Nikola Tesla that were seized by the FBI on his death in 1943.

Tesla invented a number of electrical devices and because of the war and because Tesla was born a Yugoslavian national, it was probably considered a measure of preventitive safety to hold in safekeeping papers that might have any bearing on national security.

I would like to find out: 1) if the FBI still has the papers;
2) if they do have the papers, what must be done to see them;
3) if they do not have the papers, who does have them or what happened to them?

I would be very grateful for your help with this.

REC-Z

62 HE 9400

and 15-75

Sincerely 5 007 24 1975

DATE 1-3-80 BY SP 4 Jumpite

HOLA

med det.

November 10, 1975

Kensington, Maryland 20795

311 IMFORMATION CONTAINED DATE 7-3-80 BY SP4 June 122

Dear

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Preedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request forwarded to the FBI by the Department of Justice on October 22nd. 616

In response to your request for files pertaining to Nikola Tesla, please be advised that in order to preserve the privacy of an individual who may be the subject of a similar inquiry, it has been necessary for the FBI to maintain the practice of not indicating whether we do or do not have such information in our files.

If you can provide notarized authorization: from Mr. Tesla's next of kin directing us to release to you any information our files may contain concerning him, we shall thereafter search our files and advise you accordingly.

Since we have not conducted a search of our files, please do not infer that we do or do not have the information

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure Attention: Susan M. Hauser

Files & Com. _ Gen. Inv. ____ ldent. _ Inspection _ Intell. __

Laboratory Plan. & Evel. _ Spec, Inv. Training ... Legal Coun. ____

Assec. Dir.

Asst. Der. Admin. _

Dep. AD Adm. _ Dep. AD Inv. _

Comp. Syst. ___

Eut. Allaire ___

Telephone Rm. _____ MAIL ROOM # Director Sector ____ MAIL ROOM # P

Raynham; MA 02767 April 20, 1976

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

DATE 2-3-80 BY SELECTION CONTAINED

Dear Mr. Kelly:

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

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

Two photos of each page exist.

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

According to the museum director (1971), the Soviets had made copies of some portions, but not the Colorado Springs diary, which numbers 500 pages, 20 that directly pertain to ball lightning, and 20 or so relevant to the equipment construction. (We copied the most significant portions, but feel more exists)

I have been associated with Broject Tesla for four years, have just completed an article for my magazine, EDN (an electrical engineering magazine), but only with the very recent receipt of an unpublished manuscript from John J. O'Neill's book (PRODICAL GENIUS) did I place credence on Tesla's later claim descriptions were inaccurate and exagerated, as we have exceeded to be received and are familiar with the experiments. At any rate, there are three possible military applications.

(KY/3/10)

Cc.

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

P46

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

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

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



P.S. By a copy of this letter, along with the enclosures, I am notifying the C.I.A.

Enclosures: 2



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

Paul Snigier, Associate Editor

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

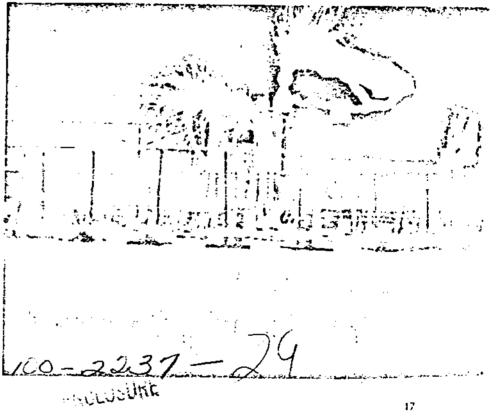
Project Tesla, headed by Robert K. Golka and Dr. Robert W. Bass, is an attempt to artificially duplicate one of nature's rarest and most terrifying phenomena—ball lightning. The experiments are based upon the unpublished notes of Nikola Tesla, who, in 1899 at his Coforado Springs laboratory, used a secret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

The energy surplus

Many physicists, including the eminent Dr. James Tuck, founder of the U.S. fusion program, believe that the lightning ball holds the key to a fantastic.

cheap and endless energy source—fusion power, or the energy source used by the stars and sun. The fuel is deuterium, or heavy water, that can be inexpensively extracted from ocean water to provide mankind

Highest voltage continuously oscillating damped-wave lightning generator (ever produced by mankind) creates a current of 1180A at 12.5 MV! Subsequent improvements raised this to a peak current of 2200A at 20 MV. Further improvements could conceivably produce bolts that exceed natural lightning (100 MV)!



with millions of years of $-e^{-i\phi}$. * Unfortunately, progfusion research, which has centered on magnetic confinement and laser implosions, has been frustratingly slow and full of unpleasant surprises; and scientists warn that success could be as far off as four decades! But if these promising experiments under way at Wendover, UT, are successful, -nexpected confinement technique could unleash this energy source.

In search of nature's secrets...

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

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

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

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

On one occasion, lightning struck the building-a large concrete structure with a 60-ft. ceiling inside-and, simultaneously, an intense sphere of fire the size of a tennis ball formed seven times hotte.e above the conduit on the wall at sun! (2)

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

A new state of matter?

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

Project Tesla has developed a rigorous mathematical model of the lightning ball's absolute, asymptotic, fluid-dynamical stability. Initial computer studies indicated a density range of 10¹³-10¹¹ cm⁻³, with a tempera-

" 10'-10" "K-or

Chapter 34

TET TRIES TO PREVENT WORLD III book O'Nell was vell.

When Tesh was talking as a scientist he was opposed to some treatment.

wars on moral, economic and all practical and theoretical grounds. - discoult But, like most scientists, when he stopped thinking as a scientist, and and let his emotions rule his thoughts, he found exceptions in in which he felt some wars and situations were justifiable. As a claims, but scientist he was unwilling to have the discoveries of scientists in high and applied to the pruposes of war makers, but when the emotional phase ever of his nature took the ruling position he was then willing to apply opened his genius to devising measures that would prevent wars by supplying in protective devices. there may be

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

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

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

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

The clearest conception I got, and that was largely from scattered remarks, and by making deductions from them, concerned a possible manner in which one phase of his curtain of protection might operate. This was a "wer" angle and as such it did not interest

100 - 2237

was, but since it involved "lightning balls," or "fire balls," I was very curious. Fir . .lls had always fascina __ .co, and I had read everything I could ay my hands on about the:

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

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

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

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

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

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

rparasite oscillati s, or circuits, within the main circuit word a source " danger from this cause. Funts of resistance in the main circuit could result in minor os. Llating circuits between terminals or between two points of resistance and these minor circuits would have a very much higher period of oscillation than the main circuit and could be set into oscillation by the main current of lower frequency.

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

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

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

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

It is but a step, from learning how a high frequency current can explosively discharge a lower frequency current, to using the principle to design a system in which these explosions can be produced by intent. The following process appears a possible one but no evidence is available that it is the one Tesla evolved:

An oscillator, such as he used to send power wirelessly around the certh at Colorado Springs, is set in operation at a frequency to which a given warship is resonant. The complex structure of a ship would provide a great number of spots in which electrical oscillations will be set up of a much higher frequency than those coursing through the ship as a whole. These parasiste currents will react on the main current causing the production of fireballs which by their explosions will destroy the ship, even more effectively than the explosion of the magazine which would also take place. A second oscillator may be used to transmit the shorter wavelength current.

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

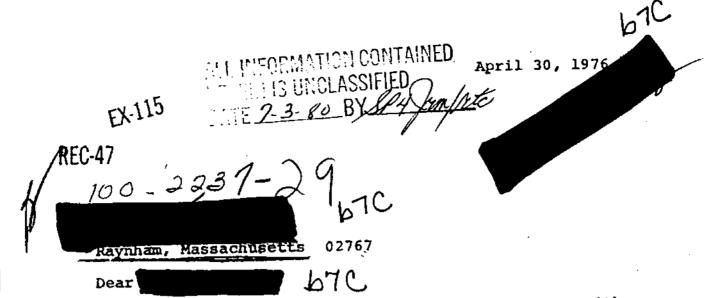
Tesla revealed that he had carried on negotiations with Prime Minister Chamberlin for the sale of his ray system to Great Britain for \$30,000,000 on the basis of his presentation that the device would provide complete protection for the British Isles against any enemy approaching by sea or air, and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

cifensive weapon to 'dch there was no defense. He was convinced, he deckned, of the incerity of Er. Chamber'h and his intent to adopt the device a it would have prevented a outbreak of the them threstening was, and would have made post ole the continuation-under the duress which this weapon would make possible — of the working agreement involving France, Germany and Britain to maintain the status que in Europe. When Chamberlin failed, at the Munich conference, to retain this state of European equilibrium it was necessary to get rid of Chamberlin and install a new Prime Minister who could make the effort to shift one corner of the triangle from Germany to Russia. Baldwin found no virt a in Tesla's plan and preemptorially ended the negotiations.

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

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

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



Thank you for your letter of April 20th, with enclosures. It was certainly most thoughtful of you to furnish us this information, and your interest and courtesy are indeed appreciated.

MAILED 6
APR 3 01976

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

67C

NOTE: Bufiles indicate limited correspondence with last outgoing 6-27-73, in reply to his request concerning papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla. Dr. Tesla was a world-famous electrical inventor, and at the time of his death in 1943, all of his personal papers and effects were believed dangerous to the country's security if they fell into unauthorized hands.

Assoc. Dir. — The book, "Prodigal Genius," by John J. O'Neill, alleged that Dep. AD Adm. The FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his Dep. AD Inv. The FBI took over a certain safe and opened it, appropriating his property. Bufiles indicated the Office of Alien Property of American The Department of Justice did so. Bufile 100-2237-23.

Files & Com. _CAM: kmh (3)

Inspection

Plan. & Eval.
Spec. Inv. .__

WY 2 11076

TELETYPE UNIT

CDO-1975 O-594-154

JUN 16

United States Benate

To ensure proper handling please return all correspondence TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Pat

Respectfully referred to:

FBI

Please respond to the attached inquiry in duplicate and return the enclosure. Thank you for your cooperation.

1 JUN 17 1976

ENCLOSURE

Asst. Dir.: Adm. Serv.

Assoc. Dir. Dep. AD Adm. _ Dep. AD Inv.

Ext. Affairs Fin. & Pers. Gen. Inv. __ Inspection __ Intell. ___ Laboratory _

Legal Coun. Plan. & Eval. _ Rec. Mgnt. ___ Spec. Inv. ___ Training ___ Telephone Rm. _

Director Secty __

Dear Siv.

Town 5241, Washington DC 2510

Dear Siv.

I am a substitute in the

Milwanter Public School System.

I do scientific experiment in high

voltage electricity. I have studied
all the available writings of

the dead genius Nikola Tesla

(1861 - January 7, 1943)

When Nicola Tesla deed the

Federal Bureau of I Nestigation

Came and opined the the safe in

his room and took the pagers it

contained, to examine the them

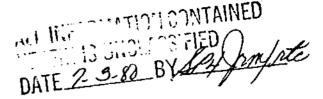
for a reported occur in inches of Pauld: use in II W.M. As a the citizen of a suited like to atude these unpublished papers with hope of findings new isless interfor producing an alternate source of energy. Something that NittoLa Tesla Knew about and because of his unfortunate Financial status, was not alola to develop into a working mode Please help. -With love in The Lo. 67C Milway Ter, Wisc. 53208 -call 67C



100 -2237-30 June 23, 1976

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

Dear Senator Proxmire:



67C

This will respond to your communication of June 16th enclosing the letter of Mr. Wisconsin 5326

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

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

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

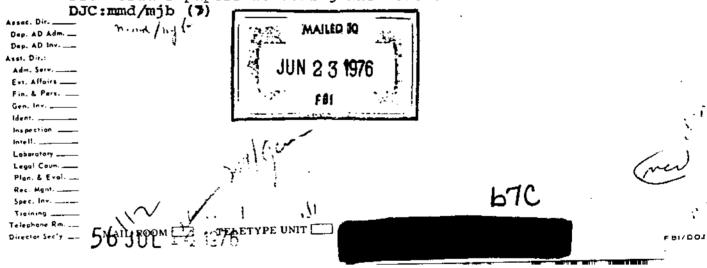
Clarence M. Kelley Director

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General - Enclosures (2) Civil Division

1 - Milwaukee - Enclosures (2)

1 - Office of Congressional Affairs - Enclosures (2) NOTE: This response is consistent with past responses to inquiries of a similar nature. Bufile 100-2237 reflects that the Office of Alien Property took possession of Dr. Tesla's papers following his death.



July 26, 1979

regard to some pages you have in your possession by Mihola Usala Latte in possession by Mihola Usala and Latte in Jame for some time now been studying the works of Mr. Jake and I am involved in the research and further observation a copy of almost everything that was were written by him.

However I have read that on the January 7th 1943, so probably January 8th 1943 the tribural Bureau of I mustigation went to when Mr. Jesla how here staying—the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, New York and collected all note and pages that he had with him there.

Regard to some lete them it would be depth complete them it would send me a copy of all the note, pages, books, drawings etc. that were found take.

67C

BUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

PEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-3-80 BY SEA PONTE

Your recent letter requesting information concerning Dr. Nikola Tesla has been received.

The effects of Dr. Tesla were impounded, after his death, by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. We have no preprinted material available for public distribution regarding Dr. Tesla. However, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552), requests have been made in the past regarding your topic and there may be documents available to you under Title 28—Code of Federal Regulations.

If you are interested in seeking such documents under the Freedom of Information Act, you should make a separate inquiry, clearly marking the envelope and letter as a Freedom of Information Act request, and direct it to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20535. In the letter you must request documents regarding the specific topic of interest to you.

AUG 6 1979

Sincerely yours

y

William L. Bailey Assistant Director 100-2237-36

2 AUG 7 1979

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

Mr. Bresson 32

DATE: 2/25/80

Assoc. Dir.

Dep. AD Adm. ____

Dep. AD Inv. _ ___

Adm. Serva. ._

fatell. . ____

Laboratory __ ___. Legal Cous.

Plan & Insp. ___ Rec. Mgnt ____

Tech. Servs.
Training
Public Affs. Off.
Telephone Rm.

Director's Sec'y

Asst. Die.:

FROM

k

67C.

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM OF INFCRMATION ACT DISCLOSURE REGARDING DR. NIKOLA TESLA

PURPOSE:

To reduce time spent on handling of requests for information on captioned subject and to promote uniformity of disclosure.

DETAILS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Initial Processing Unit, FOIPA Branch, Records Management Division, add captioned case to their list of preprocessed cases and handle any future requests for such information. $1/(0-2)^{-1/2}$

1 - Mr. Underwood
1 - Miss
670
100-2237

4 190 516504380

MAR 27 1980

· • •

eah: yas (7)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERNAL POLITINE ACTION SUP

	_		INTERNAL ROUTINE ACTION SLIP				•		
	TO BLOG.	ROOM	NAME TITLE/ORGANI		BLDG	ROCK	NAME/TITLE OCCUMIZATION		
	JEH	7142	Mr. Colvell	225			DISCLOSURE SECTION		
	JEH	7110	Mr. Boynton	235	JEH	6995	Mr. Bresson/Normensen	314	
	JEH	7110	Mr. Moore	235	JEH	6994	Mr. Lewis/Normenson	314	
	JEH	5829	Hr. Bailey/Rogers	711	JEH	6927	THIEF, UNIT A/Secreta	ry 314	
	; JEH	5829	Mr. O'Brien/Lass	211	1		5A:	Team	
		1 3027	TAL. O BITCH/ Dass				RA: //	Team	
			Mr. Flanders/Wolesla	1g1e 1(2)	/ JEB	6959	CHIEF, USIT B	314	
	JER	6296		31. 17.	<i>J</i> 32		БА:	Tean	
	-	ļ	OPERATIONS SECTION	··- · · -	 -	i	RA:	Team	
	JEH	6992	Mr. Ervin/Poston	314			 		
	JEH	6993	Mr. Tierney/Poston	314	JEH	6975	CHIEP, UNIT C/Secreta		
	-	ļ	<u> </u>		- 		5A:	Tean	
	JEH	6280	CHIEF, TAR/Secretary	314	- 		RA C	Team	
	<u> </u>	1	SA:	<u> </u>	jen	6986	CHIMP TONET D	11/183	
	_	<u> </u>	Attn:	_1177	<u> </u>	19.0	sx	Team	
	J#H	5687	CHIEF, FIELD COOR.	D 3275	<u> </u>	7	74	Team	
	. 1/	7	;SA:		JEH	6766	CHIEF, UNIT E	31.4	
	11:20		Attn		•		SA:	To AR	
a_{λ}	JEH JEH	6958	CHIEF, IPU/Secretary	314			PA:	Te am_	
47	1	,	SA:	_	JEH	6387	CRIEF, UNIT F/Secreta	ry 31	
	!	i	Attns				SA:	Team	
	JEH	6363	File Duplication	314	i i		PA:	Team	
e di se Timbre di Serie	JEH	6268	Tickler/Index Group	314					
	JEH	6992	Leave Clerk	314	<u> </u>	1110	ulit 1001		
	JEH	6346	Word Processing Cent			<u> </u>	1	7	
		 	DCRU	314	110	11	being al	<u> </u>	
	JÉH	6380	1				1		
			Attn:		1/	72	la file		
	The	1	any my	gens 4	m				
		<u></u>	10 V	16.	1			/	
57C		12.0	1 / 2 / 2 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 /	<u> </u>	0		770	nen y	
		.						······	
	\bot 01	<u> </u>	would a	see to	Z+ 1	رمن	progress		
			in the min	-0	-		<u>i</u>		
	$ \lambda$	u	te co m			<u> </u>	<u>'</u>		
	.	<u> </u>			<u>l</u>		:		
	RECO	MMENC	ATION/COMMENT	-	J LOG		□ NECESSAR¹	ACTION	
	SEE R	EMARK	S ON REVERSE) FILE		COORDINA	TE	
	☐ MAKE			_	⇒ SEE M	E	□ PER INQUI	RY	
		RN (BY)		CALL		☐ INFORMAT		
•			nformation-Privacy Ac				ROOM		
т	WOLLD T	, p	*****	Ļ			0475		
1	HOMAS E	ie bii	ESON SICULO:	a caree	PHONE		DATE		

Tom- 1

is completed through dichime

interest to ensure the relusion.

The question, themefores
is: Does the Tesla material
fit the chiteria for melusion
in the FITA Remaine Room?

I think not.
The

ful.

RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

9 FEB 1981

13/1

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Papers Recovered on the Death of Micola Tesla (U)

- (U) We understand that the FBI may have possession of a number of papers found after the death of Nicola Tesla in 1943. Nicola Tesla was a brilliant electrical engineer (i.e. the Tesla Coil) who was a pioneer in various aspects of electrical transmission phenomena.
- (C) We believe that certain of Tesla's papers may contain basic principles which would be of considerable value to certain ongoing research within the DoD. It would be very helpful to have access to his papers.
- (U) Since we have really no idea of the possible volume of these papers, we would be happy to provide a researcher who could assist you in reducing the magnitude of the search. If there are further questions, I am the point of contact within the DoD and can be reached at 695-6364 or 695-7417.



Allan J. MacLaren LtColonel, USAF Military Assistant Strategic and Space Systems

100.2237-

Per DOD letter dated 3.29.93 With Exclosures I and ALL DOD info in unclassi

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED CHERETH IS UNCLASSIFIED

Classifed by: DUSDRE/S&SS Declassify on: February 1987

MAR 12 1981

50 MAR 30 1981

Lt. Col. Allan C. Laren, Uper Military Assistant Strategic and Space Systems Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Washington, D. C. 20301

PEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Colonel MacLiren:

ALL INVENIATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED BYSDINGLAND

Your memorandum of February 9 requesting access to the scientific papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla which might be in our files has been referred to my office for reply.

A preliminary review of our files indicates that the Ful die not participate in the handling of Dr. Tesla's belongings following his death in New York City in January, 1943. Lis papers were examined by representatives of the Office of Alien Property, the Bavy Department and the Office of Scientific Research and Development. In February, 1942, the papers apparently were released to Mr. Sava W. Rosshovic, Dr. Tesla's nephew and the administrator of his estate. Mr. Tesapovic's affiress at that the was 11. Central Park Leuth. New York, New York.

I complete search of our invites is being made to determine if we have any information that might be useful to you. You will be notified of the results of this search at the earliest possible date. Sincerely, 1 1981 MAR 12 1981 3 Roger S. Young MAR Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs (POIPA) - Enc. 1 - Sr. Young - Enc. Ener AD law. NOTE: Reply discussed with FOIPM, RED, who has bandled sin ener AD Les lar requests for information in our files concerning Dr. Tesla. In nu-FOIFM, REED, who has handled sin; Legal Coun. ___ Plen. & Insp. __ ____ Rec. Mgnt. ... Training _____ Public Affs, Off. _ Telephone Rm. 🔔 Director's Sec'y _ MAIL ROOM [

Lt. Col. A. J. Hackbron Strategic and Space Systems Office of the Under Secretary of Defense 20301 Washington, O. C.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1.14 .92 BY WILLIAM YS

Dear Colonel Hackaren:

A complete Search of our retrievable files concorning or. Nikole reals shows that all notes and material in his irmediate possession at the tive of his death on January 7, 1841, were placed in the custody of the Alien Property Custodian under seal by the United States Government. Those materials have never been in the care or custody of the FBI.

On January 26 and 27, 1943, Peleral authorities made a thorough review of the effects of Dr. Tenla to determine if on, ideal of significant value to the United States war nitort could be found. His effects were examined at the Hunhattan Warehouse and Storage Company at 52nd and 7th Avenue, Hew York, New York, where they apparently were taken after his death. Participating in this examination were representatives from the thes York and Washington Offices of the Alien Property Custodian, the Office of Scientific Research and Development at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Office of heval Intelligence, and United States havel Research. The FRI did not perticipate in this examination. (65-47953 section 1)

က 03 MAR

Exec AD Inv. .

ldent. _

Intell, _

Exec AD Adm. ___

It was the considered opinion of a spekesman of those examiners "that there exict among Dr. Teela's papers and possessions no scientific notes, descriptions of hitherto unrevealed methods or devices, or actual apparatus which could be of significant value to this country or which would constitute a hazard in unfriendly hands." There was thought to be no technical or military reason why further custody of the property should be retained. However, our files indicate that certain papers, which were regarded as typical of Nikola Tesla's writings and thoughts in the period of 1925 up 1042, were removed for the phinages of except to the collect of the Alien of 19737 on tolica. (65-47953 section 1) v.39 DF-112 Y-38 DE-113 MAR 25 1931

RE

Enne AD LES ____ Asit. Dir.: Adm. Servs. Cria. lev. _ Laboretary ____ Legal Coun. ___ Plan. & Insp. ___ Rec. Mgnt. _ Tech. Servs. Training _____ Public Affs. Off. _ Telephone Rm. 🔔 Director's Sec'y _

(CTH HOTE PAGE THROW)

MAIL ROOM CO

1 -

The relation between the bar leading allocks related at the transport of the second by the New York Department of Taxation. The rental for this storage, approximately \$15 per month, was being paid by Charlotte Muzar, 134 East 63rd Street, New York, New York, who was listed as an agent for Sava Kosanovich, Dr. Tesla's nepher and administrator of his estate. (65-47953-14)

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

The Tests effects remained in rooms 53 and 51 of the Manhattan Storage Company. In the 1950s, FEI Agents were told by company management that the only recorded visit had been made by "Pederal authorities" in January, 1943. The floor superayisor rocalled that the men had taken numerous photographs. Eis description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of the papers of the deceased. (65-47953-27)

Our files do not reflect any pertinent information

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

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

I hope that we have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely

Noger 5. Young Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

(CONTINUED - OVER)

NOTE: On February 9, 1981, Col. Mcclarun wrote to us inquiring about the scientific papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla. Im a return letter of march 9, we informed him that a thorough review of our files would be made in search of the information be requested. This was done and he is being informed of the results. Tesla's papers have been the subject of numerous inquiries by various individuals and organizations since his death. Pti received over 20 FOIA requests on this matter during the period 1973-1920. Matter coordinated with FOIA Section, RMD.

J.

.

.

3 -



RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

' 1 APR 1981

with the address.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Dear Mr. Young,

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

Sincerely,

Allan J MacLaren Colonel, USAF Military Assistant

Strategic and Space Systems

PerDaD letter dated 3/29/93

PerDaD letter dales sp.,...
With ENClosures / and 2
ALL DOD info de unclassified. V.11
DaD referenced For [PA #5/256,608 and 362,001
4/0/92 9803 67C
ALA

No arknowledge of medicary

10 French Z

DE-110 100 -2237-3 16 APR 10 1981

ALIANFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-8-93 BY 9863

FOIPA No. 356,608 362,001

orr. or Constand Pub. Arr.

07C

Director of the FBI Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

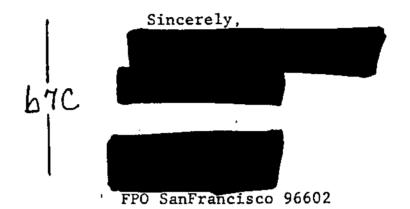
NOT AN ECIPA REDACTION

DATED 14.82 FASTINGLES

While attending college, I came across an article about the ectrical genius, Nicolai Tesla. Mr. Tesla was an electrical electrical genius, Nicolai Tesla. genius with such peers as EDISON and WESTINGHOUSE. Tesla **OUTSIDE** SOUT designed the basic generator and was the first man to introduce alternating current to the people. The article, written in an underground SanFrancisco newspaper, stated that Tesla also worked with electromagnetic waves and supposedly built a plant that could harness the electromagnetic waves out of the earth's atmosphere sufficiently enough to use them as a source of electricity. The article stated that Tesla built such a plant and lit up a city street 150 miles away by sending the electromagnetism via radio waves. This method is presently being used in electronic warfare. After that, the article stated that the FBI confiscated his plans and buried them in your archives. Their reasoning was that such a free form of energy would knock out a big chunk of the oil, coal, and nuclear forms of energy and their contributions to the economy (money for research and employment). All I want to know is if there is any truth to this story and if so what was the FBI's reasons and when are the archives opened again so that Tesla's work could come to light again. Now bear in mind that this man was an electrical genius and even had a unit of electrical measure named after him. he did figure out a way to utilize the earth's electromagnetic 17 AUG 11 1981 waves then I believe that we are ready to gradually phase out our dependence on oil, ease the volatile tension in the Middle East and put all that money presently going to the Arabs into

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

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



ALL INTOSTATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-14-12 BY SOLLYCK MY OUTSIDE SOURCE NOT AN FOIPA REDACTION PPO San Francisco Dea Judge Webster has referred your letter of July 21st to me for a reply. A check of our files indicates Dr. Nikola Tesla's effects were impounded after his death by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and not by the FBI. While your interest is indeed appreciated, the FBI is unable to answer your questions as we did not participate in the handling or have anything to do with the storage of Dr. Tesla's belongings. To be as helpful as possible, I am forwarding a copy of this communication to the Department of Justice. Sincerely, 7 Roger S. Young Assistant Director in Charge <u> B</u> Office of Congressional and Public Affairs Acting Assistant Attorney General - Enclosure Civil Division is not identifiable in Bufiles. NOTE: died on 1/7/43 and we have received much correspondence regarding his belongings which were impounded by the Office AD LES _ of Alien Property of the Department of Justice. Die.: AUG 7 12 04 7 39 DEST Serve Helery ... al Coun., & Jasp. ___ Mgnt. ... 1. Servs. Alfs. Off.

hone Km. ____ MAIL ROOM []

FD-36 (Re	ev. 8-26-82)	\sim			ł
	•	·	FBI		
	TRANSMIT VIA:		PFECEDENCE:	CLASSIFICATION:	TJ MET
•	☐ Teletype		ImmediatePriority	SECRET	
	□ Facsimile X AIRTEL		☐ Routine	☐ CONFIDENTIAL	0
1/1 1		 -		UNCLASEFT	D
M/M^2				UNCLAS	702
A/A/A				Date 8/18/	<u> </u>
H	TO:	DIRECTOR, FB: ATTN: INT	D SUPERVISOR	SEC	
2	FROM:	SAC CINCINN	ATI () P)	10
R	NIKOLA TES	SÍ.A		(5)	
	;				
SpsA	entirety.	This communic	cation is class	ified "Secret" i	n its
1	'Division,	Re telephone to Superviso	r C	FBIHQ, o	innati on 8/11/83, \$7
(D) X (D)	each of po Man Out of underlined	ertinent page: f Time" by Ma:	s from the 1981	New York is one book titled "Te with important p	esla:
IED BY	"Eab of the	research phys: e Avionics Di	vision of the U	Electro Optics T .S. Air Force A	eronautical (/ 📐
ASON CLASS		physici	st and intellig	Air Force Base ence specialist ign Technology I	on Particle V'Ty
ADES V	(FTD) also	o at WPAFB, h	ave both been 1	n contact with Sing possible FB	SA SA
R 3		SECRET		Classified by	ADD.
4	(1)	Classified by Declassify	y: 8262 nt: OADR 63	Declassity on:	20
m	2) Bureau	-1 /	LOSURE OF	11 - 110	01, - 01
- 1		ork (Enc. 1)		· · · · ·	
ja ja	2 - Cinci	nnati	<u> </u>	TATOM CONTAINED	
6	DHF:mkg	÷.	ALL A	KORRATION CONTAINED N IC UNUBATETATED	
	(6)	V	11 C. STEXCES	7 VHERE TO LIFE	17 AUG 22 1983
1 27			Детига		(AL)
75%	1			/	Misson
	Approved:	&c/	Transmitted(Numb	per) (Time)	
F0.	01/4 / 4000	\#\\	(i tallic	146	
33 N	OV 1 0 1983	1 /2 .	and the second s	610	



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

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

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

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

SEC ET



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

PUC

the locations of such papers of Tesla as now exist in the U.S., for both intelligence and research purposes. Therefore, Butler would like to examine FBI files relating to Nikola Tesla and possibly any on Sava Kosanovic, his nephew who received the bulk of his papers after Tesla's death, and may possibly have been the subject of FBI investigation.

PJ C

travels to the Washington, D.C. area on FTD business periodically and can review FBI files at FBIHQ relating to Tesla and Kosanovic.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

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

b7C

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

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will conduct same indices check as requested of Bureau and advise the Bureau and Cincinnati of results and confirm such files and references still exist there.

-3
SECUT

c1 (5) bl

SEC ET

CINCINNATI

AT DAYTON, OHIO

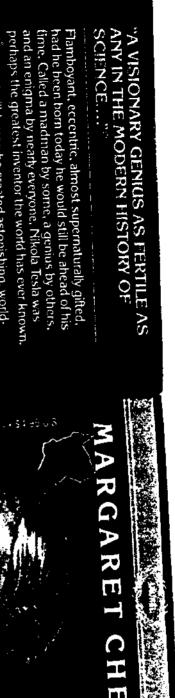
67C

Will maintain contact with

and

-4*-

SECVET



DELL. CHENEY

He was a trailblazer who created astonishing, world-transforming devices, often without theoretical precedent. It was Tesla who harnessed the alternating electrical current we use today... Tesla who actually invented radio... Tesla who invented fluorescent lighting and the incredible bladeless turbine. He introduced us to the fundamentals of robotry and computer and missile science, which continue to create and transform the

visionary genius, his discoveries radically changed—and continue to change the world we live in.
"A dramatic and poignant portrait." Discover

This fascinating new biography, acclaimed by American Scientist as "excellent...a significant contribution to the recent history of science." is a riveting journey into the mind of the nineteenth-century wizard who was Edison's enemy. Mark Twain's friend. J. P. Morgan's client, and mentor to many of the twentieth-century's most famous scientists.

MARGARE TICHENEY'IS a science writer and author of two other nonlie tion books. She lives in Calibria.

The Sunday Times of London

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UND SPINGGORD
DATE 2.22-51

39 100 - 2237 -

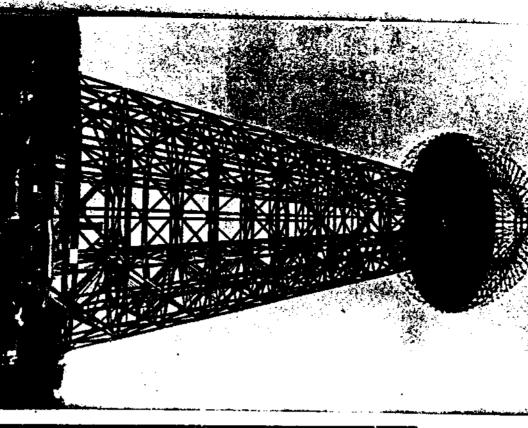




X-2206E-044-0 N8SI

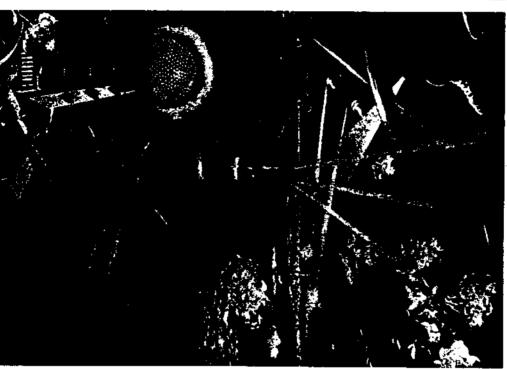
GT OF TIME

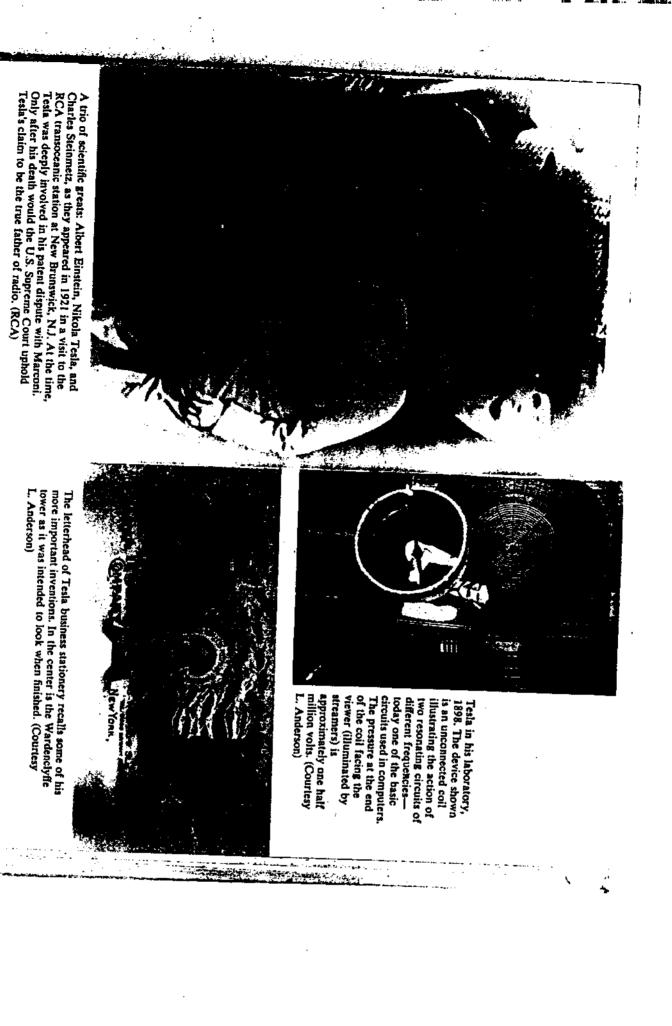
DAURE



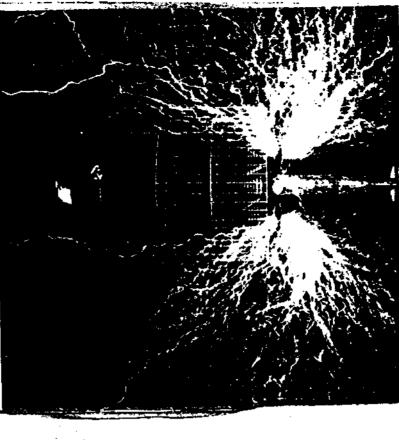
The ill-fated Wardenclyffe tower built in 1901-03. It was intended for radio broadcasting and wireless transmission of power across the Atlantic. (Courtesy L. Anderson, after photo by Lillian McChesney)







スセンス かっこう かかから かいこう はいかのかでは、後の時間の関係の情報の



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

HURLER OF LIGHTNING + 137

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH

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

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

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

produced by natural lightning.

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

Experiments.

The equipment Tesia was perfecting would, he hoped, one day be adaptable for commercial use. But first, thousands of observations and delicate adjustments had to be made. He no longer trusted his legandary memory to store such a volume of information. His daily notes referred constantly to experiments that had failed to turn out as expected, and he would ask himself why. This process was at sharp variance with the one he claimed to have used throughout his earlier his. Now middle-aged, he may have felt his memory wenting slightly. Certainly he felt driven by the pressures of his self-imposed deadline in his Colorado Journal his lifelong fascination with visual phenomena is underscored. The flashing sights that he had always experienced on the screen of his mind were dramatically externalized, and his descriptions, among the mass of mathematical formulas, are

detailed, loving, almost erotic in their lingering portrayel of the colors and grandeur of his Colorado electrical etoms.*

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

THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COL



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

On Palm Sunday, 1941, three hundred Luftwalle bombers swept over the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade. Methodically they clisscrossed the city street by street, strating everything that breathed By noon 25,000 civillans were dead, and the wounded by everythine. Most public buildings were left in rufns, including the modem

laboratory known as the Testa Institute.

The combined armed forces of Germany, Italy, Hungary, and Bulgaria invaded the documed country. Within only days the Yugoslav Army was crushed, and King Peter was sent to England for safety. Ha government-in-ende would operate from London for the remainder of uncertainty.

This, however, was only the beginning of the war for the people were resilient. The remnants of the Army and Communist factions withdraw into the mountains, from which they launched women, were supplied with food grown by the old people and children Against them the Nazis and Fociats carried out murdenus Against them the Nazis and Fociats carried out murdenus Adriatic, half the people in every hamlet were systematically shot. United States and England that, not only were Axis forces lidling had begun to vie for Albed support and were shooting each other as well as the invaders.

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

Death and Transfiguration

Peter, they became the first major resistance movement in Europe. The initial British aid to Yugoslavia went to the Chernila, but it was short-lived. The National Liberation Army or Partisana, led by Josip Broz Tito of the Communist Party, was swiftly rising to prominence. Allied strategists linew little of Tito, it was said he had been left wounded on a bettlefield in 1917 and captured by the Russians. There

The conflict between Serbs and Croats in exile intensified as the war went on, paralyzing normal Slav diplomatic activities in "Kosanović, though a Serb," recalls Raditsa, "was leading the

*Rudins belonged to a femily in southern Croatis that had alvegs fexcend a union of Croatins and Serbs.

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION ↔ 259

he was trained as a Communist leader and sent to France clusing the A Coost, Tito had little reason to love the monarchy, for he was active in organizing a metal workers union and helped to build the World War II was that of a natural leader who inspited his fighters and the Sievs could rebuild a freewand united country without oppression the Russian style, while while while who when should a freewand united country without oppression when the Nassian style, while while build the World War II was that of a natural leader who inspited his fighters and the Sievs could rebuild a freewand united country without oppression. This good was to set up committees of popular liberation after by foreigness or leings.

This good was to set up committees of popular liberation after administrative authorities under the monarchy. Both factions kept on mustering each other.*

Prof. Bogtan Radites*, then director of the information service became rather completed when Yugodewie colleged in 1941 and country." It was composed of members of King Peter's government feels intelligent the ended government.

"As soon as Kosenović came to the States," says Professor and he succeeded. Testa even before, nower left historial a Great Counts."

The rounder because Scale and Cruste in soils, and in plant and is

struggle for a brotherhood between the Serbs and Crosts against Foat and meny other Serb members of various Yugoslav missions.

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION 🕂 250

Thus he began using Tesia for the policy directed against the Great Surface.

Sertians.

"Tests himself ... was not aware of the deep conflict between the Sertie and Croats, and as basically a scientist and in old age, he was very candid in politics."

Roditise sold he seemed happy that he finally had a man of his own blood near him in New York and noted that Tesla began to rely upon Kosanović's opinion on everything. During this period the inventor was receiving about \$500 per month from the royal government as an honorarium.

Various political messages elicited from Testa for home con-

sumption, says Raditisa, were actually written by Kosamović."

Toward the end of 1942 the Yugoslav Information Center was Toward the end of 1942 the Yugoslav Information Center was penned in New York in the Royal Mission headquarters on Pith opened in New York in the Royal Mission headquarters on Pith when and Kosanović worked together at this office, issuing Avenue. Raditisa and Kosanović worked together at this office, issuing hulledins and other publications. But a crisis broke out when new builledins and other publications. But a crisis broke out when new builledins and other publications. But a crisis broke out when new builledins and other publications. But a crisis broke out when new builledins are convinced Tesia that monarchy was losting in Yugoslavia and time to convince Tesia that monarchy was losting in Yugoslavia and that a new Yugoslavia was beginning to come out from the franticial child a new Yugoslavia was beginning to come out from the franticial that a new Yugoslavia was beginning to come out from the franticial Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that Kosanović convinced Tesia that he too should join the movement that the tesia that a new Yugoslavia the tesia that a new Yugoslavia the tesia that the tesia that the tesia that the te

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

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION ↔ 261

fee nations, equal in dignity and suspect for man. world of the downtrodden and humiliated, but of free men and

to the Soviet Academy of Sciences on October 12, 1941, urging joint struggle against the Auts powers by Russia, Grest Britsin, and America, in aid of the revolutionary struggle of the Yugoslav people. This message is not to be seen in the Museum, however, presumably because nostalgia Russian-style has caesed to be politic, son advocating a New Yugoslav federation versus the centralistic prever royalist Yugoslavia. This new organization also began working to a new Central East European Federation. Radits too became a The inventor's name also appeared on another message

member of the Tho movement.

The peter was desperately seeking for Mihallowić the support King Peter was desperately seeking for Mihallowić the support of President Frankin Delano Rocesvett and Prime Minister Whreston of President Frankin Delano Rocesvett and Prime Minister Whreston of President Frankin Delano Rocesvett and Prime Minister Whreston of President Frankin Delano Rocesvett and Prime Minister Whreston Cause, began to change as they rocesved reports of the aggreenter actions of Tho's Partisena.

In 1942, King Peter visited Washington to intercede with FDR. In 1942, King Peter visited Washington to intercede with FDR. In 1942, King Peter visited Washington to intercede with FDR. In 1942, King Peter visited Washington to intercede with FDR. In 1942, King Peter in the Middle East. The monerath visited New be spand from the war in the Middle East. The monerath visited New York City, attending a large reception for the American Friends of Yugoslevia at the Colony Club. The Colony, the first immele socialities of the American, had been founded at the inspiration of energetic dub in America, and Min. Rocesvelt, it was the sort of affair Tesia himself would have delighted in had he not been weak and iii. So King Peter washers in Him.

In his diaries (A King's Hertrage), under date July 8, 1942, the young Peter II writes: "I visited Dr. Nicola Taela, the world-famous young Peter II writes: "I visited Dr. Nicola Taela, the world-famous Yugoday-American scientist, in his apartment in the Hotel New Yorker. Yugoday-American scientist, in his apartment in the Hotel New Yorker. After I had greeted him the aged scientist said: "It is my greetest honor. After I had you are in your youth, and I am content that you will be a great ruler. I betieve I will live until you come back to a fire Yugoslavia. From your father you have acceived his lest words: "Guard Yugoslavia." I am proud to be a Serbian and a Yugoslavia-—the Serba, the Crosta, and Preserve the unity of all Yugoslavia—the Serba, the Crosta, and

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION + 262

The King added that he was deeply touched and that both he and Dr. Tesis had wept. He then visited Columbia University, to be warmly welcomed by President Nicholas Murray Butler and to find another link with his own country in the Pupin Physics Laboratory Returning to Washington, he was assured by FDR that food clothing, arms, and ammunition would be dropped over Yugoslavia But he was shocked when, in 1943, the British Mission in Yugoslavia made official contact with Tito. Peter asked to be parachuted into his country, but Churchill demuned. The openly accused Mihailović of being a traitor.*

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

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

Tesla's nephew Kosemow', along with certain other diplomatic Tesla's nephew Kosemow', along with certain other diplomatic testas of King Peter, had been difficulted by the monanch at the height of the 1942 chies. He offer took bogden Reditts in those days that he felt Tesla had been terribly shocked by his nephew's exclusion from the royal government. In fact, Kosemow's believed that the inventor's death was actually pracipitated by his own "serback" "He thought," Kosemow's repeatedly told Reditsa, "that I was purished, and that eventually I would be arrested or something of the kind, but I succeeded to convince him that It was inevitable in politics."

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

With the is no doubt, "says Professor Raditsa, "that the whole "There is no doubt," says Professor Raditsa, "that the whole "the says Professor Raditsa,"

Intermedine tragedy of Yugoslavia from 1941 to 1943 must have had a rather depressing impact upon Tesla. Very often he would ask me, could I explain to him what was going on among us, and why we cannot extres..."

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION <-> 263

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

A count of Yugoslavian casualties at the end of World War II A count of Yugoslavian casualties at the end of World War II declosed that 2 million persons had died; tragically, menry thousands had been killed by fellow Yugoslava.

"After the war," recalls Professor Radina, "Kosangati becami a minister in the Thousands Couserment, and I was the session in a minister in the Thousands from 1944 to 1945, when I left the country, the Winstry of Professor from 1944 to 1945, when I left the country, for I couldn't become a Communist. Later on in 1946, Save Kosanović for I couldn't become a Communist. Later on the 1946, save kinsanović for I couldn't become a Communist. Later on the 1946, save kinsanović her left Belgrade in October of 1945, Kosanović had accepted totally the Communist system in Yugoslavia and remained loyal until his the Communist system in Yugoslavia and remained loyal until his

There had not been a time in ten orbitates when the Yugostavs had not been rolled and rensacked by invaders—by Venetions, Romans, Turks, Bulgars, Austrians, Hungarisms, Germans, Italians, When they were not living under threat of torture, prison, or violent death. Now a marvelous bruth began to down upon them that they

were free, in a manner of speaking.

Testa would not the to see this. Whether he could ever have feel a word not the to see this. Whether he could ever have accepted the new government, with its Soviet-type Constitution and a scepted the new government, are unanswerable questions, and of his beloved monarch, are unanswerable questions, and Unfortunately, however, all this was to have a bearing on how Unfortunately, however, all this was to have a bearing on how Unfortunately, however, all this was to have a bearing on how putation, the forgetfulness of Americans in the popular period, reputation, the forgetfulness of Americans in the popular period, resulted in large degree from the disappearance of most of his adentific resulted in large degree from the disappearance of most of his adentific papers behind that new Cold War phenomenon, the hon Curtain papers behind that new Cold War phenomenon, the hon Curtain declaring is independence from the Soviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the Seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the seviet doctrine of "Innited declaring is independence from the seviet doctrine done. America had not reced to Tito's wartime support with the electity that Churchill had shown. In the future it would not be made easy for American scholars to draw on Yugoslav sources to document the achievements of Nikola Tesla.

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

sequired to stand at a distance, like the subjects of a neurotic Tudor (Pigeon germs did not seem to worry him.) He had heart trouble and suffered occasionally from fainting spells. No longer able to feed his beloved birds, he often relied upon a young man named Charles beloved birds, he often relied upon a young man named Charles Hausier, who owned racing pigeons, to take case of them for him. Hausier had worked for Teste in this capacity from excund 1928 onwerd, his job being to go to the New York Public Library at noon each day with grain and then to wellk excured the four sides of he building looking for young or injured birds on window sits or behind large statues. He would take them to Teste's hold for rest and thorary for him." He warmembered that the cages in Teste's norms had thorary for him." He warmembered that the cages in Teste's norms had been built by a fine carpenter—"as Mr. Teste was in all his doings it had to be done right." The pigeons also enjoyed a curtained shower built.

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

ties, also was notified.

Then the FBI was called. Swezey and Kosanović summoned a

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

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

locksmith and Tesla's safe was opened and the contants examined. The body was removed to the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home at Modison Avenue and Blat Sheet and a sculpior was engaged Home at Modison Avenue and Blat Sheet and a sculpior was engaged Home at Modison Avenue and Blat Sheet and a sculpior was engaged by Hugo Gernstock to prepare a death mask of the inventor. by Hugo Gernstock to prepare a death mask of the inventor. by Hugo Gernstock to prepare a death mask of the inventor. But the hierarch in his behalf with President Roosevelt—perhaps with the hierarch in his behalf with President Roosevelt—perhaps with the bear of conferring some honor upon him. In the Tesla Museum at these of conferring some honor upon him. In the Tesla Museum at these brief notes on White House stationers may be read. On

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION \longleftrightarrow 265

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

On the fourth of Jennury, the inventor, although very weak, went to his office to make an experiment that George Scheriff was hissested in. Schariff dropped in to help him prepare for it. The work was interrupted, however, when Testa felt a recurrence of some sharp pairs in his chest.

Refusing medical aid, he returned to his hotal. Next day a maid came in and cleaned. As she left, he asked her to put the Do Not Datus sign on his door to leep visitors every, and not to bother cleaning. The sign remained there the following day and the one after

Early on the morning of January 8. Alice Monaghan, a meld, ignored the sign and entered the apertment to find the inventor dead in bed, his sunkern, emaclated face composed. Assistant Medical in bed, his sunkern, emaclated face composed. Assistant Medical in bed, his entered his property of death Examiner H. W. Wernbly examined the body, placed the time of death Examiner noted that he had gave his optrion that the cause of death had been coronary thrombosts. Testa had died in his sleep, and the examiner noted that he had found "No suspicious circumtances." The inventor was eighty-six years of age.

Sances. The inventor was eighty-six years of age.

Sances. The inventor was eighty-six years of age.

Werneth Swezzy was notified at once; and at ten o'clock that Kerneth Swezzy was notified at once; and at ten o'clock that headquarters, then at 745 Fifth Avenue, was advised by the professor. Testa's nephew, Kosanović, then ventime president of the Eastern and Central European Planning Board for the Balkan countains.

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

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

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

Among Ballian diplomats present were Ambassador Foti; the Covernor of Croatia, a former Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, and the Minister of Food and Reconstruction. In the front row with Kosanović, chief mourner and head of the important new trade mission, set Swezey Dr. Rado had been too til to attend as an honorrany natilhawrer.

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

Europe, telegrams of tribute and sorrow began pouring in from scientists and governmental leaders alike. In the United States three Nobel processiveners in physics, Millikan, Compton, and James Franck, Joined In a eulogy to the inventor as "one of the outstanding intellects Council, headed this group.

When word of Testa's death spread abroad to war-stricken

DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION ++>

of the world who paved the wey for many of the Important inchnological developments of modern times."

The President and Mrs. Roceavelt expressed their gratitude for Tesle's contributions "to actence and industry and to this country." Vice-President Wallace, in the spirit of the new Yugoslavia, declared that, "in Nikola Tesla's death the common man losse one of his best

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

Among the horrors that had come to Tesla in his life were many academic degrees from American and foreign universities; the John Scott Medal, the Edison Medal, and vertous awards from European governments. In September 1943 the Liberty ship Nikola Tesla was launched, an honor that would have pleased the adential. But not until 1975 was he inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.
Eight moreths after Tesla's death, the U.S. Supreme Court hended down the decision that he had been confident would come eventually—ruiling that he was the inventor of radio.

His body was taken to Fernchiffe Cemetray at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson in the deep cold of the winter afternoon. In the car that followed the hearse roce Swezsey and Kosanović. The Inventor's remains were cremated and his ashes later returned to the land of his birth."

In almost assent nation is the until the Return to the land of his birth.

in almost every nation in the world, the fighting and dying

continued

*Cheristie Mazze, formerly accertany to Seve N. Kosenović, custed Tesla's eathes to the Tesla Museum in Belgracie in 1957. Throughout the years Kosenović had spoken of similing the eathes in America and had hoped an appropriate memorial to the inventor would be raised in the United States as their meting piece.

—Auchives, Tesla Memorial Society.

in addition to his acknowledged achievements. Tests left a legacy of riddles. To pose only three of the most major: Was his unrealized concept for the wireless transmission of energy through the Earth scientifically valid? What octually was he doing in his experimentation

with death/disintegrator beam weapons? And what became of his unpeterned research papers and other sensitive documents in the days immediately following his death?

In the category of subquestions, what turn of affairs relanded the internet of the U.S. intelligence establishment in Tests work (as something surely did) in the late 1940's?

Like Einstein he had been an outsider and, like Edson, a wide-renging generalist. As he himself had said, he had the "boldness of ignorance." Where others stopped short, aware of what could not be done, he continued. The survival of such mutants and polymaths as Tests tends to be discouraged by modern scientific guilds. Whether either he or Edson could have flourished in today's millieu is

The example set by Tesla has always been particularly inspiring to the lone numer. At the same time, however, his legacy to establishment ecience is perfound for his research, although some-times ecotaric, was almost always sweeping in its potential to transform society. His contribution was major rather than incremental. His turbine falled in part because it would have required fundamental changes by whole inclustries. Alternating current triumphed only after than incremental changes in the maintain of the contribution.

It had overcome the resistance of an entire industry.

But there was an unfortunate corollary to Tesla's lone battles with the adentific-industrial establishment. Since he was part of no group or institution, he had no colleagues with whom to discuss work in progress, no formal, accessible repository for his research notes and papers. He worked not just in private, but—his love of flamboyent amountements to the press notwithstanding—in secret. Thus any inventions which he did not patent or give freely to the world was mose or less shrouded in mystery. And, because of the handling of the

THE MISSING PAPERS + 269

Car ica in the ball and the

continues to remain a partial mystery. papers he left behind after his death, the range of his activevenners

If this has been frustrating to the acientists who have succeeded field, it has at least been stimulating. After a period of obscurity, the one hundreth enciversory of his birth fire a period of obscurity, the international reewelvening to the importance of the inventor's life and gerius, interest in his work, fired by a growing awareness of the riddless surrounding it, has been escalating ever since, almost as if he had been aborn in his true psychological ege.

urative programs were arranged by the Institute of Racito Engineers, the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the Franklin Institute, and verious universities, the Tesia Society playing an active role in such saccystition. Permanent memorials in the form of scholarships and medals were proposed and exhibits presented by science museums. Special ceremories were conducted at Niegara Talla, and a statue wes later erected in his honor on Goat Island, a gift from the people of Yugoslavia. Chicago, reminded by attorney/suthor Elmer Gertz that it should be eternally grateful to him for having made the Coltambian Exposition of 1893 the "wonder of the globs," declared a new public school to Tesia's memory. He was honored by centennial celebrations in America and Europe. The American Institute of Electrical Engineers dedicated its fall meeting in Chicago to a review of his life and inventions. Comment-

The inventor's old colleagues of the AIEE journeyed to Europe to extend more celebrations, statue unveilings, and dedications in his bonor. The international Electrotechnical Commission in Munich took formal action, making his name an international eclentific unit, the testi joining such historic electrical symbols as larged, volt, ampere, and

huts. Some were top secret and financed by enormous budgets.
Tesla's year of secret experiments at Colorado Springs in 1899 provided the basic impetus for much of this new exploration. His Colorado Springs Notes,* when they appeared in English in 1978

This book may be ordered from Nole, Teradje, 27, Belgrade, Yugorievin (about

As the exploration of space accelerated, so did interest in Tasia, especially from the standpoint of beam weaponry and microweve work. In America, Russia, Canada, and various other countries, pojects in his name or derived from his pioneering, from weather-control to nuclear fusion, began to attract adentific attention. Some were just the shoesting efforts of loners, their laboratories old Quoriset

under the imprint of the Tesia Museum at Belgrade, were engely awaited by many acientists. But even this work left important question

plecting together fragmentary information could the magnitude of his that some aspects of his Colorado Springs research found in scattered sources did not appear in the Yugoslaw-published Notes. Only by The bulk of his papers having vanished from America, reliable information was harder to come by then the recurring rumors of completely, explonege, and patent their. Scientists thought it is strange that some aspects of his Colorado Sortnor research. Count is strange.

experiments be comprehended.

Around 1928 O'Neill, by merest chance, had happened to see a legal advertisement in a New York newspeper announcing that at warehouse for unpaid bills. Feeling that such meterial should be preserved, he went to the inventor and asked permission to try to Deain funds to reclaim the material.

Teals hit the ceiling, "he recalled. "He assured me he was well able to take care of his own affairs.... He forbid me to buy them or do Shortly after the inventor clied, O'Neill got in touch with Saw He was never able to get a positive statement from Kosanović that he had obtained the boxes and examined the contents. "He gave evestve

Others too were interested in the papers. A young American engineer engaged in war work consulted Tesla on a ballistics engineer ing problem because he could not get time on an overworked Soon he because he could not get time on an overworked Soon he because fascineated with Tesla's scientific papers and was another American engineer pored over them each night. They were setumed the next day, a procedure which continued for about two Tesla had received offers to work for Germany and Russia actentific information might fall into foreign hands and alerted United States security agencies and high government officials.

The relevant records that I have obtained from federal agencies and boxes in the handling of the Inventor's estate. Tesla left tons of papers, bennels and boxes full of them. But he left no will, He was

THE MISSING PAPERS ++> 271

After a court hearing, however, the estate was released to Ambassador Kosanović, one of the heirs.

Williams, who also had hoped to write a biography of Resis (his

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

possession (in case of need)...

You will perhaps remember that a number of times Mr. K mentioned the fact that the custodian at the sociate wavehouse had built that series soverthered that the custodian at the sociate wavehouse had built that series soverthered that the sociate wavehouse had built that series soverthered that the present museum building in Belgrade, Yugoslavia) the bunch of keys, which was the last thing Mr. K. thing into the safe at the New Yorker Hotel ballow the combination was re-set to a new combination, were not found in the safe, but in an entirely different box. Also the gold medal (the Edison Medal) was missing from the safe.... Anyway, for years and years Mr. K was bothered by the fact that Tesla papers had been gone thru and just before his departure from Washington in 1949-50(?) he decided to follow my suggestion to call Edgar I Hopeus (stc) and ask him. Mr. Hoover denied categorically that the FBI had gone into the papers....

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

Immediately after Tesla's death an exchange of telegrams flew between FBI, Aggnt, Enguights, of the field division of the New York Bureau of the FBI. The day infurmation of the New York Bureau of the FBI. The day

following discovery of the body, Agent Foxworth reported:
"Experiments and research of Nilcola Tests, deceased, Espironage—M. Nilcola Tests, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, died January seventh, nineteen forty three at the

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

Curtously, the FBI released his estate to the Office of Alien Property, which prographs seeled the contents. Since I relia was an American officer, the OAP's concern in the metter was hard to justify

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

Hotel New Yorker, New York City During his lifetime, he conducted meany experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power and ... what is commonly called the death my

According to information furnished by X [name deleted], New York City, the notes and records of Tesla's experiments and formulae together with designs of machinery ... are among Tesla's personal effects, and no steps have been taken to preserve them or to keep them from falling into hands of people ... unifiendly to the war effort of the United Nations..." (The FBI was, however, advised by the office of Voe-President Herrium, A. Wallace that the government was "vitally interested" in preserving Tesla's payers.)

Bloyce D. Fitzgerald, "an electrical engineer who had been quite close to Tesla during his lifetime," continued floxworth, "advised the New York office that on January seventh, nineteen forty three, Save Kosanović, George Clark, who is in cherge of the museum and laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Swezey ... went to Tesla's rooms in the New Yorker (author's note: the correct date would have been January 81, and with the assistance of a lockarath broke into a sale which Tesla had in his month, Tesla hold Fitzgerald that his experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power to the window of the wallable papers... Within the last month, Tesla hold Fitzgerald that his experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power to the wallace of the wallable papers...

"Fitigarald also knows that Tesla had conceived and designed a swokuttonary type of torpedo which is not presently in use by any of the nations. It is Fitigarald's belief that this design has not been made swellable to any nation up to the present time. From statements made to Fitigarald by Tesla, he knows that the complete plans, specifications and explanation of the besic theories of these things are some place in the personal effects of Tesla. He also knows there is a working model of Tesla's, which cost more than ten thousand dollars to build, in a safety deposit box belonging to Tesla at the Governor Chriton Hoat, and Fitigarald believes this model has to do with the so-called death ray or the wheless tragentiation, of electrical current.

Testa has also told Progressit in pest conversations that he has some eightly frunks in different places containing transcripts and plans having to do with experiments conducted by him. Bureau is requested

to advise immediately what, if any, action should be taken concerning this matter by the New York Field Division.**

Kosanović laker separated to Walter Gornuch of the Office of Alten Property in New York that he first went to Teale's rooms with the

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

On January 9, Gorsuch of OAP and Fitzgerald went to the New Yorker Hotel and selected all of Testa's property, consisting of about two truckloads of metarial, seeled it and transferred it to the Manhastan Storage and Warehouse Company it was added to about thirty barrels and bundles that had been there since about 1934, and these too were galed under orders of the OAP.

In addition to the question of the legitimacy of Alien Property's involvement in the case is the question of why Kosanović was allowed to have access to the safe's combination, from which he later delimed to have access to the safe's combination, from which he later delimed the Eddon Methal had venithed. Teles's American neturalization papers, which he so prized that he always kept them in his safe, may now be seen at the Tetal Museum in Belgrade; but it is not known what other papers or objects were in the safe.

The Wastington Bureau of the FBI went so far as to advise the New York Bureau "to discreedly take the matter up with the State's Attorney in New York City with the view to possibly taking Kosanovich into custody on a burglary charge and obtaining the vacious papers which Kosanovich is reported to have taken from Teles's safe." New York was also told to contact the Sunogate Court so slope could be placed against all of Teles's effects, so that no one could enter them without an FBI againt being present, and New York was to keep Wastington advised of all developments."

The idea of amesting the Yugoday ambassador was quickly dropped. And very soon the Washington headquarters made a curious decision. Edward A. Tamm of the FBI in Washington advised D. M. Ladd of that Bureau that the whole matter was being turned over to the Custodan of Alien Property, and Tamm noted. "There appears to be no need for us to mess around in it."

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

THE MISSING PAPERS 4-+ 273

*.51

Naval District, Edward Palmer, chief yeomen, USNR, and John J. Corbett, chief yeomen, USNR.

Dr. Trump reported afterward that ric examination was made to Dr. Trump were Willis George, Office of Naval Intelligence, Third

discredit his claims in radio, robotry, and alternating current. Dr. Trump the New Yorker Hotel for ten years prior to his death, or of any of his papers except those in his immediate possession at the time of death, it should be remembered that Tesla's scientific reputation had been in eclipse for a number of years and that there had been many efforts to of the vast amount of Tesla's property that had been in the basement of

was a busy man, just as the staff of the FBI was stretched thin by its preoccupation with investigating wartime sabotage.

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

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

In closing Dr. Trump said: "It should be no discredit to this distinguished engineer and scientist, whose solid contributions to the electrical art were made at the beginning of the present century, to seport that his thoughts and efforts during at least the pest fifteen years were primarily of a speculative, philosophical, and somewhat promotional character—often concerned with the production and wireless

transmission of power—but did not include new sound, workable principles or methods for realizing such results."

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

February of 1943 for disposition by Kreemović, the administrator of his section.

Dr. Trump's abstract included the following:

"An of Telegoodynamics, or An of Producing Terrestrial."

THE MISSING PAPERS + 275

Motions of Disturnos—This document, in the form of a letter detect June 12, 1940, to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., proposes a method for the transmission of large amounts of power over vest distances by means of mechanical vibrations of the earth's crust. The source of power is a mechanical or electromechanical device boiled to some rocky protuberance and imparting power at a meanance frequency of the earth's crust. The proposed scheme appears to be completely visionary and unworkable. Westinghouse's

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

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

tated, my new simplified process of generating powerful rays consists.

reply indicates their polite rejection....

audincity described.

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

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

Long afterward in a letter to a colleague. Dr. Trump told what happened when his valued the Hotel Covernor Clinton to examine the devices accrete his weak, presumably the same box remembered by

the melbenger boy to Testa's room.

an unauthorized person. Upon opening the vault and indicating the package containing the secret weapon, the hotal manager and employees promptly left the scene." The federal agents who had come along along play pulled back, the better to give him, the sole distinctional opening the percel.

opering the parcel.

It this wrapped in brown paper and tied with a string, it remembered healtesting, thinking how beautiful the weather was outdoors, and pondering on why he was not outside too. doors, and pondering on why he was not outside too. He litted the parcel onto a table and, mustaring his courage, analyzed the string with his pocket knile. He removed the wrapping inside was a handsome polished wooden chest bound with brass it required a final effort of courage to roise the hinged his.

Therefore bridge resistance pressumments—a common standard when to be found in averly electrical laboratory before the turn of the

Why had Testa seen fit to terrify the staff and management of the hotel with this harmless object for so many years? Perhaps he had become so accustomed to having his hotel bills paid behind his bad believing that the hotels, honored to have him bring there, had believing that the hotels, honored to have him bring there, had routinely dismissed the billings), that he was treulted when the countries of Chriton breathy demanded its \$400.

Although the FBI closed to Testa file in 1943, it didn't seem to although the FBI closed to Testa file in 1957 when an informant completened that a New York couple were basing newsletters containing "information pertaining to flying seasons and interplanetary matters" and exploiting the inventor's name and tame. They allegedly claimed that Testa's engineers, after his death, had completed a "Testa Set," a radio device for interplanetary communication, that the device had been placed in operation in 1950 and since then Testa engineers had been in close touch with alien speciships. Once again the FBI devicted in a section uses users and and the time cheen? decided no action was warranted and the file was closed.

THE MISSING PAPERS ++

pernors and had written to an inquirer: "Because Teels was a recture, and hanself liked to talk in mystifying terms during his letter years, i think many legands have been built up about the dosens of ideas he had evolved but which were not permitted by others to see the light of Sweasy had never put much credence in the "secust weepon

He said he had known the inventor well for two decades

On August 21, 1945, the Air Technical Service Command On August 21, 1945, the Air Technical Service Command of the U.S. Army aquested permission from the commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Fonce in Washington, D.C., for Private Bloyce D. Fitogerald to go to Washington for a period of seven days "for the purpose of securing property dearance on enemy impounded property."

On September 5, 1945, Colonel Holiday of the Equipment On Spaule of the OAP in Washington, confirming a conversation with Shaule of the OAP in Washington, confirming a conversation with Property and asking for photostatic copies of the exhibits annotated by Trump from the estate of Tesis, it was stated that the material would be used "in connection with projects for Netional Defense by this department," and that all of it would be returned in a reasonable length of time.

Perhaps, but between 1945 and 1947 an interesting exchange of letters and cables occurred among the Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field, Ohto, in whose Equipment Lebosalory much top-secur research was being performed, Military intelligence in Washington, and the Otitice of Alien Property—subject, files of the lefe. Whola Tesla.

That was the lest time that the Office of Alien Property or any other federal agency in the United States admitted to having possession of Tesla's papers on beam wesponsy. Shaults wrote to Colonel Hollday on September 11, 1945, saying. "The meterials requested have been forwarded to Air Technical Service Commend in case of Li. Robert E. Houle. These data are made available to the Army Air Force by this office for use in experiments, piezes veturn them." They

were never returned.

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

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

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

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

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

This embarrassing contretemps goes unexplained in the records. Perhaps it was handled orally with the Lision Officer. However, on October 24, 1947, David L. Bereign, assistant attorney general and director of the Office of Alen Property, wrote to the Commanding officer of the Air Technical Service Command Whight Field, Director, Office recenting the Testa photostats that had been sent by registered, shall on, or about September 11, 1945, to Colonel Holicay, at the letting's request that this material has been settlement, and Bezelon. He sent a description and asked that it be

Obviously at least one set of Testa's papers had reached Witch Reld because on November 25, 1947, there was a response to the Office of Alien Property from Colonel Dutty, other of the Electronic Plant Section. Bischone-Sections. Engineering Division, Air Maintel Comment, Whight Field. He replied: "These reports are now in the possession of the Electronic Subdivision and are being evaluated..." He believed that the evaluation should be completed by January I,

THE MISSING PAPERS ++

psig, and "At that time your office will be contacted with respect to hal disposition of these papers."

There is no written record that OAP every sought further to have the documents returned. And they were not returned.

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

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

theme to many inquirent:

"While this Office perticipated in an examination of certain meterial owned by the late Dr. Tesia, our records do not disclose that any such material has been vested or is presently under the jurisdiction of the Office." "This Office has never had custody ... of any property of

Miola Tesla... "White the Tesia papers were in our custody..."

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

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

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

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

THE MISSING PAPERS + 280

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

There Testa's English writings have been translated into Serba.

wall, printed in the old Cyrillic alphabet.

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



The fact that Tesia's research notes and papers have not been easily sualable for western scientists has not, of course, meant that Tesian research is dead. On the contrary, the very mystery surrounding some of his unproved claims has served to good numerous scientists into hying to duplicate his experiments. And since his expirations were virtually limitless, there has always been a chance that the rewards of success would not be inconsiderable. But the single greatest stimulus to by to follow in Tesia's footsteps doubtless remains the example of the man himself—his sturning record of achievement and the enduring feachastion of his mind. As one admining German writer put it, "Task went beyond the borders of his exact science to forstell what has in the hubre... a modern Prometheus who desed reach for the stars..."

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

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

had no idea what ball lightning might be useful for when he first ancountered it in his Colorado Springs research; to him it was a missing, but it demanded an explanation. And so he set about determining the mode of formation of the strange fireballs and learned to produce them artificially.

The technical explanation runs like this in the highly resonanterestormer accordacy comprising his magnifying transmitter, the enter energy accumulated in the excited circuit, instead of requiring a quarter period for transformation from static to kinetic, could spendiself in less time, at hundreds of thousands of horsepower. Thus, for example, Testa produced artificial fireballs by suddenly causing the impressed carefillations to be more rapid than free ones of the second-

×

ary. This shifted the point of maximum electrical pressure below the elevated terminal capacity, and a ball of the would leap great distance. Yet strangely arough, modern plasma physicists with the best-quipped laboratories, have failed to produce plasmoids with anything near the stability of the true ball-lightning spheres that he created Why the lescination with this problem? First, of course,

because it is there, an unknown. But second because among other uses, it may hold a vital key in the international race to achieve uses, it may hold a vital key in the international race to achieve uses, it may hold nuclear fusion—potentially the greatest power source in controlled nuclear fusion—potentially the greatest power source in Peter Kapitza, the great Russian physicist, Lembert Dolphin and his Peter Kapitza, the great Russian physicist, Lembert Dolphin and his colleagues in the radio physics laboratory at SRI international, Dr. Robert W. Bass of Brigham Young University, and Robert Gollia, with Robert W. Bass of Brigham Young University, and Robert Gollia, with

whom Bass has collaborated on research.

Golia, a Massachusetts physicist, Tesla decipie, and lightning Golia, a Massachusetts physicist, Tesla decipie, and lightning experiments, has pursued the ephanneral fiseball with the fervor of a coperiments. Life Tesla in Colorado, he has done his research hunter of snorts. Life Tesla in Colorado, he has foots, and like alone in a remote western laboratory in the Utah salt flots, and like alone in a struggled to win the kind of federal support that usually Tesla, he has struggled to win the kind of federal support that usually In the largest hanger at the far end of the ghost base at Wendover, Utah, which was built by the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, big spottights are often burning as Golika conducts lightning tests. Here, under tightnest security in the 1940's, the B-29 lightning tests. Housed and outlitted for delivering the first atomic bombs to Hiroshima. goes only to enormous institutions or corporations.

Gollai made two trips to the Testa Museum to pore over the truentor's then unpublished notes and concentrated on replicating as exactly as he could in the old air base hanger the magnifying transmitter that Testa had built in 1899 when investigating the lightning storms of Pike's Peak

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

Golia built a magnifying transmitter at his "Project Tesia" that would discharge 22 million volts, creating almost twice as powerful a chain-lightning storm as the maestro himself had produced at Colorado Springs

isse to make helium nuclei, releasing, in the process, stoggeting amounts of energy. Along the way, while the hydrogen is being charged with vest amounts of kinetic and thermal energy, it enters an imperfactly understood material state known as pleama. In the penultimeta stoges of the process, before fusion begins, the beaeting problem is to maintain the pleama's coherence, to contine it within some kind of invisible electromagnetic "bottle."? The relevance of bell lightning to fusion research has to do with the problem of confining plasma. The heart of the most common type of experimental fusion reaction involves taking leotopic hydrogen gas and both accelerating and superheating it until the hydrogen nuclei

Since the strongest geometric shape is a sphere. Colkia believes the ball lightning oftens the best potential for containment of the fast ball lightning oftens the best potential for containment of the unsable mass. He describes the odd lightning as "a glouding sphere of unsable mass. He describes the odd lightning as "a glouding sphere of a wellety of colors, a half-inch in diameter or as big as a grapefruit," a wellety of colors, a half-inch in diameter or as big as a grapefruit, and resembling an onion in its "Jewess and layers of alternote charged and resembling an onion in its "Jewess and layers of alternote charged and resembling and original support and sometimes, as at the Hill Atrings, fall into weter and set it boiling, and sometimes, as at the Hill Atrings, led in Utah, it may knock out the most sophisticated electronic force Base in Utah, it may knock out the most sophisticated electronic be finally managed to produce "bead" lightning, which he believes to he finally managed to produce "bead" lightning, which he believes to he form of ball lightning, and to photograph it in sequential frames." It is then accupint support from the U.S. Department of Energy He then accupint support from the U.S. Department of Energy for a major program of research for which he proposed to use a device for a major program of research for which he proposed to use a device human is created and, according to Gollac, mathematical models have in the proposed to the Alt Force arother Teslam concept. It is actinology. Such beam gums, he believes, would have a range of technology. Such beam gums, he believes, would have a range of

"Unit securit years plaume had no major trabustrial importance but was reasonly a laboratory curiously. Richard L. Bersin, executive vice president of intermediated blackman Corp., believes that the first practical application of plasmas certain the 19th Phants Corp., believes that the first practical application of plasmas certain the 19th certainy when "the glowing plasma produced by a Yeshi coff was used to locate traits to gloss vacuum finalis."

Flation triess are also involved in other aspects of haton research. Superconducting magnetic code, cooled to a few degrees above absolute zero, are used in magnetic containment devices, and, in a newly developed rhall process, hydrogen fast pallets are being bombarded by high-energy particle beams.

THE LEGACY + 283

6,000 miles and could melt and destroy ICBM-type missiles in the at. With a Tesla coil these times the size of his combined coils, Colla

believed he could generate 200 million volts of electricity.

But he inherited the usual Tesian problems of a loner, and as he said, "The walls fail in on me when I work for corporations." He work neithed a point where it could no longer progress with its comprovised equipment, but called for enormous investments. His comprovised equipment, but called for enormous investments. petitors were large corporations and leading universities engaged in the nuclear-fusion race; and even some of the latter were being cut of from their federal grants. They too were despity into laser including, although Golka claims his system is different and unique. By no means the only scientist to have attempted to carry knowed Tesia's work with the only scientist to have attempted to carry knowed Tesia's work with the only scientist. bell lightning, he undoubtedly has been one of the most singleminded.

singleminded.

Rusele's Kapitza, who shared the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics Rusele's Kapitza, who shared the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics with Arno Partake and Robert W. Wilson of America for his work is magnetism and the behavior of matter at extremely low temperatures adminished by the behavior of matter at extremely low temperatures acknowledges his debt to Tesla. "The efficient generation of superhyth-frequency occiliations and their conversion back to theor-current high-frequency occiliations and their conversion back to theoricament high-frequency occiliations and their conversion back to theoricament but, instead of a wave guide, a highly directional beam must be used but, instead of a wear aguide, a highly directional beam must be used but, instead of a wear ago, has already been discussed... Although ... N. Tesla many years ago, has already been discussed... Although ... and the production of a series of possible in principle, it is tied up with the solution of a series of possible in practice only in such special situations in which other methods of energy transmission are inapplicable (for example, what energy must be supplied to a satellite)."

In this field of whelese energy transmission, so directly one certain the special state of the desert near Barator California, traces his inspiration to the early work of Tesla. The concat of the control of the transmission between the factor and orbiting solar-power system is

of bringing electricity to Earth from an orbiting solar-power system *Lambert Dolphin says of Goliu's replica of the Colorado Springs Tesla colt. "It is apactacular indused, to either scientist or laymen. I hope it ends up in a museum set as the Sheltheonian where it can be appreciated." He too is a proponent of further research in ball lightning.

microwaves is dering, costly, romantic, and thoroughly in the style of

THE LEGACY ←→ 286

the meestro.

"We bearned power from our transmitter at Goldstone a diamone of one mile," Dickinson said of the NASA project initiated in the mid-seventies. "All of the microweve energy that fell within our larget (of which we could only collect a portion with our existing apparaise), we converted 82.5 percent to useful direct current. Thirty-

four thousand waits of direct current output carried a distance of one mile. We are well pleased. The next step is to look further into the sichnology and needs of the satellite power system of the future. William C. Brown of the Raytheon Company, who developed the secterns used in the microweve-power research, also attributes the bia of sending electricity by radio waves to Tesla's pioneering in the landsmentals of radio broadcasting and wholes power transmission.

Theoretically, a city the size of New York could be supplied with the biffion weits on a winter day by enormous soleline structures in the sky that would orbit synchronously with Earth at a height of 22,300 miles. But admittedly, the cost of such floating power stations sould be many biffions of dollars, and they would be highly vulnerable to enemy killer satelthes, in the event of wer.

Becokingen National Laboratory, located just to the northeast of Tasks old Wardenchyffe site at Shoreham, size feets a close link with the inventor through the advanced high-energy work being conducted at the laboratory. In 1976 it paid homage to him in a caremony, and the Yugoslav government sent a plaque to be placed at the still-tarnoism Wardenchyffe laboratory.

Canada, too, has long been a bestion of Testa Energy System advocates, and because of the country's rich hydroelectric sources, through the Earth transmission—if it worked—could be a boon to

areas of power shortage.

But—will it work? Several projects have been pleared, and some partially implemented, in Canada, central Mannesota, and most mornly in Southern California—to "pump" hydroelectric power whelessly through the Earth to an area of need, employing the Tesla system as it is understood.* The U.S. Department of Energy has often been asked to fund projects based on Tesla's system.

Limfortunately, there is no evidence that the system ever worked for Tesla, and none that it could work for anyone else. One of the Inventor's problems was that he improperly extended into the electromagnetic domain fluid and fluid-machanical analogies. Tesla's patent No. 787,412 provides for the Earth to be excited by a carefully

THE LEGACY ←→ 286

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

A fundamental aspect of wave propagation of power is that no with a traveling component. Boundary layer propagation, i.e., the mode of loadess propagation of waves at the boundary of two difficting boundary plane must be smooth and the waves must be properly boundary plane must be smooth and the waves must be properly its would be an enormous structure. In examining the priority apparatis experimental station at Colorado Springs, it is apparent to expert usus as the city of auch and apparatis edd not employ apparatis essential to the launching of such ususes.

Tests probably was mistaken at Colorado Springs in its from him (eastwardly) across the phans, producing maxima and waves being set upon his instruments. This he interpreted as standing of the waves being set up in the Earth by the traveling storm, with the creat believed he was seeing an interference effect caused by the rezadeting results would have been the same on his instruments.

Dr. Walt, formerly service scientist at the Environmental Ritton, in Colorado, describes himself as a "fam skeptit." of the Task the search Laboratories, Netional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in Colorado, describes himself as a "fam skeptit." of the Task the search Laboratories, Netional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in Colorado, describes himself as a "fam skeptit." of the Task the sarch, "he says, "is valid only if the frequency is sufficiently low phenomena; that means that the field is confined to the auritace of a Dr. Walt even goes so far as to suggest that Tests never really incough the fact that electromagnetic waves could transport energy and also thought of the possibility of a return conductor at heights of binosphere wave guide at extramely low frequencies to athleting (see Also his proposed resonance of the system might be interpreted as the first disclosure of the search (Engineering, Vol. OE-2, No. 2, April 1977).

Also his proposed resonance of the system might be interpreted as the first disclosure of the earth-tonosphere cavity oscillations that have

THE LEGACY ++ 287

Colorado experiments. In a thermonuclear was, conventional radio communication probably would be disrupted at certain heights and wevelengths. America's stomic submarine fleet might then be without a means of receiving messages. The U.S. News, seeing this danger, three back to Tesla's nineteenth-cantury suggestion of employing 10 its signals (ELF or extra low frequency), to circle the globe and been associated from the early 1960s with W. O. Schumann, N. Christoffos, and J. Galeis, among others."?

With respect to wireless communication, the U.S. Navy's Project Sangutne/Seafarer of recent years has evolved from Tesla's penetrate the deepest waters.

One of the header speculations concerning Testian science is a suggestion that Russia has been employing his theories on weather enternes of hot and cold weather. However unlikely the charge, it is experimentation) on weather control.

He wrote, for example, on the possible use of radio-controlled in a certain kind to trigger rainfall. Of the former he said, "It would not explosive to break up tornadoes and the use of "lightning action, automatically or otherwise, and which would create a sudden might be made of material capable of spontaneous ignition." His As with much modern scientific exploration inspired by the frederic Juennama, "Innovative Notebook" columnate the hybridistic of Stanford University's Radio Science Laborates and both Katsufraks of Stanford University's Radio Science Laborates and be modulated to cause high energy particles to case a distinct in the Antarctic, they found that the earth's magnetosphere with energy particles to caseade into our the emodulated to cause high energy particles to caseade into our the emodulated to cause high energy particles to caseade into our the energy flow.

the energy flow.

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

But Jueneman's speculations go further and are eminently

The second second

worthy of Teste. "If Testa's resonance effects, as shown by the Stanford seam, can control enormous energies by miniscule triggering signal, then by an addression of this principle we should be able to affect the field environment of the very stars in the sky... With godilike anogenos, we someday may yet direct the stars in their courses."

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

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

Electrical engineer Lebard Anderson has summarized the major points in design that a coil builder might gain from reading feela's Colorado Springs Notes:

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

practicable

2. The Q's of the primary and secondary should be equal 3. The length of the secondary winding should be one-quarter. of the effective operating wavelength.

4. The technique of using an "extra coil" tank chould for a variation of it) in the secondary to magnify the voltage should be used "With these criteria in mind," he says, "the builder will find that hundreds of turns are not necessary for the secondary winding to achieve high voltages."

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

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

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

"Whole libraries are now required just to keep track of all the theory and experience that have unfolded since Tesla's tima," he says. "Our mathematical and practical understanding of electricity, magnetism, electromagnetic theory, and radio communications has confined to grow expicatively ever since 1950, or should I say 1970". Tesla, Dolphin believes, "may have had intuitive insight into lasers and high-energy particle beams as well as ultra-high voltage phenomena, but now that we understand all the physics much more, we can easily available many of his extravegant later-life claims." In fact, there is no good evidence to suggest that Tesla anticipated lasers. His "teleforce rays" seem to have been concerned auchievely with high-energy particle bearts. We still do not know practically how he intended them to work, although, says Dolphin, the wellable evidence suggests that Tesla may not have paid sufficient attention to how greatly such beams may be absorbed or dispersed by molecules and aloms in the sit. In any case, even if we did understand Teslas intentions assis of the art, much of which is hidden under that high secretarity classifications.

high security classifications.

Nevertheless, Tesla's work with high voltages to accelerate charged particles does seem to have been decidedly in what is now the mainstream of physical tesearch. "In this field," says Dolphin, "he anticipated modern linear and circular nuclear acceleration. Such machines today have energy levels of tens of billions of electron volts or at least 1,000 times greater energy levels than Tesla ever attained. "I am sure his magnifying transmitters were spectocular... He probably generated some interesting arcs and sparks that were what we now study as plasmas. The containment of plasmas is a huge area of modern physics. For example ... to see it small amounts of master can be turned into immense amounts of electrical power in carefully contained plasmas." But Tesla's early discoveries and inventions, he contained plasmas." But Tesla's early discoveries and inventions, he contained, were indeed ingenious and ahead of their time."

As this book goes to press, the Pentagon is studying the creation of a new branch of the armed services, to be known as the

U.S. Space Command, whose primary ersenal will consist of leser and particle-beam weepons fixed from "space battleships." In prose not

THE LEGACY 1 289

unlike Tesle's own, a Department of Defense fact sheet compares particle beams to "directed lightning bots"—although without explicitly admitting that such a weapon has in fact been developed. It is difficult to assess the current state of the beam-weapons to because virtually everything about it is heavily classified program because virtually everything about it is heavily classified program by the technology involved has proved to be complex and difficult, raising questions about the project's feasibility, but many exparts nevertheless seem to be hard at work on the problem. At the same time, the activities of the other nations in this area have been anneathered carefully by agencies of the factors in this area have been a possibility of creating a family of particle-beam weapons has been a subject of serious discussion in this country for at least the past twenty five years, and it is, in my opinion, of no little significance that as long ago as 1947 the Military Intelligence Service identified the writing about a perticle-beam among Tesle's scientific papers as being "discharge internations".

Since he had no laboratory in the later years of his life, Tesh was unable to develop his ideas. But it is undertable that he described in general terms half a century ago what may prove to be one of the main weapons of the Space Age. And to the end of his days, Tesla the main weapons of the Space Age. And to the end of his days, Tesla the main weapons of the Space Age, and to the end of his days, Tesla the main weapons of the Space Age, and to the end of his days, Tesla the main weapons that such knowledge would be used, not for war among Earthings, but for interplanetary communication with our neighbors in space, of whose existence he felt certain. ectreme importance."



Bibliographical Essay

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

Cliation of biographies of Tesla by O'Neffl, Hinst, and Draper, and others may be found in the reference notes. The O'Neffl manually and the Swezey Collection are to be found at the Smithsonian

Institution, Dibner Library.
Serious Testa acholers will wish to consult the annotated Dx Serious Testa acholers will wish to consult the annotated Dx Nikolo Testa Bibliography by J. T. Retzlaff, and L. I. Anderson (Sen Nikolo Testa Bibliography by J. T. Retzlaff, and L. I. Anderson (Sen Nikolo Testa Radio, California, Raguesan Press, 1979), for it contains some 3,000 sources of writings by and about Testa. "Priority in the invention of Radio, Testa v. Marcori," by Leland Anderson may be obtained through the Antique Whreless Association, Monograph New Series No.

A new means of analyzing Tesla's inventions is provided in Dx Nitrolo Tesla: Selected Patent Whappers from The National Archives, by J. T. Ratzlaff (Millbrae, Ca., Tesla Book Co., 1980). These "fitse wrappers" provide explanations and correspondence between the patenties and the Patent Office, to overcome objections relead by the

Tesia's Colonodo Springe Notes, 1899—1900, published in 1978 by the Tesia Museum, is available through Nolit, Terazje, 27, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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

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

670

necords operations sections
8/26, 19 83
□ Name Searching Unit, 4543, TL# 115 X Service Unit, 4654, TL# 225
☐ Special File Room, 5991, TL# 122 ☐ Forward to File Review 5447, TL# 143
M Attention
Return to Supervisor, Room, TL#, Ext.
Type of Search Requested: (Check One) Restricted Search (Active Index - 5 & 20)
☐ Restricted Search (Active & Inactive Index - 5 & 30)
☐ Unrestricted (Active & Inactive Index)
Special Instructions: (Check One)
☐ All References (Security & Criminal) ☑ Security Search
Criminal Search
☐ Main References Only
 □ Exact Name Only (On the Nose) □ Buildup □ Variations
☐ Restricted to Locality of
Subject SAVA KOSANOVIC
Birthdate & Place
Address
Localities
Searcher -
R# Date Initiats
Prod FILE NUMBER SERIAL
100 200 200
100-346268-2008apgV
65-72038-8
130-4457-62019
15-16610-25-1102V
105-53761-90009
105-53786-90ep91
45- 5GALG 3677X
58068-50777
- Marie - Mari
134 130
•
TION CONTAINED
ALL INFURNATION CETETED
HEREIN IS UNITED BY
DARE-1- 21 860
5 71 VV
•
- >

(1)

#81/DQJ

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Records/Operations Sections

8/2/2
Name Searching Hole 4543, TH 445
□ Name Searching Unit, 4543, TL# 115 XI Senice Heit, 4654, TL# 225
☐ Special File Room, 5991, TL# 122
☐ Forward to File Parameter 143
Attention
Supervisor, Room, TL#, Ext.
Type of Search Requested: (Check Qne)
Check One) Check One) Check One) Check One)
Restricted Search (Active & Index \$ 5 & 30)
☐ Unrestricted (Active (Unactive Active)
Special Instructions: (Check One
All References (Security & Criminal)
☑\ Security Search
☐ Criminal Search ☐ Main References Only
☐ Main References Only ☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations
☐ Restricted to Locality of
Subject NiKola TESIA
Birthdate & Place
Address Classification
Localities Declassify on: OADR
Searcher //
R# Date Initials
Prod
FILE NUMBER SERIAL
100-2237 4
190-23940 V
12-115530-9986
-24012
-12392V
65-57367-608
77-32591-20
94-5-90140
97.724.158 018
105-0-9401
106.281/800.71
128-11/12 80 0101
120-72-97-95 P 67 V
10-7555/-/
- 190 -36450 - dy
190-26491-3
190-20097-11
190 Soloto TO LONFIT NITIAL
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
The second of th
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN

JMEROUS REFERENCE

Subj: 🏒	Vifela Jula	• .
Supervis	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Room
R#		Searcher Initial
Prod	(772)	A.
	FILE NUMBER	SERIAL
	190-13713-1	
	190-14591-1	
· · ·	190-16504-1	
	-6	
	190-17311-2	
	190-19521-1	
	190-20720-1	
	-5	
	190-22369-3	
	190-82527-3	
	190-23039-3	
	190-26491-3	
	190-83089-4	/
	190-23890.3-	
	-4	
	100 0/0/2/	/
	190-84888-6	
	170-34008-4	· · · ·
	100 00000	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	190-27882-1	
	190-26624-7	
	140-0-4157	<u> </u>
	-1344	—
	2 3	

4 42a (R. 11-17-59) NUMEROUS REFEREN SEARCH SLIP Supervisor Room Searcher Initial 8/24 R#_ Date Prod. SERIAL FILE NUMBER 190-0-5725

(i)

FSI/D

Freedom of Information Release

On

Subject: Nikola Tesla

Cross References
Pages Reviewed - 127
Pages Released - 127



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

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

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

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

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

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

Now in this most recent incident, the exterience of the radio operator at the airport seems to me to be highly illuminating. This operator reported a soft buzz interrupting his communication with the limer... a loud roar such as produced by the worst imaginable static ... then silence. The plane had dropped into the bay like a plummet.

 δb_{j}

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passaic, N.J.

Letter acb. + Reference in the account of the accou

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for

	Section 552			Section 552a		
	(b)(1)	П	(b)(7)(A)			
	□ (b)(2)			□ (d)(5)		
			(b)(7)(B)	□ (j)(2)		
	□ (b)(3)		(b)(7)(C)	□ (k)(t)		
			(b)(7)(D)	□ (k)(2)		
		0	(b)(7)(E)	□ (k)(3)		
			(b)(7)(F)	□ (k)(4)		
	□ (b)(4)		(b)(8)	□ (k)(5)		
	□ (b)(5)		(b)(9)	□ (k)(6)		
	□ (b)(6)			□ (k)(7)		
D	Information pertained only to a third party request is listed in the title only.	with n	o reference to the subject			
	Documents originated with another Government for review and direct response to you.	nent a	agencyties). These docume	nts were referred to that agencyties)		
	Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).					
	Page(s) withheld inasmuch as a final release determination has not been made. You will be advised as to the					
	Pages were not considered for release as they are duplicative of					
	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):					
<u>6</u>	The following number is to be used for reference $65 - 30311 - 23$	ence r	egarding these pages.			
			x	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX Deleted Page(s) X No Duplication Fee X		

XXXXXX xxxxxxXXXXXX

FBITDOJ



Federal Bureau of knvestigatic United States Department of Justice Mashington, D. C.

Jenuary 11, 1943

J3818

MEMORANDUM FOR MR.

THEREOUS SUBS FIRTHINGHOR AND I REPARCH OF MIKOLA MOSLA (Decessed) ESFION 32 - E

Mr. Clegg_ Mr. Glavin_ Mr. Ladd_ Mr. Nichols_ Mr. Rosen_ Mr. Tracy_ Mr. Carson Mr. Coffey Mr. Hendon Mr. Kramer Mr. McGuire Mr. Harbo_ Mr. Quinn Tamm Tele. Room_ Mr. Nease_ Miss Beahm

Mr. E.A. Tamm_

Miles Gasels. In a teletype from the New York Office dated January 9, 1945. tie Bureau's advice is requested as to what action should be taken in conrection with this matter. It is to be noted that Tesla died January 7, 1948, and resided at the Wotel New Yorker. He was one of the world's outstanding scientists in the flectrical field and has been conducting many experiments in connection with wireless transmission of electrical power and west is commonly referred to as the "Death Ray".

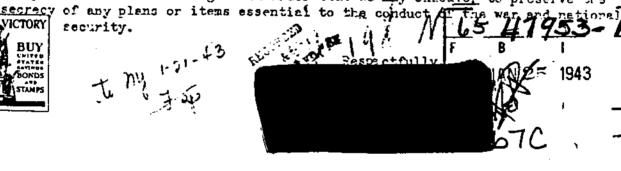
Sava Rosanovich, a distant relative intensely disliked by Tesla, is taking steps to get possession of these important documents and plans. Koserovich on Junuary 7, 1943, with George Clark, in charge of the Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and Kenneth Swezey of Brooklym, New York, entered Tesla's rooms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

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

ACTION:

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

FOR VICTORY



FSP:AB

January 21, 1943

Ro: UNKNOWN BUBJECTS; SAVA KOSANOVICH; EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF MIXOLA TESIA (Deceased) ESPIONAGE (M)

Dear Sir:

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

It was pointed out to the Br. Bonegan that Sava Kosanovich, George Clark and Kenneth Sweecy may have committed a burglary violation by entering

Tesla's rooms after his death and particularly by using a lockswith to get into a safe containing some of Teals to Caluable papers. Mr. Donegan was advised this matter should be discreetly discussed with the State's Attorney, New York City, with a view to locating Ecsanovich and apprehending him on a burglary charge, in order to ascertain the nature of the material taken from the safe of Mikola Tesla. It was also suggested that the New York Office contact the Surrogate Court, in order that Tesla's effects, as well as the contents of his safety deposit boxes, might not be entered without the presence of an Agent, in order that the secrecy of any plans or items essential to the conduct of the war or national security might be preserved. It was stated that Resanceich might possibly make certain material available to the enemy.

A review of the Bureau files reveals considerable information concerning Nikola Tesla and his inventions and it should be noted that one Micola Tesla, who might have been identical with Mikola Tesla, made a speech at the

dr.		ands of Sovie	t Bussia.	••••, ••• •••••	TO SERVICE V	三 三 三	.046
dr.:	E. A. Tamm_	It further s	ppears that Sa	va Komanovie	h may balla	tical with a	m /
****	The Part of the	l of the brief	name, who is	a member of t	the Inguiller	LRIY GOVERNMEN	e i
WF.	dinyin exile.	An examinat	ion of the fil	ss reveals t	THE THE LEASE OF	Ebsanovich.	*
62.7	THE GO SCRIPPO	AR THE SELECT	SED OF-SUPPLY.	arrived with	n other Tugo:	s tevia n Gover	mont
r.	"NICEOTTICIALS	at Norfolk.	Virginia 6 on S	spiezber 4. :	1941 on the	55 City of	
20.	Kos Exeter,	British thip	Tron Cape To	an en route :	to the United	Tingdom wis	45
Mr.	Tracwashingto	n and Canada.	19490-33420-3		t		- 1
Mr.	Carson	A NHIA C.	2 1242		k		
Mr.	Coffey	In another 1	netance the par	me of Sava M.	Losenovich	appears on t	he
Mτ.	Headstationer	y of the Cent	ral and Raster	a European Pl	Lanning Board	(Czechozlov	akia,
**	Ecsner	2,-2,					•
	eGuire	_	Curies desi	March Mark		. 1	5 l j
	arbo	*.			A N	414	13
	uina Tamm_		148 OCT 2	1864 S	11 1 "	114	j. T
	15.5e	<u>``</u>	ر ۱ د		ሃ ል^		
	*andy	55 Fee			(%		100
			المتواز فالمراجر المتواجي		V		· F

- 2

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

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

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

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

Yery truly yours,

John Bigar Hoover Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice New York, New York

65-12290

March 19, 1943

Director, FBI

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

ESPIONAGE, MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

COPIES DESTROYED 148 OCT 26 1960

FQP_VICTORY

RECORDED & INDEXED

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 This case originated at

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

FILE NO. 100-8189

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	3-29-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-0-13	CHARLES J. FOSTER . 24HR
SAVA M. KOS. Sava M. Cose	NOVICH, with a	lias	INTERNAL SECURITY G. GUSTODIAL DEDENTION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:	State to Year Resides Nave have turned Alien Proper TESLA. ABS-	of tents ty satodian, SPANEL advise	CH, Secretary of errment in exile. C. Reported to and effects to NIC, for NICK ed subject for es to become U.S.

REFERENCE:

Letter from New York Field Division dated 2-22-43.

DETAILS:

AT DOVER, DELAWARE

It is to be noted that subject's correct name is SAVA M. KOSANOVICH and not COSONOVITCH as carried in reference letter.

Mr. ABE SPANEL, President of the International Latex Corporation, advised that the subject is presently the Secretary of State to the Yugoslavian Government in exile and that he resides at the Navaro Hotel, New York City. He stated that he had been a very good friend of NICK TESIA who has died recently and that he believes that the subject is a third or fourth cousin of TESIA and that when TESIA died, the subject was his only close relative in this country and TESIA's effects came into his possession.

SPANEL related that the subject had recently turned over to the government the majority of the patents of NICK TESLA. SPANEL described TESLA as being one of the greatest inventors that has ever lived. He stated he had more than

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	SF
COPIES DESTROYED.	Done.	65-47953 4	RECORDI
148 OCT 26-1904 IS R	EPORT .		
5 - Bureau 4 - NYC (2 G-2) 2 - Baltimore	AFR 22 1943	177,73	
58 APR 22 194-			

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

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

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

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

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

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

67C

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -



Fig.:lem 2:45 p.m. Lacral Bureau of Investigation ted States Department of Instice Washington, D. C.

July 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

SAVA KOSANOVICH INTERNAL SECURITY (G) CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson Mr. Coffey Mr. Hendon Mr. Kramer Mr. McGuire Mr. Harbo. Mr. Quine Tamm_ Tele, Room Mr. Nease Miss Beahm_

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. E. A. Tamm_

- CC-287

At this time SA John Parker of the New York office telephoned. stating on the previous afternoon telephoned that office through the assistance of

known lecturer, author and traveler. stated that she would like to be interviewed concerning certain information she possessed relative to Yarralavian activities and, in particular, data which she has concerning awar by the mame of Kosanovich, whom she well-westures an enemy agent. stated she was preparing statements of fact which she intends to turn over to the St to Department concerning Kosanovich. She advised she was proceeding to her

and can be reached at her address, which is

Agent Partier stated is a prestly referring to Sava nosanovich and added this individual is mentioned in two teletapes which the New York office forwarded to the Bureau under cutes of January 9 and 12, 1943, in the case entitled UNINADAL SUEJECTS, FROTPARAT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF ATCOLA TESLA, IFCEASED, ESPIGNAGE & (Bureau file 100-2257). Briefly, the information contained i. these teletypes is that shortly after Nicola Tesla, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, died in his hotel room at New York City on January 8, 1943, Sava Kosanovich, a distant relative, and other individuals entered his room and opened a safe, examining certain materials which he bossessed. On January 8, dr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department advised Mr. Tamm that he was concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the tranks of Tesla and that apparently the Alien Property Custodian was taking some action in this matter. Inashuch as the matter was being handled by the Alien Property Custodian's office, the Bureau did not conduct any inquiries isto this situated and RECORDED

It is also noted that on July 14, ar. Junes Sharpe of the Special Lar Policies That of the Department for A section is a letter reported Policies In 188 1943 and the who was described as the Fa-tilister of the Yu oslav Government in Exile by one

This letter, which bear and content of April 7, 1943, was of a threstening nature.

COPIES DESTROYED

148 OCT 26 1960

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

FQP_VICTORY

A newspaper article which hr. Sharpe also exhibited revealed trat Liter heving been was arraigned in local court in ... Your City on charged with sending a threatening letter through the mail to Mosanovich. In connection with this trial, Agent Parker stated that the case has been postponed for wrote hosanovich, he makes reference six months. In the letter waich and instructs that Rosanovich discontinue his attacks on her.

At the time ar. Sharpe called at the bureau, he jointed out the strong enlassity and dissension which exists between the verious nationalist groups in this country cecause of their conflicting opinions as to the type of postuar government voich should be set up in the smaller countries in Europe and mentioned that hosanovich have opposite political theories. He also mentioned that amor is one of the greatest contributors to dissension between the Lerbs in this country and has been active in publicizing her views concerning porther ferbia.

670 Recently the pureous instructed the Pitisburgh office to interview because the fire earlies of the fire earlies. to date, this interview has not been consummated.

ACT LUM:

Tabliment as tiles tilto ell indicated to y + New York office of a but central distrimation she desired to be a subtable of that the telleves unshowing by the transfer agent, it is believed that an interview with her should be had. It is feat that this interview should be orbited out as soon as jossible to two vell-qualified Agents of the Was ington field Office, because of her provincade and positions viers.

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

hespectfully,

7 & Walled



FRENO. _65-12290 HER: mhm

Rederal Bureau of Knvestigatio united States Department of Justice New York 7, New York

252616 からコパラ

Director, FBI

Re: UNIVERSITY STRUCTS;

SAVA LOSANOVICH;

Experiments and research of NIKOLA TESLA (deceased) ESPIONACE - M

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Eureau letter dated January 21, 1943, which bore a caption similiar to that mentioned above.

The referenced letter dealt with the death, on January 7, 1943, of the famous inventor, NIKOLA TOSLA, who as well as being the inventor of Alternating Current, perfected many electrical devices. He is also credited with having developed the so called Mdeath ray" which would safeguard any country from attack by air.

On June 9, 1945, a of New York City furnished information of a nonspecific nature indicating that it was his belief that persons sympathetic to Russia were making an effort to secure the effects of ETROIA TESLA in order to salvare therefrom any models or designs of possible military value. claimed that he heard that ABRAHAY N. SPANT, President of the Fattowar LATER CORPORATION, of Dover, Delaware was the motivating influence behind this attempt to obtain TRSLA'S payers which are presently held in storage at the MANUATTAN STORAGE WARRHOUSE in New York City. City. after his initial visit and furnish further and more specific information to support his claims. PROCEDED.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED To Be was not heard from again, however, until September 27, 1965, at which time he furnished the following additional information:

He said that a boyhood chum of his from Wichita, Kansas, BLOYON According to PITZGERALD who is now an Army Private stationed at Wright Pield, Dayton, Ohio, is a brilliant 29 year old scientist who spent endless hours with TESLA prior to the latters death. during which time TESLA explained to him most secret experiments. Stated that FITZGEPALD met TESLA in November 1942, but he had been corresponding with the latter since 1935. According to the informant, FITZGTRALD had developed some sort of abli-tank gun, the details of which he presented to TESIA who made certain corrections in design and specifications to further perfect the weapon.

related that sometime in December 1942, when MITTER O was attending a meeting of the AURNION SOUTHY OF MECHANT CAT TRUTHERDS, he made the acquaintance os AFRIHANGEAND who became interested in TTTTOTELLES

000001 RETURN TO INDEXING Die

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

said that FITZGERALD had lined up a deal for the purchase of the gun by the REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, but for some reason SPANEL blocked this deal by reaching top men in the REMINGTON OMPANY. SPANEL is then reported as having obtained a job for FITZGERALD with the HIGGENS SPIP BUILDING COMPANY in New Orleans and negotiated a contract with FITZGERALD for the purchase and manufacture of the gun in a manner which would return SOS of the profits derived to SPANEL.

but which he believes to be attributable to SPANEL, FITZGERALD was fired by the HIGGENS OMPANY. In September of 1944, FITZGERALD was inducted into the Army and for a considerable period of time was located at an ordinance experimental station at Elgin Field, Florida. Stated that at the project at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. In spite of his rank of Private, FITZGERALD actually is the director of this research and is working with posts.

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

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

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

It will be recalled that in an article published on March 15, 1945, by the FING FRATURE SYNDICATE INCORPORATED, WESTBROOK FERRER charged SPANGE with spreading pro-communist and pro-Russian propaganda through his full page advertisement in the newspapers, which SPANEL characterized as being published for the INTERNATIONAL LATEY PROPATION, as a public service feature. It is also interesting to observe that in the New York Times of October 2, 1945, an article appears which states that SPANEL is suing the KING FTATURE SYNTICATE INCORPORATED for six million follars alleging the column by EDGLER to have been lightlous.

of the

and from this personal acquaintance he formed the opinion that SFANEL was definitely a communist and is probably one of the financial supporters of the Communist Party in this country.

Stated that SPANEL was born in Russia, but is now an American citizen. He also charged that SPANEL was exerted tremendous political influence in Washington, D. C., and said that one of SPANEL'S closest political friends was HENRY WALLACE.

advised that two agents from Army Intelligence contacted and stated that in an investigation to determine the qualifications of FITZCERALD for a commission, they had developed information indicating that SPANTI was definitely endeavoring to secure possession of FESLA'S effects. Indicated that Army Intelligence was pursuing an investigation along these lines in an attempt to ascertain the complete story in this regard.

at is a graduate of trom

and was in, charge o

tion of the inventors memory.

inds since he travels all over the country and resides in reputable hotels.

Just recently he stated that he had

We shington to the West Coast as

"" advised that it is his desire to properate with FITZGERALD in securing legal possession of TESLA'S effects in order that a memorial foundation may be established for the protection of TESLA'S experiments and for the preserva-

Army scientists now working with him at Wright Field in this foundation, and their ultimate goal is to secure the support of a wealthy backer in order that a foundation might be established and that a sort of "idea factory" might result. He said that they intended to contact HENRY FORD, SR., to solicit his aid in this regard.

related that probably the greatest idea of TESLA'S was that involving the wireless transmission of electrical power. He claimed that TESLA had performed a successful experiment many years ago at Pikes Peak, at which time he harnassed local current from the sun's rays which he built up into a huge potential of electrical energy said that according to TYTROTPAID, if this idea could be furthered, all electrical energy to operate the world's machinery might be gotten absolutely free rather than by the costly method with which electrical power is presently generated. He said that his idea was to conduct further experiments along this line in China where the need for electrical power is very great.

Inquiry was made at the MANHATTAN STORAGE WARRHOUSE in New York City, and it was determined that the effects of NIKOLA TESLA are contained in some

900003

er 17, 1945

75 packing cases and trunks and are presently under seal by the New York State Department of Taxation. It was learned that the rental for this storage, which approximates \$15 per month, is being paid by one CHARLOTTE WUXAR, 134 East 63rd Street, New York, New York, who is listed as the agent for SAV4 KOSANOVICH.

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

There are enclosed herewith two typewritton copies of the report by Wr. TRUID of the ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN reflecting the findings of Wr. TRUID, following his examination of TRSLA'S effects. There is also enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a list of persons associated with NIKOLA TESIA. This latter item was furnished by

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

Asak tanih konas'

. F. CONFOI, SAC

3 Pholosures

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

TAS OCT 26 1968

WG

2

January 30, 1943.

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

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure.

JOT/G

ABSTRACTS OF DR. NIKOLA TESLA'S WRITINGS RETAINED AS EXHIBITS FOR THE ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

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

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

Exhibit A

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

Exhibit B

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

Exhibit C

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

Exhibit D

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

Exhibit E

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

Exhibit F

through Natural Medias - This undated document by Tesla describes an electrostatic method of producing very high voltages and capable of very great power. This generator is used to accelerate charged particles, presumably electrons. Such a beam of high-energy electrons passing through air is the *concentrated non-dispersive* means by which energy is transmitted through natural media. As a component of this apparatus there is described an open-ended vacuum tube within which the electrons are first accelerated.

Exhibit F (cont.)

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

Exhibit G

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

Exhibit H

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

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

Exhibit I

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

Exhibit J

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

Exhibit K

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

Exhibit L

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

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

Exhibit N :

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

Exhibit M (cont.)

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

Exhibit N

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

Exhibit C

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

Exhibit P

Finterview with Dr. Nikola Teslam by Alden P. Armagnac for Topular Science Monthly, May 24, 1928. An 11-page memorandum written in popular conversational style describing an interview with Dr. Tesla and reporting his present work. This report includes statements on a new airplane, on rocket ships, on the wireless transmission of power, on a world system plan for the transmission of speech and television, on the impracticability of harnessing atomic energy, on radio activity, and on the acceleration of charged particles, such as cathode rays, by high voltages.

Exhibit Q

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

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

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

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

JGT/G

LIST OF MERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH NIKOLA TESLA

Kerrigan, William - 89 Logan St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Employed as building supt. Fashington Market. Brooklyn. Er. Kerrigan was the messenger boy for Postal Telegraph some years prior to Jan. 1943. At Yr. Tesla's request, he continued his services as special messenger when convenient. He had called upon Tesla the week prior to his death and has much valuable data and information concerning Tesla's contacts. I first met Er. Kerrigan at the Frank Campbell funeral church.

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

Skerritt, Miss Dorothy F. - Office, Biddle Purchasing Company, 107 Chambers Street, N.Y.C. - No. 2-5500. Residence: Hasbrook Heights, New Jersey Miss Skerritt was secretary to Doctor Tesla from 1912 until 1922. She is familiar with the Marconi patent suit, many of Tesla's scientific theories; knows the names of some of his friends; has witnessed demonstrations in his laboratory, then at 8 W. 40th St. N.Y.C. Miss Skerritt also knows that between 1916 and 1918, Doctor Tesla was at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago and may have material there. She can give account of many of his deals with various firms.

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

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

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

Lowenstein, Fritz (Deceased) Erother, Emil Lowenstein - 182 Bennett Ave.

N.Y.C. - Wa-7-4519. Business (Artist) 420

Lexington Ave. N.Y.C. - Yu-5-8065.

Mr. Fritz Lowenstein was the assistant to

Dr. Tesla during his historic laboratory
experiments in Colorado Springs in 1899. He was
also to have appeared as a defense witness
for Tesla in his Marconi patent suits during
1915, but for some reason failed to testify.

The brother, Emil, address above, knows of the
relatives of Mr. Fritz Lowenstein who have
documents pertaining to the 1898 experiments.

(Mr. G.H. Clark provided information re
documents and Lowenstein) (Mr. Czito mentioned
Lowenstein). Mr. Emil Lowenstein is not on
friendly terms with the entire Lowenstein family
and a Mr. Massey, 52 Vanderbilt Ave. can
furnish additional information re Lowenstein.

Shirk, A.J. - Inventor's Model Shop, 70 West 100th St. N.Y.C. Ac-2-9466.

Fr. Shirk has met Tesla on 3 occasions and appears to know quite a bit about his model work and laboratory developments, particularly within recent years. His exact status can only be determined by another call or exact-status interview. He is attempting to determine the address of a Laboratory that existed at about. 57th and ord ave. and with whom a certain Dr. Walker was connected.

Arbus, Furiel, Miss - Res: 600 W. 13th St. Tel: Vanderbilt 4-9816,

Bus: WPB, Chanin Building, N.Y.C.

Kiss Arbus has several photographs of Tesla

and was a secretary to him before Miss Dorothy

Skerritt, 1.e. before 1912. She has not been
interviewed except by phone.

Berg, Seigurd (or Sigmund) - Copenhagen, Denmark. Business: Paris, France.

He has not been interviewed. See Kr. E. Fiensen of the International Latex Corp., Dover. Del. for information. Mss Berg was a close friend of Tesla in Europe and mentioned other members of his family; Mr. Ernest and Mr. Esko Berg are found in correspondence from Mrs. B.A. Bhrend to Mr. Kenneth Sweezy in 1935 and 1934.

Behrend, Bernard, A. Ers.

Rond Point, Liken, S.C. Phone 135.

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

Boskan, Slavko, Kr. Engineer and author, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Kr. Boskan published a book in Dresden,

Germany entitled "Nikola und Hs Werk" in

1932 (Approx) Kr. Boskan was a close friend of

Mr. Tesla and has considerable engineering

data in his possession according to Kr. Sweety.

Denton, Clifford, Mr. - Science Reporter. New York Daily News.

220 E. 42nd St. N.Y.C. Mu-2-1234 Ext. 657

Mr. Denton has been present at many of

Dr. Tesla's press releases and has many notes

regarding the conferences. He said that he

gave most of his data to Mr. Nm. Lawrence of
the New York Times.

Brown Brothers (Er. Arthur Brown) 220 W. 42 St. Bryant 9-4742. N.y.C.

Prown Brothers are photographers and have a
large number of photos of Tesla and his
laboratory equipment from which may be
deduced mechanical construction details.

Curtis. Thomas Stanley - Address: unknown. Author Experiments with

High Frequencies currents

It is important to locate Kr. Curtis because

he discussed many of Tesla's problems and

appears to have technical data regarding his

work.

Cramps, Shipbuildin; Co. Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Crosby, former Sec. of Commerce, and Er. Cramps became interested in the radio controlled boat of Dr. Tesla about 35 years ago. Aegotiations were carried on between Dr. Tesla and the above executives. This information was furnished by Mr. Kerr.

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

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

Geo. H. - Res: 349 E. 49th St. Tel: El-5-1603. Bus: RCA -rg. Co. (Library) 25 Beaver St. N.Y.C. Room 314 A. Tel: Hanover 2-1829. Ext 123. kr. G.H. Clark was contacted by virtue of a call placed in December to Mr. Oran Dunlap of the RCA Corp. Mr. Clark has a very large collection of personal data pertaining to radio pioneers, particularly Marconi. His business has been to collect such data in order to assist the prosecution of a suit of infrigment against the Marconi patents. He has never not Dr. Tesla but he knows of his work and is interested in collecting historical data for preservation. Mr. Clark is a friend of ir. Sweezy.

Crosby, Former Sec. of Commerce, Washington, D. C. (address unknown) See Cramps and Kerr

Wetzel, Tailors - 2 E. 44th t. Eurry Hill 2-6757.

N.Y.C. This firm was tailor for Dr. Tesla throughout most of his life and may have information with regard to his friends, not otherwise listed.

French, Shriner, and Urner- Shoe Shops. 250 Madison Ave. Murry Fill 2-0319

Dr. Tesla purchased most all of his shoes from this firm for the past 50 years and data may be gathered from their records such as mailing addresses, etc.

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

Commercial Bhotostat Company, 11th Floor, Woolworth 51dg. N.Y.C.

Firm which made photostats of Tesla patents for
Ferr.

Cramm, Frnest R. to contact call Er. Clark of FCA.

1

Mr. Cramm knows a great deal about Dr. Teslats relations with the RCA Company. Mr. Cramm was a former employee of RCA.

Son of Richard Watson Gilder, former Fub. of Century Magazine. Mr. Gilder knows of some old Tesla manuscripts and what has happened to his files of the Century Magazine at its dissolution. This name was received from Merrington.

Denmark, Lt. 1270 6th Ave. Room 811, Circle 6-1464 (restricted number)

N.Y.C. U.S. Army Int. G2.

Lt. Denmark and his superiors were notified by Mr. Spanel and Washington with regard to Tesla devices. Lt. Denmark was interviewed personally with a group of 4 other officers including Mr. Pitchen.

Kirsch, Leon - a former draftsman for Tesla - name from Liss Dorothy Skerritt.

This party should be located because he had a lot of confidential data of Tesla's and made many drawings according to Liss Skerritt.

Drews, Lillian Parried to an Austrian by name of DePrec about 1914.

Miss Drews was becretary to Dr. Tesla prior to 1912. Her present address is unknown and she was not in good favor with Dr. Tesla, according to Fiss Skerritt, the informant.

DosPassos, John - Attorney, and very good friend of Dr. Tesle. Address unknown.

Wanted Tesla to stop the Spanish American War.

Formerly lived in New York. The Gentleman was expensively dressed and wore frocked coat

similar to Tesla with bright checkered vest.

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

Deforrest, Dr. Lee- 6190 Hollywood Blvd. Los Ar and Calif.

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

Dubilier, William - President of Cornell Dubilier Co., Vanufacturers of CCondensers. Mr. G.H. Clark Informs that Mr. Dubilier hasin his possession some of the original notes of the 1899 experiments in Colorado Springs.

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

Pitzgerald, Francis, A. - Niagara Power Commission, Buffalo, N. Y.

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

Gernaback, Rugo p Publisher,

Res; 230 West End Ave. Schhler 4-2130

Bus: 25 W. Broadway, Tel: Rector 2-9690.

A Friend of Yesla for about 35 years.

Published many articles about Tesla during 1915 in the "Electrical Experimenter and later in Science and Invention." Has many of Tesla's original manuscripts and photos. Believes in all of Tesla's theories and has a working knowledge of them. This party was contacted meveral weeks prior to years. Dr. Tesla's death. Mr. Gernsback attempted to assist Dr. Tesla personally and appealed to Westinghouse for funds in 1933.

Harmond, John Eayes, Jr. Glochester, Mass. Tel. 2080

Wr. Hammond, Sr., financed some of

Dr. Tesla's boat experiments and only 10

years ago John Hayes Hammond, Jr. operated

one of Tesla's original models. The

family has one of the boats in their

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

Hassell, Eugene Floyd - Ress Belport, Long Island

Yachinest, Sperry Gyroscope Company,
Garden City, L.I. Employee Number 5470.

Phone Vigilent 4-5400 (Restricted number Ext. 211. Use any New York Phone. Name from Caito. This party knows of Teslate laboratory on Long Island through the laundry driver named Tommy Wallen.

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

Hatmaker, (no initials) party who financed fountain built by Crito.

Has not been contacted, but he lived in the

Kosonovich, Sava - Navarro Hotel, apt. 17B. 112 Central park couth, N.Y.C.

KOSANOVICH, SAVA

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

Courtland 7-9334 - also associated by Byrna.

This firm was the patent attorney for 112 of
the Tesla patents. They also instituted the
proceedings of the infringement suits for the
Mestinghouse Company. Mr. Aerr knew Tesla
very well and can give considerable data.
Lr. Cooper, now deceased, was however, the
main instigator of the patents for Tesla.
Lr. Cooper left this firm some time ago and
Tesla apparently took some of his business

to the new Cooper associates. Many of the old patents of Tesla in his own handwriting are available at this office. Mr. Byrne has additional information. I am of the opinion that this firm still ham a connection with Westinghouse.

Byrne, Thomas, J works for Cooper Kerr and Punham (see John Kerr above).

Mr. Byrne knew Tesla very well and also knows of the connections with the Union Sulpher Compnay and the turbine for which see Csito. There is a wealth of information in the office of this company regarding the system of Power Transmission and any patents on file which were never issued. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Byrne were contacted before Mr. Tesla's death.

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

Kulishich, Prof. Kosta Res: Belgrad, Yugaslovia at the Tesla Institute.

Re was a school mater of Tesla in Grotz. See
the N.Y. Sun of August 27, 1931.

Gage, E. G. 111 Nassau St. N. Y. C. Engineer, works for Leon Ottinger.

Courtland 7-5500.

He was a friend of Mr. J.S. Leach (deceased)

formerly of Redbank, N. Y. who made electrical

parts for Tesla's laboratory. He says that

he can get information regarding Leach's

relatives and perhaps drawings.

Levi, Bernard - Eachinest, Zumbach Machinery Co. 134 W. 54 St. N.Y/C.

Circle 7-1444

Received this name from Crito who said that
Levi knew of other work by machinests on
Tesla's equipment.

Lynch, Arthur. Lived in England. Relieved to be near London, now deceased.

Family had considerable correspondence with

Tesla regarding transmission of power without

Lawrence, William. Science Writer, New York Times. 229 W. 43 St. N.Y.C.

Lackawanna 4-1000. Res: 541 E. 72nd St.

Rhinelander 4-5588.

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

Eassie, E.C. 52 Vanderbilt Ave. R.Y.C.

Maier, Ruth N. The Yugo Slow Society, 565 5th Ave. Room 807. PI-8-0256
This is the information center and serves as
the publicity agent for the group.

Nies E. Oppa also works there and has many
names of Tesla's friends.

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

Kathews, Grenville (deceased) wife was Gana Walker, Met. Star sponsored by McCormick. The family lived in England until his eath and his wife now resides in New York. Mr. Katthews was refered to in Tesla's articles for the Telephone and Telegraph Age for Oct. 1927. Mr. Matthews had correspondence with Tesla on the so-called "Death-Ray".

Gana Walker has all of her husband's data.

Fott, C. Jordan, Jr. 520 E. 90th St. R.Y.C. Bus: 6 E. 45th St. Tel: Venderbilt 6-0345.

The Nott family financed Tesla in various ventures. They may have some of this data.

Gossett, w. O. Ford Euseum, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Gossett is associated with a Mr. Black

while he is on leave of absence to the Army.

Mr. Black may be reached regarding some models

of Tesla's which are understood to be on

display at the Ford Museum.

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

No do not know what connection this party had with Tesla but his name was secured.

O'Nolli, John, J. Res: 209 N. Long Beach Ave. Freeport, Long Island.

Tel: Freeport 2-493.
Science editor of the New York Herald Tribune,
230 W. 41 St. N.Y.C. Pennsylvania 6-4000.
Mr. O'Neill has known Dr. Tesla for 40 years.
He has had many discussions with him regarding
his equipment and scientific ventures. He
interested Dr. Tesla in 1934 and 1935 to
present the matter of national protection
devices to the U.S. Govt. Mr. O'Neill made

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

O'Neill can furnish much additional information.

Pickard, Dr. Greenlief Whittier... 59 Dalton St. Newton Center, Mass.

Dr. Pickard was a very good griend of Dr. Tesla.

Dr. Pickard developed the vertical antenna

system and has correspondence with Tesla

concerning wave propagation. This information
should be valuable.

Sarony, Inc. Photographers, 362 5th Ave. N.Y.C. his 71715

They have photos of the old Tesla Laboratory and pictures of Tesla to 1914.

Page, Parker W. Attorney, Present address unknown, however he resided in

Manhattan for about 40 years and was formerly
associated with Cooper Kerr and Durham. He
was last known to be associated with an
attorney by the name of Bean in Manhattan. He
worked out many of Tesla's details concerning
Power Transmission and Tesla gave him many
notes according to Mr. Kerr.

Radosavljevich, Paul, R. New York University, Professor, Education Dept.
Tel: Spring 7- 2000.

A friend of Tesla for 35 years and knows much of his work with regard to the retina and bile ohemistry.

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

Astor, Mrs. John Jacob (Lady Ribblesdale) now living in the U.S.
420 Park Ave., Plaza 9-6646
Lady Ribblesdale is the Mother of Vincent Astor
who financed many of Tosla's developments about
1910 and their family may have data of importance.

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

Mr. Sweezy has known Dr. Tesla for approximately
15 years. He became a close confident of his
355 when he arranged for a collection of 100
1etters from various scientific authorities
commemorating Tesla's 75th birthday. Mr. Sweezy
wrote many articles about Dr. Tesla and has
some old clippings and miscellaneous data
including several books detailing Tesla's work.
Mr. Sweezy corresponded with Mr. Boskan and
Mrs. Behrand. He is a friend of Kr. Clark.
Mr. Sweezy would like to write a book of
Tesla's life and had spoken to with Dr. Tesla
regarding it. I contacted Mr. Sweezy several
wooks before Dr. Tesla's death. (Euch
information can be obtained here).

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

Scherff, George, Lrs. 219 Grant Terrace, Maroneck, N. Y.

Krs. Scherff was the auditor for Tesla for

many years and has much information to give.

She has information concerning Tesla's personal
things and technical data and can provide
much of value, including old documents.

Skerrett, John. Author- believed to be from Philadelphia, Pa. who sitnessed many of feels a demonstrations.

Miss Dorothy Skerrett can furnish additional information regarding him.

Mr. Tolson_ Mr. Clegg_ Mr. Glavin_ Mr. Ladd_ Mr. Nichols__ Mr. Rosen_ Mr. Tracy Mr. Egan Mr. Gurnea___ Mr. Harbo___ Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Pennington___ Mr. Quinn Tamm_ Mr. Nesse_ Miss Gandy___

MEMORANDUM FOR HR. WHITSON

RE: SAVA N. KOSANOVIC TUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO THE US

INTERNAL SECURITY - R (Bureau file 65-47953)

PURPOSE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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

A case was opened on this individual when information was received that Kosanovic had taken possession of the scientific papers of his uncle, Nikola Testa, the internationally known inventor. Subsequent investigation determined that Kosanovic had turned over the possession of these scientific papers to the Alien Enemy Custodian in New York City. (65-47953-X1 & Serial 3 & 4)

Sava R. Mosanovic was interviewed in either April or May, 1948, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the Serbian National Federation should be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

(97-1340-178, pg.5) Pertinent information concerning this individual has been properly forwarded to the State Department by separate letters.

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

C. J. Myrtle

cc - Mr. Laga cc - Mr. Fletcher

cc - Whitson

cc - Mr. Mirtle

CJM:jpa -

THIS MEMORANDUM IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES TO BE DESTROYED AFTER ACTION IS TAKEN AND NOT SENT TO FILES

77. 3

Office Memorandum · United so tes government

To : The Director

FROM

D. W. Ladd

SUBJECT: SAMA

SAVA N. KOSANOVIC INTERNAL SECURITY - YU Bureau File 65-47953 W CONTAINED

DATE: April 3, 1950/

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED A DATE 4-18-89 BY SPINGGO 291860

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

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

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

COPIES DESTROYED

14E OCT 26 1960

PJOSTES Attachments "NO2 400 + 95 "E 480€0 - 96

65-47953-25

Stellar 189

il.

RECO' EMDATIOUS:

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

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

V

dh.

Office. Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

: SAC, New York

DATE: April 17, 1950

11

SUBJECT: SAVA N. KOSANOVIC

INTERNAL SECURITY-YU (Bufile 65-47953)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Rebulet dated April 3 last.

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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

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

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

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

cc: 65-12290

RECORDED - 38 INDEXED - 38

APR 18 1950

37

M COPY PITTED

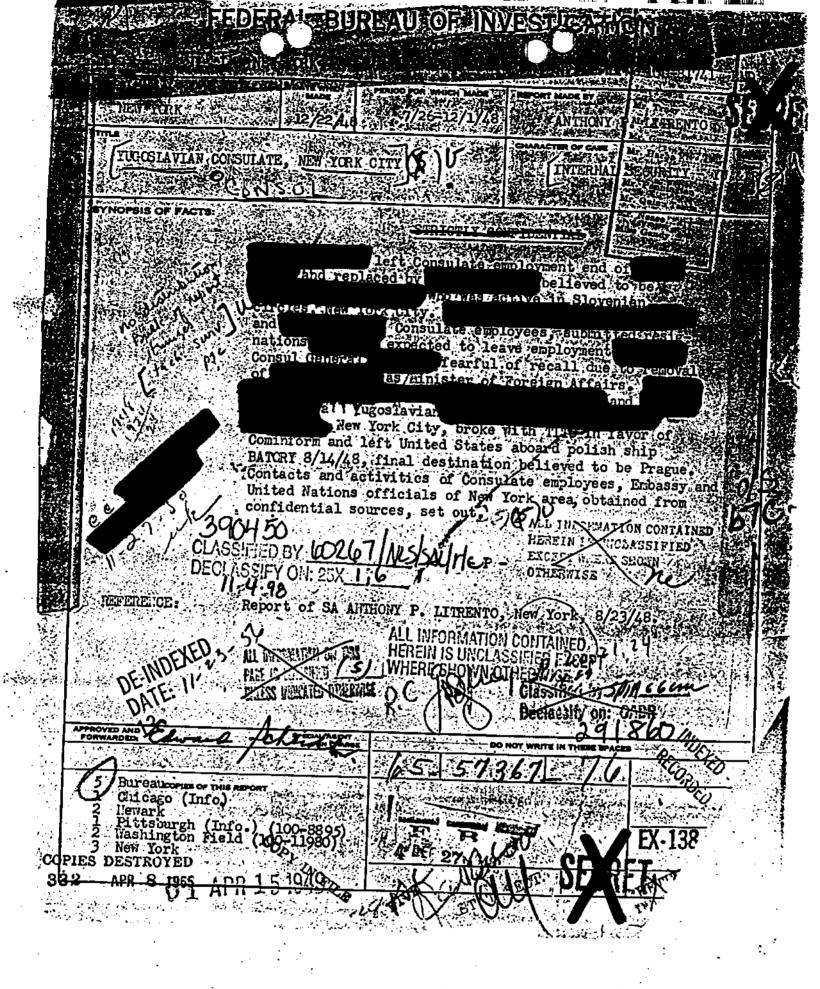
Letter to Director, FBI NY 105-1391

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

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

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

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





Clerical Employee

Duties: General clerical work.

Residence:

New York City

ACTIVITIES OF CONSULATE EMPLOYEES

Unless other sources are accredited, all information appearing in this report was received from Confidential Informant However, it is pointed out that a considerable amount of the information received from this informant is quite old and was not set out in previous reports due to the unavailability of a Serbo-Croatian translator at the time.

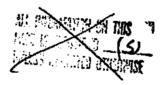
67C 67D

On July 23. 1947, was in contact with of and asked to give him a list of the things that were stored at the Jugoslav Relief warehouse for the Consulate. The articles had been used in an exhibition. did not know the list inasmuch as they were all packed but stated that would give him a list of the things after the Yugoslav ship left.

On July 26, 1947, who was reported to be in New York, contacted the Consulate and cancelled the appointment he had with to go aboard the

On July 28, 1947, contacted

mentioned that he had just returned from Washington, where he
talked with
that a man, about whom made earlier inquiries, died in the war.
remarked that this man had two nephews in America, one and
the other (phonetic). then asked to



SEINET

- 5 -

also mentioned that Delogation Home at 7:30 that evening.

On October 11, 1947 made an appointement to (phonetic) at 18/0 Third Avenue the following Lionday after 7:00 p.m.

On October 14, 1947, contacted and said "we have things to talk over so that we know how things stand." They made an appointment to see each other the next morning at 11:00 o'clock.

On October 16, 1947, an unidentified man asked about a Macedonian, (phonetic). requested that the man be sent over to see him.

On October 20, 1947, one had received a phone call from Pittsburgh, requesting that he contact Ambassador KOSANOVICH. He is to ask KOSANOVICH to prepare a talk on NIKOLATESIA, the great Yugoslav inventor, which is to be delivered over a Pittsburgh radio station the following Sunday at 2:30 p.m. stated told him to contact about these arrangements. He also requested that appcar

at the meeting of the Congress. declined, stating that he had too much work to do.

On Oatober 22, 1947, a asked an export-import man who desired to go to lugoslavia. answered that he would contact the Embassy to see if a passport coura be obtained.

On October 23, 1947, an unidentified man advised that he had two Bulgarians who needed visas to go to Montreal via the RADUIK. told the man to come over to the Consulate with thom.

On October 30, 1947, ond (phonetic) asked about insuring 140,000 pounds of aircraft and radio accessories, with a

- 10



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO FROM SAC, BUFFALO (RUC) SUBJECT: SCONF! NEW YORK) Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 7/13/76. Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM, captioned "NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK," which is self-explanatory. One copy is, being designated for Legat, Ottawa for information. Two copies are being furnished to New York, one to Newark for information since they had previous interest in this matter, and one copy to WFO for information because of U. S. and Yugoslav dignitaries who attended the unveiling of the monument. Nothing adverse came to the attention of this office concerning the dedication of the Nikola Tesla Monument which was a bicentennial gift from the Yugoslav Government to the United States. Diplomatic representatives from the United States, Yugoslavia and Canada reportedly attended the affair. No further inquiries being made at Buffalo and it is closing its case administratively. CLASSIFIED BY 6166
EXEMPT FROM CDS, CATEGORY 3 DECLASSIFICATION INDUTINITY Bureau (Encs. (6) (KM) (1 - Legat. Ottawa - Newark (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM) - New York (Encs. 2) (RM) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) 0 - WFO 1 - Buffaro SBS:mmw Copy to for any (8) by routing elip for M ing

10 197 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroli Savings Plan

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 JULY 1873 KOTTION 674 FPMR 141 CFR) 101-11.6



In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

NIKOLA TESLA-MONUMENT / NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK



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

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

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

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

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

Character Spinsson.

Character Control

4 24/700

MARKS I ...

5.0

This observe out court by

11-498 60267/NISISAJA

to the second of the second of

0/5

NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

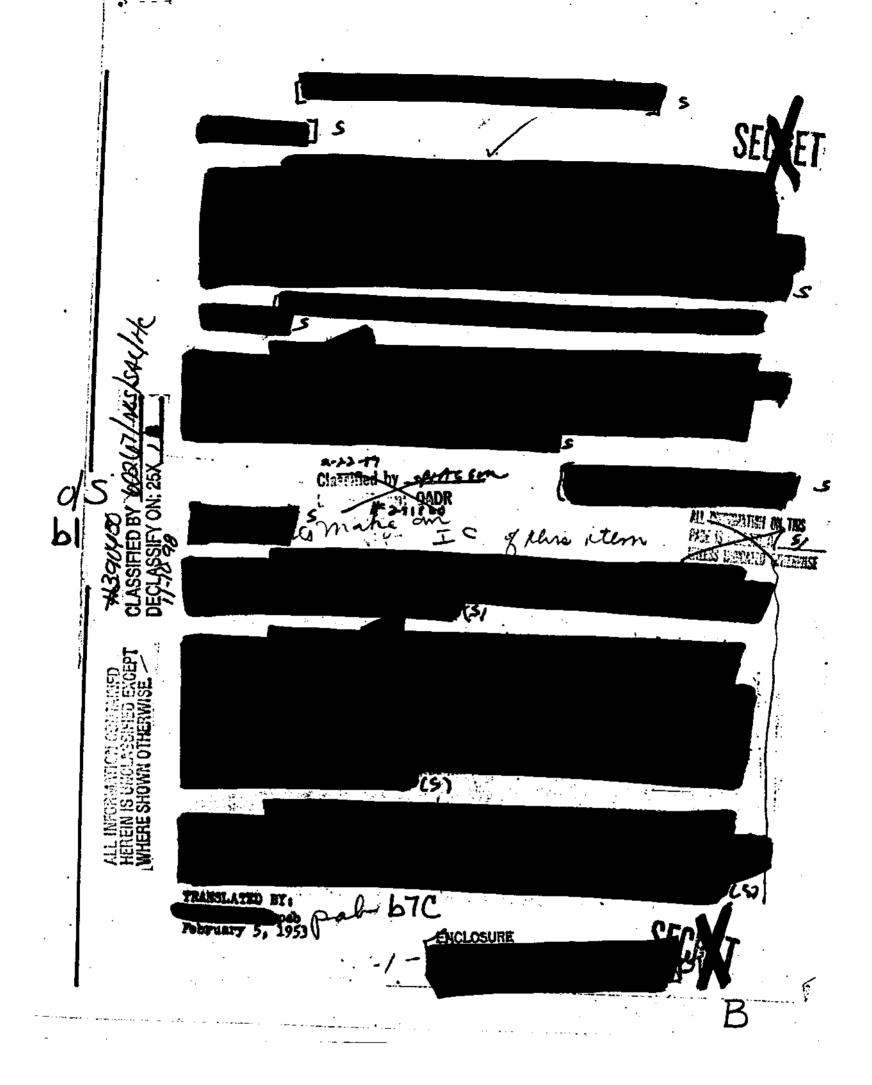


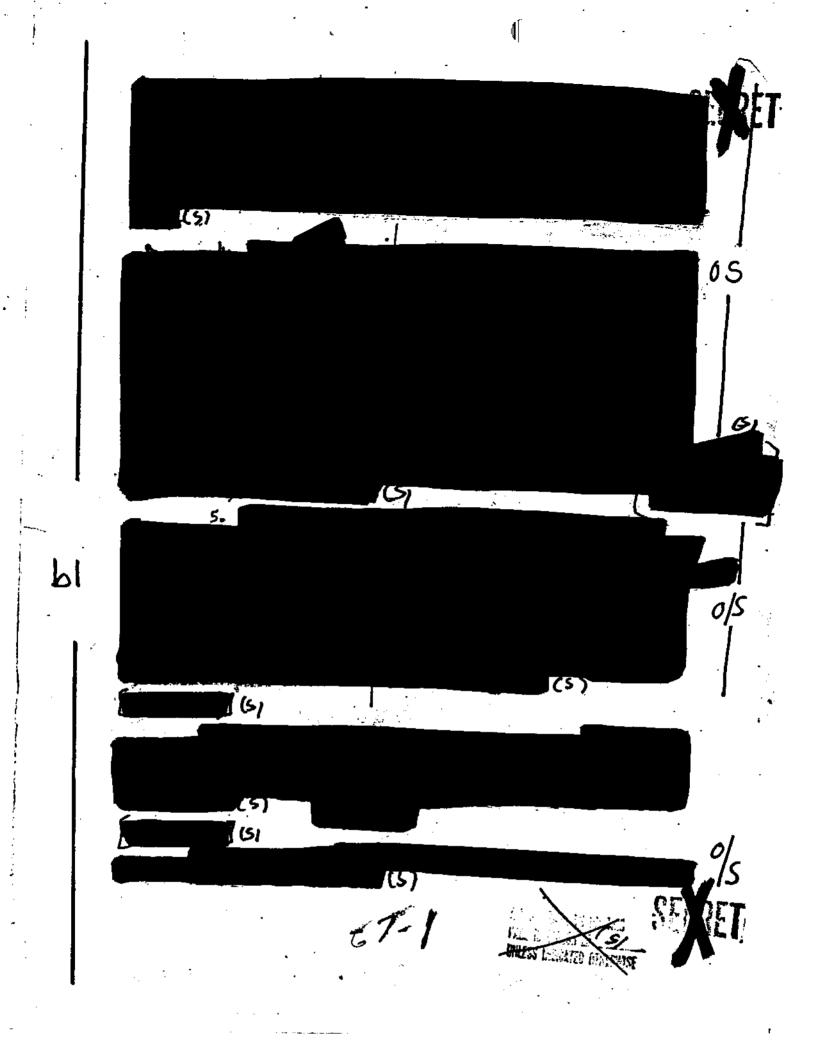
NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK



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







×

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated January 22, 1953.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

Classified by Selectory 1953

Enclosure

This Mo:pab Additional Person 1953

AAREO 6

FEB 19 1953

COMM. FEB

32 MAR 2 4 1953

ON 3 22 TOO

Manager page

Item No. 1:

This announcement by the American Yugoslav Committee invites all Americans of Yugoslav descent in the Chicage area to attend a commemoration affair to be held at Kordovan Hall, 1502 South Racine Avenua, Chicage, Illinois, on November 16, 1952, at 3 P.M., in observance of the 9th anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav Republic. Representatives of the FPRY, continues the announcement, will speak at this affair. The Tamburica orchestra "Jadran" (Adriatic) will furnish the music and the Slovene Singing Society "France Preseren" will appear on the program.

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

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

2-12 M SpiAc son

GERTRUDE RAJACIC, secretary

Item No. 2:

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

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

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

THANGLATED BY:
MIKE OLUTCH:pab
Pebruary 5, 1953

et of astro

.

DECLASSIFIED BY

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

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

5. The problem of purchasing a house for the Consulate continued from before. We are now paying \$\frac{1}{2}00\$ a month for the Consulate \$\frac{1}{2}00\$ for the residence of the Consul General, a total of \$\frac{1}{2}00\$, which means \$\frac{1}{2}200\$ a year. We took an interest in various houses \$\frac{1}{2}000\$, which were for sale and ascertained that for \$\frac{1}{2}50\$, to \$\frac{1}{2}80\$, \$\frac{1}{2}000\$, which were for sale and ascertained that for \$\frac{1}{2}50\$, to \$\frac{1}{2}80\$, \$\frac{1}{2}000\$, which get a building for the Chancery, the residence of the Consul General and one or two small rooms in addition. If the offer for purchasing a house were to be accepted, we would forward concrete proposals for your consideration. We remind you that the present premises of the Consulate are small (we need at least one more room) and consequently this too would be settled by the purchase of a house.

Item No. 12:

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

Item No. 13:

The first page of item no. 13 is insufficiently legible to render intelligible translation.

- 7-1

ast Inform

67C

Dear

This will acknowledge your letter of June 9th.

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

Sincerely yours,

C._M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kalley Director

The Deputy Attorney Coneral - Enclosure Attention: Susan M. Hauser EC 22

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

dbb:cgg

19. AD Adm. _

ap. AD Inv. __. t. Dir.:

lan. A Eval. _

MAILED 7 JUL7 1975 TEB!



ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

JUN 27 1983

Please address reply to: OUTSIDE SOURCE ENGINEER CONSULTANT

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20015

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

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Senior Member, IEEE

⊠3 JUL 20 1983

BOEFFEE

16

Engineer Consultant

Washington, D. C. 20015

Dear Mr. Ellenberger:

Research Matters

QUASIDE SOURCE

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

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

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

Exec AD Inv.

Exec AD LES the administrator
Asst. Dir.: that time was 112

Adm. Serva.

Crim. Inv.

Ident.
Ident.
Insp.
Intell.
Lob.
Logal Comm. A AUG 111885

Public Affa.

Rec. Mgan.
Tach. Serva.

Training

Training

Training

MAIL ROOM CO.

MAN

2.1

Our files do not reveal any pertinent information on the Tesla materials since the 1940s, and their current whereabouts or condition is unknown.

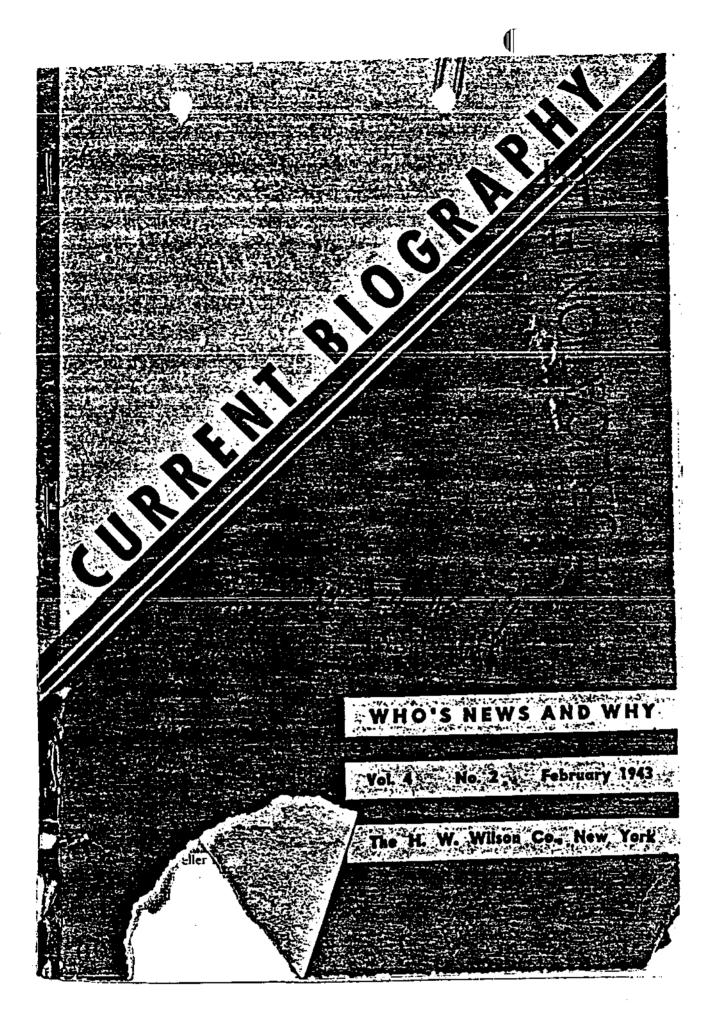
Sincerely,

Roger S. Young Assistant Director in Charge Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

1 - Mr.

- Enclosure

FOIPA, RMD, who has NOTE: Reply discussed with handled similar requests for information in our files concerning Dr. Tesla. In numerous previous responses, we have said that the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice impounded Dr. Tesla's papers after his death. However, the Office of Foreign Litigation, Civil Division, indicated that Dr. Tesla's papers are not in their possession and may, in fact, have been turned over to Tesla's nephew and the administrator of his estate, Sava N. Kosanovic, in February, 1943.



BIOGRAPHY CURRENT

Published monthly by The H. W. Wilson Company 950 University Avenue New York

Editor: Mexime Nech

Copyright, 1942, The H. W. Wilson Company. Researable question from the public sclien is permitted provided due could in given to CUBRIMY 210081APMY Monoglog Selber: E. Mary Tres-

February 1943 Yol. 4

Explanations

Š

Authorities for forms of names are the Library of Congress and authorised form when the shortened form of a name is better known teshortened form of a name is better known: name is not given in the heading it will be found in the sketch itself.

After the name, pronunciation is given if the name is difficult, and those who have died. The occupation of the subject follows. Next comes the sketch itself followed by a list of references for further study. These include magazine and newspaper references (in one alphabet) and books. If the person is not living, references (in one alphabet) and books, papers and magazines. Only books of an autobiographical or biographical who, Who's Who in America, etc.

form (see list "Periodical and Newspaper Abbreviations" for complete title). The form of entry is as follows: Sat Eve Post \$6.78-9 S. 39 por. Saturday Evening Post, volume \$6, pages 78-9, in the September 1939 by a portrait. In the case of newspapers, the name of the paper is followed. The magnaine articles listed under References are in abbreviated number. The abbreviation by a portrait. In the case of lowed by paging and date,

When a name in a sketch is followed by "a biography of that person cember 1940; for a name followed by "a see the 1941 Current Biography Yearbook published in De-Yearbook; for a name followed by "a see the 1941 Current Biography Yearbook; for a "a name see index in the December 1942 Current Biography

Photographs not credited to various studios and not obtained from Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

SMITH, IDA B. WISE-Continued References

Christian-Evangelist p421-4 Ap 16 '42 Christian-Evangensi p463-4 Ap 10 36
por
Lit Digest 121:33 Je 13 '36 por
N Y Times IV p2 Ag 31 '41 por
Newsweek 16:40 Ag 19 '40 por
Time 29:55 Mr 1 '17 por: 39:51 Mr 2
'42 por: 39:12 Je 15 '42
IVIA'- Man in America 1022 41 Who's Who in America 1942-43

STAUSS, EMIL GEORG VON (shtous fon) Oct. 6, 1877—Dec. (1), 1942 German state councilor and a Vice-President of the Reichstag; former director of the Deutsche Bank in charge of its oil interests. Obiteary N Y Times pl7 D 12 '42

SYKES, CHARLES H(ENRY) Nov. 12, 1882—Dec. 19, 1942 Nationally known as the newspaper cardoonist, "Bill" Sykes; drew famous war cartoons for the First and Second World Wars: editorial cardoonist of the Evening Public Ledger of Philadelphia from its founding in 1914 until its suspension in Obituary

N Y Times p44 D 20 '42

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

N Y Times pl9 Ja 8 '43 por

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

Radio commentator

Address: b. c/o Mutual Broadcasting System,
1440 Broadway, New York City

Since August 1941 Cal Tinney's slow Texas
drawl and homespun humor, with intimate,
folksy interpolations, have been heard over
the Mutual network in Siring up the Neuse
each Monday and Wednesday evening from
8:00 to 8:15 p. m. Tinney's colloquialisms,
which the folks "back home" chuckle over—
his "just-between-you-and-me, ain't it the
truth?" "it shore is" method—has captured
many a listener bored with the formal, polished,
or cut and dried comments of other newscasters.

But there has been more to Tinney than
his mannerisms. Speaking usually as a representative of what the "common man" thinks
about affairs at home and abroad, he has taken
more than one direct and shrewd pot shot,
left of center, at stuffed shirt policy, the doings

1

of Big Business, politicians who coddle Fascism at the expense of democracy under high-sounding terms of Americanism, etc. It is not surprising that the sandy-haired young man from the West has occasionally found himself in hot water. Objections have at times been made to the FCC on the "character of the broadcaster's utterances." But Timmey has apparently survived the allegations against him, sance he currently continues his hi-weekly talks.

The outspoken homespun philosopher, who has become a kind of Will Rogers columnist of the air, was born February 2, 1908 on a ranch in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. His family, however, originally came from Texas, where his grandfather, a rugged individualist, had strange politics for those parts. "My grandfather was a Texas Republican," Timney says sadly, "and they shot him. Seems he exploited his sentiments one Saturday night in a bar room. Ever since them my Pop has been a Democrat." So has the son and, judging by his broadcasts, a fervent New Deal-supporting one.

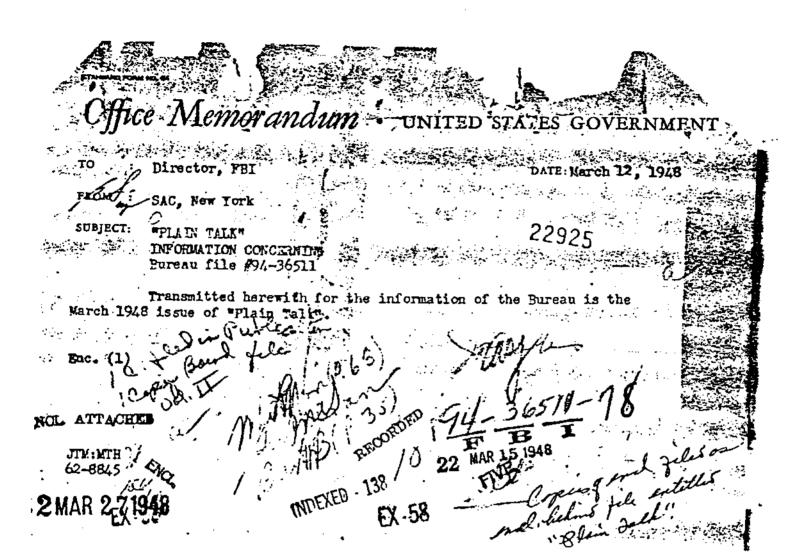
After attending the Oklahoma public schools Timney enrolled at the Murray State School of Agriculture in Tishorningo, Oklahoma. There, however, his education lasted only two weeks. "I never did stay there long enough to find out whether it was a high school or college," he says. Young Timney apparently decided he could get a better schooling by traveling and seeing the world at first hand. For some years he tramped around, often as an ordinary seaman aboard freighters off for foreign ports. He was a newspaperman of sorts, also, and found jobs in Shanghai and Paris. His work in the pre-War French capital was rewriting masterial found in English-printed newspapers. "It was easy." Timney explaina, "All you had to do was change words like lift to elevator, and caretaker to janitor."

After getting his education by travel, Cal Timney settled down in Oklahoma to edit a country paper, and began to advertise it over Station KVOO at Tulsa. That was in 1932 the submitted of a folky heave word on Submit of the Moreh of Ju

推議等

100

:



Sava Kosanovich of Yugoslavia KED AMBASSADORS

By Bogdan Baditsa

This is the fest in a series of profiles of the Red Ambassadon who represent the several Sovies sustlise governments in Washington. Others will follow thorsty.

Harricans are they are with the blasts.

Americans are not aware that some of the most ferrid tirades against "U.S. imperialism" delivered in this country come, from an officially accredited arribassador. Savay Cosanovich, a wirr, red dish-haired man in his satily fifties, represents Tito in Washington and in the United Nations. He travels all over this country making speeches in praise of the "new progressive democrary" in the Balkans, demouring "Anglo-American reaction" and helping to form front groups for Tito. Incidentally, the American move around Belgrade without special permits and a guard of secret police agents.

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

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

In an Embassy which is more of a propaganda bureau than a diplomatic office, Kosanovich is only the front man for the Cominform's schemes in America. The real power in the Embassy is held by members of the Communist Party and the secret police, OZNA, just as its real policy is directed from Moscow through Belgrade. Though Kossinovich in the fall of 156th met Kosanovich in the fall of 1941 in the United States, where he had come with some members of the exiled Koyal Yugoslav Government, representing Crostia, Schia and Slovenia. The tragicomic adventures of that royal mission in America centered around the buttle between those who wanted Yugoslavia, after its liberation from the Nazis, to become a democratic federal union, and those who demanded a Yugoslavia which would be a Gereter Serbia administered on the old preware pattern. The grain outcome was that Tito succeeded in chaming American public opinion with his sweeping promises of democrary and federation, while the exiles were quarreling among themsteres—moutly for personal, rather than its acceptance. ideological, reasons

K DAMOVICH dreamed for a good many years of becoming Yugoslav ambassador to Washington. His unch, Nikobajizela, was an important scientist

In prewar Yugolavia, Koanovich al. ide ways attached himself to some popular the feeling that he was running things himself.) In the beginning of his career he followed the tide of Sveroau principle. The sought a highly centralized Yugolav state and drove the Communists underground through his secret police. That policy helped to resinforce communists underground through his secret police. That policy helped to resinforce communists underground through his secret police. That policy helped to resinforce communism for the present job. but Next, Koanovich was attracted by the that leaders of the Constian Persons, little Several Radich and Dr. ViadimizMaterial Considered that he was Machek's is the brain. Machek, however, did not all reputation. He was ways welcome the attentions of his statel hillie: several times he told me that he received its very Rosanovich's "old maidjah tion suggestions and tearful interventions." to For when he is atguing any involved is. diving suc, Kosanovich's voice takes on a sequervalous tone which makes him sound the file.

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

HORRITO LA GUARDIA was Kosano
Tyda's greatest acquisition. He led
the New York Mayor through the same
political zig-zig he himself followed—
farst to Milmilovich, then to Tito. The
speech of greeting to King Peter that
I.a Cuardia read in Serbo-Coatian on
July 8, 1942, was written by Kosanowich. The Mayor read:
"Drasha Milmilowich and Vladimir
Machek are the expression of the Yugo-

A PART WAS BEEN LINES

in America. He himself is descended was active, with the friends Louis from a long line of Sechian Orthodox Adamic and the violinist, Zisukorgian ministers. His friends in politics used forest him about his appears toward to the friends and primario of the friends and orthodox of the Linked Committee. of Southwomen, his hatted of smoking and Slavic Americans, absequently metamore dirinking. A strong and dynamic politic.

In prewar Yugoalavia, Kosnoorich all the Kremlin's Pan-Slavic front.

In prewar Yugoalavia, Kosnoorich all the Kremlin's Pan-Slavic front.

In prewar Yugoalavia, Kosnoorich all the Kremlin's Pan-Slavic front.

In prewar Yugoalavia, Kosnoorich all the Kremlin's Pan-Slavic front.

In prewar Yugoalavia, Kosnoorich all the structed bilmself to some popular was structed to give bim the feeling that he was naming thing the feeling that he was marked by the feeling that he was marked by the feeling that he was Mache's of Salin's movement to divide the feeling was welcome the attentions of his stell file: several times he told me that he was Machek's one feeling that compose the population of his stell was a fired of Kosnovich's wole takes on a querellos tone which makes him sound queen the man was necessary. Readen the which makes him sound queen the woll with makes him sound queen the was recolution may be centralized through the confining force, the Communist party.

Duting the war Kosnovech allowed the deadended the confining force, the Communist party.

slev spirit of resistance—from Triglav to Vardar. They will go down in his-

ony....

In his own speeches Kossnovich often to his own speeches Kossnovich often to manage Kai-shek and Timoshenko. For example, at a meeting of the anti-Nazi tergue in New York, june 8, 1942, he apoke of "the epic strangle which my veople are making under the man whose name already symbolizes to mankind my veople are making under the man whose name lateady symbolizes to mankind indomitable spiritual and physical resistance—Drasha Mihailovich."

Mihailovich was killed by a government of which Kosanovich was a member. Machek fied the country to except the face of Perkov, Maniu and other a peasant leaden. Immediately after he became Tito's ambassador, Kosanovich chek had been willing to sell out Croatia for a relatively small amount of I money. The former follower of Machek I admitted intimately to a friend that he did not believe the accusation, but that I Tito had asked him to make it.

On july 6, 1942, at a reception held in the Yugoslav delegation amanion on New York's Fifth Avense, Koasnovich in the Yugoslav delegation amanion at Belgrade University. Markovich offered King Peter a check of one thousand dollars for "the Chemits and regue the amy of General Mihailovich."

A week later orders sarrived from all Moscow that Mihailovich should be considered a traitor and Tito accepted as leader of the war for liberation. Markowich did not—but bis defense of the Chemits and regue teaching Mihailovich. Kosanovich did not—but bis defense of the Chemits and nowich las a New York Past Interview on her verk la trainer and regue to Leader grew weaker. Shortly before he in went to London in March, 1944, Kosas

was quoted as follows: "Withailorich is in the position of a General Lee. Tito is some kind of a Lincoln out to save the Union. Mihailorich was an amy officer. I think he is sincere but he is surrounded by a very had political entrounge. The entounge was catastrophic.

The Government, diplomats abroad, working in his name, are even more catastrophic.

Ouriously, Kosanorich himself was a member of that same "catastrophic" government. When he joined the Yugoslaw government. When he joined the Yugoslaw government: that and and added alientised Mihailorich and sought an agreement with Tho's National Liberation in the spring of 1944, it had already dismissed Mihailorich and sought an agreement with Tho's National Liberation.

King his government in cardon. HeadI sale gives was in London. HeadI really Subsisted, the viceroy of Croatia.

The group was more or less sgreed that
Yogoslavia should be restored on the
basis of a federal union.

Kosanovich saked for a government
representing all political parties, which
would be strong enough to fight the
Communists. He was a frequent visitor
to King Peter and his mother. And
when an agreement was drawn up between Subasich and Tito, Kousnovich
was terribly dissatisfied with its terma.

(I suspect that was because he had not
taken an active part in it; he was inclined to think that everything in Yugoslav politics needed his guiding hand.)

Tho was in Belgarde. The Red Amy
was crossing the Danube in its push toward Vienna. On Sequary 18, 1945,
Tito's emissary, General Yvelchit, visited
Kosanovich left the interview pale
and nervous. For the fart time he realized that dealing with the Communists
demanded fortitude.

A few days latt, on January 23, King

Tito atubbornly in London and Washington. Milan Gol (the vice-permiter
and leader of the Serbian democrat)
will serve as a Trojan Hone for the
West. He is a reactionary politician who
backed Mihailovich. If Grol declares
that the Serbian people have to abacdon Mihailovich, they will accept the
idea. As for Kosanovich—he is not an
important personality not a politician.
But he is a useful innocent, who may
be of help in the United Sates where
the is considered to be a Western-type
democrat."

The only member of that Loodon government who still survives politically in the "useful innocent." Subaich, after having been Tito's prime minister and foreign minister, is now a prisoner. In Zagreb. Franch/kol, after participating in the Communist government of Slovenis, was recently sentenced to seven years of alive labor for "espionage in favor of the Western democracies." The liberal Dr. B. Markovich of Scrita died in New York. I arrived there in time to see him before his death. After I had old him the grim story of what Yugoulavia-looked like under the Communist, be said very sadly:

"How is it possible that Savita (the diminutive of Roamowich's first name); could stay in such an outrageous government?"

1

Thro soon began to ignore all the ment with Subasich. Even before the elections he declared that the king was never to come back. Milan Grol and others immediately left Tino's government. Everybody in Yugoslavia expected Kosanovich to do the same. But he began to yield we the Communicat.

Subasich had just come back from a trip around Yugoslavia. He had seen that the people did not want commun.

SAVA KOSANOVICH

cening the Tito-Subaich agreement. The chief obligation was that the new united Yuguslav Government to be formed under Tito should guarantee all fundamental political and civil rights and freedoms to the Yuguslav people. Reseasorich took a prominent part in drafting this public statement announcing the responsiment of the previous cubinet and the obligations its members assumed. As the king's most intimate adviter, he drafted Peter's act of consent to the Regency. Before Kosanovich left. London, the young king kissed him, and received his formal promises that he is would defend the interests of the n Peter dimissed Subusich's cabinet and reappointed its members only after all of them—including Kosanovich—had agreed in writing that, on their return to Yugoslavia, they would defend certain obligations the king had made concerning the Tito-Subusich agreement.

In the spring of 1943, Yugoslavia was "liberated" and the members of its London government-in-crile came back to join Tim's government with the blessing of Churchill, Roosevett and Salin, it was at that time that the Communist characterized Kosanovich as a "useful innocent" (devision buddish). In a meeting beld in a swanky Belgrade spartment house—still the headquarters of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia the Woontenegrin, MiloradyGijlat, and other top Communist leaders were talking over the political characteristics of their new partners.

Gilles said, according to a wimess who reported the meeting to me: The Angio-American dream that they may influence us through someone who is not a Communist. Therefore I any beight is best fatted for the job of foreign minister. Though he sometimes waven, he defended the agraement with

democrats. And he had the courage to democrats. And he had the county for tell this to Tito. Although he was for-eign minister, he was arrested. I was with Kosanovich in his room

in Belgrade's Hotel Majestic when Mrs. in beigrade's riotel bealestic which ball.
Subasich telephoned and asked for immediate help. Her husband was arrested and ill. Kosanovich tried to reassure ber. He telephoned Lt. General Rankovich, OZNA's chief trigger-man. The Communist hangman answered coldly that nothing would happen to the foreign minister. Precautions were merely being taken to defend him from any attempt of the Western reactionaries

upon his life.
We had just been reading Dante there in the hotel room—the part where Count Ugolino bungrily devours the brain of Archbishop Ruggieri, describ-ing the merciless end of all traitors. The blood and turmoil of ancient fratricidal war rose before us: it seemed very near

to our own Yugoslav tragedy.
Only a little later Kosanovich entered
the new People's Front against the will of the Independent Democratic Party, of which he was Secretary General. His party issued a clandestine communique describing his defection. Soon after that keyich, was terribly beaten for three hours by a Communist youth mob. He was lying in a hospital the same night that Kosanovich was flying to the Lonthe chairman of the party, Dr. D. Soch-kovich, was terribly besten for three

nism; they wanted quick action by the don conference of the Big Four, acompanying the Communist Kardeli as a "liberal and democrat." Before he left, Kossnovich had published an article in the Communist official organ, Borba, in which he attacked Subasich and the which he attacked Subasich and the leadership of the party with whom he had worked closely for twenty years. The Communists wanted a proof of "betrayal." And the price was paid. From London, Kosanovich went to the Paris Peace Conference, and from these to Washington. to Washington-to attack American democracy, which he had formerly praised.

CANNOT BELIEVE Kosanovich is a happy man, though he has attained his ambition. Those who once opposed fascism and are now serving communism have lost all faith in themselves and in mankind. There are no more miserable people than the intelligentsia who know better—but who have been afraid to resist in the last battle for man's liberty.

Kossoovich once asked for a synthesis between political and economic democracy for the good of the people, and he is now defending the complete subjugation—economic, political and moral—of Yugoslavia to the Communists. Konstantial was a subjugation of Yugoslavia to the Communists.

THE SOLUTION FOR PALESTINE

A comprehensive and authoritative discussion of the Hoover Plan (pages 32-33) and of the Lowdermilk Plan (Palestine-Land of Promise), offering an engineering rather than a political solution for the crisis in the Near East, will be presented in the next issue of PLAIN TALK.

61-119 Mile No. Case Originated At: PITTSBURGH Report Made By Period 11/18,19,20, Report Made At Date Made LOUIS H. BEIGREDER 2/20/46 PITTSBURGH 21,26/45Character Title INTERNAL SECURITY - C SLOBODNA REC (FREE EXPRESSION) REGISTRATION ACT SLOBODYA REC (Free Expression). Serbian communist-line tri-weekly SYNOPSIS: newspaper printed at 1916 East St., Pitteburgh, Pa., steadfastly adheres to the generally recognized communist line and operates, among Serbs in the U. S., as the organ for the dissemination of information on Serbian affairs in Ingoslavia. As the leading Slav comminist organ it contained, during the period from 12/6/44 to 8/30/45, favorable publicity for such communist front organizations as the SWC American Slav Congress Vidovdan Committee and the United Committee of South Slavic Americans. It supported the TITO and FMIN governments unequivocally and denounced opposition believed to exist against these governments. Due to the leaving of the former Editor-In-Chief, MIRKO KARKOVICH, to confer with TITO and his representatives in Belgrade. Yngoslavia, the editorship has been undertaken by Reverend MIKOLA DRENOVAO. The Managing Editor is CHARLES VUICH and Business Manager is MANE MUSNJAR, all-associated with the communist movement in Western Femasylvania. Bureau (Encls.) 1 Milwaukee (Info.) 1 Newark (Info.) Albany (Info.) l New Haven (Info.) Anchorage (Info.) l New Orleans (Info.) Baltimore (Info.) 1 New York (Info.) Boston (Info.) 1 Oklahoma City (Info.) Buffalo (Info.) 1 Omaha (Info.) Butte (Info.)

l Philadelphia (Info.)

St. Iouis (Info.)

St. Faul (Info.)

San Diego (Info.)

Richmond (Info.)

Salt Lake City (Info.)

San Francisco (Intid)IN

Savannah (Info.) HEREIN

1 Phoenix (Info.)

1

1 Portland (Info.)

Miami (Info.)

Chicago (Info.)

Denver (Info.)

Detroit (Info.)

Houston (Info.)

Jackson (Infe.)

1 Los Angeles (Info.) Louisville (Info. Memphis (Info.)

Kansas City

l Little Rock

Cincinnati (Info.) Cleveland (Info.)

Des Moines (Info.)

Indianapolis (Info.)

(Info.)

(Info.)

Spattle (Info.) DATE Spring Ned (Info.)

Washington Field (Info.)

Fitteburgh 4-10-47 HCM

Pgh. Field Division 61-118

MARYOVICH's lack of complete coordination with the Communist Party movement in , the United States may best be indicated by his individual editorial policy in ... SLOBODNA REC. Unlike other foreign language communist organs, as will be shown in Section III of this report, SLOBODNA REC did not pursue a predominate loyalty to the American Communist Party, but rather concentrated its efforts on foreign news, policy and information.____

The administration of SLOBODNA REC during the period covered by this report may be seen to pursue a more cautious line or policy regarding the printing of sources of news items and other information in the newspaper. Many items appear in the translations of this newspaper which of necessity must have been derived from a foreign source. One such source may be pointed out in that during the eally part of 1945 MARKOVICH had installed in his home a Hamerlin model shortwave radio receiver with a special short-wave antenna and with logging for radio Belgrade.

Translations of SLOBODFA REC as contained in this report were made at the Pitts-Serbo-Croatian translator, and burgh Field Office by

Slavonic translator.

11

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A - OFFICERS

In the "Statement Of The Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required By The Acts Of Congress Of August 24, 1912, and March 3, 1933," regarding newspapers utilizing the mails as a means of transmission, furnished the Pittsburgh Office Foreman, Fittsburgh Post Office, the following are given as officers of SLOBODNA REC:

> Publisher Editor Managing Editor Business Manager Owner

J. TKRSTOVICH CHARLES VUI CK None MANE SHUSHNAR . JOHN KRSTOVICH

This statement was filed at the Pittsburgh Post Office by MANE SHUSHNAR on October 2, 1945.

"2. It is true that this year's calendars were printed too late, but we have inspite of this sold a sufficient number of calendars and some of the sollers have not sent in their money. In addition to the excellent success in advertisements for the calendar and besides the fact that the calendar was excellent, the work of the sale of the calendars is not satisfactory. Our activists should have paid more attention to this then than before solling the calendars.

0/5

- *3. Soon we shall have received several hundred copies of the new book 'Guns For Tito.' We ought to do our best to sell these books as soon as possible. The book was compiled by an American Major who organized a shipment of weapons to TITO's Army and met TITO personally several times. The price of the book is \$2.75.
- "4. We must finish the sale of the book of NIKOLA TESLA. We should particularly interest the American engineers and unionists in it.
- "5. Soon a book of FIREO MARKOVICH will be off the press: 'That We May Understand Each Other.' Therefore it will be necessary to organize the sale of the same. The book contains 350 pages and the price of the same is \$2.50.

"The working committee decided that by the end of the month of March or in April, MIRKO MARKOVICH should start for the Pacific Coast, to Colifornia, to work in the strengthening of our movement and newspaper and in building up of clubs and the apparatus. This will be discussed in detail at the meeting of the Supreme Board in Cleveland."

August 14, 1945

"Reorganization Of Leadership Of Serbian Progressive Movement In City Of Akron Carried Out." This article, which is quoted below, indicates the then policy of SLOBODNA REC in its leadership in the Serbian Progressive Movement in the United States.

"Akron, August 10 - Last week, on Thursday evening, there was here held a special meeting of the Serbian political progressive club, which was attended by the editor-in-chief of SLOBODNA REC. MIRKO MARKOVICH, and the manager of the paper, MANE SHUSHMAR.

GOVERNMENT

: Director, PBI

SAC, Pittsburgh

SLOBODNA REC INTERNAL SECURITY - C REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: November 7, 1947

The following article which appeared in the November 1, 1947, issue of the above captioned Communist line newspaper published at 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information:

Address of Ambassador ROSAHOVICH at Banquet of 2nd Serbian Congress, October 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DATE 2 22-19 BYSPIACOM

I come among you to extend you the greetings of the peoples and the government of the Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia, headed by Marshal Tito and to thank you for the considerable aid which you have given your brothers in the old homeland.

By coincidence, I found myself in the period of 191-14; in this great country where I did my best to defend the truth and contribute to the best of my ability to the thwarting of spreating untruths on the part of the official representatives of the then Yugoslav government in exile and of all those who wanted to convince public opinion of America and its official circles of the impossibility of restoring Yugoslavia. I recall your valuable help of that time. I remember a dear friend in the person of the late Rev. KRAJNOVICH and his constant struggle, as well as of so many others of that period.

You Americans of Serbian descent were hit the hardest. You were exposed to the greatest trials and the heaviest attacks. You had to exercise the greatest self-denial and perspective correctly to see the course of events because every effort was made to confuse you. The idea was that when Serbian Americans follow the wrong path, when chauvinism and national hatred get possession of them, when hatred toward the Croats and Slovenes and toward Yugoslav unity is aroused in them, then it will be easy for the same attitudes to work among Croatians and Slovenes as regards Yugoslav unity, giving chauvinism full sway and thus contributing to the weakening of the war effort in American and rendering impossible the struggle for the salvation and restoration of Yugoslavia and the Balkans.

In a letter of thanks for an honor which was shown me in February, 1944, by a great number of you who are now assembled at this Serbian

MDEXED 177-724-175

To: Director, FBI
Re: SLOBODNA REC
IS - C; REGISTRATION ACT

November 7, 1947

Congress when I was elected an honorary president of the Vidovdan Congress I said:

"In an extraordinary difficult period of mankind you have with sacrifice and self-denial done your duty also toward your people from whom you sprang and toward America of which you are good citizens, and toward mankind. Since my arrival in America in 1941, in an official capacity, I found among you the best understanding and best cooperation for an ever greater unification of national forces in the struggle against all manifestations of fascism. Together we tried to be as serbs - bearers of Serbo-Croato-Sloveno-Macedonian harmony and unity at a time when the enemy banked his entire hope on disharmony and hatred. Working thus we have contributed to the correct understanding of the national-liberation struggle beset with so many obstacles and bedevilled with so much gossip. Time and events have borne out the

And when taking leave of Serbs in America in a letter of July 24, 194, among other things I wrote:

"We have here been those who have defended the purity of the Serbian name at a time when it was being most degraded by the ignorant. History will show that we were right and that by our defending the unity of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, and Macedonians we have best represented the true national Serbian interests and thus represented the interests not only of Yugoslavia but also of America and all United Nations. We have by common sacrifices of a liberation war achieved great successes in the country, but there still are great trials. Enemies will particularly seek to confuse the Serbs and destroy them with false defense of Serbian interests. I ask all my good friends to make every effort to promote harmony and unity. I ask all those who were being deceived in returning to Serbian tradition and enter the great circle of national harmony . . . I ask friends who have had the opportunity and bravery of seeing the right path from the very outset, that they forgive those who haven't seen it because they were deceived by those who thought they must be believed. The true national champion is known by his setting the errant ones on the right path. Responsible culprits who misused their positions and misused the credulity of the ignorant will answer to the people for their misdeeds. The more you will promote harmony, the better it will be for Serbdom, for Yugoslavia, and for America - toward which you have the greatest obligation."

0/5

To: Director, FBI
Re: SLOBODNA REC

SLOBODNA REC IS - C; REGISTRATION ACT November 7, 1947

That was the path to which you were called until his last days by our great countrymen NIKOLA TESLA.

And you, by your moderation, have contributed to the interest of the democratic struggle of the world. You have contributed to the unification of all national forces in America in the organization of the war effort. And at the same time, as Americans of Serbian descent together with other Yugoslav Americans, you have shown your American fellow-citizens that your brothers in the old homeland are with united efforts residing fascism and struggling for freedom and the restoration of their independent state, Yugoslavia.

In this you were able to be the best spokesmen. You and your predecessors have come to this country in search of freedom and better economic conditions.

Most of you and those before you have fled from Hapsburg serfdom because you were being oppressed both nationally and economically. You and your predecessors made valuable contributions to the development of the New World. You with your brother Slovenes and Croatians have sweated, shed blood, worn your bones, expended brains, and whatnot for the progress of this country. Long is the chain of miners, farmers, scientists, and soldiers who gave their best for the general progress and prosperity of the American Union. You have conscientiously been doing your duty and you have become good citizens of this great land. Who of us is not proud of the work, life and nobleness of NIKOLA TESLA without whose work and mind electricity would not be what it now is in the world; whose motor has harnessed the Niagara and the Dnieper, turning the wheels of industry wherever there is electricity? In every spark of electricity, shines his name. America is the greatest beneficiary of TESLA's genius. He asked for no riches.

And so, brothers and sisters, when during the war you have raised your voice for your brethren in the Balkans struggling not only for their life but also for a better and more secure existence of mankind, your voice thus had significance and importance. You were able to be the authorized spokesmen of the struggle which was going on over there.

0/3

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

•

N C	he 37th Anniversal MAROINI GLASS nown GPA members, present for ENJAC of Chicagommittee of CroakeolNI GLASNIK	reary Colebrat FIX held in Mi re and sympath re and sympath	ien of the exiliance, Wis. 2, izers present Lumines, Work Lumines, Work Lumines, Work Lumines, Work Lumines, Work Lumines, Warshal TITO	arty general s. MARY eme of	
I C	entine. compers, present rrangements for ENJAC of Chicagomaittee of Crocker and the Chicagomaittee of Crocker and Charles at particularly	rs and went the constitution of the connection o	leankee, Mis. 3, izers present a present all known in charge of in charge of the Supral Union. Work with present we	arty general s. MARY eme of	
M C H	embers, present rrangements for ENJAC of Chicag munittee of Cro ARODNI GLASNIK ad particularly	co. Ill., offication Fratern in connection in support of	in charge of is charge of ief speaker Miss cer of the Supr al Union, Work with present W	general S. MARY ceme : of	*
*	d particularly	'in support of	f Marshal TITO	set forth C .	
		ARUC.	HEREIN IS U	TION CONTAINED INCLASSIFIED & BYSPIACE.	
R		I Agent HARRY	MORRISON dated		
RENAS OF	th Amniversary tional Herald), ich celebration	1945, he was i Celebration a a Groatian 1 a was held in	ised that under n attendance at l' MAROINI GLASS anguage newspay Harmony Wall lo wankee, Wiscons	the IIK (The per,	
PROVED AND OFFICE ORWANDED OF STATE OF	DECIMARENT CHARGE	74 1 4 - 1	23 4/24	"	
5 - Bureeu 4 - Pitteburgh 1 - Chicago (info) 2 - Milwaukee	N IN CRUS		COM	EX - 23	

The next speaker introduced by Chairman JUHOVICH was a MR. CHRIST MIKALACHI who spoke on the need of funds for the centinued support of the paper NAROINI GLASHIK.

Following this, was a speech by Mr. FRANK PRITRAK, who sise preised the NAROINI GLASHIE for its wonderful works.

At the conclusion of these various speeches, JUROVICH acting as Chairman, again discussed the need of funds for WARDINI GLASMIX and requested a collection from the audience. He told them that the amount sollected was \$586,10.

According to the celebration closed at approximately 9:15

P. M. Seid that during the course of the afternoon he was contacted by
known CPA member, who gave him a pamphlet entitled "The
Bulletin of the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans" dated November,
1944. I made reference to an article in this pamphlet which was written
by LOUIS ADMIC, formerly President of the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS and President of the UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH-SLAVIC AMERICANS. Then attempted
to sell a book entitled "The Prodigal Genius", which was the life story
of NIKOLD TESLA written by JOHN J. O'KEIL. He also showed the calendar
with a picture of Marshal TITO and the inscription "Death to Fascism, Freedom for the People". He explained that these calendars were being printed
in Canada and he was taking orders for them.

Confidential Informent advised that he had previously made arrangements with the last the first announcing the proposed banquet and celebration over Radio Station 5-R-J-E on the Croatian Radio Hour.

was also present at the 37th Anniversary Celebration and confirmed the information set forth by Confidential Information

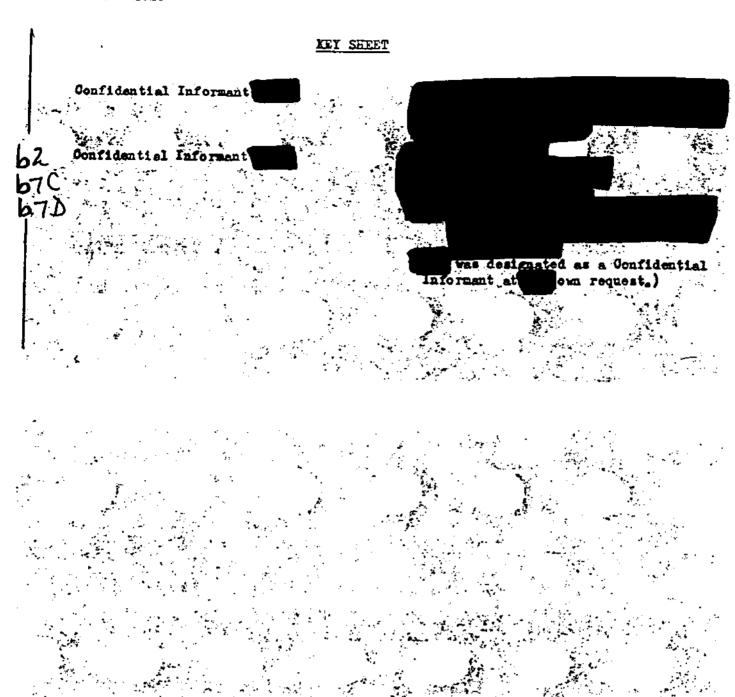
The following individuals were listed by as being present at this meeting:



62

b7C

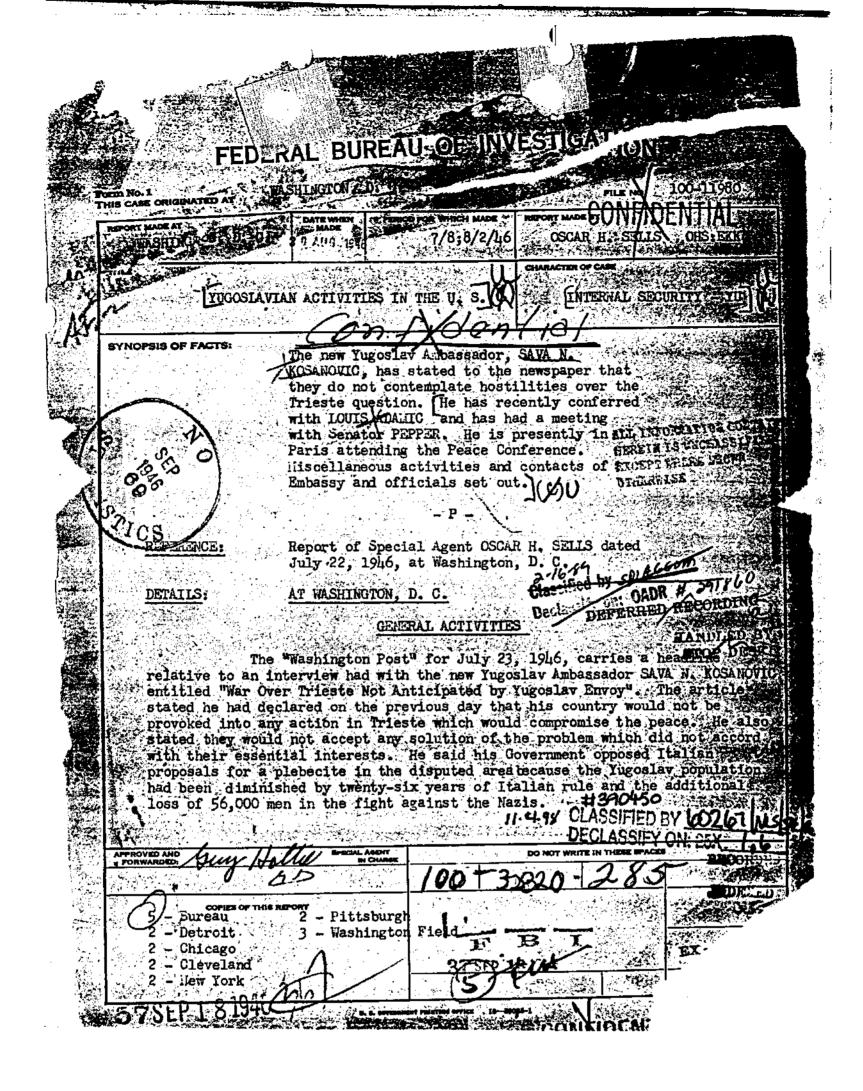
b71



Office Memorandum · United States Government Director, FBI FRO SAC, Pittsburgh SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY - R Pittsburgh, N. S., Pa., would-be radio repair man, advised this office that on April 29, 1945 he installed at the home of captioned subject, a "Hammerlund E.Q. Receiver #120X". stated that since this type receiving set is of a kind which is generally used by amateur radio experts or professionals and since the radio set itself was ir such condition as to indicate that it had been purchased under a very high priority, he inquired of the subject how he happened to be in possession of such a radio set. according was vague as to where he got it, saving that it had belonged at one time to NIKOLA TESLA'S sen and was purchased before the war in New York City. did not make any notation of the serial number of this radio but advised that under pretext he can review the operation of this set in the apartment of the subject and at that time get the serial number. Fursuant to request by the subject, the set was installed and a short wave serial was put up. After the set had been tuned by he was requested to locate the radio station at Delgrade, Yugoslavia. told him that he wished to. get direct reports from Belgrace in order that they might be P1C Instruct as investigation may subsequently develop a censorship violation on the part of the newspaper, COSCDNA PEC, Serbian Communist line tri-weekly newspaper, printed at Pittsburgh, and in order that the bureau might be immediately advised on the developments in this case, the above information has been set forth. Translations of SLOBODNA REC at the Pittsburgh Field Office made currently by Slavenic Translator, are at this time and continue to be reviewed for any releases which appear to emenate from a foreign rather than from any source approved 59, by the Office of War Information or like agentic RD 27.59 It should be noted that during this week since the radio bell beeninstalled at the home of several articles have appeared which appear mave emenated from foreign COPIES DESTROYED proedcests.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

JUN E.E. Rem



WFO 100-11980

Bureau, learned on July 23, 1966, that

whose identity is known

conferred with Ambassador KUSAMOVIC and told him that LOUIS ADALIC had contacted her in order to find out definitely when KOSANOVIC was coming to New York City. It appears that ADALIC planned to be in New York himself on the following Thursday and expressed a desire to have KOSANOVIC be there on Thursday night. KOSAMOVIC told her he was leaving for Paris the following Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. He was told that ADALIC would like to have dinner with him on Thursday night and on Friday morning for him to meet "this fellow that he has been talking about." KOSANOVIC said he knew it was something about publicity. KOSANOVIC stated he was not very happy about having to go to Paris. He said he hadn't "finished ending" and that it was very complicated. He indicated that would accompany him to Paris. They expressed amusement over the "Star's" account of KOSANOVIC's press conference the previous day.

The article in the "Evening Star" which was referred to above appeared July 23, 1946, and was entitled "New Envoy Disclaims Any Yugoslav Plans for Coup at Trieste." This article was written by NEWBOLD NOYES, JR. The article quotes the Ambassador as saying that Yugoslavia would not be "provoked into compromising the peace." The article stated that the Ambassador had indicated his country would boycott Trieste if they did not get it. The article stated that KOSANOVIC is a nephew of NICOLATESIA, the Yugoslav-American inventor.

62 670

with

newspaper coverage of the Ambassador's press conference the previous day.

said there was a little on the first page of the "New York Herald

Tribune" and said there was quite a bit in the "New York Times" also.

told her that he expected more in the "Evening Star" than had appeared in the "washington Post" because he had "one of their good people, who was very favorably impressed and said he would say so."

learned on July 30, 1946, that contacted Senator TAYLOR's office and advised that the Ambassador would like to have Unuch with Senator TAYLOR at the Senate dining room on Thursday at 1:00 P.M. along with some other members of the Senate.

Informant learned on the following day that made arrangements for Ambassador KOSA. OVIC to have lunchwith Senator PIPPER and probably Senator MAGNUSON in the Senate dining room.

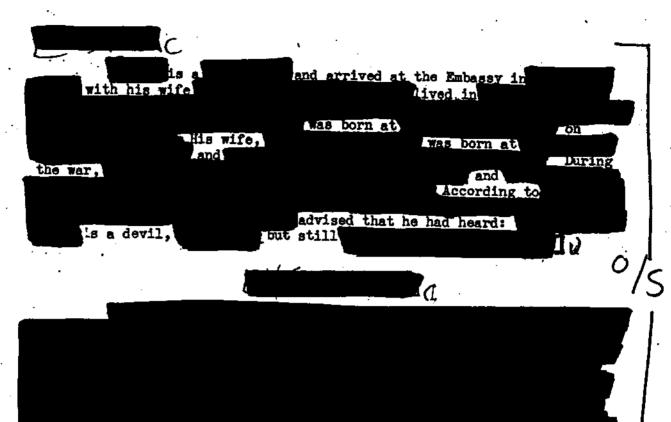
Informant also learned on July 31, 1946, that Senator PEPPER had accepted the invitation to have lunch with the Ambassador at 1:00 P.si,

X

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CONTAINED THIS CASE CRIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D. C. REPORT MADE AT FILE NO. 100-11980 DATE WHEN WASHINGTON, D. C. -18-47 CLIFFORD J. NELSON JUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL SECURITY SYNOPSIS OF FACTS CTASS & ETT PRASON & ETT OF FOUNT (6) The second reservoir MELSON, Mated 3-30-47 OOPY IN FILE Detroit 5 - Bureau 1 - Info.: Portland Los Angeles Seattle Buffalo Milwaukee St. Louis
New York 7 San Francisco
New Orleans 3- MFO
[1-100-18518] Boston 37 NOV 19 1947 Classified Chicago **57C** 95



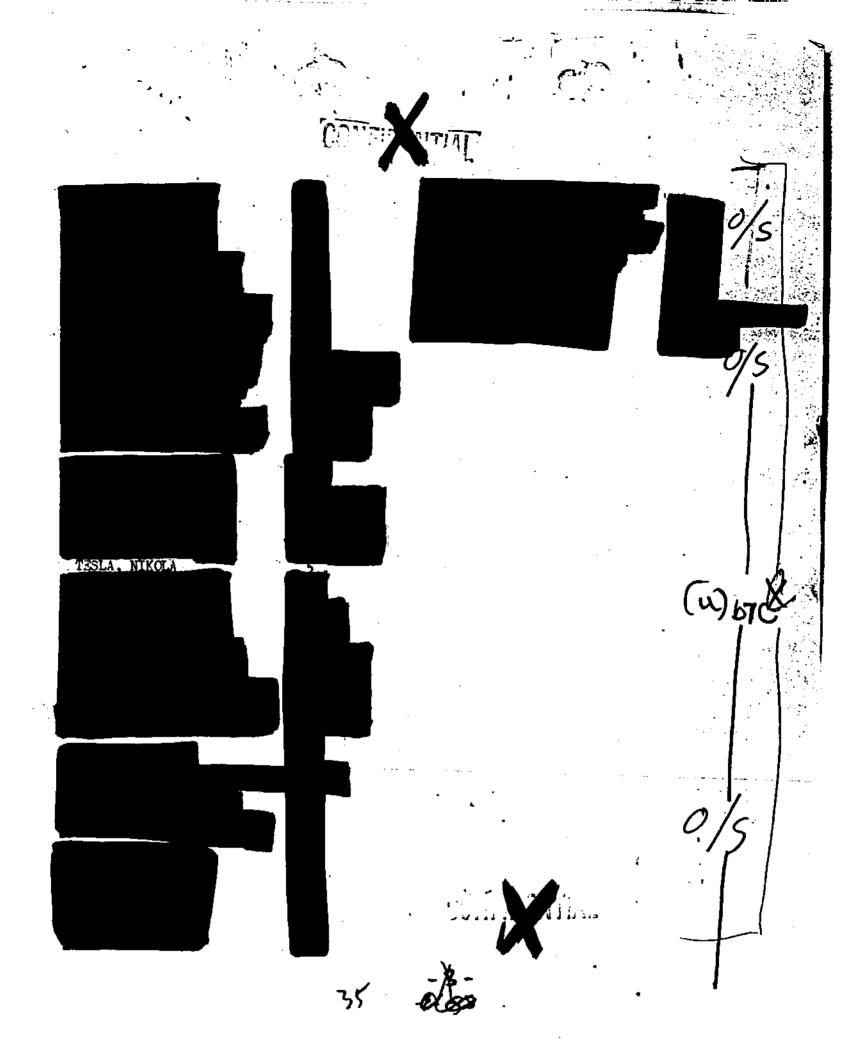
WFO 100-11980



SAVA NE KOSANOVIC,

KCSANOVIC came as Yugoslav Ambassador in approximately July of 1946, presenting his credentials to the President on July 18, 1946. KCSANOVIC is generally considered not a Communist but an opportunist. He is a member of the Independent Democratic Party and previously served as a Minister under the Royal Government. He was born at Plaski, Croatia, May 29, 1894, was a nephew of the famous inventor, NIKOLATESLA.

- 5 -



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

	Section 552		Section 552a
	□ (b)(1)	□ (b)(7)(A)	□ (d)(5)
	□ (b)(2)	□ (b)(7)(B)	□ (j)(2)
	□ (b)(3)	□ (b)(7)(C)	(k)(1)
	. 	□ (b)(7)(D)	□ (k)(2)
		□ (b)(7)(E)	□ (k)(3)
		□ (b)(7)(F)	□ (k)(4)
	□ (b)(4)	□ (b)(8)	□ (k)(5)
	□ (b)(5)	□ (b)(9)	□ (k)(6)
	□ (b)(6)		□ (k)(7)
	Information pertained only to a third party verquest is listed in the title only.	vith no reference to the subject of you	r request or the subject of your
	Documents originated with another Government for review and direct response to you.	nent agency(ies). These documents w	ere referred to that agencycies)
	Pages contain information furnished by and to the releasability of this information follows:	wing our consultation with the other ;	igency(ies).
	Page(s) withheld inasmuch as a final release disposition at a later date.	determination has not been made.	You will be advised as to the
_	Pages were not considered for release as th	ey are duplicative of	
	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s)	REFERENCE TO	TESLA
<u>-</u>	The following number is to be used for refere	ence regarding these pages.	

XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX

FBITDOI

Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

Form No. 1 This Case Originated A	Lt. INDIANAPO	LTC TMDT/MA	_	
Report Made At	Date	Period Period	•	le Work 100-4006
Indianapolis, Indiana	i	1.	Report Made By	
Title	11/18/42	10/29,30/42	CLARENCE E. CL	
20 O	· · ·		Character of	Case
AMERICAN SLAV CONG	ress (all-sla	V CONGRESS)	internal se	CURITY - C
Synopsis:	······································			
Reference 3 Reference Refe	council of American Slav Congration of et-up and a properties of the ritten by Serbs of the ritten by Serbs of the attended of the ritten by t	rica, with referes, set forth oncerning the poartial list of Congress. Also All Slav Congress information of Gary, Indianated the All Slav Congress data Slav Congres	ermanent committed delegates to the set forth is a ress which was longreceived that and slav Congress. ALL INFORMAT HEREIN IS UNCOUNTY.	b2 b7C b7D lon contained LASSIFIED
(A) 0	. Indiana	ing and the second second		62
		al Informant.	has been obta	ined h7
(Mir and A)	l agent in		Write in These	7,
Dureau New York (In Pittsburgh Newark (Inf Lilwankee (Inf	af.)	72736	014 - 4	RECORDED
l Pittsburgh	(Inf.)	~ 1. c		ENDEXED
l Washington I	[nf.] [leid (Inf.]	. 5 Név 21 j	1942)	With
Mashington I Chicago (Ini 1 Philadelphis 1 Cleveland (I 3 Detroit	(Inf.)	A	人人	,
	nr.)	TO S	1 / 14	
TO TO TO THE POPULATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	20	4 ,		EX-II
	$NI - \Gamma$,		

a copy of a bulletin entitled "in ws Flashes from Czechoslovakia under Nazi Domination", published by the Czechoslovak National Council of America, 4049 West Twenty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois, release no. 132, dated May 11, 1942:

This bulletin contains news concerning the American Slav Congress held at Detroit, Michigan, April 25 and 26, 1942. The article contains the permanent committee set-up of the Congress and a list of men of eminence among the delegates to the Congress.

This article is being quoted below:

"AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS FOR GREATER WAR EFFORT"

The coordination activities of all groups of Slavic extraction in America for an intensified war effort moved a long step closer to reality as a result of the American Slav Congrecs held in Detroit April 25 and 26 and attended by more than 2300 delegates representing church, fraternal, labor, social and cultural groups from all parts of the country. Every substantial American Slav organization in the country was represented.

Permanent Committee Set Up

A permanent committee was elected with LEOKRZYCKI, Vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for President; Prof. J. J. ZMRHAL, of the Czechoslovak National Council, Vice-president; STEPHENIZEMAN, JR., of the Slovak Evangelical Union, Secretary; VINKONUK, of the Croatin Fraternal Union, Treasurer; and BLAIR F. CUNTHER, member of the Educational Committee of the Polish National Alliance, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Participating Slavic nationality groups elected vicepresidents to the Board of Directors. Vice-presidents
for the respective nationality groups elected were:
EDMUND POINC, Polish; W. J. MUZIK, Czech; V. S. PLATEK,
Slovak; VASIA DICOFF, Bulgarian; SAMUED ERLINICH,
Serbian; JOHN BUTKOVICH, Croatian; VINCEYT CAINKAR, Slovene; PETER RATICA, Carpatho-Russian; GEORGENTIRINSKY,
Macedonian; HARRY MUSESHKOFF, Russian; MICHAELYTKATCH,
Ukrainian.

0/5

The various nationality groups also elected members to the nationality committees of the Board of Directors. The National Committee of the congress held its first plenary session in Pittsburgh, May 10. to plan steps to translate the decisions of the congress into action.

Anti-Hitler Measures Adopted

Main decisions embodied in the resolutions of the congress were:

1. To make a direct appeal to American Slavs comprising more than half the workers in the war essential industries of the nation to intensify their production efforts to outproduce Hitler and the Axis.

2. To intensify vigilance against fifth-columnists operating within the various Slavic groups in this country siming to sow division and disunity in the war effort.

3. To chart a plan to recruit 50,000 american Slav volunteers for a house-to-house campaign among american Slav families for raising the amount of war bond subscriptions to 10 per cent of income.

4. To take all measures to strengthen the bonds of solidarity among american Slav groups and between them and the Slav peoples of Europe for a concerted effort against HITLER.

5. To increase support of all war relief agencies, particularly the Russian, Yugoslavian, Polish, Czecho-slovakian, British, Greck and Chinese.

6. To take steps to counteract the appeasers.
7. To set up a permanent organization to coordinate and assist in carrying out the decisions adopted by the Congress.

Response Exceeds Anticipations

The response to the first american Slav Congress ever held in America exceeded all anticipations. It revealed the depth of anti-Axis feeling that has seized hold of the Americans of Slav descent who came expressing desires to do their utmost to the end that the power of Hitlerism, arch-foe of the Slav peoples as of freedom-loving peoples everywhere shall be decisively smashed.

0/5

The delegates were mostly brawny men from coal mines, steel mills, machine shops—the men on whom the nation is counting for much of its war essential goods production and wholesome-looking women whose faces showed hardening lines of determination beneath war smiles.

Men of Eminence Among Delegates

Among the delegates were men and women of distinction in many fields of activity—scholars, writers and clargymen, among them Rev. VINCENT BORKOVIOZ, who represented the Try Rev. Bishop STETAN S, WOZNICKI at the Congress and delivered the opening invocation; Metropolitan Pishop Benjamin, of the Russian Orthodox Church; Most Rev. JOHN FAMIOVICH of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Rev. Pewlowski, of Buffalo, New York.

among others present were JOSEPH WATTRAS, director of the Polish Rational Alliance of Pittsburgh; CHESTER A. MOZDROJ, President of the Polish Central Citizens' Committee of Detroit; Judge H. CRONKOWSKI of Hamtramch; Captain W. HETMAN, Polish War Veterans, Chicago; Dr. W. T. OSOWSKI: chairman Michigan All Slav Committee, Detroit; Mrs. M. ASSTEROWICZ, deer of Polish journalists, Buffalo, New York: ZLATKO ZALOKOWICH, frmed Croatian violinist; FRANK GRIGORSKI, assistant district attorney of Milwaukce and president of the Fulaski Council there; VINCENT KLEIN, Secretary Chrysler Local No. 17 of UAW-CIO; Michigan State Senator, STANLEY MOWAK; Prof. J. J. AMRHAL, President of the Czechoslovak National Council; JOSEPH ARTINEK, Executive Secretary of the Czechoslovak National Council, Chicago: KARED DRCHAL, President of the American Sokol Union; ADOLF CER, President of the Czech american National alliance; VIHCE TYPRDSKY, Secretary of the Czech american Mational Alliance; Rev. Jan S. BRaDAC, Honorary President of the Slovek National Alliance; Rev. ARNOST 781274 of the Federation of American Czechoslovaks in Texas; NICOLa CESLa, Serbian American inventor; ETBIN KRISTAN, prominent Slovenian writer; Dr. D. K. WATICH, first vice-president Michigan all-Slav Committee; SAMUEL ZRLINICH, President of the Serbian National Federation, Pittsburgh; Judge ANTHO: Ty LUCAS, Pittsburgh; Ohio State -Senator GOYD-BOICH; Judge GEORGE S. TEHESY, Cleveland;

RAYMOND TRAVNIK, Slovenska Barodna Podporna Jednota; Rev. M. F. DENIKO. Cleveland; W. MUZIK, President of the Czechoslovak Society of America; and Mrs. MARIE KRAL of the Nat'l Alliance of Czech Catholics.

From the serious and restrained mood of the delegates it was visible they had come for the one purpose of agreeing on a common line of action to be taken to guarantee a speedy end of HITLER and the Axis. There was a notable absence of the usual convention hilarity and abandon.

An International Event

It was a wartime meeting dominated by a wartime grimness. That the deliberations of the congress would have international repercussions was evidenced in the more than thousand telegrams from all parts of the world that reached the congress during the sessions.

One of the wires greeting it was from a Czech group in Teheran, Persia; there were many from Slavic groups in Chile, Argentina, Canada, and throughout America. Soviet writers and scientists and members of the Yugl-slav government in Kuibyshev wired the congress messages of greetings and good wishes.

The Congress was not only an event significant in the history of america's 15 million Slav-descended citizens but fraught with meaning for the destiny of the more than 200 millions of Slav peoples across the seas engaged in a life-and-death struggle against Nazi enslavers.

For the first time the peoples of the diverse Slavic groups in America were reaching a common understanding on a world-wide issue—a matter that gave delegates a feeling of considerable satisfaction.

Far beyond the brilliantly delivered keynote speeches and the iron note of resolve sounded in the resolutions—all of which raised the assembly to wild cheers of enthusias—was the vibrant sense of unity which, given expression by the congress carried to the Slav peoples

ols

throughout the world its ressage of redoubled efforts to crush HITLER and guarantee a democratic victory for the world.

Keynote--Production for Victory

Production and secrifice were the keynote motifs of the main address of the congress delivered by LEO KRZYCKI. Reminding listeners that American Slavs occupy a key position in America's war industrial pattern, he called for greater efforts this year to turn the scales of victory in favor of the democracies.

How to safeguard American war production and American morals took up the following sessions which were addressed by Prof. J. J. ZMRHAL, President of the Czechoslovak National Council of America, on fifth-column activities and measures to be taken against them; FRANK N. ISBEY, chairman of the Michigan Defense Savings Program on national morals; ELI GLIVER, of the Labor Division of the War Production Board and GEORGE ADDES, Secretary-Treasurer of the Auto Workers Union on problems facing labor in the war industries. These subjects were treated in further detail in special panel discussions later.

10,000 Hear Hon. Paul V. McHutt

Two thousand plates were served at the banquet tendered the delegates and guests by the Michigan Committee of the American Slav Congress in the Masonic Temple on April 25.

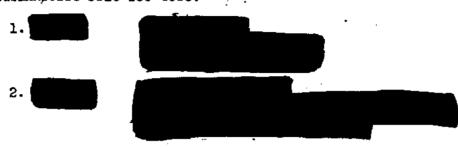
But the climex of the congress was a victory rally in the Michigan State Fair Coliseum where 10,000 persons assembled to hear the Hon. PAUL V. McNUTT, Federal Security Administrator and U. S. Government representative to the Congress who greeted the delegates and drew thunderclaps of applause by his appeal for "more tanks for TIMOSHENKO". "In this first Slav Congress you have shown the world the miracle of American unity," he declared.

A message from President ROOSEVELT was received wishing the Congress success in its work."

0/5

INDEX TO INFORMANTS

The following is the Index to Informants mentioned in the report of Special agent CLARENCE E. CLAY, dated November 18, 1942, at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the matter entitled, "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS (All-Slav Congress) INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Indianapolis file 100-4006:



PENDING

PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HOON DENTIAL

Made at							
	are to	Date	Period	F100	ourgh F	lle #100-2	5674
- TIT ORDUTE	H, PA.	11-5-43	2-9,14,23;5-	21.6 4.	Made by		
			7-6 8-14, 18,		John E.	KEANE	
Title:							
DAMERICAN :	STAV COMO	mee An	Slav Congress		Characte	r	
ALL INFO	RULTION OF	NTAINED	STAY CONGRESS	•} . [INTERNAL	SECURITY	
		PIED		I	•		_ 0
-EXCEPT!	STATE SHOWN		`			•	
OPHERWIS	i.			<u>-</u> -			
<u>,</u>			• •		. •	_	,
Synopsis		AMERI	CAN SLAV CONGI In Pittaburch	ESS has n	a d'amaz		
	The second	A tion	in Pittsburgh	Area set	4 - 4 A A	organiza	•
1	19 19	/ ried o	on by BLAIR S.	Attonum	-A10168	rie cer-	- 1414
V _C	16564	both o	officers of na	1	OTEPHEN	(SEMAN, JI	4.00
G, Co	ruzio						michell Chi
- 35 000	1 141119	Slavio	organization	o in Diff.	MARTE OF	various	mad bin
A 60	3rqv	advine	and	e in Lift;	sourgh.	Informant	_ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ ,
€ \$\&\\	()	by T		HUBITE CO	munist e	lement le	
	V						
STOP STOP	•	active	group in los	BULLIUS DE	Aababer'	18 MOSS	
W.S. A.			group in localigation reflection		N SLAV C	Ongress.	1 07
DA		mnniet	CONNECT TOTAL	76.0	nas us	AA Commence	_
C	N	tere.	connections i	OL VIE DE	<u> Iltical</u>	advan-	E \$ 0/
		aldava	er andress Helfk	er	А	re con-	10 PM
ON ON	T	-14015	d Communistics	TIA IDCLI		nmunist	0.2
	.	CLAMAN	active in pl	ans for A	MURICAN :	SLAV	100
, D.	1.7					1941. 10X	泛黑
いん	~\~ \	THIS CO	PREFERS Was DO	atmonad e			7/2
		1 44 -		Politica I	or Detro:	Lt meet—	W.
	MI X		ongress was po			lt meet- itians	THE STATE OF THE S
``` 2 <b>\</b> `	4	and Sea	Day Dougl	sting bet	ween Cros	tiens	NO DESCRIPTION
3/(		and Ser Committe	De Board of	director	ween Cros s of Nati	Lonal	W.
ેં અ		Committe	De Board of	director	ween Cros s of Nati blegates	who	THE PARTY OF THE P
ઁ અ	AL CHAPTE	committee are known	De Board of se set out.	director	ween Cros s of Nati legates lets who	onal who attend-	WATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR
<b>ે</b> અ	ALC WAR	committee are known	be Board of se set out. whe er suspect of Congress number being	director	ween Cros s of Nati legates lets who	onal who attend-	Will Will
Proved No	Onl	and Seg Committee knowed Detr Largest	De Board of	director	ween Cros s of Nati legates lets who	onal who attend-	W. W.
	Johnson	and Ser Committee ince ed Detr Largest	be Board of se set out.  What suspect of Congress number being	director List of de d Communication Trom Pitte	ween Cross of National State o	onal who attend-	14 N
- Buresca	Johnson 1 - 08	and Ser Committee ince ed Detr Largest	be Board of se set out.  What suspect of Congress number being	director List of de d Communication Trom Pitte	ween Cross of National State o	who attendations; an Fra-	75 95
- Bureau - Baltimere	Johnson 1 - 007 1 - G-	and Ser Committee ince ed Detr Largest	be Board of se set out.  What suspect of Congress number being	director List of de d Communication Trom Pitte	ween Cross of National State o	who attendations; an Fra-	75 95
- Bureau - Baltimare - Boston	90 man 1 - 00 1 - 0-	and Ser Committee ince ed Detr Largest	be Board of se set out.  What suspect of Congress  number being  BAC  Ligh Classified in	director List of de d Communication Pitti members of	ween Cross of National State o	who attendations; an Fra-	75 95
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago	1 - 00 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Seg Committee in a ed Detr Largest 2003 I Pittsburgh	be Board of se set out.  What suspects out Congress number being EAC  argh Classified because of the Declassified of the Congress of the Congr	director List of de d Communication Trom Pitte	ween Cross of National State o	who attendations; an Fra-	75 95
- Bureau - Baltimare - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat	1 - 00 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Seg Committee in a ed Detr Largest 2003 I Pittsburgh	be Board of se set out.  What suspects out Congress number being EAC  argh Classified because of the Declassified of the Congress of the Congr	director List of de d Communication Pitti members of	ween Cross of National State o	who attendations; an Fra-	75 95
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland	1 - 00 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Seg Committee in a ed Detr Largest 2003 I Pittsburgh	be Board of se set out.  What suspects out Congress number being EAC  argh Classified because of the Declassified of the Congress of the Congr	director List of de d Communication Pitti members of	ween Cross of National State o	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit	1 - 00 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Seg Committee in a ed Detr Largest 2003 I Pittsburgh	be Board of se set out.  What suspects out Congress number being EAC  argh Classified because of the Declassified of the Congress of the Congr	director List of de d Communication Pitti members of	ween Cross of National State o	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark	1 - 00 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Seg Committee in a ed Netr Largest 2013 I Pittsburgh ttsburgh	be Board of se set out.  What suspects out Congress number being EAC  argh Classified because of the Declassified of the Congress of the Congr	director List of de d Community Trom Pitte members  V SPSRIE	ween Cross of Naticalegates who burgh services of Marine M	who attendations; an Fra-	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnet - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark - New Haven	1 - 09 1 - 6- 4 - Pi	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director List of de d Community Trom Pitte members  V SPSRIE	ween Cross of National State o	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark - New Haven - New York	1 - 09 1 - 6- 4 - Pi	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director List of de d Community Trom Pitte members  V SPSRIE	ween Cross of Naticalegates who burgh services of Naticale Stores of Cross	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark - New Haven - New York	1 - 09 1 - 6- 4 - Pi	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark - New Haven - New York	1 - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director List of de d Community Trom Pitte members  V SPSRIE	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 2450 ASSITED B	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Bureau  Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelph  San Franci	1 - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i City nia lece	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	attendations: an Fra- 24- 30450	95 INDEXED
- Bureau - Baltimere - Boston - Chicago - Cincinnat - Cleveland - Detroit - Newark - New Haven - New York	1 - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i City nia lece	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- 20450 AFSILITOR	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Bureau  Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelph  San Franci	1 - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i City nia lece	and Seg Committee in a ed Netr Largest 2013 I Pittsburgh ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- 20450 AFSILITOR	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Baltimere Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelpi San Franci  Vashingtor	i - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- CORDED CORDED 1943	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Baltimere Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelpi San Franci  Vashingtor	i - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- CORDED 10450 AFGILTED B	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Baltimere Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelpi San Franci  Vashingtor	i - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- CORDED CORDED 1943	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Bureau  Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelph  San Franci	i - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- CORDED 10450 AFGILTED B	95 INDEXED
Bureau  Baltimere Boston  Chicago  Cincinnat  Cleveland  Detroit  Newark  New Haven  Few York  Philadelpi San Franci  Vashingtor	i - OW 1 - G- 4 - Pi i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and Ser Committee in a ed Detr Largest Pittsbr 3 Pittsbr ttsburgh	be Board of see set out.  What we suspect out Congress  number being  EAC  Declassified to the congress  Cap 2-883	director director List of de d Commun rom Pitte members  SPERIE  A  A	ween Cross of Natical States who burgh services of Natical States who burgh services of States o	at tend- t out: an Fra- 24- CORDED 10450 AFGILTED B	95 INDEXED