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 RE "INTERPLANETARY SESSION
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June 14, 1957

INTERPLANETARY SESSIONS NEWSLETTER

No. 7

Dear Friends:

INTERPLANETARY SESSION NEWSLETTER.

We have not issued a Newsletter since May 1, 1956 because we had no Space news which we could consider authentic. However, now we have some good news to pass along to you.

LECTURE - by George Van Tassel and Dan Fry, in Ballroom of Hotel Diplomat, 110 West 43rd Street, New York City, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 1957. Donation \$1.25.

George Van Tassel operates the Giant Rock (California) Spaceport and Airport and has been host at four annual Spacecraft Conventions. He is the author of two books: I Rode A Flying Saucer, and Into This World and Out Again. He is also the publisher of Proceedings magazine, usually issued monthly. Back issues of Proceedings have been reprinted in one volume. Address George Van Tassel, P. O. Box 419, Yucca Valley, California.

Dan Fry is the author of The White Sands Incident. In this book he tells the story of a trip which he made in a flying saucer from a desert spot on the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico to New York City and return, in 32 minutes.

Dan Fry and another gentleman are now enroute to New York by automobile. George Van Tassel and Art Aho will arrive in Mr. Aho's plane. They all plan to be in New York City at Hotel Diplomat on June 17. They will probably be heard next week on Long John's program on Radio Station WOR, from 12 midnight to 5:30 in the morning, nightly except Sunday.

This letter will not reach you in time to sight flying saucers over New York on the night of June 13, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. But there will again be full scale operations of flying saucers over all American areas on July 1. This will be in three phases, as follows: New York areas, July 1, 9 a.m.; Washington, D.C. areas at 9:25 a.m.; general North American areas, after 9:25 a.m.; Central American areas, 9:30 a.m.; South American areas, 9:35 a.m. Second phase: Same areas as above, beginning at 12 o'clock mid-day, July 1. Third phase: Full scale operations over all American areas beginning at 7 o'clock on the evening of July 1. The above information has been supplied by George King, editor of Cosmic Voice, 88 The Drive Mansions, Fulham Road, London S.W. 6. Also, please note that George King has also published back issues of Cosmic Voice in one volume, price \$1.00 plus postage. This is beyond doubt the finest "buy" of saucer messages that we know of. George King is considered the best telepathic contact which the space people have, although George Van Tassel is the finest we have in America.

Margaret Storm has been assigned to certain work with the Space People, as follows: She is writing a book - Return of the Dove - a story of the life of Nikola Tesla, scientist, and the part his inventions will play in the New Age. Much of the data for this book has been supplied to Mrs. Storm through transcripts received on the Tesla set, a radio-type machine invented by Tesla in 1938 for Interplanetary Communication. Tesla died in 1943 and his engineers did not build the Tesla set until after his death. It was placed in operation in 1950 and since that time the Tesla engineers have been in close touch with space ships. The Space People have visited the Tesla engineers many times, and have told us that Tesla was a Venusian, brought to this planet as a baby, in 1856, and left with Mr. and Mrs. Tesla in a remote mountain province in what is now Yugoslavia.

A biography of Tesla was published in 1944. It can probably be obtained from your local library or bookstore. It is entitled "Production of Tesla" by John J. O'Neill, then science editor of the New York Herald Tribune. Mr. O'Neill has since died. This book gives no information about Tesla's connection with the Space People, a fact which was not revealed until 1950. The book also gives many wrong impressions of Tesla, because Mr. O'Neill's occult knowledge was limited. However, it is well worth reading because it gives much technical information about electrical engineering which Mrs. Storm will be obliged to omit in her book because she has such an abundance of material to present.

It had not been intended to mention Mrs. Storm's work at this time, but the public will be offered a "sneak preview" in a small mimeographed resume of the book, according to publication arrangements now being made. This development came about unexpectedly because of the extremely critical condition of world affairs, engendered by the continuance of nuclear tests, and the fact that Mrs. Storm could not possibly have the finished book ready for the publishers before July 30, even with the aid of a small miracle. This material is now being presented as a paper before certain California groups where the announcement of the Tesla news was received with tremendous enthusiasm.

Mrs. Storm will present the material to certain small groups in the New York area within the next few weeks, and probably Space Groups in other sections will also co-operate by offering it to their members. Our world situation is not hopeless by any means, although the Space People bluntly inform us that as a race we are too "lazy"; spiritually we must become more potent if we are to hold this planet together against the efforts of the dark forces to blow it to bits.

So let us look for the good news. Look for good news from England where the messages of George King have at last reached the scientists, the press, and the Queen. Look for good news from Calvin Girvin of California, who is one of the best space contacts in this country.

And look for more good news at the Van Tassel-Dan Fry lecture on June 20. We hope to see all of you there. The ballroom seats about 1200, and we must put forward every effort to get behind these speakers and support them.

Then on July 1 let us keep our eyes on the skies! The Space People are going to make every effort to give all of us a chance to see the ships. However, if the military uses jets in large numbers to chase the Space Ships, we may not see them. As citizens you can urge the government to be more cordial to our visitors.

Now for some unpleasant news. This has been transmitted from Mars Sector 8, through George King in London. We have to begin paying off our karmic debts in the form of disease, which cannot be abated unless we discontinue the nuclear experiments. However, to help all of us through the coming period of epidemics the Space People have placed four space stations in orbit around the earth. They will start magnetizing the earth at midnight on July 21. Through meditation we can absorb these healing rays. The Martians have clearly indicated that they are just about "fed up" with our depravity on this planet; apparently even Space People can become impatient!

51 West 81 Street
New York 24, N.Y.
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Sincerely,

Margaret and John Storm

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January 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH:

*Advise Bureau
of this by teletype
asking for immediate
response as to what
action should be
taken*

re: Unknown Subjects,
Equipment, Experiments and
Research of Nikola Tesla, Deceased.
Espionage - M.

Mr. A. N. SPANEL, 1136 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in a telephone conversation with the writer during the late evening of January, 8, 1943, stated that NIKOLA TESLA, who was one of the World's outstanding scientists particularly in the electrical field, and who had passed away on January 7th, 1943, at the Hotel New Yorker where he maintained his residence, during his lifetime had conducted many experiments in connection with the wireless transmission of electrical power and what is commonly called the "death ray". Mr. SPANEL further stated that the notes and records of TESLA's experiments and formulae, together with designs of the machinery necessary to vitalize them, are among TESLA's personal effects and that no steps have been taken to preserve them or to keep them from falling into the hands of people unfriendly to the war effort of the Allied Nations. SPANEL continued by saying that a distant relative of TESLA, a person who was intensely disliked by Tesla and who came to the United States from Czechoslovakia within the past year, by the name of SAVA KOSANOVICH is taking steps to get possession of these important documents and plans. Mr. SPANEL believes that there is a strong likelihood of KOSANOVICH making this material available to the enemy in the event he is successful.

SPANEL advised that he is engaged in some kind of governmental work connected with the war effort which causes him to spend about five days of each week in the Nation's capitol; and because of the connections he has made in this capacity he has seen fit to telephonically notify G-2 headquarters in Washington, D. C., as well as Mr. BORKIN of the Department of Justice in Washington. SPANEL stated that Mr. BORKIN advised him that he, BORKIN, would immediately make the information available to the Director of the FBI and advised SPANEL to lose no time in taking steps to see to it that TESLA's personal possessions were not disturbed.

A few minutes after this conversation Mr. SPANEL again telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had been in telephone communication with Dr. D. LOZADO, one of the advisers to Vice President WALLACE. After talking with LOZADO he, LOZADO, called back to SPANEL and told him that the government was vitally interested in the effects of TESLA, I. particularly those dealing with the wireless transmission of electrical energy and the "death ray" and for SPANEL to lose no time in doing all he could to preserve them.

In the last conversation with the writer SPANEL advised that

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a young man by the name of BLOYCE FITZGEARLD, an electrical engineer, had been quite close to TELSAs during his lifetime and in fact was the protegy of TELSAs. SPANEL said that FITZGEARLD was in New York City and would be in contact with him shortly, at which time he would have FITZGEARLD call the writer.

At 10:30 p. m., 1/8/43 Mr. FITZGEARLD telephoned the writer and stated that he had a great deal of information about TELSAs and his personal effects and would like to call at the office and give the writer the benefit of his knowledge.

At midnight, 1/8/43 FITZGEARLD came to the office and in a personal interview with the writer gave the following information:

Nikola Tesla, a native of Serbia, came to the United States late in the nineteenth century. While here he became famous for his electrical innovations, inventions and advanced ideas in the engineering field. Tesla was the designer of the generators in the Niagra Falls power plant, and in fact has his name inscribed on the generators in recognition of the fact. To substantiate this FITZGEARLD displayed a great number of old newspaper clippings and an album of letters written congratulating Tesla on his 75th anniversary; the letters were from world renowned people, principally those in the scientific field. Tesla, by reason of his wizardry became a consultant to Marconi, Charles Edison, and many others. Tesla's induction electrical motor was sold by him to Westinghouse for \$2,500,000.

FITZGEARLD stated that of late years he had become a confident of TELSAs and knew that TELSAs had and was carrying on extensive experiments for transmitting electrical power by wireless and with propelling electrical rays possessing sufficient power to destroy implements of warfare, such as airplanes and submarines. Within the past month TELSAs told FITZGEARLD that his experiments in this connection had been completed and perfected. FITZGEARLD also knows that TELSAs has conceived and designed a revolutionary type of torpedo which is not presently in use by any of the nations; it is FITZGEARLD's belief that this design has not been made available to any nation up to the present time. From statements made to FITZGEARLD by TELSAs he knows that the complete plans, specifications and explanation of the basic theories of these things are some place in the personal effects of TELSAs. FITZGEARLD stated that he knows that there is a working model of TELSAs's which cost more than \$10,000 to build in a safety deposit box of TELSAs's at the Governor Clinton Hotel; and from statements made by TELSAs FITZGEARLD believes it has to do with the so called "death ray" or the wireless transmission of electrical current.

In past conversations TELSAs has told FITZGEARLD that he has some 80 trunks in different places containing manuscripts and plans having to do with experiments conducted by him. FITZGEARLD knows that TELSAs

has for several years stored some of his possessions in a warehouse some place in New York City.

Of recent years TELSAs became more or less destitute, and for the past three or four years the government of Czechoslovakia has been paying him a subsistence of \$500 per month, a part of which was used to pay the rental for the warehouse accommodations.

TELSAs residences in New York have been the Pennsylvania Hotel, Governor Clinton Hotel, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and the New Yorker where he led a secluded existence. So far as FITZGEARLD knows TELSAs had no real intimates, nor does he know of any attorney in whom he confided.

On January 7, 1942, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CLARK, who is in charge of the Museum and Laboratory for RCA, and KENNETH SWEZEY of 163 Milton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., went to TELSAs rooms in the New Yorker and with the assistance of a lock smith broke into a safe which TELSAs had in his rooms and in which he kept some of his valuable papers, including important electrical formulae, designs, etc. These papers were taken from the safe.

FITZGEARLD knows of but two relatives of TELSAs, both nephews. One is SAVA KOSANOVICH and the other is a man by the name of TRBJEVICH, who is presently in a hospital in Chicago, Illinois. The name of the hospital was unknown to FITZGEARLD. KOSANOVICH's address is the Navarro Hotel, New York City.

When asked if FITZGEARLD was primarily interested in getting possession of TELSAs papers, he stated that he was not; what he wanted was for them to be made available to the government of the United States for use in the present war. Because, he stated, the so-called Death Ray would be a deadly weapon in the hands of any power, and the use of the wireless transmission of electrical power would make possible the most efficient airplanes conceivable. FITZGEARLD's concern was aroused, he stated, over the presence of the two nephews in whom he has no confidence as to their loyalty and patriotism to the Allied Nations, and also because of the pension TESLA received from Czechoslovakia he feels that that government may feel that it is entitled to any revolutionary ideas TELSAs may have had and indited on paper.

FITZGEARLD stated that until three months ago he was working with the government in a research capacity at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and that presently he is working as a designing engineer with the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army, both in Washington, D. C. and New York City. FITZGEARLD promised to relay to this office any further information he is able to obtain; but insisted that something must be done immediately, because he feels that it may mean a great deal in the war effort of the United States.

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

FITZGERALD expressed particular concern over the model now in the safety deposit box at the Governor Cleveland Hotel, and insisted that steps be taken by the Government that not only it, but the other technical papers and designs of TESLA, be safeguarded so that they cannot be removed from the country or made available to the use of other nations.

FITZGERALD was advised that this matter would receive the appropriate attention of the New York Field Division.

Respectfully submitted

Fred B. Cornels,
Special Agent.

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100-0-1217 COMPLAINT FORM

Nichola Tesla *Machony list*

NY Conf. Invaluable rights

Detective Hickey - NYPD

Subject's Name and Aliases

Name of Complainant

100-10084 14th Squad - West 30 St. NY

Room 3327, Hotel New Yorker, Nyc

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Address of Complainant Pennsylvania 6-2888

Address of Subject

Telephone Number of Complainant

Miscellaneous

12:20 a.m. 1/8/43 (Phone)

Character of Case

NY Conference of Invaluable rights

Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

A D.O.A. (Death On Arrival) call at Room 3327, Hotel

New Yorker turned out to be Nichola Tesla, noted scientist. It was revealed NYPD detectives are going through books and writings in the room, and FBI was invited to send agents over to join the search if such action was desired. It seems Dr. Tesla was a Czecho Slovakian. Nothing, it was stated, has been found to indicate the Dr. was engaged in Espionage or other subversive activity.

A check of indices revealed no case file on subject.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EQUIPMENT, EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH OF NIKOLA TESLA, DECEASED; ESPIONAGE - M. NIKOLA TESLA, ONE OF THE WORLD'S OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD, DIED JANUARY SEVENTH, NINETEEN FORTY-THREE AT THE HOTEL NEW YORKER, NEW YORK CITY. DURING HIS LIFETIME, HE CONDUCTED MANY EXPERIMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED THE "DEATH RAY". ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A. N. SPANEL, ONE ONE THREE SIX FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, THE NOTES AND RECORDS OF TESLA'S EXPERIMENTS AND FORMULAE TOGETHER WITH DESIGNS OF MACHINERY NECESSARY TO VITALIZE THEM ARE AMONG TESLA'S PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND NO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PRESERVE THEM OR TO KEEP THEM FROM FALLING INTO HANDS OF PEOPLE UNFRIENDLY TO THE WAR EFFORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ACCORDING TO SPANEL, A DISTANT RELATIVE OF TESLA, NAMED SAVA KOSANOVICH, WHO WAS INTENSELY DISLIKED BY TESLA, IS TAKING STEPS TO GET POSSESSION OF THESE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND PLANS. SPANEL BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT KOSANOVICH WILL MAKE THIS MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE ENEMY. SPANEL ADVISED G TWO HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS MR. BORKIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, CONCERNING THE ABOVE. SPANEL WAS ALSO IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH DOCTOR D. LOZADO, ONE OF THE ADVISORS TO VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE CONCERNING THIS MATTER, AND LOZADO TOLD SPANEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTS OF TESLA AND REQUESTED SPANEL TO LOSE NO TIME IN DOING ALL HE COULD TO PRESERVE THEM. BLOYCE FITZGEARD, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WHO HAD BEEN QUITE CLOSE TO TESLA DURING HIS LIFETIME, ADVISED THE NEW YORK OFFICE THAT

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

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WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE MUSEUM AND LABORATORY FOR RCA, AND KENNETH SWEZEY
^{OF} AT ONE SIX THREE MILTON STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WENT TO TESLA'S ROOMS
IN THE NEW YORKER, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A LOCKSMITH BROKE INTO A
SAFE WHICH TESLA HAD IN HIS ROOMS IN WHICH HE KEPT SOME OF HIS VALUABLE
PAPERS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT ELECTRICAL FORMULAE, DESIGNS, ET CETERA. WITHIN
THE PAST MONTH, TESLA TOLD FITZGEARLD THAT HIS EXPERIMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL POWER HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND
PERFECTED. FITZGEARLD ALSO KNOWS THAT TESLA HAS CONCEIVED AND DESIGNED A
REVOLUTIONARY TYPE OF TORPEDO WHICH IS NOT PRESENTLY IN USE BY ANY OF THE
NATIONS. IT IS FITZGEARLD'S BELIEF THAT THIS DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN MADE
AVAILABLE TO ANY NATION UP TO THE PRESENT TIME. FROM STATEMENTS MADE TO
FITZGEARLD BY TESLA, HE KNOWS THAT THE COMPLETE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND
EXPLANATION OF THE BASIC THEORIES OF THESE THINGS ARE SOME PLACE IN THE
PERSONAL EFFECTS OF TESLA. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT THERE IS A WORKING MODEL
OF TESLA'S WHICH COST MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUILD IN A SAFETY
DEPOSIT BOX BELONGING TO TESLA AT THE GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL, AND FITZGEARLD
BELIEVES THIS MODEL HAS TO DO WITH THE SO-CALLED "DEATH RAY" OR THE WIRELESS
TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT. TESLA HAS ALSO TOLD FITZGEARLD IN PAST
CONVERSATIONS THAT HE HAS SOME EIGHTY TRUNKS IN DIFFERENT PLACES CONTAINING
TRANSCRIPTS AND PLANS HAVING TO DO WITH EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED BY HIM. BUREAU
IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
CONCERNING THIS MATTER ^{BY} ~~AND REPORT TO~~ THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION.

FOXWORTH.

(Dictated 2:15 p.m.; Completed 2:15 p.m.)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: _____ **KOSANOVICH**

KOSANOVICH

Mr. LITTLE, of the Bureau, called me today and inquired if we had done anything as yet in connection with obtaining the papers and effects of NIKOLA TESLA, a recently deceased inventor.

TESLA.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that we had not taken any action in the matter and Mr. LITTLE suggested that it might be well to take the matter up with the District Attorney inasmuch as he felt that **KOSANOVICH** could be charged with burglary and should be taken into custody. Mr. LITTLE advised that it was important that we secure the material supposedly taken by **KOSANOVICH** because if it is as secret as it is reported to be, it is vital that none of it gets into the newspapers where the enemy will have easy access to it.

In answer to his inquiry, I advised Mr. LITTLE it was my opinion that the Surrogate would administer the estate of NIKOLA TESLA. Mr. LITTLE suggested following the same procedure in this matter as was taken in the LUDWIG case. He also recommended that a stop be placed on the lock box and any other box which the decedent possessed, as well as on any material in his premises.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that ^{*we*} ~~I~~ would speak to the District Attorney informally on the matter and perhaps it could be handled in this way. Mr. LITTLE requested that he be advised of any developments in this matter.

T. J. DONEGAN, 1943
Special Agent in Charge
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cc - Mr. KIMBALL

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DECEASED; ESPIONAGE - M. TESLA REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELETYPE UNDER
ABOVE HEADING TO THE BUREAU FROM THIS OFFICE DATED JANUARY NINE LAST.
INQUIRY DEVELOPS THAT TESLA DIED JANUARY EIGHT, RATHER THAN
THURSDAY, JANUARY SEVEN, AS STATED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE. ON THE
NIGHT OF JANUARY EIGHT, SAVA KOSANOVICH, GEORGE CLARK, AND KENNETH
SWEZEY VISITED TESLA'S HOTEL WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF SHAW-WALKER CO
IN ORDER TO OPEN THE SAFE IN THE ROOM OF TESLA. KOSANOVICH LATER
REPORTED TO WALTER GORSUCH, OFFICE OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN,
NEW YORK CITY, THAT HE WENT INTO THE ROOM IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR A WILL
OF TESLA. KOSANOVICH AND THE OTHERS MADE THE SEARCH OF THE SAFE IN THE
PRESENCE OF THREE ASSISTANT MANAGERS OF HOTEL NEW YORKER AS WELL AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YUGOSLAVIAN CONSULATE, IDENTITIES OF LATTER NOT
YET KNOWN. AFTER THE SAFE WAS OPENED, SWEZEY TOOK FROM THE SAFE A
BOOK CONTAINING TESTIMONIALS SENT TO TESLA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY-
FIFTH BIRTHDAY. THIS BOOK WAS ARRANGED FOR TESLA BY SWEZEY. KOSANOVICH
TOOK FROM THE ROOM THREE PICTURES OF TESLA, TWO BEING ENLARGED NEWSPAPER
PICTURES. ACCORDING TO MANAGERS OF HOTEL AND KOSANOVICH HIMSELF, NOTHING
ELSE WAS REMOVED FROM THE ROOM OR SAFE. THE SAFE WAS THEN CLOSED UNDER A
NEW COMBINATION, WHICH COMBINATION IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF KOSANOVICH.
ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY NINE, GORSUCH AND FITZGERALD OF ALIEN
PROPERTY CONTROL WENT TO HOTEL AND SEIZED ALL THE PROPERTY OF TESLA,
CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO TRUCKLOADS OF MATERIAL, SEALED ALL ARTICLES,

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AND TRANSFERRED THEM TO THE MANHATTAN STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE CO. NEW YORK WHERE THEY ARE NOW LOCATED. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE ALSO IN THIS WAREHOUSE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY BARRELS AND BUNDLES BELONGING TO TESLA WHICH HAD BEEN THERE SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. THESE HAVE ALSO BEEN SEALED AND ARE NOW UNDER ORDERS OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN. IN VIEW OF FACT TESLA IS A UNITED STATES NATURALIZED CITIZEN, ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN FEELS THAT ITS JURISDICTION OVER PROPERTY IS DOUBTFUL BUT FEELS THAT NO OTHER AGENCY WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THIS PROPERTY FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS. AFTER THAT TIME IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE APPOINTED FOR THE PROPERTY WHO MAY TAKE THE PROPERTY INTO HIS CUSTODY. TESLA ALSO HAD SOME PROPERTY, ALLEGED BY INFORMANT FITZGERALD IN THIS CASE, TO BE A WORKING MODEL OF AN INVENTION IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL IN NEW YORK. INQUIRY SHOWS THAT THIS WAS PLACED HERE BY TESLA IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AS SECURITY FOR FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OWED HOTEL. THIS BILL IS STILL OWED AND HOTEL APPEARS UNWILLING TO RELEASE THIS PROPERTY TO ANYONE AT LEAST UNTIL DEBT IS PAID, BUT THIS OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED IF ANYONE ATTEMPTS TO PAY BILL AND OBTAIN PROPERTY. CONCERNING TESLA, HOTEL MANAGERS REPORT HE WAS VERY ECENTRIC IF NOT MENTALLY DERANGED DURING PAST TEN YEARS AND IT IS DOUBTFUL ^F HE HAS CREATED ANYTHING OF VALUE DURING THAT TIME, ALTHO PRIOR TO THAT HE PROBABLY WAS A VERY BRILLIANT INVENTOR. THEREFORE, ANY NOTES OF VALUE WERE PROBABLY THOSE MADE PRIOR TO THAT TIME. KOSANOVICH IS A NEPHEW OF TESLA WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS FORMERLY QUOTE YUGOSLAV MINISTER OF STATE UNQUOTE AND NOW QUOTE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE


NEW YORK, NEW YORK

JANUARY 12, 1943

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTING YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND GREECE. UNQUOTE. SWEZEY IS A WRITER FOR POPULAR MECHANICS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS WHO IS DESIROUS OF PUBLISHING A BIOGRAPHY OF TESLA AND THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF HIS NOTES FOR THIS WORK. CLARK IS EMPLOYED BY RCA AND WOULD ALSO PROVIDE STORAGE ROOM FOR TESLA'S EFFECTS IN ORDER TO USE THEM IN WRITING A BIOGRAPHY. TESLA AT ONE TIME REPORTED TO BE WORKING ON EXPERIMENTS FOR YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. IT IS DESIRED THAT BUREAU ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER IT IS INTERESTED FURTHER IN THIS PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING CONTROL OF IT. SUGGEST THAT, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE NOTES AND OTHER MATERIAL WOULD BE HIGHLY TECHNICAL IN CHARACTER AND FOR THAT REASON COULD NOT BE REVIEWED EXCEPT BY A TRAINED PERSON THE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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New York, New York
January 14, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: NIKOLA TESLA

Mr. LITTLE, of the Bureau, called me on January 13, 1943 and advised that the above matter was now being handled as an alien enemy custodian matter and therefore we should take no further action on it.

I advised Mr. LITTLE that this office had sent out a teletype to the Bureau in this case on January 13, in which the Bureau advised that this office was contemplating no further action.

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T. J. DONEGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Mr. KIMBALL



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- Mr. Ryan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tate
- Chief Clerk
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- Miss Gandy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1943

-Mr. Donagan
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-Mr. Thurston
-Mr. Anderson
-Mr. Charters
-Mr. Shipman
-Mr. Eulich
-Mr. Higgins
-Mr. McKland
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-Mr. McCabe
-Mr. McSwain
-Mr. Osthoff
-Mr. (Deceased)
-Mr. Wiand
-Miss Tate
-Chief Clerk

SAC, New York

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

It further appears that Sava Kosanovich may be identical with an individual of the same name, who is a member of the Yugoslavian Government in exile. An examination of the files reveals that one Sava Kosanovich, described as the Minister of Supply, arrived with other Yugoslavian Government officials at Norfolk, Virginia, on September 4, 1941, on the SS City of Exeter, a British ship, from Cape Town en route to the United Kingdom via Washington and Canada.

In another instance the name of Sava N. Kosanovich appears on the stationery of the Central and Eastern European Planning Board (Czechoslovakia,



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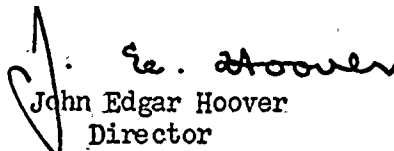
Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia). On this letterhead Kosanovich is described as Chairman of the Board and Minister of State for Yugoslavia. It is stated that this Board is interested in "planning for postwar Europe".

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

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

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

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Nikola Tesla Dies

At 85 Alone in His Hotel Suite

Celebrated Inventor,
Born in Yugoslavia,
An Electrical Wizard

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

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

The hotel management started a search for friends or relatives. It was believed a nephew is living in the city but his whereabouts are not known.

Nikola Tesla was born in Smiljan, Yugoslavia, in July, 1859. His father, a Greek Orthodox Church minister, was a noted writer, orator, linguist and mathematician. His mother, Georgina Mandic, was an inventor.

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In 1886 he designed the arc-lighting system. Two years later he invented the Tesla motor and designed a plan for the transmission of alternating current. The following year he presented plans for electrical conversion and distribution by oscillatory discharges.

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During recent years Mr. Tesla had been seen, but seldom recognized, on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral in front of the Public Library and in Greeley Sq. invariably carrying a bag of crumbs which he fed to the pigeons.

Mr. Tesla's only military invention was a method to which he once alluded but never fully described. It was a means whereby an impenetrable "wall of force" could be erected about a nation's borders which would render helpless any military attack. He disclosed existence of the plan in 1934, and said he intended to present it to the Geneva Conference. He seldom referred to it afterward.

In 1936, when he was 80, he said his original plan to live to be 135 had been changed with the repeal of prohibition, and he would live to be 150 instead.

He was decorated by the Yugoslav and Czech governments. He wept when he met King Peter of Yugoslavia here last July.

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Tribute to Tesla Read by Mayor

"He could have become the richest man in the world if he wished for riches. He was a great humanitarian, a pure scientist, a genius. He did amazing things, simply to serve mankind."

This, in part, was the tribute paid to Nikola Tesla, pioneer in the field of radio and the modern electrical transmission systems, who died Thursday, at 87.

Written by Louis Adamic, the author, it was read by Mayor LaGuardia yesterday over WNYC in a half-hour program dedicated to the memory of the scientist.

The Mayor stated: "Funeral services will be held for him Tuesday afternoon. People will come from all walks of life. But he is not dead. The real Tesla lives in his achievements as an integral part of our daily lives."

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

Genes are known to affect not only a single character, but also the whole organism, and they may produce effects at different stages in embryonic development. To be successful, any body changes brought about by gene changes must be harmonious with the existing organization and the environmental conditions. Therefore, evolution has been a slow process.

Professor McClung concluded that it would require much more study of the interrelationships between germ-cell structure and body structure and between genes and the changes in development before we can gain a thorough understanding of all the underlying principles involving the functioning of the germ plasma within the body of an animal or plant and also an understanding of the way in which this germ plasma has evolved from simple beginnings.

"Death Ray" for Planes

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

This "teleforce," he said, is based on an entirely new principle of physics that "no one has ever dreamed about," different from the principle embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of 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 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

for producing rays "and other manifestations of energy" in free air, eliminating the necessity for a high vacuum; a second is a method and process for producing "very great electrical force"; the third is a method for amplifying this force, and the fourth is a new method for producing "a tremendous electrical repelling force." This would be the projector or gun, of the system. The voltage for propelling the beam to its objective, according to the inventor, will attain a potential of 50,000,000 volts.

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

Mr. Tesla makes one important stipulation. Should the government decide to take up his offer he would go to work at once, but they would have to trust him. He would suffer "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 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 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 billions 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 otherwise be surely destroyed, no matter how strong the defenses are as witness current events in England.

Take, for example, the Panama Canal. No matter how strong the defenses, a suicide squadron of dive bombers, according to some experts, might succeed in getting through and cause such damage that would make the Canal unusable, in which case our Navy might find itself bottled up.

Considering the probabilities in the case even if the chances were 100,000 to 1 against Mr. Tesla, the odds would still be largely in favor of taking a chance on spending \$2,000,000. In the opinion of the writer, who has known Mr. Tesla for many years and can testify that he still retains full intellectual vigor, the authorities in charge of building the national defense should at once look into the matter. The sum is insignificant compared with the magnitude of the stake.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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New York, New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE INDEXED

On September 22, 1940, Mr. ROBIN VAN ROSEN, 33 West 8th Street, New York City, telephone Grammercy 5-0277, telephoned the New York Office and informed the writer that he wished to call his attention to an article which was printed in the Sunday "New York Times" of September 22, 1940 on Page D 7, under the section "Science and Patents - Education News," the article being "Science in the News" by WILLIAM A. LAURENCE.

Mr. VAN ROSEN stated that he particularly wished to call the attention of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to that phase of the article relating to death ray for planes which refers to an interview of the inventor NIKOLA TESLA.

He further advised that he believed that some government agents should interview NIKOLA TESLA relative to his death ray invention as no doubt some agents of foreign government would contact Mr. TESLA.

The clipping referred to by Mr. VAN ROSEN is attached hereto.

The indices of the New York Office were searched with negative results.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. KEATING
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: *UnSub -
Nikola Tesla*

Reference is made to Bureau communication dated January 29, 1943 to all Special Agents in Charge, No. 33, Series 1943, which instructs that every case under the Espionage character be reviewed for the purpose of determining whether the case should be continued to be carried under the Espionage character, and if there is not sufficient justification for this, case should be carried under another character.

In the reviewing of these cases, the Bureau desires that the following ideas be kept in mind:

- (1) What are the allegations that the individual subject is an Espionage Agent?
- (2) What investigative steps have been taken to prove or disprove these allegations?
- (3) What evidence has been obtained to substantiate the allegations?
- (4) Do the facts warrant that the case be continued under the Espionage character and if so, what investigative steps are contemplated to properly develop the case?

In the reviewing of these cases, consideration should be given to the closing of those cases which appear to justify such action.

The instant case has been reviewed by the writer and I wish to state that it is in proper condition, such as to the removal of stop notices, proper serialization, etc., etc.

It is the conclusion of the writer that:

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

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



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(2) This case should be closed because:

Do the facts require an immediate assignment of this case: _____

If character is being changed, are there leads outstanding in other Field Divisions: _____ If so, list Field Divisions: _____

If a closing report has been dictated as of this review, by what Agent was it dictated: E. B. Calder Date of dictation: 3/9/43

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene B. Calder
SPECIAL AGENT

WTM:SvB

New York, New York

HCC:PH
65-12200

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 case.

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

Very truly yours,

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H. E. GURNEY
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1943	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/15, 19/24/43	REPORT MADE BY WYCK D. CRAMER
TITLE FELIX KROKOVICH SAVA KOZANOVICH - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, who is the President of the Serbian National Defense Committee, sent a letter dated 4/7/43 through the U.S. mails to the victim, who is the Minister of State on disposal of the Government of Yugoslavia. A translation of this letter contains the following statement: "If I see in the newspapers any more attacks on our Serbian Knightly Chetnik Ruth Mitchell ... I will break all your bones, which Germanic croats put into your body". Subject was arrested by the NY PD on 7/12/43 where his case was adjourned until 1/10/44. Facts presented to USA, SDNY, who has the case under advisement and will render a decision relative to prosecution in the near future.

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REFERENCES:

New York teletype to the Bureau dated July 15, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK

Mr. SAVA KOZANOVICH, 812 Fifth Avenue, New York City, telephone No. TRgent 7-4610, and his attorney, **NATHAN CALDERONER**, 85 East 42nd Street, New York City, telephone No. MURray Hill 2-2087, personally appeared at the New York Office and furnished the following prepared statement:

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STATEMENT BY ENJ. SAJA KOTANOVICH, MINISTER OF STATE BY DISPOSAL OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF JUGOSLAVIA AS TO THE FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARREST
WHICH HE HAS CAUSED TO BE MADE OF PHILIP MARJOVICH, PRESIDENT OF THE
SERBIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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

Here in America where there are more than one million persons of Yugoslav extraction, this unity is their first duty towards America, for the war effort and for repulsing enemy propaganda which is working for disunity. The most ordinary means of Axis propaganda is the breaking of unity and exploiting national, religious and racial differences. The great majority of Americans of Yugoslav extraction are good and conscientious American citizens.

One small group of Serbs, calling itself the Serbian National Defense, of Chicago, and the SRECCERAN paper, of Pittsburgh, began a campaign against unity, a campaign of hate towards Yugoslavia, towards the Croats and Slovenes, etc. At their convention recently, this group passed a resolution in which they proclaimed themselves, even though they are Americans, representatives of Serbdom and broke all relations with the Yugoslav Government in Exile, appealed to King Peter to proclaim himself king of Serbia, and accepting Hitler and Mussolini terminology, they called Yugoslavia "a myth and a mistake of the Versailles Peace Treaty".

It is not necessary to remark how contrary this is to the interest of unity among Americans, to the wishes of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes who are so bravely fighting against the Axis, and contrary to the official stand of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and all the Allies.

Miss Ruth Mitchell is honorary chairman of this organization and the most active spokesman of its ideas. It is my duty as a Serb, as a Yugoslav, as a member of the Yugoslav Government which overthrew the appeasement government in Yugoslavia, as an anti-fascist, as the leader of one of the most democratic parties in Yugoslavia, to act against this

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"kind of propaganda.

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

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

'For some time, several branches of the United States Government including the Office of War Information, the Department of Justice, and the Department of State, have watched with concern the policies of the 'American Srbobran'. Its violent attacks upon all peoples of Croatian extraction and their clergy, its strong anti-Catholic articles, and its varied efforts to defend the Quisling-Redich who supports the Nazi regime in Serbia often have the effect of aiding the Nazi campaigns of intolerance and race hate, and are damaging to the American war effort.

American unity is imperative for the successful prosecution of the war. The Nazis have boasted that they would set Americans against Americans and they are striving to do so. They have sought for years to set people of Serbian, Croatian and Slovenian extraction against each other. It is the old game of divide and conquer. The United Nations are striving for the strongest possible unity and all those who are opposed to the Axis. In Yugoslavia, and in the United States, we seek to unite all people of Serbian, Croatian and Slovenian heritage.

When Miss Mitchell began writing articles and letters to the American press which were against the policy just described by Elmer Davis as a United States policy, and which were also against the policy of the Yugoslav Government for unity, I wrote a letter to the Herald Tribune on April 6th in reply to a particularly damaging article which she had previously written to the Tribune on April 5th.

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

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President of the New York branch of the Serbian National Defense Committee, which is engineering these anti-Yugoslav and anti-American activities. In this letter Markovich sought, by Gestapo terrorist tactics, to prevent me from writing or speaking to offset the damaging effects of the Serbian National Defense Committee's policies and activities.

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

Mr. KOSANOVICH also furnished a photostatic copy of the letter and envelope in which it was received, together with a translation of the letter. These are being retained in the New York file of this case. He advised that it was necessary to retain the original letter because he had had the subject arrested by the New York City Police Department and that he would have to produce the original letter in the City Court. The envelope bears the printed return address of the Serbian National Defense Committee of New York, 400 West 23rd Street, New York City, and was postmarked at 4:00 P.M. April (date obliterated) 1943 at New York City. It is addressed in handwriting to Mr. SAVA KOSANOVICH of 812 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The letter is dated at New York City, April 7, 1943, and is handwritten and signed by PHILIP MARKOVICH.

Mr. KOSANOVICH furnished the following translation of this letter:

New York City
April 7, 1943.

Sava Kosanovich:

German bastard, if I see in the newspapers any more attacks on our Serbian Knightly Chastak Ruth Mitchell, or if someone brings to me some written or oral attacks which I might have overlooked, I will break all your bones, which the Germanic Croats put into your body. You rotten dirt who claims to have been a Serb and a Minister - we now see what kind of traitors ruled Yugoslavia and where they have brought her. I am here in New York and we will meet easily if you speak again on behalf of our people. Who gave you the right to speak for the people? You are a dirty bitch assembling crumbs for the benefit of the Germanic Croats. You are agents of Hitler and Mussolini who disclose secret information from that House of Prostitutes, but wait the F.B.I.

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

Philip Markovich

by his own hand."

Mr. KOSAKOVICH advised that there was no doubt but that it was MARKOVICH who had written the letter as during his arraignment in the New York City Magistrates Court on July 12, 1943, MARKOVICH had acted as though he were proud of having written the letter.

Detective JAMES E. KNOFF, assigned to the Special Squad No. 1 of the New York City Police Department, advised that he had arrested PHILIP MARKOVICH, who resides at 103 East 101st Street, New York City, on July 12, 1943, charging him with violating Section No. 151 of the New York Penal Law, which prohibits the sending of threatening letters.

Detective KNOFF stated that subject was arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross in Yorkville Court on July 12, 1943 and that Magistrate Kross paroled MARKOVICH in custody of his lawyer, HYMAN JOSEPH, and adjourned the arraignment until Friday, July 16, 1943.

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

CHARLES BRENNING, Court Officer of the Yorkville Court, 183 East 57th Street, New York City, advised that on July 16, 1943 Magistrate Anna Kross adjourned the case against the subject until January 10, 1944.

Upon being appraised of the action taken by the New York City Court, Assistant United States Attorney Murphy stated that he was taking the case under advisement and would render a decision relative to prosecution in the near future.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York - Will report the decision of the Assistant United States Attorney in this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 10/11/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3/43	REPORT MADE BY LYREN E. CROCKER
TITLE PHILIP LARSENVICH; SARA KORNAROVICH - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE REVENUE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Asst. USA **WILLIAM F. HENRY**, SDNY declines prosecution by reason of the fact that the New York authorities are handling this case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Lyren E. Crocker, dated August 16, 1943, at New York City.

DETAILS:

Assistant United States Attorney **WILLIAM F. HENRY**, for the Southern District of New York telephonically communicated with Special Agent Elmer F. Berich and advised him that he would decline prosecution by reason of the fact that the New York authorities are handling this case.

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234 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

March 9, 1944.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia
City Hall
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mayor LaGuardia:

Reference is made to letter dated February 17th, addressed to you by Sava N. Kosanovich, 7112 Central Park South, New York 19, N. Y., regarding Philip Markovich and enclosures which were handed to me by your secretary on February 24th.

A check of the records of this office reflected that this matter had been called to our attention on July 15, 1943, but that it had previously been reported to the New York City Police Department. The records further reflect that Markovich was arrested by the New York City Police Department on July 12, 1943, charged with violation of Section 551 of the Penal Law, sending threatening letters, which under the New York law is a misdemeanor. Markovich was arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross, Yorkville Court, on July 16, 1943 and the hearings have been adjourned to date. Latest inquiry reflects that Magistrate Kross has postponed the proceedings in this case until September 19, 1944.

Shortly after the receipt at this office of the material in connection with this case, the facts on hand were submitted to the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York with a view to possible prosecution under the Federal Extortion Statutes. Prosecution was declined by reason of the fact that the local authorities were handling the case.

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Mayor LaGuardia

In view of the above, the letter of reference, mentioned above, and the enclosures are being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures.

Address writer at:

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

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

Dear Sir:

At your request and that of Mr. Joseph T. King of the Washington office of the Alien Property Custodian, I have examined the private papers, writings, and other property of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla with the view to determining both their possible usefulness to this country in its war effort and the possible hazard 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 basement of the New Yorker Hotel for ten years prior to Dr. Tesla's death.

As a result of this examination, it is my considered 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.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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ABSTRACTS OF DR. NIKOLA TESLA'S WRITINGS
RETAINED AS EXHIBITS
FOR THE ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

1.

On January 26 and 27, 1943, an examination was made of the technical papers of Dr. Nikola Tesla which, after his decease, had been stored in the Manhattan Warehouse in New York City. This examination was made for the purpose of determining if any ideas of significant value in the present United States war effort could be found among his possessions. Participating in this examination were Mr. John C. Newington, New York Office of the Alien Property Custodian; Mr. Charles J. Redetniewi, 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.

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

Exhibit A

"Possibilities of 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 Antorg 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

"Art of Telegeodynamics, or Art of Producing Terrestrial Motions at Distance" - This document, in the form of a letter dated June 12, 1940, to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing 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

"New Art of Projecting Concentrated Non-Dispersive Energy through Natural Media" - This undated document by Tesla describes an electrostatic method of producing very high voltages and capable of very great power. This generator is used to accelerate charged particles, presumably electrons. Such a beam of high-energy electrons passing through air is the "concentrated 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 cathode rays by the cooperative use of a high-voltage electrostatic generator and an evacuated electron acceleration tube. It is well known, however, that such devices, while of scientific and medical interest, are 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 Fird, dated September 10, 1933, 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 23, 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 23, 1936, the subsequent letters attempt to clear up the "misunderstandings" of the British representatives and to expedite their acceptance of the Tesla proposal. The British reply dated January 7 is a polite expression of disinterest in the proposal.

Exhibit I

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

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Exhibit J

"A Method of Producing Powerful Radiations" - an 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 production 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 telegodynamics dated December 27, 1941. This is a single-page letter with the typewritten signature of Dr. Nikola Tesla, in which he addresses himself to the prospective licensees of telegodynamics, 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 "unbelievable wonders can be achieved".

Exhibit L

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

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

Exhibit M

"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. Tesla in the Electric World, March 5, 1904, pages 429-432. 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 O

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

Exhibit P

"Interview with Dr. Nikola Tesla" by Alden P. Arragnac for Popular 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 G

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 volts, for producing very small particles in a tube open to air, for increasing the charge of the particles to the full voltage of the high potential terminal, and for projecting the particles to distances of a hundred miles or more. The maximum speed of the particles was specified as not less than 350 miles per second. The receipt of \$25,000 fee for this disclosure was acknowledged in this agreement, which was signed by Nikola Tesla and by A. Bartanian of the 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.

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

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

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

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Director, FBI

7-13-82
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
SAVA KOSANOVICH;
Experiments and research of NIKOLA TESLA (deceased)
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated January 21, 1943, which bore a caption similar to that mentioned above.

The referenced letter dealt with the death, on January 7, 1943, of the famous inventor, NIKOLA TESLA, who as well as being the inventor of Alternating Current, perfected many electrical devices. He is also credited with having developed the so called "death ray" which would safeguard any country from attack by air.

On June 9, 1945, a RALPH BERGSTRESSER of New York City furnished information of a nonspecific nature indicating that it was his belief that persons sympathetic to Russia were making an effort to secure the effects of NIKOLA TESLA in order to salvage therefrom any models or designs of possible military value. Mr. BERGSTRESSER claimed that he heard that ABRAHAM N. SPANZEL, President of the NATIONAL LATEX CORPORATION, of Dover, Delaware was the motivating influence behind this attempt to obtain TESLA'S papers which are presently held in storage at the MANHATTAN STORAGE WAREHOUSE in New York City. BERGSTRESSER promised to return to the New York Field Division shortly after his initial visit and furnish further and more specific information to support his claims.

He was not heard from again, however, until September 27, 1945, at which time he furnished the following additional information:

He said that a boyhood chum of his from Wichita, Kansas, BLOYCE FITZGERALD, had been TESLA'S protege and one of the inventor's few confidants. According to BERGSTRESSER, FITZGERALD who is now an Army Private stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, is a brilliant 29 year old scientist who spent endless hours with TESLA prior to the latter's death, during which time TESLA explained to him most secret experiments. BERGSTRESSER stated that FITZGERALD met TESLA in November 1942, but he had been corresponding with the latter since 1935. According to the informant, FITZGERALD had developed some sort of anti-tank gun, the details of which he presented to TESLA who made certain corrections in design and specifications to further perfect the weapon.

BERGSTRESSER related that sometime in December 1942, when FITZGERALD was attending a meeting of the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, he made the acquaintance of ABRAHAM SPANZEL who became interested in FITZGERALD'S

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gun. SPANEL offered financial aid to FITZGERALD and the two were in the closest contact with each other for a considerable period of time. BERGSTRESSER 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 COMPANY. SPANEL is then reported as having obtained a job for FITZGERALD with the HIGGINS SHIP 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 80% of the profits derived to SPANEL,

BERGSTRESSER stated that in November of 1943, for some unknown reason but which he believes to be attributable to SPANEL, FITZGERALD was fired by the HIGGINS COMPANY. In September of 1944, FITZGERALD was inducted into the Army and for a considerable period of time was located at an ordnance experimental station at Elgin Field, Florida. BERGSTRESSER stated that at the present time FITZGERALD is engaged in a highly secret experimental project at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. In spite of his rank of Private, FITZGERALD actually is the director of this research and is working with many top young scientists who were inducted into Army from leading industrial posts.

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

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

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

It will be recalled that in an article published on March 15, 1945, by the KING FEATURE SYNDICATE INCORPORATED, WESTERBROOK PEGLER charged SPANEL with spreading pro-communist and pro-Russian propoganda through his full page advertisement in the newspapers, which SPANEL characterized as being published for the INTERNATIONAL LATEX CORPORATION, as a public service feature. It is also interesting to observe that in the New York Times of October 2, 1945, an article appears which states that SPANEL is suing the KING FEATURE SYNDICATE INCORPORATED for six million dollars alleging the column by PEGLER to have been libelous.

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BERGSTRESSER stated that through FITZGERALD he too had met SPANEL and from this personal acquaintance he formed the opinion that SPANEL was definitely a communist and is probably one of the financial supporters of the Communist Party in this country. BERGSTRESSER stated that SPANEL was born in Russia, but is now an American citizen. He also charged that SPANEL exerted tremendous political influence in Washington, D. C., and said that one of SPANEL'S closest political friends was HENRY WALLACE.

BERGSTRESSER advised that two agents from Army Intelligence contacted and stated that in an investigation to determine the qualifications of FITZGERALD for a commission, they had developed information indicating that SPANEL was definitely endeavoring to secure possession of TESLA'S effects. BERGSTRESSER indicated that Army Intelligence was pursuing an investigation along these lines in an attempt to ascertain the complete story in this regard.

For the Bureau's information, BERGSTRESSER was born on July 3, 1912 at Pueblo, Colorado, he is unmarried, and his family resides in Wichita, Kansas. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and until July 1945 had been a employee of the OWI, overseas branch, from March 1943 until January 1945. He had been stationed in China, attached to General Stillwell's Headquarters, and was in charge of the physiological Warfare Department of the OWI. BERGSTRESSER at present is not employed, however, he appears to have ample funds since he travels all over the country and resides in reputable hotels. Just recently he stated that he had driven General Stillwell's car from Washington to the West Coast as a personal favor to the General's wife. He advised that it is his desire to cooperate with FITZGERALD in securing legal possession of TESLA'S effects in order that a memorial foundation may be established for the protection of TESLA'S experiments and for the preservation of the inventor's memory.

BERGSTRESSER stated that FITZGERALD had interested a group of young Army scientists now working with him at Wright Field in this foundation, and their ultimate goal is to secure the support of a wealthy backer in order that a foundation might be established and that a sort of "idea factory" might result. He said that they intended to contact HENRY FORD, SR., to solicit his aid in this regard.

BERGSTRESSER 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 harnessed local current from the sun's rays which he built up into a huge potential of electrical energy. BERGSTRESSER said that according to FITZGERALD, if this idea could be furthered, all electrical energy to operate the world's machinery might be gotten absolutely free rather than by the costly method with which electrical power is presently generated. He said that his idea was to conduct further experiments along this line in China where the need for electrical power is very great.

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

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

Inquiry was also made at the office of the Alien Property Custodian in New York City, concerning an investigation conducted by this office at the time of TESLA'S death, and at which time the latter's property was placed under seal by the United States Government. Mr. 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. TRUMP, of the office of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT. Mr. CORSUCH 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 SHORP & WALKER SAFE COMPANY. It was Mr. CORSUCH'S belief that a Mr. SWEZEY who is believed to be one of the editors of the POPULAR SCIENCE MAGAZINE was present in TESLA'S room shortly after the safe was opened. These individuals were WILLIS GEORGE, EDWARD PALMER, and JOHN J. CORBETT.

There are enclosed herewith two typewritten copies of the report by Mr. TRUMP of the ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN reflecting the findings of Mr. TRUMP, following his examination of TESLA'S effects. There is also enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a list of persons associated with NIKOLA TESLA. This latter item was furnished by Mr. BERGSTRESSER.

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

Very truly yours,


R. E. CONROY, SAC

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19 October 1945

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Court House Building
New York, New York
Attention: Mr. Harvey Roth

Gentlemen:

It is requested that in the interest of National Defense, access be given to the effects of Dr. Nicola Tesla held in Manhattan Warehouse at 57th Street, New York City, New York.

We are desirous of obtaining pertinent information concerning projects under consideration by the Control Equipment Branch of the Equipment Laboratory, Engineering Division, Air Technical Service Command.

It is understood that Dr. Tesla was well versed in the particular field of investigation under study by the Army Air Forces, and it is believed that the data from his estate may assist us further.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. CRAIGIE,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief, Engineering Division

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated October 17, 1945, captioned as above, which contains a summary of recent information received by this office relative to the effects of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased inventor.

On October 26, 1945, Private BLOYCE FITZGERALD, ASN 36916980, who is mentioned in the reference letter, called in person at the New York office together with Private DAVID M. PRATT, ASN 39293663, Lt. HERBERT O. SCHUTT, and Lt. R.E. HOULE, all of a research development unit at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. These men carried a letter signed by BRIGADIER GENERAL L.O. CRAIGEE, Chief Engineering Division, Wright Field, requesting the assistance of this office in allowing the bearers of the letter access to the effects of NIKOLA TESLA.

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

For the Bureau's information, Private FITZGERALD, and his associates stated that the Army believes TESLA's "Death Ray" to be the only possible defense against the atomic bomb, and they feel that possibly the secret of the "Death Ray" lies among TESLA's effects, which occupy several trunks at the Manhattan Storage Warehouse, New York City. It will be recalled that prior to TESLA's death, FITZGERALD, who is reported to be a brilliant young scientist, was taken by TESLA as his protege.

This office is conducting no investigation on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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- PROPERTY CLERK
- TRAINING UNIT

March 29th, 1950

MEMO SAC:

RE; NICOLAI PESLA
 SAVA N. KOSANOVIC
 TESLA

On this date Insp. A. Belmont advised that one SAVA N. KOSANOVIC ~~KA~~ contacted the Burdgu and advised that he was formerly Yugoslav Minister in N.Y.C., NY. He further stated that he was made administrator of the Estate of a relative NICOLAI PESLA who died 1-7-43. Pesla had left all of his technical papers to be given to the institute of Belgrade.

PESLA's papers were left in the Manhattan Storage Co, and the Manhattan Storage Co. advised him that the F.B.I. had made MICRO-FILMS of all these papers.

KOSANOVIC requested that if the F.B.I. had done so, would it be possible for him to get a copy of same????????

INSP BELMONT advised MR. KOSANOVIC that he doubted very much, if the F.B.I. had done this but he could check and find out.

Insp. BELMONT requests that a check be made on this matter and if this is the case, was anything of value obtained.

Mr. Belmont requested that he be advised by Phone in P.M. 2

ASAC Whelan advised Insp. Belmont 3/30/50 that file on re Cornell University & Army activity in this office - no such

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April 17, 1950

SAC, New York

SAVA N. KOSANOVIC
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Rebulet dated April 3 last.

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

In a review of the file pertaining to the storage of the effects of NIKOLA TESLA, Mr. POTTS revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons outside of the management of Manhattan Storage itself. This one occasion 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 the one occasion in early 1943 when an examination was made of the TESLA effects. He stated that at that time numerous photographs were taken by the examiners. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of some of the papers of the deceased scientist. Mr. 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 Mr. KING, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TESLA estate has taken place since that time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMO

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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ESPIONAGE - M

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New York, N. Y.
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Director, FBI
Att: Inspector Carl Hennrich
SAC, New York

2/8/51

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to telephone call from Inspector Carl Hennrich, Bureau, to ASAC W. M. Whelan, 2/5/51.

The Bureau pointed out they were in receipt of a letter written by RALPH BERGSTRESSER to Senator Joseph McCarthy relative to one AERANAM SPANEL in which he makes certain allegations about conversations which he had with former SA Harvey E. Rath. On 2/8/51, Mr. Rath came to this office and furnished the following information:

After reviewing NY letter to Bureau 10/17/45 which had been dictated by RATH, he recalled that on 6/9/45 BERGSTRESSER came to the New York Office and furnished some nonspecific information and he again appeared at the New York Office and spoke to Mr. Rath 9/27/45. All of the information furnished by BERGSTRESSER was reported in the above referenced letter. These are the only two visits Mr. Rath recalls BERGSTRESSER ever having made to this office.

For the Bureau's information, a search of NY files reflect BERGSTRESSER came to this office on another matter and furnished a complaint 8/10/42, which matter has no relation whatsoever to the above captioned matter. It should be pointed out also that the information furnished by BERGSTRESSER in 1942 was also of a nonspecific nature. This information was set forth in report of SA John T. Murphy, NY, 10/22/43, in the case entitled JOSEPH THEODORE WALDECK, was., ESP. G.

Mr. Rath recalls that he left the Bureau in May, 1946, to enter private industry; that sometime after his resignation BERGSTRESSER contacted him telephonically at his place of business. He could offer no explanation as to how BERGSTRESSER knew where he was employed. BERGSTRESSER, at that time, asked him if the FBI was doing anything about the matter he had previously reported and Mr. Rath recalls having told him that that was something about which he could offer no information since he had officially resigned his connection with that agency. Mr. Rath remembers specifically informing BERGSTRESSER that, if he had any further information to provide, he should take same to the New York Office where someone fully qualified would be cognizant of all facts previously furnished. Mr. Rath has not heard from BERGSTRESSER since that phone call. He has

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further that just after he left the Bureau, he received calls from several persons, particularly confidential sources he had developed, with whom he had left his home phone to make inquiries of him or to give him information and he, in all instances, made it a practice to refer them to the New York Office just as he did BERGSTRESSER.

The files of the New York Office definitely indicate that BERGSTRESSER did not furnish any information to this office in April, 1945, as he has alleged, but that he came to this office on two separate occasions, namely 6/9/45 and 9/27/45.

With regard to BERGSTRESSER's allegation that the FBI started an investigation against SPANEL and after a few weeks indicated their hands were tied, the Bureau is advised that there is no record in this office of our ever starting an investigation of SPANEL and, as a matter of fact SPANEL resides in Delaware and such an investigation would not be undertaken by this office. RATH advised that he at no time advised BERGSTRESSER that the Bureau was undertaking any investigation of SPANEL and neither did he ever indicate that the Bureau was not investigating him because its hands were tied. He never indicated to BERGSTRESSER that his (BERGSTRESSER'S) suspicions relative to SPANEL were either true or false.

Relative to BERGSTRESSER's knowledge that RATH was married and had a family, Mr. Rath advised this knowledge may have been given to BERGSTRESSER in the following way. The interviews between RATH and BERGSTRESSER had been friendly. When BERGSTRESSER called RATH after he had left the Bureau, sometime in 1946, RATH believes BERGSTRESSER asked him why he left the Bureau and RATH says he may have replied that he had a wife and family and had recently purchased a home in New Jersey and found the needs of FBI service to travel around difficult for him under the circumstances. Mr. Rath said he definitely did not ask BERGSTRESSER not to call him or ever discuss this matter with him because he had a wife and family. He did request BERGSTRESSER not to call him in this matter any more since he was no longer connected with the FBI and such matters should be discussed with a representative of that organization.

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

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

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-12290)

NIKOLA TESLA (Deceased)
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PETER SAVO, 132 West 73th Street, New York
24, New York, a United States citizen of Yugoslav
extraction, who on occasion, voluntarily furnishes
the New York Office with information he considers to
be in the interests of the security of the United
States Government, furnished Special Agent
NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICI the following information on
July 3, 1957:

SAVO stated that a certain woman named
Mrs. MARGARET STORM who lives with her husband,
JOHN, at the Colonial Hotel, 51 West 81st Street, New
York 24, New York, has been issuing newsletters which
contain information pertaining to flying saucers
and interplanetary matters.

SAVO stated that in his opinion Mr. and
Mrs. STORM are exploiting the reputation and genius
of NIKOLA TESLA, deceased, inventor of Yugoslav
extraction who achieved 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
years later he invented the Tesla motor and designed
a plan for the transmission of alternating current.
In subsequent years, TESLA's discoveries and inventions
included such fields and appliances as wireless
communication, electrical oscillation, radiant power and
radio active matter. After 1900, communications
and wireless power transmission occupied most of
his research.

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TESLA's only military invention was a method to which he once alluded but never fully described. This invention was a means whereby an impenetrable "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 NICHOLA TESLA's plan for a "Death Ray". This article included information to the effect that TESLA, on his 84th birthday, July 10, 1940, advised New York Times reporter WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE that he was ready to divulge to the United States Government the secret of his "teleforce", with which he said airplane motors would be melted at a distance of 250 miles so that an invisible Chinese wall of defense would be built around the country against any attempted attack by an enemy airforce no matter how large. According to TESLA, this "teleforce" was based on an entirely new principle of Physics that "no one has ever dreamed about" and was different from the principle embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of electrical power from a distance, for which he received a number of basic patents.

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

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

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The newsletter furnished by Mr. SAVO included the following names:

MARGARET STONI

JOHN STONI

GEORGE VAN TASSEL, Yucca Valley, California

DAN FRY

GEORGE KILG, London, England

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

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