



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

November 14, 2018

MR. GRANT CAMERON
445 HUDSON STREET
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
CANADA

MDR Request No.: 1421914-000
Subject: MOORE, WILLIAM L, JR.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This concerns your November 7, 2018 request made pursuant to the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) provisions of Executive Order (EO) 13526.

MDR requests must meet certain standards in order to be considered valid. A valid MDR request must describe the document containing the information with sufficient specificity to enable the agency to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort (*See* EO 13526 § 3.5). Additionally, requests for broad types of information, entire file series of records, or similar non-specific requests, may be denied for processing (*See* 32 CFR § 2001.33). Based upon these standards, your request for records regarding William L Moore Jr does not meet the specificity requirements of the EO nor its implementing directive, 32 CFR § 2001.

Should you still desire to obtain records regarding William L Moore Jr, you may make a request for the information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, or you may narrow the scope of your MDR request

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The MDR Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information

Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

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

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

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Washington, D.C. 20535

Mr. William L. Moore, Jr.
4219 W. Olive Ave.
Suite 247
Burbank, CA 91505

Subject of Request: William L. Moore, Jr.

FOIPA No. 294363 /190-

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Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and/or Section 552a. In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reason or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below.

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Section 552a

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 61 pages(s) were reviewed and 6 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

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These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

In certain instances, information collected in our field office files is not forwarded to FBI Headquarters. These instances include cases in which the perpetrators of the violations were not identified; cases in which the United States Attorney declined prosecution; and cases in which the allegations were unsubstantiated or not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. If you believe records of interest to you are located in the files of an FBI field office and were not reported to Headquarters, you may write directly to that field office for those materials.

If you know of any other matter in which information concerning you or the subject of your request may have been recorded by the FBI, and can identify the matter in sufficient detail, including the approximate time frame and location, a further search will be made.

If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy (Attention: Office of Information and Privacy), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division

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Date 3/8/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED] (S)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEONARD MOORE, JR.,
[REDACTED] (S)
OO: PHOENIX

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Subject, William Leonard Moore, Jr., was interviewed under suitable pretext on 3/1/83. The LHM contains the complete [REDACTED] (S)

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
March 8, 1983

WILLIAM LEONARD MOORE, JR.

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On March 1, 1983, William Leonard Moore, Jr., was interviewed at Prescott, Arizona. During the interview, Moore provided the following information:

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In his statement, he indicated that it was his intention never to divulge any information which would do damage to the U.S. Government or endanger the national security.

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U.S. District Court, D.C. 20 30

SEP 27 1988

Mr. William L. Moore
4219 West Olive Ave.
No. 247
Burbank, CA 91505

Re: Appeal No. 88-1517
RLH:MAP:JPA

Dear Mr. Moore:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to records pertaining to yourself.

After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to affirm the initial action in this case. The documents responsive to your request are exempt from the access provision of the Privacy Act of 1974 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552a(j)(2). See 28 C.F.R. §16.96(a) (1987). Accordingly, your access rights are limited to those provided by the Freedom of Information Act.

You are the subject of one Headquarters main file. Certain of the material pertaining to you is classified and I am affirming the denial of access to it on the basis of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1). This material is being referred to the Department Review Committee for its review and a determination whether it warrants continued classification under Executive Order No. 12356. You will be notified if the Committee's final decision results in the declassification of any information. Other materials were properly withheld from you pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties, in this instance by revealing the names of Bureau agents and employees. This information cannot be the subject of a discretionary release.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Huff, Co-Director
Office of Information and Privacy



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WILLIAM MOORE'S "SECRET" FBI FILE!

The documents reproduced on pages 3-8 speak for themselves. For the information of our subscribers, the facts are as follows:

On February 1, 1988 a request was initiated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the provisions of the Freedom of Information/ Privacy Act. On March 1, an initial reply was received indicating that the request was being processed. A follow-up letter arrived on April 6th indicating there would be some delay in fulfilling the request due to a large backlog. The surprise came on July 6th when an official-looking packet arrived. Inside was a cover letter which stated that a 61 page dossier had been located, that the entire file was classified "Secret" for reasons of National Security pursuant to Executive Order #12356, and that, all but heavily expurgated versions of six pages were being properly withheld under exemption B-1 of the FOI/PA. Exemption B-1 deals with information which is exempt from disclosure for reasons of National Security-- as opposed to exemption B-7 (potential disclosure of confidential sources and methods), which is more commonly encountered in personal file cases such as this.

Mr. Moore's UFO-related activities are clearly the subject of interest here. Why 55 of the admitted 61 pages of material remain classified as a matter of National Security remains a mystery. On August 3rd, an appeal of this denial was filed by letter, and on September 27th, 1988 we were informed that "the initial action in this case" was affirmed and that the appeal was thus denied. We were also informed that judicial review was an option available to us should we choose to pursue the matter in the Federal Courts.

The material which appears on the pages that follow is reproduced exactly as it was received from the FBI. The addition of the word FOCUS with appropriate page numbers are the only changes which have been made. This is the first time we have made copies of this file available to the public. We urge you to study it carefully and consider the possible implications-- then decide for yourself what it all means. FWP takes no position one way or the other, except to note that we remain quite baffled by all of this. Obviously there is plenty of fodder for speculation here. Letters from readers who might care to express their thoughts are welcome.

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