



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

June 9, 2022

MR. NOAH SCHEER



Request No.: 1520082-000
Subject: SABO, GEORGE

Dear Mr. Scheer:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. However, we were unable to identify records subject to the FOIPA that are responsive to your request. Therefore, your request is being closed. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject of your request, please submit a new request providing the details, and we will conduct an additional search. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information that may be specific to your request. Only checked boxes contain corresponding paragraphs relevant to your request. If no boxes are checked, the corresponding information does not apply.

- Please be advised that your request was reopened based on the additional information you provided. A new search was conducted, and we were unable to identify responsive records subject to the FOIPA that are responsive to your request.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10. Please be advised that the General Records Schedule (GRS) disposition authority for FOIPA records is DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0001 (GRS 4.2, Item 020).
- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Use file numbers 100-HQ-156080 Serials 9, 11 and 100-HQ-156080-2 as references.

- Potentially responsive records were identified during the search. However, we were advised that they were not in their expected locations. An additional search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results. Since we were unable to review the records, we were unable to determine if they were responsive to your request.
- The identification records requested are maintained by the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division; therefore, we have forwarded a portion of your request to CJIS for processing. To check the status of this request, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590. For additional information, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

- Requests for expedited processing are not applicable when a final response is issued within ten calendar days.
- Police departments should be aware that the search conducted was limited to FBI records. Requests for criminal history records or rap sheets should be directed to Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS). Information regarding CJIS is listed in the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Personnel Records Center - Civilian Personnel Records (NPRC-CPR). In order to obtain information on a file located at the NPRC, your request must be mailed to the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
ATTN: Archival Programs
P.O. Box 38757
St. Louis, MO 63138

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

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

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. 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). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. 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,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

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

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

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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, WFO (105-New)

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INTERNATIONAL BOOK
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REGISTRATION ACT

BRADISAN

Enclosed are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated and captioned as above, containing information furnished by [redacted] to SA NATHAN DONALD DICK on 10/8/57. The enclosed blank memorandum reflects information regarding an individual who claims to be the Canadian and U. S. representative of the International Book who maintains his headquarters in Canada and is soliciting representatives in bookstores in major U. S. cities.

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The Bureau will note the information of interest to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Customs Bureau, U. S. Department of Treasury.

The Bureau is requested to solicit the cooperation [redacted] in identifying this individual who identified himself as "Mr. DERBY," Library Derby, 92 Burton Street, Hamilton, Canada, and obtain a complete description and background data.

B. APPROX 1927

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[redacted] furnished the following physical description of "Mr. DERBY":

White male, 30 years, 5'6" - 5'7", 150 pounds, black hair, charcoal business suit, wore sunglasses all the time, even inside the bookstore.

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- (3) - Bureau (Encls. 8)
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- 2 - Chicago (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Miami (Encls. 2)
- 2 - New York (Encls. 2)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1)
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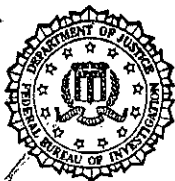
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WFO 105-New

All offices receiving copies of this airtel are requested to be alert for any information received from established sources regarding activity of above described individual and to advise interested offices of any information developed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
October 11, 1957

INTERNATIONAL BOOK

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 12, 1957, that he had an opportunity to talk with Yuri B. Leonov for a short period of time on [redacted]. Leonov advised the informant that he is a representative of the International Book (Mezhdunarovnaya Kniga) in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and recently came to this country from Russia to attend the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition in Oklahoma City. Leonov told the informant that he was in the United States to promote the sale of Russian books and that his job with the International Book in Moscow is concerned solely with the American market. Leonov said that the International Book is divided into numerous offices, each office being responsible for the sale of Russian books to one particular country.

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The informant described the International Book, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as a Soviet Government Agency and the only establishment in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which sells Russian books abroad.

The records of the Visa Office, United States Department of State, reflected that Yuri B. Leonov was a Soviet delegate to the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition.

OKLAHOMA
Russia
DC

On October 8, 1957, the informant advised that on October 3, 1957, an individual who identified himself as "Mr. Derby" of Library Derby, 92 Burton Street, Hamilton, Canada, visited a Washington, D. C., bookstore which deals in Russian language books. This individual stated that he

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DATE FORW *10/13/57*
HOW FORW *by [redacted]* *1-cc to [redacted] (0-6)*
BY *[redacted]* *1-cc to (OSI - Commercial) (0-14)*

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INTERNATIONAL BOOK

had recently signed a contract with International Book authorizing him as the principal supplier of International Book books in the United States and Canada.

This individual attempted to establish a Washington, D. C., representative at the bookstore stating that he had just arrived in Washington after visiting his Florida representative, Mr. George Sabo, Lakeland, Florida. He further stated that his New York representative is the Kercha Bookstore in Brooklyn, New York.

"Mr. Derby" related that there are very few Russian speaking people in Canada, however, he set up a business in Canada because of the United States customs rates. He stated that the duty on books entering the United States from Canada was less than if the books entered the United States from Europe. He remarked that the customs people are less suspicious of Canadian shipments. He stated that he often loads his car with books in Canada and drives into the United States without paying any duty on the books. As a result of this activity he is able to offer substantial discounts on his merchandise.

"Mr. Derby" stated that after leaving Washington, D. C., he planned to travel to Baltimore, Maryland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to attempt to establish representatives.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JW
 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-156080)
 FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-1436)
 SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BOOK
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DATE: 1/28/58

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ReBulet 11/26/57 and Washington Field letter to Director, 1/9/58.

Investigation by the Miami Office reflected that GEORGE SABO, who was identified by [redacted] as the Florida representative of "Mr. Derby" of Library Derby, 92 Burton St., Hamilton, Canada, is a book dealer operating under the name of SLAVIC BOOKS, Rt. 1, Box 903, Lakeland, Fla. He came to Lakeland, Florida in November of 1954. He formerly operated under the name of SLAVIC BOOKS, P. O. Box 25, Pearl River, N. Y. (outskirts of New York City). Information received through Postal authorities at Lakeland, Florida reflects that SABO distributes a large quantity of books throughout the United States and foreign countries. He is reputed to mail six to eight packages of books weighing from eight to twelve pounds almost daily under postal book rate. On December 21, 1957, SABO filed a \$10. claim with the Lakeland Post Office for a book described as a copy of a periodical entitled MIR ISKUSSTVA, issued in St. Petersburg, Russia #1 to 12, bound together, covering the year 1904. A notation on the claim stated "This particular item purchased in a lot ten years ago, if purchased by dealer today \$14.00, claim only \$10.00."

In view of referenced letter to the Director from Washington Field dated January 9, 1958, closing this investigation, this information is not being supplied to the Bureau suitable for dissemination and the Miami Office contemplates no further investigation, UACB.

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Date: 4-2-58

To: Director, FBI

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Attention : _____

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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Enclosed are the following communications received from _____ Original and two copies

Remarks:

The information regarding _____ Vladimir Van de Droucker _____ was furnished in a single copy which is forwarded to the Bureau. Note paragraph five in which _____ feel Van de Droucker has been attempting to establish agencies for his book trading deals in the United States. This undoubtedly is in reply to the last sentence of reBUlet in which it was requested that _____ be obtained relative to subject's activities in the United States and the possibility of Van de Droucker's registration with the Department of Justice. The wording of reBUlet was used in _____ in this regard.

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4/10/58
JGD*

Dissemination

- May be made as received
- May be made as indicated by stamp on enclosure
- May not be made without further clearance with RCMP

Copy of letter and encls. by letter to New York 8/30/61 re "Waldemar Robt. Derby, IS-R." was f/c 8/29/61

Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

WFO (105-23281)
New York; Miami
Status with this office:

- RUC
- Pending

Enclosures (4)
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