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Appeal No.: 20173718  
FOIPA Request No.: 1342835-000  
Subject: Prosecutor's Management Information  
System

Dear Ms. Best:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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10 page(s) were reviewed and 10 page(s) are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

┌ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://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.

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 FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto: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.

┌ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

┐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

As a result of your administrative appeal to the Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice (DOJ), material was located responsive to your request for information concerning Prosecutors Management Information System. Enclosed is a processed copy of the documents.

## 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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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/21/92

[redacted] DOB: [redacted]  
 [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. She was also advised of the purpose of the interview which was to determine if she knew that there was any connection between INSLAW (a computer software company suing the Department of Justice), investigative reporter DANIEL CASOLARO's death and BCCI. She provided the following information:

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[redacted]  
 had known CASOLARO since approximately 1980 as a professional and personal associate. CASOLARO had advised [redacted] that he believed INSLAW's computer software, PROMIS, was being used by BCCI to keep track of secret accounts. CASOLARO had also advised [redacted] that he believed BNL, a foreign bank based in Atlanta, and BCCI were connected, however, due to their competitive news relationship he never disclosed how or where he obtained information to substantiate these allegations. [redacted] advised that CASOLARO never used a computer and that he carried all of his documents with him in stacks of folders therefore she could not provide any additional information as to where proof to these allegations could be stored.

[redacted] provided a copy of CASOLARO's outline of THE OCTOPUS, which was to be a catch-all book to tie in all the political scandal's of the 1980's. The copy has been placed in a 1A envelope and a copy has been attached to this FD-302. [redacted] advised that she will obtain CASOLARO's manuscript notes from an investigative reporter at NBC NIGHTLINE and provide a copy of these notes to the FBI. These notes were also referred to by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she believed that CASOLARO probably did commit suicide, however, the autopsy report showed peculiar markings on his body which she felt were attributable to foul play. [redacted] has no facts on which to base her suspicions. She also provided information on a possible source of CASOLARO's, [redacted] (LNU), and advised that a VILLAGE VOICE reporter had identified her. [redacted] will provide the FBI with a copy of the

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article.  further provided a contact number for

could provide no further information on this matter and the interview was terminated.

THE OCTOPUS

by Daniel Casolaro

This is the story of eight men whose real life "impossible mission" intrigues have dominated key events that span the globe for nearly a half-century. They are the men who make up THE OCTOPUS.

They are not government officials but their tentacles can reach into any part of government in almost any country including legitimate and rogue spy networks. They are not notable industrialists but they can pull the strings of the oil and banking empires at will. They are not known criminals but they have successfully penetrated all factions of organized crime including the Mafia, the Japanese Yakuza, the secret Chinese societies and the terrorist underground.

With its tagteam compartments, its exploitation of hundreds of people and its formidable stealth, THE OCTOPUS will help to unravel the most compelling puzzles of the twentieth century.

What may have begun for these few learned men as a utopian response to harsh post-war realities quickly gave way to what simple men have always known to be the real enemy which is selfishness and its allied forces of fear, greed and power.

While a few of these eight men came together to insure the failure of an initiative into Albania in the fifties, almost every one of them helped to frustrate the Cuban Bay of Pigs invasion. What did they do in Albania and with whom? What did the fiasco at the Bay of Pigs accomplish?

President Nixon and his key advisors Attorney General John Mitchell and Henry Kissinger were becoming impossible as far as the octopus was concerned. They were bypassing normal circles of intelligence with Vietnamization and the China card. While this operation eventually reaped a windfall, a principal arm of the octopus was seriously at risk. How did all the pieces come together for the snowballing of Watergate?

A different, marginally more officious costume was worn in Chile with Salvador Allende. But there were separate factions at war competing with the octopus similar to the efforts in the Congo (Zaire) with Patrice Lumumba. Since the Chilean operation provided accumulated debt for favors performed, the octopus was now mature enough to know how to collect those debts. What were the favors performed? And what was the due bill?

It didn't take many people to design the apparatus that would insure the renewal of the lease for the Pine Gap installation near Alice Springs, Australia. After all, how could a democracy spit up a Prime Minister that could sack the security of the Western Alliance? What about the tentacle operations of the octopus in Angola, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), Mozambique and Nigeria? Was this another case of wearing the right costume again, as in Chile? Politically correct assistance can cover the cover of the octopus for anything — drug trafficking, arms dealing and murder. But what happened to the money — nearly a billion dollars?

Who drove the Shah of Iran out of power? Since the great arm of the octopus was at risk again, how was this achieved? Can best friends do this to each other? And why?

Who lit the fires for the war between Iran and Iraq? What role did the octopus play? What was its purpose in the big picture? Is any picture that big?

Jimmy Carter had bruised the octopus as badly as Nixon did with more directed focus. Why did the octopus come off the ocean floor to make sure that the hostages were not rescued? What happened to those Sea Stallion helicopters, the most dependable helicopter in aviation history? Why is it that some "legitimate" factions helped? Everyone knows that hostages equals money but why is it that no one has asked what happened to the billions of dollars in frozen assets? Since Reagan was not a favored son of the octopus, why did almost all the arms struggle to insure the election of 1980? Even if the participation by campaign officials in holding the hostages until the Reagan election was limited to just the acquiescence of smiling gentlemen who knew better, why was the veil removed when it could have been so absolutely secret?

Exploiting foreign policy objectives with the Contras in Nicaragua is one thing but why was the creation of a Latin American equivalent to the Golden Triangle so irresistible?

A huge amount of money — several billion dollars — was raised for the Afghan freedom fighters. The octopus wasn't doing this and the freedom fighters only received a fraction of the money. Who else started to play the game and how did the octopus stop it?

Was it just a clever hand that was played with Kuwait and Iraq? What about Kuwait's OPEC decisions which goaded Saddam Hussein into his takeover? What role did the octopus play? Why was the Bank of Credit and Commerce



International (BOCI) suddenly a sacrificial lamb?

Before the reins of the octopus are turned over to several slightly younger players, the most dangerous game continues now — July, 1991 — on the tiny Caribbean island nation of Dominica. Possessing the largest boiling deep-water lake in the world, Dominica's geothermal potentiality is unmatched. It is here — now — that the octopus may be making its boldest move yet.

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## On the Trail of the Money Catcher...

THE OCTOPUSCast of characters

Richard Helms - former Director of Central Intelligence & now head of SAFEER

Howard Hunt - former CIA agent and one of Watergate co-conspirators

George Fender - former CIA agent

John Nichols - former CIA agent and currently managing gambling casino on Reservoir

Ted Shackley - former CIA agent & now head of RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL

Tom Clines - former CIA agent & currently appealing sentence for tax fraud

Ray Cline - former CIA official

Harry Gillam - known also as "Double Deuce" and recently deceased

Eris Sencowles - internationally known British intelligence official

Kim Philby - British spy who worked for the Soviets and recently deceased

John Walker - head of the Walker spy ring and currently in jail

Edward Lee Howard - former CIA agent who worked for the Soviets & escaped to Moscow

Ronald Pelton - NSA employee who worked for the Soviets and currently in jail

Pat Moriarty - ex parte member of Reagan's California kitchen cabinet

Marshall Riconosciuto - partner of Pat Moriarty in largest fireworks company in U.S.

Michael Riconosciuto - self proclaimed scientist without portfolio & currently in jail

Paul Morasca - Michael Riconosciuto's partner & deceased since January 1982 - murdered

Fred Alvarez - Cabazon Indian & deceased since June 1981 - murdered

Mary Quick - friend of Paul Morasca & deceased since 1982 - murdered

Earl Brian - called the "genius doctor" in the Reagan California govt. Businessman.

Bill Hamilton - president of Inslaw, company that developed tracking software PROMIS

Red McDaniel - former POW and head of American Defense Institute

Danny Sheehan - head of Christie Institute

Senator Robert Byrd - Senator from West Virginia

Harry Rupp - former CIA pilot & recently released from prison  
Richard Brenneke - former CIA contract agent & recently acquitted for perjury  
Donald Gregg - former CIA agent and currently Ambassador in South Korea  
Prescott Bush - President George Bush's older brother  
Prince Bandar - Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the U.S.  
Ari Ben Menashi - former Mossad representative in Latin America  
John Delarocque - close confidante of Ben Menashi and currently in St. Tropez  
Gerald Bull - rocket scientist & developer of the super gun -- murdered in 1990.  
Barry Seale - major cocaine trafficker & pilot -- murdered in 1986.  
Drew Thornton - major Kentucky drug trafficker & deceased since 1985  
Bernie Cornfield - head of International Investors Services (ICS)  
Robert Vesco - American fugitive for ICS scam & illegal donation to Nixon campaign  
Edwin Wilson - CIA agent jailed for illegal profiteering  
Roy Furmark - New York lawyer and associate with Adnan Khassogi & William Casey  
Adnan Khassogi - Saudi businessman  
Ishan Barbuti - Iraqi arms dealer  
Manuchehr Gorbanifar - Iranian arms dealer  
Kamal Taki - former Beirut judge & Mideast intelligence operative  
Cyril Fairhurst - British intelligence specialist associated with rogue networks  
Robert Chasen - former Commissioner of Customs & Wackenhut Director  
Robert Frye - Wackenhut executive  
Chinese Triad leaders - Hong Kong, Bangkok, Australia & Vancouver  
Japanese Yakuza leaders - Hong Kong & Tokyo  
Associated organized crime leaders in U.S. - Gotti et al  
Khun Sa - Chinese national and opium warlord  
Bernie Houghton - American living in Australia & owner of Bourbon & Beefsteak Pub  
Michael Hand - former partner of Nugan Hand bank in Australia

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On Sept. 15, 1992, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] contacted [redacted] Washington, D.C., [redacted] and advised both of the identities of the interviewing agents.

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[redacted] of INSLAW, a computer software company, and have made allegations that the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE through illegal means caused INSLAW to go bankrupt and thus seize all computer software, more specifically, a software program called PROMIS.

At the onset of the interview, [redacted] were advised by the interviewing agents that the purpose of the interview was to determine if there was any connection between INSLAW and the BCCI, or if [redacted] had any knowledge of a connection between BCCI and the death of DANIEL CASOLARO, an investigative reporter who was investigating [redacted] allegations against DOJ.

[redacted] acknowledged this and proceeded to give a detailed background of INSLAW, their allegations against DOJ, and DANIEL CASOLARO's investigation up to his death. This lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes. At no time did [redacted] mention BCCI or make any connection between DANIEL CASOLARO's death and BCCI.

When specifically questioned about any connection between INSLAW, BCCI, and CASOLARO's death, [redacted] advised that [redacted] a reporter for CNBC, Washington, D.C., told them that CASOLARO had advised her that the First American Bank, McLean, Virginia, may have filtered PROMIS money through it. [redacted] also advised that CASOLARO told them that he had uncovered documents which tied BCCI, IRAN-CONTRA, the "October Surprise", and INSLAW together. However, before CASOLARO could expound his theory any further he died which made [redacted] suspicious of his death. [redacted] had no knowledge as to where CASOLARO may have stored his research and/or documents and had no knowledge of where or from whom CASOLARO received his information.

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[REDACTED] could provide no further information in regards this matter and the interview was terminated.