

To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this correspondence as a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552. I am requesting the following:

All bureau files, field office memoranda, and other associated documents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) operation Intelligence Letter (INLET). Operation INLET was authorized on or around November 20, 1969 and ran until December 26, 1972. On November 26, 1969, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover sent a memorandum to all field offices requesting intelligence letters containing "[i]nside information concerning demonstrations, disorders and other civil disruptions which is of more than local significance" and "[i]tems with an unusual twist or concerning prominent personalities which may be of special interest to the President or the Attorney General." Between 1969 and 1972, the FBI sent at least "120 individual items of significance" on "36 issues" to the President of the United States and the United States Attorney General (adding the Vice President as a recipient beginning April 1970). I am requesting copies of memoranda containing these individual items and sent to the aforementioned parties, in addition to any memoranda sent by field offices suggesting items of significance to the President or other related parties. This includes any INLET documents that may predate the authorization of the operation, such as a November 7, 1969 memo from W. C. Sullivan to C. D. DeLoach captioned "FBI Intelligence Letter for the President" and any corresponding documents forwarded to the President and Attorney General at that time. Next year represents the 50th anniversary of the discontinuance of Operation INLET, and as half a century has passed, there should be no expectation of any embarrassment or security risk to the FBI or the Executive Office of the President in releasing these documents.

To assist in your search, I have attached examples of documents previously released by the FBI (and currently available to the public in the National Archives) addressing Operation INLET. Please conduct a search of the Central Records System, including but not limited to the Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Indices, the Microphone Surveillance (MISUR) Indices, the Physical Surveillance (FISUR) Indices, and the Technical Surveillance (TESUR) Indices, for both main-file records and cross-reference records.

I am a member of the news media, and I am asking you waive any fees associated with this request. I have written for Philly Voice and Atlas Obscura. Please take note of the Office of Management and Budget guidelines published March 27, 1987 (52 FR 10012) that include electronic publications and other nontraditional publishers as representatives of the news media.

This request is not being made for commercial purposes. All documents will be provided to the general public without charge.

In the event that there are fees, I am willing to pay up to \$250. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as the statute requires. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Sincerely,

Robert Skvarla, Jr.