

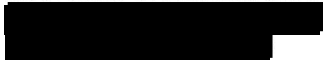


U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

October 28, 2019

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.



Request No.: 1371605-000
Subject: LA ROCQUE, GENE ROBERT

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Records responsive to your request have been processed. We made these records available in the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault) on the FBI's public website, <http://vault.fbi.gov>. On the right-hand side of the home page, under the heading "Vault Links" you can search for your subject alphabetically (click on "A-Z Index"), by category (click on "Categories"), or by entering text into our search engine (click on "Search Vault"). For records responsive to this request, please enter "Gene La Rocque" as the search term.

The available documents represent a final Vault posting of information responsive to your FOIPA request.

Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request.

- ☐ Additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. Please inform us by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov, faxing 540-868-4391, or standard mail if you would like the FBI to conduct a search of the indices to our Central Records System.
- ☐ Additional records responsive to your request were processed but are not currently available on The Vault. Please inform us if you would like to receive these records.


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 on 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.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <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). 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,

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

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information 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 on individuals. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records. For questions regarding Parts 1, 2, or 3, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available at the web address.

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 FOIA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010))]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **National Security/Intelligence Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1)]. 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 national security or foreign intelligence 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 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.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A reasonable search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide and includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records. For additional information about our record searches visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (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 sheets. 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.
- (iv) **The National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.

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.

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI

TO :

DATE: JAN 11 1977

FROM :

S/O

ADIC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT:

GENE LA ROQUE
MOUNTAIN STATE ENGINEERS
POST OFFICE BOX 17960
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85731
[redacted]

(OO:PX)

Enclosed for all recipients is one copy of a document and envelope provided by [redacted] 11/4/76. Enclosed for the Bureau only, is a piece of film which contains a photo of an aircraft. (U)

(U) On 11/1/76, Mr. [redacted] Queens, NY, telephone number [redacted], advised that his company had received a document and film clip from the subject, which appeared to pertain to aircraft capabilities and maybe classified. (X)

On 11/4/746 [redacted] released the above mentioned data to SAS of the NYO. (U)

On 12/2/76, after numerous attempts to recontact [redacted] explained that his company had no reason to receive the enclosed document in that Flight Safety International is a flight training school and had no national defense association or any reason to participate in an emergency landing of a military aircraft. [redacted] advised that he had never corresponded with LA ROQUE or Mountain State Engineers in the past and that he did not even know who LA ROQUE or Mountain State Engineers were.

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Exempt from GDS, Categories 2&3

Date of Declassification Indefinite

ENCLOSURE

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- ② - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Phoenix (Encls. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (Encls. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
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[redacted] further advised that he did not know why LA ROQUE sent his company the document and that he had provided the FBI all the information his company had received and that there was nothing to indicate the purpose for the correspondence.

(U) [redacted] also said that due to his intelligence experiences in the service the letter was routed to him but that he did not fully comprehend it nor could he determine if it was still classified. (S)

New York records reflect a GENE ROBERT LA ROQUE, DOB 6/29/18, POB Kanakee, Illinois, is a retired Naval officer; Commander Task Group in the Sixth Fleet, 1965-1966; member of faculty Naval War College, 1951-1953. Director of Center for Defense Information (CDI), Washington, D.C., 1972-present; home address 5015 Hacomb Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20016. New York has no master file on LA ROQUE, [redacted]

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

As New York is unable to determine if the enclosed document is classified, the Bureau is requested to make such a determination and advise Tucson and Washington Field if further investigation is warranted.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will determine if GENE LA ROQUE of the CDI, WDC is identical with the subject and advise Phoenix.

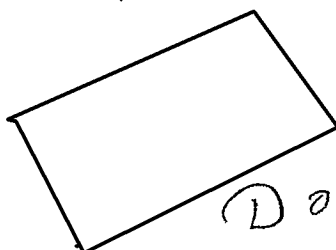
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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA. Will conduct an indices check of the subject and other investigation deemed necessary by Phoenix.

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Gene LaRocque
Mountain State Engineers 602-792-2800
P.O.Box 17960
Tucson, Ariz 85731



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Mr. [unclear]
1000-1100 4700*

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ADIC, New York [redacted]

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Director, FBI [redacted]

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GENE LA ROQUE
MOUNTAIN STATE ENGINEERS
POST OFFICE BOX 17960
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85731

[redacted]

[redacted]

ReNYlet dated 1/11/77.

The document which was enclosed with referenced appears to be a test report relating to an attack weapon A-6.

Copies of this same type material have been referred to FBIHQ on numerous occasions in the past few months by various individuals and businesses.

FBIHQ has had portions of the documents previously received examined by a representative of the Office of Defense Research and Engineering Strategic and Support Systems, Testing and Evaluation, Department of Defense (DOD), regarding their authenticity. After examination, the DOD advised as follows: "This information was probably conjured up as a hoax. In any event, from a technical standpoint, the terms are not consistent with those used in a normal test report nor are they presented in language that would have been used in a flight testing business."

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In view of the above, the Bureau does not have any reason for conducting further investigation regarding these documents.

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Letter to New York
Re: Gene La Roque
Mountain State Engineers
Post Office Box 17960
Tucson, Arizona 85731

NOTE:

The New York Office (NYO) furnished copies of a document which had been received in the mail by [redacted]

[redacted]
Queens, New York. This document, which appeared to be a test report, was classified "~~Secret~~." The envelope in which it was mailed showed a return address of Gene La Roque, Mountain State Engineers, Post Office Box 17960, Tucson, Arizona 85731. [redacted] had no idea why the document was mailed to his company and was concerned that it could have been misdirected, and further, because of its classified nature, notified the NYO.

As shown above, it has been determined through the DOD that this document has been conjured up as a hoax.

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