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June 1, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1406597-000
Subject: MCCULLAR, CHARLES
(JANUARY 1975)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 39 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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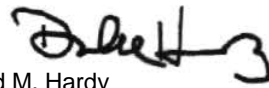
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Sincerely,

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David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
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Enclosure(s)

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;
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- (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;
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- (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;
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April 6, 1976

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11-32359

EX-111

Honorable William L. Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

Your letter with enclosures to the Department of Justice regarding your interest in locating "Charles" McCullar, on behalf of his [redacted]

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[redacted], was referred to this Bureau on March 25, 1976.

We have been made aware of the disappearance of Mr. McCullar, and I have requested that we be furnished with his full name, exact date and place of birth, and descriptive data, so that a thorough search of our records can be made and a missing person notice placed in the files of our Identification Division. This notice will provide for advising you of the receipt of any future information.

The FBI has no authority to investigate missing persons unless there is evidence to indicate a kidnaping has taken place. In those instances, we would promptly enter the case under presumptive provision or in cases such as the James Hoffa matter, we have entered the investigation because there is an indication that Federal statutes other than kidnaping, such as extortion, may have been violated.

Your enclosures are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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1 - Office of Congressional Affairs (For info) Enc. (3)--Copy of inc & its enclosures.

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Honorable William L. Scott

NOTE: Unable to identify MP by name only, who was reported missing 2-1-75, after leaving Eugene, OR, to take a bus/hiking trip to Crater Lake National Park on 1-29-75 and did not return. Additional descriptive data requested in our letter to Cong Fisher on same date. Div 6 consulted re above reference to Hoffa. Also, no record of prior request for Bureau assistance in this matter per Div 6.

IMPORTANT - Please Read

The attached mail has been charged to your office for appropriate action. If it is necessary to forward elsewhere, advise the Office of Congressional Affairs, extension 4510. **IMPERATIVE:** Copies of any memoranda, letters, or drafts for the signature of Justice Department officials must be furnished to the Office of Congressional Affairs. Also, a copy of any letters to the concerned Congressman, Senator, or constituent concerning this matter should be furnished to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, along with the original yellow referral slip.

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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Edward Levi
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Levi:

The enclosed letter and fact sheet from my constituent, are self-explanatory.

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If it is possible within the rules and regulations of the Department, a favorable response to request for assistance from the FBI with his search for Charles W. McCullar, would be appreciated.

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Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

With kind personal regards,

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Sincerely,

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William L. Scott, U. S. S.

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March 15, 1976

Hon. William Scott
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Scott:

I would like to enlist your services in helping me to obtain Federal assistance in my continuing search to ascertain what happened to [redacted] Charles W. McCullar, who has been missing in Oregon since [redacted] 30 January 1975.

When Charles was initially reported as a missing person to all law enforcement agencies in Eugene, Oregon on 1 February 1975, the Oregon State Police, assisted by other agencies and groups, initiated an investigation which to date has revealed no information which would indicate what has happened to Charles. The Federal Bureau of Investigation on two occasions has indicated that it has no authority to enter cases of missing persons. You can imagine my surprise while in Oregon searching for clues [redacted] I picked up a newspaper and read that the FBI, as well as other Federal agencies, were engaged in a search for a missing person -- James Hoffa.

My first reaction to this situation was a feeling of indignation, however, after returning home to Virginia and giving much thought to the situation, the indignation turned to determination when I decided that the McCullar family would pursue all avenues available to receive the same magnitude of Federal assistance as was afforded the Hoffa family.

Realizing of course, that I do not have the knowledge of Federal statutes or intra-workings of the Federal Government, I decided to ask our elected officials to help in this serious matter.

I am enclosing a brief summary of the activities that have transpired in this matter so you will be aware of the situation at this date.

Your expeditious cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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On 29 January 1975, Charles W. McCullar left the apartment of [redacted] in Eugene, Oregon, to take a bus/hiking trip to Crater Lake National Park to take photographs of the lake and surrounding area. He planned to return to Eugene on 31 January 1975. When he had not returned by 1 February 1975, [redacted] notified all law enforcement agencies in Eugene that he was missing. The Oregon State Police notified the news media, and posted photos in bus stations to the south of Eugene. On 10 February 1975, [redacted] notified us. I arrived in Klamath Falls, Oregon on 11 February 1975 to correlate all personal information and to get all information possible.

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The original thought of the State Police was that Charles changed his itinerary without notifying anyone. Knowing that Charles was a responsible young man who had stayed in contact with us during his trip through Texas, Arizona and Oregon, we immediately rejected this idea. The prevalent theory by all was that Charles was a victim of the heavy snows and cold weather. Although doubtful of this, because he had knowledge of snow, survival techniques and his equipment was very good, we had no evidence to the contrary.

Crater Lake officials arranged to fly the lake and road areas surrounding the lake, State Police flew from Roseburg to Diamond Lake, and I flew all of these areas myself. I traveled to various places leaving pictures and interviewed various persons who had seen hikers and picked up hikers but discarded all these leads, except for two persons who had seen a hiker on the road from Roseburg on 29 January but could not make positive identification. At that time, results were negative so I decided to return home, leaving further investigation in the hands of the State Police, to wait for the snow to melt so I could return and make a more thorough search. Subsequent to my leaving, the State Police interviewed a logger who had given a young man who's description fits, a ride to within 20 miles of Crater Lake Entrance Road, on the morning of 30 January 1975.

During the ensuing five months we mailed circulars with photographs to approximately 86 persons who were registered at Diamond Lake Lodge, a year round resort which is located on the route from Roseburg to Crater Lake. No leads were produced from these. The police interviewed numerous persons, who as a result of the media coverage, called to state they had seen or given a ride to hikers. The Cascade Rescue Emergency Service teams searched the area extensively by snowmobile, and the Crater Lake staff on more than one occasion searched the lake area by skis, snowmobile, flying and hiking. None of these searches produced any positive results. In July 1975 I returned to Oregon where I hiked, flew and drove over the area for over three weeks without any positive results. After returning home and reviewing the information contained in the police reports that we possess, plus maps of the areas searched and the intensity of these searches without finding any signs of equipment we concluded that Charles was not the victim of foul weather but rather a victim of foul play. We have relayed our feelings to the Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, however, as of this date the only action that has been taken, that we are aware of is that the state police have again turned to the media for assistance. Although we are deeply appreciative of all these efforts, it is hard for us to think that a person or persons involved in a crime would turn themselves over to the police. This is why we believe a more thorough investigation is needed.

April 6, 1976

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EX-115

Honorable Joseph L. Fisher
Member of Congress
809 West Broad Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Dear Congressman Fisher:

On March 25, 1976, I received your communication with enclosures regarding your interest in locating Mr. Charles W. McCullar, on behalf of [redacted]

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On the basis of the data given, there does not appear to have been a violation of a Federal statute within our jurisdiction; however, if we can be furnished with Mr. McCullar's full name, exact date and place of birth and descriptive data, we will be pleased to make a search of our records for information of value. At that time, a missing person notice will be placed in the files of our Identification Division to provide for notifying you of the receipt of any future information.

The FBI has no authority to investigate missing persons unless there is evidence to indicate a kidnaping has taken place. In those instances, we would promptly enter the case under presumptive provision or in cases such as the James Hoffa matter, we have entered the investigation because there is an indication that Federal statutes other than kidnaping, such as extortion, may have been violated.

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Sincerely yours,

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Clarence H. Kelley
Director

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Honorable Joseph L. Fisher

NOTE: Unable to identify IIP by name only, who was reported missing 2/1/75 after leaving Eugene, OR to take a bus/hiking trip to Crater Lake National Park on 1/29/75 and did not return. Div. 6 consulted re above reference to Hoffa. Also, no record of prior request for Bureau assistance & no active investigation considered per Div. 6.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The attached letter is sent for your consideration. Please look into the questions raised and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Joseph L. Fisher

Joseph L. Fisher
Member of Congress
Tenth District, Virginia

PLEASE REPLY TO:

809 West Broad Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

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CHARLES McCULLAR EX-115

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March 15, 1976

Hon. Joseph L. Fisher
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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79-32359-3

June 14, 1976

REC-36

Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

On June 4, 1976, I received your communication enclosing the letter of [redacted] regarding [redacted] Mr. Charles Wood McCullar.

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A search of our records was made on the basis of the additional data, but no identifiable information was disclosed. A missing person notice has been placed in the files of our Identification Division. You will receive prompt notification should any information be forthcoming.

Since there is no indication that a Federal statute within this Bureau's jurisdiction has been violated, I regret we can be of no further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
C. M. Kelley

Clarence H. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: No ident info found re MP missing since 1/1975, while on a bus/hiking trip to Crater Lake Nat'l Park. Prev corres re MP received from Senator Scott and Congressman Fisher, Bufile #79-32359. MPN placed 6/10/76.

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June 1, 1976 s

United States Senate

Re: Mr. Charles E. McCullar

Charles Wood McCullar

Respectfully referred to:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Congressional Liaison

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the ~~enclosure~~, will be appreciated by

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May 21, 1976

Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 1976 with enclosed reply from Mr. Clarence Kelley, regarding your inquiry on our behalf.

Your interest in this situation is deeply appreciated. We regret that we have not acknowledged your letter sooner, however, the nature of the reply from Mr. Kelley was such that we required additional time for further thought.

We were very disappointed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation could not enter our search for Charles on a presumptive basis, however, we found Mr. Kelley's letter both informative and interesting.

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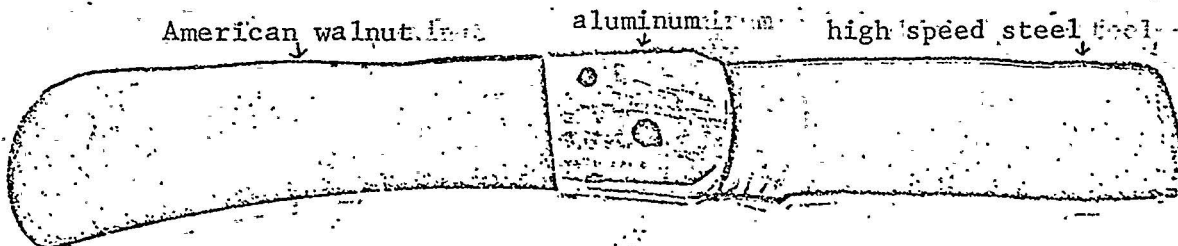
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 5, 1976

Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
 United States Senate
 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

Your communication of March 22, 1976, enclosing a letter from your constituent, [redacted], regarding the disappearance of [redacted] Charles W. McCullar, has been received and reviewed. I am in sympathy with [redacted] who find themselves in similar situations, and, judging by the number of communications we receive, there are a great many.

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In order to respond to your specific points of inquiry, allow me to set forth the following factors which pertain to this type of complaint.

First, in regard to Mr. James R. Hoffa's disappearance, we are conducting investigation in this case under the Federal Extortion Statute, pursuant to threats made after the disappearance of Mr. Hoffa.

As I am sure you are aware, the FBI has no statutory basis under which missing persons investigations can be conducted. We do accept information pertaining to these individuals and place a missing persons notice in our Identification Division. To date, no such data has been received pertaining to Charles W. McCullar; in fact, a review of our indices at FBI Headquarters and at FBI, Portland, Oregon, has been totally negative in this regard. Incidentally, your constituent's letter does not include descriptive data which would allow such a missing persons notice to be placed. We will be pleased to place this notice if necessary descriptive information is received.



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Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.

In the absence of evidence of a specific Federal violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction, we are precluded from initiating an investigation. There appears to be no such evidence in this case.

I hope the above will be of assistance to you in answering your constituent.

Your enclosures are returned to you herewith.

Sincerely yours,



Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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June 8, 1976

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

Your letter to the Department of Justice enclosing
correspondence from [redacted]
[redacted] concerning the disappearance
of [redacted] Charles W. McCullar, was referred to me on May 27,
1976.

On the basis of the additional data, a search of our
records was made, but I regret to tell you no identifiable infor-
mation was disclosed. A missing person notice is, therefore,
being placed in the files of our Identification Division. The
effect of this notice is to advise you promptly if the whereabouts
of Mr. McCullar comes to our attention through submission of
fingerprints by any law enforcement or other governmental agency.

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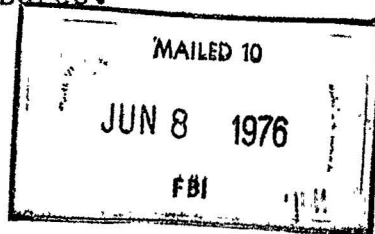
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NOTE: No ident info found re MP reported missing 2/1/75 after leaving Eugene, OR to take a bus/hiking trip to Crater Lake Nat'l Park on 1/29/75. Prev forwarded letters from Cong. Fisher, Senator Scott & Senator Byrd. Bufile #79-32359. Our Portland Office advised no record in their indices & further notes Crater Lake area of OR is haven for hippy types who reside in numerous communes. See NOTE in outgoing to Senator Byrd dated 4/5/76. Charles W. McCullar per prev corres.

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 Attorney General of the United States
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 Washington, D. C. 20530

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With kind personal regards,

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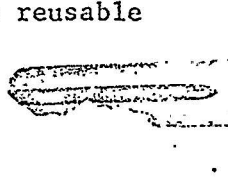
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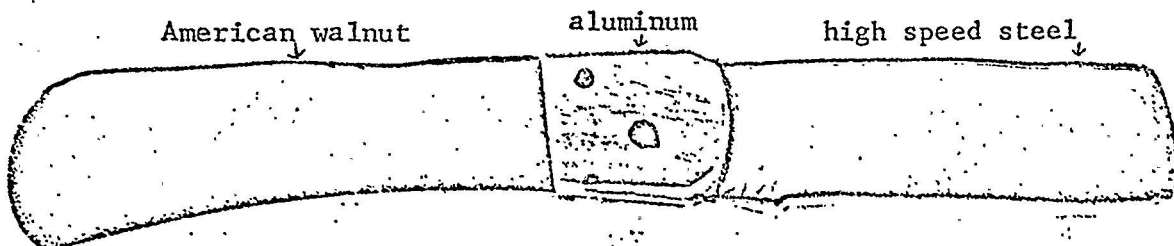
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(OO: Portland)

Re Bureau letter to Senator HARRY F. BYRD, JR., dated 4/5/76, and forwarded to Portland.

For information of the Bureau, CHARLES WESLEY MC CULLAR, date of birth 7/20/55, address, 6544 Spring Valley Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, was last seen on 1/29/75, near Eugene, Oregon, and was believed to be hitchhiking to Crater Lake National Park. An extensive search for MC CULLAR by the Oregon State Police (OSP), Crater Lake National Park Rangers, MC CULLAR's [redacted] and others, failed to locate any trace of him.

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The snow level in the park at the time of MC CULLAR's disappearance was 100 inches, and more snow fell in the following days.

On 10/18/76, Chief Park Ranger, [redacted] advised that hikers had found some badly weathered camping gear and keys near Bybee Creek in the park. One of the keys found matched a key reportedly in the possession of MC CULLAR at the time of his disappearance. Park Rangers searched the area at Bybee Creek and located the camping gear, a human skull, a lower jawbone, and several other bones.

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On 10/18/76, SA [redacted], contacted Ranger [redacted] and obtained the skull and bones and had them examined by [redacted] a Klamath Falls Pathologist. [redacted] advised that the teeth in the skull and lower jawbone matched perfectly with MC CULLAR's dental chart. [redacted] further advised that he saw no evidence of damage to the skull, other than that caused by the elements. [redacted] advised that he saw no indication of damage to the skull that would indicate foul play.

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On 10/19/76, SA [redacted] together with [redacted] the deceased's [redacted] park rangers, and officers from the OSP Crime Lab, were flown by helicopter to the location near Bybee Creek, where MC CULLAR's remains had been found. This remote, rugged, mountainous area was searched as thoroughly as practical for any clues as to how MC CULLAR may have died.

The theory advanced by park rangers, and the one most plausible, is that MC CULLAR became lost in the snow while trying to hike from the north entrance of the park to park headquarters. With 100 inches of snow on the ground, Bybee Creek would most probably have been completely covered with snow. MC CULLAR probably was crossing the creek on top of the snow and fell into a crevice, where he perished. When the snow melted in the spring,

The spot where MC CULLAR's body decomposed was located and examined by the State Crime Lab Examiners. Their examination located quantities of decomposing hair and clothing and several small bones. It was the opinion of OSP [redacted] Crime Lab Examiner, that MC CULLAR died at that spot from exposure to the elements, and was most likely trapped in a snow crevice at the time. No indication, whatsoever, of foul play was located.

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At the conclusion of the search and examination, [redacted] [redacted] advised that he was convinced that the remains found were [redacted] and that he died from exposure to the elements. [redacted] further advised that at the time of his [redacted] disappearance, that he corresponded with the Bureau requesting that a missing person's notice be placed. [redacted] stated that he would contact the Bureau again to have this notice removed.

In view of the total lack of evidence of any foul play in this matter, Portland is conducting no further investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: SUPERVISOR - CGR MATTERS)

DATE: 8/21/78

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (70-2245) (C)

SUBJECT: CHARLES WESLEY MC CULLAR
INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE CGR

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RePDairtel to Bureau, 10/26/76.

Referenced communication sets forth basic facts regarding this matter. This communication is being submitted to the Bureau for information in the event FBIHQ is contacted by [redacted] regarding the death of [redacted] CHARLES.

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CHARLES was last seen on 1/29/75 near Eugene, Oregon, and was believed to be hitchhiking to Crater Lake National Park.

To date, Portland has received four letters and several telephone calls from [redacted] regarding this matter. On two occasions, April 1 and July 6, 1977, letters were sent to [redacted] by the SAC, Portland, regarding the Bureau's investigative position. It seems that [redacted] is determined to believe [redacted] died by means other than accidental. At the time the remains were found, very thorough investigations were conducted at the scene by SA [redacted] the Resident Agent at Klamath Falls, Oregon; examiners from the State of Oregon Crime Lab; Crater Lake Park Rangers, as well as [redacted] a pathologist from Klamath Falls. [redacted] was also present at the scene during this portion of the investigation and at that time, was convinced that the remains found were that [redacted] and that he had died from exposure to the elements. There was absolutely no indication of foul play based on the physical evidence found by the investigators.

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In view of the above, no further investigation was conducted in this matter. [redacted] was advised of this, as well as being advised that in any mysterious disappearance case in which the victim's remains are not discovered until almost two years later, that there will always be unresolved questions. He was further advised that the FBI must consider the fact that no evidence of foul play was found according to the experts who examined the scene. He was assured that this case would not be "filed away and forgotten" and that the FBI will always be alert to any additional clues as to the cause [redacted] death. Any new leads or physical evidence coming to our attention regarding this matter would be thoroughly investigated.

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Approximately one week ago, [redacted] again contacted the Portland Office by telephone requesting to speak personally with the SAC. He was requested to speak to the Supervisor in charge of CGR matters, but declined, stating he would get in touch with FBIHQ.

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Date 8/30/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: SUPERVISOR - CGR MATTERS)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (70-2248) (C)

SUBJECT: CHARLES WESLEY MC CULLAR
INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE CGR

RePDairtels to Bureau, 10/26/76 and 8/21/78.

On 8/30/78, SA [redacted] San Francisco Office, was contacted telephonically and through liaison with the Bank of America Headquarters in San Francisco, obtained the following information:

Bank of America travelers cheques, numbers 25-009-200-097, 098 and 099 have never been presented for payment, and are filed under a deceased claims status.

It is noted in referenced communication of 8/21/78, Portland file was carried as 70-2245 and should be changed to read 70-2248.

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