



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: SAVA KOSANOVICH
INTERNAL SECURITY (S)
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

At this time SA [redacted] of the New York office telephoned, stating on the previous afternoon [redacted] telephoned that office [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she would like to be interviewed concerning certain information she possessed [redacted]

(b) [redacted] Agent [redacted] stated [redacted] two teletypes which the New York office forwarded to the Bureau under dates of January 9 and 12, 1943, in the case entitled U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, FOREIGN, ENEMY PROPERTY AND RESEARCH OF ALIEN PROPERTY, ESPIONAGE (Bureau file 100-2237). Briefly, the information contained in these teletypes is that shortly after Nicola Tesla, one of the world's outstanding scientists in the electrical field, died in his hotel room at New York City on January 8, 1943, Sava Kosanovich, a distant relative, and other individuals entered his room and opened a safe, examining certain materials which he possessed. On January 8, Mr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department advised Mr. Tamm that he was concerned about the possibility of enemy agents confiscating some of the traits of Tesla and that apparently, the Alien Property Custodian was taking some action in this matter. Inasmuch as the matter was being handled by the Alien Property Custodian's office, the Bureau did not conduct any inquiries into this situation.

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Mr. Ladd

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ACTED:

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

There is attached for your approval a letter directed to the Washington Field Office requesting that this interview be conducted and also instructing that she be interrogated concerning the other matter referred to above, inasmuch as the Pittsburgh Office has not as yet covered this interview.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]