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Rebulet dated April 3 last.

Oh April 7, 1950 agents of this office interviewed Mr. L.V. POTES, Fice President of the Manhattan Marehouse and Storage Company, 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City, and at that time Mr. POTES advised that the Fulse of his firs required that all persons gaining access to goods stored by Monhattan first had to fill out an appropriate ferm setting forth their mance, date of visit, and reason for requesting access to the goods.

In a review of the file pertaining to the storage of the effects of MINDIA TESIA, Mic. POTES revealed that only one such visit had been made by persons outside of the management of Manhattan Storage itself. This one scoassion took place on January 26 and 27, 1943, at which time representatives of the Alien Propert, Custodian made a theyough review of the entire effects of the Their estate.

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The TESIA effects are stored in rosse 5J and 5L of Manhattan Storage's marchouse at 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City. MR. MICHAEL HING, who etated he had been Floor Supervisor for approximately 10 years on the floor in question, stated that he could recall only the one occasion in early 1943 wher. An examination was made of the TESIA effects. He stated that at that time numerous photographs were taken by the examiners. His description of the equipment used would tend to show that a microfilm reproduction was made of some of the papers of the deceased scientist. He, KIEO added that several of the group making the examination were U.S. Havy uniforms, and during the two days required to complete the constantion the civilian assistants in the group were identified to him only as "PRIERAL AUTIONITIES". Assorting to Mr. HIEO, no other instance of microfilming of the records of the TESIA setate has taken place since that time.

It should be noted that the Bureau was informed of the examination mentioned above by New York letter (with attachments) dated October 17, 1945, entitled UNINGER SUBJECT; SAVA EDSANOVICH; Experiments & Research of MINOLA TESLA (Discessed), Espionage-M.

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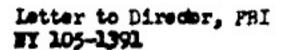
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MR. POTTS stated that no inquiry had been received by Manhattan from SAVA N. MOSANOVICH, nor had Manhattan informed him, in any way, that an examination of the TESIA effects had been made by anyone. In fact, added MR. POTTS, the only correspondence relating to the TESIA estate has been in the form of bills for storage.

MR. POTTS stated that any personal inquires regarding the estate would of necessity be directed to him, and to date no such inquiries have been made.

Interviewing agents explained to MR. POTTS that the examination made, as mentioned above, was not instigated by the Bureau, mor had the Bureau taken part in that examination.

Unless advised to the contrary, this investigation is being placed in a closed status, and no further investigative action is contemplated by this office. CIOSED.

