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TITLE <b>SAVA M. KOSANOVICH, with alias Sava M. Cosonovitch</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY G. CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**SAVA M. KOSANOVICH,** [REDACTED] Reported to have turned over patents and effects to Alien Property Custodian, NYC, for NICK TESLA. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from New York Field Division dated 2-22-43.

**DETAILS:**

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(b)(7)(c) Mr. ABE SPANEL, President of the International Latex Corporation, advised that [REDACTED] He stated that he had been a very good friend of NICK TESLA who has died recently and that he believes that the subject is a third or fourth cousin of TESLA and that when TESLA died, the subject was his only close relative in this country and TESLA's effects came into his possession.

SPANEL related that the subject had recently turned over to the government the majority of the patents of NICK TESLA. SPANEL described TESLA as being one of the greatest inventors that has ever lived. He stated he had more than

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900 inventions and patents. SPANEL stated that at one time TESLA had an invention in which he was able to direct electrical current without the means of a conductor. He felt that this type of an invention would be of invaluable assistance to any country at war and for this reason felt that TESLA's inventions and patents should be put into the hands of proper Government officials, where they might be put to the best advantage for the United States. He does not believe the subject is engaged in any un-American activities and stated that he was more than willing to turn these patents and inventions over to the proper Government agency. He asserted that before TESLA died, he had spoken to the subject regarding his becoming a United States citizen and SPANEL believes that he is now taking the proper steps to achieve that end.

SPANEL also stated that the subject had handed all of the effects of the deceased TESLA to the Alien Property Custodian in New York City.

SPANEL advised that the day before TESLA died he had tried to get in touch with War Department officials in Washington in order that he might make available to them patents and inventions that he had developed. However, he was not able to get in touch with the proper authorities and he died the following day.

SPANEL advised that the Yugoslavian Government had been sending TESLA approximately \$600.00 per month for sometime prior to his death and this was described as being a sort of pension.

SPANEL stated further that he has previously turned over information regarding the subject to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the New York Field Division. He also advised that WALDEMAR KEMPFERT, Science Editor, New York Times and BILL LAURENZ, Science Feature Writer, New York Times and the Science Editor of the Herald Tribune would be able to elaborate on some of the accomplishments of NICK TESLA and that the June 1900 issue of the Century Magazine also contained an article relating to the inventions of TESLA. (b)(7)(C)

SPANEL also stated that he believed BLOYCE FITZGERALD, Pierpont Hotel, Brooklyn, New York, Secretary to TESLA, has been contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and that if the New York Office wishes to contact SPANEL he may be reached at his home [REDACTED]

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