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March 15, 2019

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1413340-000  
Subject: FITZGERALD, ELLA JANE

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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7 pages were reviewed and 7 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV

(2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://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, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, 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) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto: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.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

A search of the FBI Headquarters electronic surveillance indices has been conducted, and no responsive record which indicates that Ella Fitzgerald has ever been the target of electronic surveillance was located.

Enclosed are 2 cross-references which are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross-references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned. The cross-reference pages were processed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA and are being released to you in redacted form.

Records which may have been responsive to your request were destroyed on March 10, 2011. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

For your additional information, records that may be responsive to your FOIPA request have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file numbers 100-HQ-427416 and 100-HQ-185087.

## 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.

February 19, 1968

~~ELLA FITZGERALD~~

- Summary

Ella Fitzgerald, a singer who reportedly was born on April 25, 1918, at Newport News, Virginia, has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. However, our files reveal the following information concerning her.

In June, 1957, it was reported that one Norman Granz and his musical orchestra performed in Rome, Italy, from May 25 to June 6, 1957. This orchestra was reportedly composed of nine musicians and Ella Fitzgerald, a singer. Norman Granz was allegedly a member of the Communist Party in the early 1940's. He was interviewed by representatives of this Bureau in 1956 at which time he displayed a cooperative attitude. (100-422788-21)

The January 22, 1957, issue of the "Washington Star," Washington, D. C., carried an article entitled "Airways Settles Bias Suits Brought By Negro Singers" which noted that Negro singer, Ella Fitzgerald, and three other members of her staff accepted out-of-court settlements on four damage suits they brought against a major airline charging racial discrimination. (62-101087-A-26)

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Ella Fitzgerald based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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Subject Fitzgerald, Ella  
 Birthdate & Place 4-25-11  
 Address (Singer)

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<del>100-427416-2X1</del>	(F) NI
<del>62-101097-A</del>	(Washington) 1-22-57
Brown, Ella Fitzgerald (H.K.)	SI
Brown, Ella	(W.H.)
Brown, Paul, Jr.	(W.H.)

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POSSIBLE ENTERTAINERS

2-19-68

- ND Mr. Veronica Tyler - NYC - opera singer
- MP Mr. Mr. Robert Merrill - NYC - opera singer
- MP Mr. Andrew Watts - young pianist - NYC
- RF Mr. Roberta Peters - opera singer NYC
- DF Mr. Richard Tucker - opera singer - has entertained in Vietnam
- RF Mr. Teresa Coleman - opera singer - lives in Baltimore
- NR Mr. Marlboro Vermont Orchestra - with Rudolf Serkin conducting
- LD Mr. Robert Shaw Choral VT
- Y... Mr. Mitch Miller Men's Chorus
- 7... Mr. Fredric March - actor
- Y... Mr. Helen Hayes and APA Repertory Company - NYC - acting company
- Y... Mr. Charleton Heston - California actor
- Y... Mr. Van Cliburn - pianist - lives in Shreveport, Louisiana
- W... Ms. Patricia Munsel - actress and opera singer
- MP Ms. Anna Moffo - opera singer
- RF Ms. Mary Costa - opera singer
- Y... Ms. Judith Anderson - dramatic actress
- Y... Mr. George Balanchine - director of the New York City Ballet Company
- Y... Mr. Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine - acting couple
- Y... Ms. Nancy Wilson - singer
- Y... Mr. Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy - acting couple - NYC
- Y... Mr. Duke Ellington - composer and bandleader
- Y... Ms. Ella Fitzgerald - singer
- Y... Mr. Harkness Ballet Company - Rebekah Harkness director
- Y... Mr. Robert Joffrey Ballet Company - Robert Joffrey director
- Y... Mr. Rudolf Serkin - pianist
- Y... Mr. Leonard Rose - violinist
- Y... Mr. Alexander Schneider - violinist

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February 19, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

3-17-82

Comp # 226, 684

Set forth herein is data relating to a number of entertainers which may be of interest to you.

~~CRONIN~~  
The central files of the FBI reveal no pertinent derogatory information concerning the Marlboro Vermont Orchestra and Jessica Tandy, wife of Mr. Hume Cronyn. The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Jessica Tandy based upon background information available.

Attached are separate memoranda regarding the Robert Joffrey Ballet Company, Mitch Miller Men's Chorus and the following individuals:

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Judith Anderson   | Helen Hayes              |
| George Balanchine | Charleton Heston         |
| Van Cliburn       | Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lunt |
| Duke Ellington    | Fredric March            |
| Ella Fitzgerald   | Nancy Wilson             |

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General. This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosures bearing a classification are removed.

Sincerely yours, CC JER

62-5-30272

Delivered to Mildred Stegall on 2/19/68

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  - 1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures

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February 18, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Ella Fitzgerald, [redacted]

The central files of the FBI reveal no pertinent information concerning [redacted]

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with [redacted] based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Attached are separate memoranda concerning Ella Fitzgerald and [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

CC TO: *White House*  
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February 18, 1970

ELLA FITZGERALD

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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Soyars \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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