

# Tesla's FBI File, Enclosure 2

NIKOLA TESLA'S FBI FILES  
ENCLOSURE II

References  
(Complete.)

Complete summary of relevant information found in the 96 pages (107 including the FBI deleted page sheets) of Enclosure # II of my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of the Nikola Tesla FBI files. Page numbers are sequential from the title sheet to the end as received from the FBI.

The XXXXXX seen on some pages indicate material has been blacked out, some pages were %90 black !

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1- .....Title sheet.....Nikola Tesla.....References.....96 Pages  
2- .....Feb./12/1937 | ? | J.E Hoover |  
Summary-Tesla's possible involvement in unexplained plane crashes.  
3- .....cont.-2  
4- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 6 pages deleted (b)(1)  
5- .....Jan/11/1943 | FBI Wash. DC. | FBI-Mr. Ladd |  
Summary-> Memo about Tesla's death Jan/7/1943. Sava Kosanovich and George Clark and Kenneth Sweezey with a locksmith opened Tesla's safe on Jan/7/1943 asking what action to take.  
6- .....Jan/21/1943 | FBI-memo | J.E. Hoover |  
Summary-> Memo info that Kosanovich might give Tesla info to the enemy.Bureau files reveals considerable info concerning Tesla and his inventions and Tesla was a speaker at a meeting on June/4/1922 of Friends of Soviet Russia.  
7- .....Cont.-6  
8- .....Mar/19/1943 | FBI-E.E Conroy | J.E. Hoover |  
Summary-> Kosanovich matter was now handled as an Alien Enemy Custodial Detention matter and case is considered closed.  
9- .....Mar/29/1943 | FBI memo | FBI memo |  
Summary-> Abe Spanel explaining who Tesla was and his importance. Bloyce Fitzgerald was Tesla's secretary.  
10- Cont.-9  
11- .....Jul./17/1943 | FBI-memo | FBI-memo |  
Summary-> Info about a woman that his info about Tesla's safe being opened. But did not follow up because the FBI closed the case.  
12- .....none | FBI-memo | FBI-Mr.Ladd |  
Summary-> The before mentioned woman be interrogated!  
13- .....Oct./17/1945 | FBI-memo | FBI-memo |  
Summary-> Talks of the death ray and Spanel was trying to get Tesla's papers. Spanel was boyhood friend of Bloyce Fitzgerald who is a 29 year old Army Private at Wright Field Dayton Ohio. Bloyce Fitzgerald knew of Tesla's secret experiments and had developed an anti-tank gun.  
14- .....cont.-13 Spanel got Bloyce Fitzgerald a job at Higgens Ship Building Co.  
Bloyce Fitzgerald was fired in Sep/1944 .At present Bloyce Fitzgerald is director of secret project at Wright Field though he is an Army Private? Working on death ray. Mentions a Sep/22/1940 NY Times article about death ray. Spanel is pro-Russian, Kosanovich

in Yugoslavia with a government job.

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15- .....cont.-14 Spanel definitely a communist.Fitzgerald contacted Henry Ford for funding.Tesla had performed experiments at Pikes Peek using the suns rays to build up a huge electrical energy. Bloyce Fitzgerald said the whole earth could have free electricity.

16- .....cont.-15 Tesla's 75 packing cases and trunks at NY. Charlotte Muzar Kosanovich's agent is paying rent.Sweezy is editor of Popular Science Magazine. Others at opening of safe.

17- .....Jan/29/1943 | John G. Trump | Walter Gorsuch |  
Summary-> Trump had looked at Tesla's stuff at the Alien Property Custodian on Jan/26-27/1943. Did not look at trunks.  
They had been in basement of hotel for ten years unopened.He found NO scientific notes.

18- .....cont.-17 Tesla was only speculative in old age.

19-24-.....cont.-18 People at inventory proceedings. Some of them from Navy intelligence. A not very complete inventory of holdings at the Alien Property Custodian.

All these pages must be reviewed as they are summaries them selves.

25-35-.....A long list and profile of persons associated with Nikola Tesla.

36- .....June/ 8/1949 | FBI Memo | FBI Memo |

Summary-> Sava N.Kosanovic Yugoslav Ambassador took possession of Tesla's files, later turned them over to Alien Enemy Custodian.

37- \* Apr/ 3/1950 | FBI Memo D.M. Ladd | FBI Director |

Summary-> Sava Kosanovic contacts FBI to get the microfilm copies of Tesla's papers. Army may have copied them in 1945. Bloyce Fitzgerald's name fits the blacked out area ! October 1945 \_\_\_\_\_  
and 3 Army members went to NY FBI office to get help to get papers from Alien Property Custodian. FBI said no.

38- .....Cont.-37

39- \*\*.....Apr/17/1950 | FBI Memo SAC, NY | FBI Director |

Summary-> FBI interviewed J.V.Potts, VP of Manhattan Storage Co. NY. The Tesla items stored there were viewed only once Jan/26-27/1943. Michael King, floor manager where Tesla's items were stored, stated the people took numerous photographs and had microfilm equipment. Some of the people wore US Navy uniforms and during the two day examination, other assistants were referred to only as "Federal Authorities".

40- .....Cont.-38 investigation closed.

41- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 4 pages deleted (b)(1)

42- .....Aug/20/1976 | FBI Memo SAC, Buffalo | FBI Director |

Summary-> Info about the Tesla Monument being unveiled at Niagara

43- .....Aug./20/1976 | FBI Memo | FBI Memo |

Summary-> More info about the Tesla Monument. 1,000 people there.

44- .....Cont.-43 reference Niagara Falls Gazette articles about event.

45- .....Cont.-44 reference Niagara Falls Gazette articles about event.

46- .....Cont.-45 reference Niagara Falls Gazette articles about event.

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48- .....July/7/1975 | Unknown | FBI Dir.C.M. Kelly |

Summary-> Director Kelly responding to a request for Tesla's papers. Told them FBI didn't have any.

49- .....Feb./ /1943 | Unknown | Unknown |

Summary-> Copy of a newsletter about Slav and Czechoslovak interest during the war. Many names checked off copies.  
Tesla there too.

50- .....Cont.-49 newsletter article.

51- .....Cont.-50 newsletter article.

52- .....Cont.-51 newsletter article\_  
53- .....Cont.-52 newsletter article\_  
54- .....Cont.-53 newsletter article\_  
55- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 1 pages deleted (b)(2)  
56- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 4 pages deleted  
(b)(1),(2),(7)D  
57- .....Jun/23/1984 | FBI Memo | FBI Memo |  
Summary-> Info about the magazine "The Slavic American"  
58- .....Cont.-57 table of contents for "Slavic American" magazine\_  
59- .....Cont.-58 table of contents for "Slavic American" magazine\_  
60- .....Cont.-59 table of contents for "Slavic American" magazine\_  
61- .....Cont.-60 table of contents for "Slavic American" magazine\_  
62- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 4 pages deleted (b)(1),(2)  
63- .....Winter/1947 | Unknown | Unknown |  
Summary-> Cover of" The Slavic American" magazine\_  
64- .....Cont.-63 article in magazine about Tesla.  
65- .....Cont.-64 article in magazine about Tesla.  
66- .....Cont.-65 article in magazine about Tesla.  
67- .....Apr/11/1949 | FBI Memo SAC, NY | FBI Director |  
Summary-> Memo attached to two copies of Slavic American  
magazine\_  
68- .....Fall/1948 | FBI Memo SAC, NY | FBI Director |  
Summary-cover of the magazine Slavic American.  
69- .....Cont.-68 article by Louis Adamic about the American way of life\_  
70- .....Cont.-69 article by Louis Adamic about the American way of life\_  
71- .....Cont.-70 article by Louis Adamic about the American way of life\_

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72- .....Cont.-71 article by Louis Adamic about the American way of life\_  
73- .....Cont.-72 article by Louis Adamic about the American way of life\_  
74- .....Nov./13/1943 | FBI Case sheet | Unknown |  
Summary-> Blacked out case sheet ? a date of July 17,1943 ?  
75- .....Cont.-74 I think this page must be an attachment to page 74 and  
has Sava Kosanovic tried to get Tesla's papers. One informant  
said Sava was pro-Axis. The Bureau advised by letter of Jan 21,1943  
that it's files revealed confidential information concerning  
Nikola Tesla and his inventions and advised that one Nicola Tesla  
who might be identical with Nikola Tesla, made a speech in  
Springfield, Mass on July 4,1922 under the auspices of the friends  
of Soviet Russia.  
76- \*\*\*..Jan/30/1950 | FBI Memo L.B. Nichols | Mr. Tolson |  
Summary->These next three pages are too important to be summarized,  
so they are entered mostly as is. The XXXXXXXX will indicate areas  
blacked out by the FBI.  
XXXXXXX called yesterday and said he wanted to see me\_  
I asked him (?) if there was anything special he wanted to discuss.  
He said yes two things.  
1. The case of Nikola Tesla and Abraham N. Spanel,XXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Our files reflect that Nicola Tesla was one of the world's  
outstanding scientist and in fact designed the generators installed  
at Niagara Falls. He died in New York on January 7, 1943, and is  
supposed to have left details and plans for a so-called death ray.  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.  
Our files also reflect that Colonel Erskine of Military Intelligence  
called us on Jan. 9,1943, advising that Tesla had died, that A. Spanel  
had communicated with the War Department regarding this death, that  
Tesla had a nephew named Sava Kosanovich who had taken possession of  
Tesla's papers and Spanel thought the papers might be used against our  
government.  
We made an immediate inquiry in New York and the first report was  
that Kosanovich and others entered Tesla's room with the aid of a

locksmith, broke into a safe containing some of Tesla's valuable papers and formula.

Coincident with this, on Jan. 8, L.M.C. Smith called Mr. Tamm regarding the death of Tesla and Smith stated he was talking to the Alien Property Custodian about seizing these items.

We interviewed Spanel who expressed concern over Tesla's effects and Spanel stated that Kosanovich had turned over the effects of Tesla to the Alien Property Custodian. Spanel further stated the day BEFORE Tesla died, he tried to get in touch with the War Department to make available certain patents.

77-\*\*\*.....Cont.-76 In 1945, we talked to a Private Bloyce Fitzgerald, who stated he had been associated with Tesla, and that the Army believed that Tesla's death ray is the only defense against the atom bombs.

It was very clear we had no responsibility for Tesla's effects, that the Alien Property Custodian seized them and we learned later that Naval authorities made microfilms of all his papers. Kosanovich communicated with the Bureau on March 29, 1950, and under date of April 3, 1950, in response to his request for the microfilms of the papers of Tesla, who was a relative of Kosanovich, we advised Kosanovich that this Bureau had never been in possession of Tesla's papers.

Senator XXXXXXXX furnished the Bureau five communications received from a XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX which pertained primarily to Abraham Spanel. This individual mentioned the FBI at length in these communications, pointing out that Mr. Foxworth had called in on the Tesla case but was killed shortly thereafter. He further stated that he was associated with Fitzgerald and as such came in touch with Tesla. He stated the FBI investigated this matter but their hands were tied, that there was nothing the FBI could do as they had been stopped from a higher level, that XXXXXXXXXXXX the FBI agent he dealt with, resigned and requested XXXXXXXXXXXX never to discuss the matter with him again, that he had a wife and family to consider and that the last hope was Congress. These communications were furnished to the Department on September 19, 1950.

78-\*\*\*.....Cont.77-We did have an Agent XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX who entered on duty XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX resigned XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX(3 lines)

The file does not indicate that we have ever interviewed XXXXX on the basis of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX allegations.

I think we should see what specifics XXXXXX wants. I think we can tell him on the Tesla papers the Alien Property Custodian was going to seize the papers and that we learned Spanel had called the War Department about the papers falling into the wrong hands. XXXXXXXXXXXX(10 lines)

79- .....Aug 30,1946 | D.M. Ladd | E.G. Fitch |

Summary> 50% of this page is blacked out.

A note concerning information from Colonel Grombach, special intelligence, War Dept. about XXXXXXXXXXXX and his mistress. XXXXX Nikola Tesla, residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

80- .....Jun 11,1952 | Washington Field Office | Bureau |

Summary> 90% blacked out. XXX subject in interview and signed statement says XXX (?). Espionage-R

81- .....Cont.80-Blacked out 95%. XXXXX History prior to entering the US XXXXX

82- .....Cont.81-Blacked out 80%. XXXXX wanted to meet Tesla to help Yugoslav progress in engineering and equipment

83- .....Cont.82-Blacked out 80%. XXXXX says Kosanovic would be effect Ambassador because he was Tesla's nephew and knew Mayor LA Guardia.

84- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 2 pages deleted (b)(1)

85- .....Mar 28,1960 | Washington Field Office | Bureau |

Summary> Loyalty of employees of the United Nations and Other

International Organizations.

List of 10 references dated 1960 ?

86- .....Cont.85-Blacked out 95%. XXXXX has been interviewed.

87- .....Cont.86-Blacked out 99%. XXXXX was interviewed Jun 7, 1947 by SAs of Chicago office.

88- .....Cont.87-Blacked out 80%. page almost identical to 83.

89- .....?.?.1942 | From ? | To ? |

Summary> This page shows the photocopy of the title page of the book /Current Biography/

90- .....Cont.89- This is a photocopy of a page from the /Current Biography/ which has Nikola Tesla noted as the inventor of the Death Beam !

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91- .....Mar 13, 1948 | Director FBI | SAC New York |

Summary> Memo states a copy of the /Plain Truth/ is attached.

92- .....Cont.91- Photocopy of two pages from the /Plain Truth/ Story is about the Red Ambassador, Sava Kosanovich.

93- .....Cont.92- Photocopy of two pages from the /Plain Truth/ Story was authored by Bogdan Raditsa

94- .....Cont.93- Photocopy of one page from the /Plain Truth/ Story says Kosanovich is ambassador of a puppet state in Stalin's empire.

95- .....Feb 20, 1945 | From XXXX | To XXXX |

Summary> Memo about a newspaper article in a Serbian paper.

96- .....Cont.95- Blacked out 50%. Talks of the ownership of the Slobodna Rec.

97- .....Cont.96- More info on the newspaper, how they intend to raise money.

98- .....Nov 7, 1947 | SAC, Pittsburgh | Director, FBI |

Summary> Memo of the speech that Kosanovich gave to the 2nd. Serbian Congress Oct 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

99- .....Cont.98- More text of the speech by Kosanovich,

100- .....Cont.99- More text of the speech by Kosanovich,

101- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 3 pages deleted (b)(7)(C)(D)

102- .....May 8, 1945 | SAC, Pittsburgh | Director, FBI |

Summary> Blacked out 50%.Memo about a radio repair man installing a Hammerlund H.Q. receiver #120X at the home of XXXXXXXX. The radio was purchased under high priority and once belonged to Tesla's son.

103- .....Aug 20, 1946 | Washington DC | Bureau |

Summary> Blacked out 20%.Memo about a story in the Washington Post relative to an interview with Sava Kosanovic. War over Trieste.

104- .....Cont.102- another story in the Evening Star about Kosanovic New Envoy Disclaims Any Yugoslav Plans for Coup at Trieste.

Goes on to state Kosanovic is the nephew of Nikola Tesla.

105- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 2 pages deleted (b)(1)

106- .....FBI deleted page sheet...indicates 4 pages deleted (b)(1)

107- .....Nov 18, 1942 | Indianapolis, Indiana | Bureau |

Summary> Memo concerning the American Slav Congress and info entitled /News Flashes from Czechoslovak under Nazi Dominations.