FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: MARILYN MONROE

MAIN FILE

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To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Subject: MARILYN MONROE
(INTERNAL SECURITY - R) \(U\)

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on August 12, 1955, that the News Agency, contacting the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., in answer to an inquiry from the Embassy, had received a letter from Marilyn Monroe's manager requesting an application for a visa to visit the USSR. According to the informant, this matter is now under consideration.

The informant further advised that on April 12, 1955, a reporter for the New York "Post" contacted the Soviet Embassy at Washington, D. C. and made inquiry concerning Marilyn Monroe's application for visa forms. The Soviet Embassy advised the reporter that the letter requesting the visa forms was signed by her manager, was received August 12, 1955, and is under consideration.

The foregoing data are being furnished for your information with the request that they be not further disseminated in order to protect the identity of the informant in this case.
Re Buffalo let to Director dated 2/11/56.

Referenced letter contained information furnished by [redacted] on 1/30/56 which reflected that MARILYN MONROE was taken on a tour of Brooklyn by "a Life Photographer who is a party member." No further information was given concerning this photographer.

The Bureau furnished the N.Y.O an article concerning MARILYN MONROE appearing in "The Washington Post" of 4/15/56 in its magazine section, "Parade."

This article, written by LLOYD SHEARER, "Parade" West Coast Correspondent, indicated that the Marilyn Monroe Productions was formed, with MARILYN MONROE, President and MILTON GREENE, Vice-President and Treasurer.

The article further indicated that GREENE was a photographer for "Look" magazine, 34 years old, is married to AMY GREENE and spends considerable time in Hollywood and N.Y. According to the article MARILYN MONROE came to N.Y in 1955 and moved in with the GREENES. She appeared on the EDWARD R. MURROW program "Person to Person" from the home of the GREENES, in Westport, Connecticut.

[Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on 4/26/56:

A complete list of officers of this organization not available, however, it is reported that MARILYN MONROE is President, MILTON GREENE is Vice President and IRVING F. L. STEIN is also an officer.

MILTON GREENE, married, native born, 1912. 1935-1941 employed by August and Company, this City. 1941-1944 free lance photographer, operating under own name. April, 1944 became Vice President of Bauman Green Inc., subsequently was succeeded by partnership of subject and MAURICE BAUMAN, trading as Bauman & Greene. That concern succeeded by Bauman & Greene Inc., in which GREENE was Vice President until October, 1948. In October, 1948 GREENE became President of Milton Greene Corp., commercial photographers, 480 Lexington Avenue, New York City, chartered New York laws, October 11, 1948; 200 shares no par value common stock, Balance sheet not furnished.

MARILYN MONROE, is a prominent film actress, having appeared in several films in a starring role.

IRVIN L. STEIN, is a practicing attorney with office at 50 Broad Street, this City.

[Redacted] also furnished the following information on the Milton Greene Corp., Commercial Photographers, 480 Lexington Ave., NYC: Chartered New York laws October 11, 1948.

SAM GREENGOOD, former Secretary and Treasurer; died September 21, 1951.

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continued as partner in that business until succeeded by Bauman & Greene Inc., February, 1948. GREENE Vice President until October, 1948 when he resigned to form the subject.

MILTON GREENE, is also Vice President of Marilyn Monroe Productions Inc., this address, which was formed in interest of actress MARILYN MONROE, and her theatrical and television phases.


GREENE, is also owner of M. H. Greene Advertising Co., this address, active in the general advertising field, however, complete details declined. Financial details also declined.

LEE B. GREENE, brother of the President, born 1910, married. Medical doctor by profession, associated with Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

New Haven and Los Angeles are requested to search their indices, contact informants for information of subversive activity of MILTON GREENE and verify the local residence of subject in their area.

The Bureau will be advised of further developments in this matter. P.
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO (100-0)

DATE: 3/6/62

SUBJECT: MARILYN MONROE

The following information was received from [redacted] and [redacted], who have furnished reliable information in the past, on 2/28/62. Extreme care should be used in reporting any of this information to avoid disclosure of sources who were associating closely with subject during her visit to Mexico.

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They advised that during the course of this visit a mutual infatuation arose between subject and [redacted]. This situation caused considerable dismay among Miss MONROE's entourage and also among the ACGM.

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Mexico City newspapers reported subject left 3/2/62 en route to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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was very concerned for [redacted] who was excluded
from a meeting of [redacted] and subject on the night of 2/23/62.

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did not like what was happening in the relationship between
subject and [redacted] and said that subject must get out with
other people at once. She said subject is very vulnerable
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Attached contains info received from informants.

Informants advised Marilyn Monroe attended a luncheon at the residence of Peter Lawford with President Kennedy. Informants characterized Monroe's views as positively and concisely.
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: (100-new) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SECURITY MATTER - C 2% 912 (BuFile 100-)

DATE: July 15, 1960

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

(this information reported by separate communication to New York.)

Marilyn Monroe was in constant attendance upon subject. Subject is noncommittal politically but does not care how politically involved with leftist movements other persons with whom she associates may be and encourages subject toward "political consciousness." She says subject still reflects the views of Arthur Miller.

Murray asked to be in contact with...
as a "dangerous red." She wanted to utilize services as a decorator.

Subject's views are very positively and concisely leftist; however, if she is being actively used by the Communist Party, it is not general knowledge among those working with the movement in Los Angeles.
SUBJECT: "PHOTOPLAY" ARTICLE CONCERNING MARILYN MONROE'S DEATH

Walter Winchell's column in the July 8, 1963, issue of the "New York Mirror" contained the statement, "Photoplay's current article on the man who 'killed' Marilyn practically names him."

In accordance with your request, there follows a brief review of the information concerning Marilyn Monroe in the August, 1963, issue of "Photoplay" magazine. On page 10, a column by Winchell begins which states that Marilyn Monroe's death and the married man responsible for it was still getting considerable space in the foreign press. Winchell says the author of the articles, which are syndicated in papers on the Continent, claims he personally interviewed many people in Hollywood and New York who were aware of Miss Monroe's problems and claimed his sensational story was "big news." The "big news," according to Winchell, was the name of the "married man" involved. Winchell says "many of us" on the papers and in the magazines have hinted at the name, and the foreign correspondent has jumped to conclusions. Winchell says there is no proof that the married man was the villain, and many of Miss Monroe's friends now believe the overdose of sleeping pills was an accident. Winchell claims much of the foreign correspondent's story was recognized by him as having appeared in "Photoplay" and in the Hearst newspapers for which Winchell writes.

The article concerning Miss Monroe begins on page 52 under the caption, "One Year Later Marilyn Monroe's Killer Still At Large!" A review of this article reveals Winchell's claim that it practically names the man who "killed" Marilyn is nothing more than a plug for a cheap magazine. Actually, the article comes noway near identifying anyone. The only "clues" to the identity of the alleged married man who had an affair with Marilyn and "caused" her suicide when he rejected her could apply to any number of prominent individuals.

These "clues" are: that the man is happily married and has children; that you can see him in a crowd and reach out and touch him; that he is a great man, famous, known the world over; that he can be seen on television and in movie theaters; that people look up to him and consider his wife and children lucky; that he is mentioned almost daily in newspapers and magazines; and that he is considered a "truly honorable man."

Enclosure.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo

RE: "PHOTOPLAY" ARTICLE CONCERNING MARILYN MONROE'S DEATH

The article alleges the affair between this man and Miss Monroe began during the "worst time of her life and the best time of his." The alleged man was celebrating his good fortune in reaching a height in his career "he never before dreamed" would be possible. The remainder of the article allegedly outlines the end of the romance and Miss Monroe's final efforts to renew the relationship. The article states that she telephoned the man on Sunday night, August 5, 1962, and when he said he would not leave his wife and could not see Miss Monroe "any more," she swallowed a "handful" of sleeping pills. The article claims she later called the man again, implying that she told him of having taken the pills, only to have him hang up on her and states that the last sound she heard was the "buzzing of the receiver in her hand." after the man broke the telephone connection.

The article states that Miss Monroe's housekeeper has "vanished" and that her publicity agent, Pat Newcombe, is now working in Washington, D. C. It says her second husband, Joe DiMaggio, is the only one who remains faithful and that the man who killed Miss Monroe is still at large and can never be arrested. But, the article asserts, "Wherever he goes, whatever he touches, whomever he sees; he thinks of Marilyn. His guilt never leaves him, his tear has become his friend."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
The Denial: The latest Inter Press report says that Russia is building a sub base in Cuba. The news came as a surprise to many, who did not expect this to happen at the Pentagon. The exact location: Havana Bay. As the U.S. news media reported, the U.S. military has not confirmed this information, and the U.S. government denies any knowledge of this situation.

Gilgit, N.

The reporter asked about the possibility of a Russian military base in Cuba. "We have no knowledge of this," said the foreign ministry spokesman. "Our policy is to promote peace and stability in the region." The spokesman added that the U.S. and Russia have been working closely to prevent any military buildup in the region.

R.L.

The Associated Press reported that the Russian military has begun to deploy missiles in the Caribbean, raising concerns among some U.S. officials. "These missiles could be used for a variety of purposes, including military operations," said one U.S. official. "We are monitoring the situation closely."}

The reporter asked about the impact of this development on U.S. relations with Russia. "We are concerned about any actions that could destabilize the region," said the official. "We will continue to work with Russia to ensure that our mutual interests are protected."
Casino Clay, the fighter, has a group of wealthy men investing 50 p.c. of his purses for him. The spats pages revealed he did a great fighter named Beau Jack, who wound up broke. Now shiny shoes in a Miami hotel... McCollum Committee sleuths are checking the huss that Underworld hooch will try to take over the Int'l Longshoremen's Union this month... Senator Keaffner is okay following a visit to Bethesda Hospital for a pedal injury. Reports in the Capitol that he was seriously ill were untruthful... Lawrence Harvey, the star, is unimpressed by his leading ladies. Battled with Jane Fonda. Capucine and now Kim Novak... How British can Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. get??!

The London Mirror used "War Declared!" front page headlines to report that Prince Philip was not involved in the scandals. The wars ask "Is that why Her Majesty gave him another medal?"... NBC's excited about Dick Egan's "Redigo" show in the Fall. Surveys show him far ahead of the H'wood he-men stars—by more than 66 p.c. ... Scion of a prominent Chicago family, trying to get in N.Y. society, is expected to be picked up by gendarmes any day. Allegedly left a trail of unpaid bills and rubber chex... Buckingham Livery (They rent Rolls-Royces) got a clean bill from British sleuths. Christine Keeler was a customer during her brief stay in the U.S. They wanted to know whom she met, etc... Photo play's current article on the man who "killed" Marilyn practically names him... The Clique on East Fifth has a barmaid named Addie Kay, whose numbers are Zowie 3337.

Reginald Rose, who auth'd many exciting TV programs, and his Girl Friday (Eleanor McLaughlin) were united Satdce... House of Vienna song star Lynne Munn is a former Miss Canada from Vancouver... How can Rita Hayworth, once wed to Prince Ali Khan, one of the world's wealthiest men, be broke... She's a switch! Christine Keeler's former biz mgr. is rushing a book about her!... That was novelist Alex Austin (author of "The Greatest Lover in the World") at Billy's with Latin Q. show-girl Jody Purcell... A Manhattan key club exec. is begging for trouble with Fire Island gendarmes over those parties he throws in the isle's most exclusive community. Talk about wild... Item: "Mandy Rice-Davies says she had sex relations with Lord Astor whom she met through Christine Keeler!"... Oscar Wilde Must Be Grinning in his grave.
You can see him in a crowd. You can reach out and touch him; because he is a great man, famous, known all over the world, and maybe that touch will give you at least a small part of him.... You can see him on television—or even in a movie theater—and you will look up to him and think how lucky his wife is to be married to him and how lucky his children are to have him for a father. And maybe you’ll think, “I wish I were his wife.”... You can read about him almost any day in the newspapers and magazines, and you will think, “This is a good person. This is a truly honorable man.”... But what you will never read, never see, never know is that this man is a killer. He is the man who killed Marilyn Monroe.... When their romance began, nobody—especially Marilyn and the man—could have guessed at the ending. For it began with a kind of love.... It was the worst time of her life and the best time of his, and so each of them needed someone to share that time with. That was their love, their need, really. It was a kind of love gone wrong. For he is very much happily married. Marilyn, of course knew that. He had no intention of ever divorcing his wife. She knew that, too. But he had been so on top of the. (Continued on page 74)
trouble with the law over Cohen. She was applying for a role in "The Unforgettable," ironically. She brought along some of her art—painted by herself. Quite a talent.

I have a letter from one of her teenage daughters about her mother's release from prison. In it she reminds her that her mother once was chosen as the girl who most looked just like Marilyn Monroe. It was a national contest held by 20th Century-Fox. Lis and Marilyn were born the same year, too.

The daughter says her mother will shortly have a book published. It is titled "Debt of Honor." In it the author says: "I know what I did was wrong, but what else could I have done? Can you hurt a man who helped you when you needed it most? Can you then turn your back on him? When you see him with his back to the wall? I was forced to choose the lesser of two evils. There was no way to win."

At the prison gates when Lis Renay comes out she will be greeted by her daughter, Brenda, and husband and their babies—born while young Lis was paying her Debt of Honor.

Pravia ran an article bylined by Negro reporter Paul Rebeau. It told how Negroes cannot make a living under Uncle Sam, etcetera. Lis Renay has been away from his native land so long perhaps he doesn't keep up with the news about his former Harlem neighbor.

She needed him. She needed his confidence and his vitality. Because if this man was so confident of himself and of his future, and since hed chosen her, did that mean she was loved, too? And if he believed in her, then she couldn't possibly be as bad as she thought she was.

"Marilyn Monroe"

Continued from page 52

world at that time that he had to have a celebration of his good fortune. His career had reached a height he never before dreamed it would, and there were apparently many more. In love with him was not the only unhappiness that drew her to him. She was getting older, she was afraid she was losing her beauty, she was afraid she'd lose out on her career. Her last pictures had not made the money expected of a Monroe movie—and if she couldn't make money for the producers, who would hire her. And hadn't 20th just fired her?

Most of all, she had never found the love she'd been looking for, the love that was going to make her forget all her past unhappiness, the love that would make her world a beautiful place.

So she went on looking. And not finding, she became more and more desperate. And with her desperation came the endless pills, the drinking and a dream she'd had before—the dream of ending it all in dying.

And then there was the man...
Peacocks, 6213 S. Minutia Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

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May 3, 1958

A Peacock's Peacock.
Winter Haven, Fla.
Jan. 20, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Having attended the All American Conference to Combat Communism as a delegate of Mothers of World War II, Inc. I now feel it my duty, more than ever, to do what I can to suppress untrue rumors.

Am in a trailer park in Winter Haven, Fla. and I was handed a pamphlet entitled "Suicide or Murder?" pertaining to the death of Marilyn Monroe and connecting her name with the former Attorney General. Such reading can do much to undermine one's character and I would like to know if there is any truth to any of it. It mentions Communism also and that is why I am interested.

Would appreciate an answer. I am Americanism Chairman also for the organization (M.W.W.II, Inc.) and am interested in clearing this up.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alta Melton
Americanism Chairman
Mothers of World War II, Inc.
January 26, 1965

Mrs. Alta Melton
Americanism Chairman
Mothers of World War II, Inc.
1131 North Delaware Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Dear Mrs. Melton:

Your letter of January 20th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the pamphlet, "Suicide or Murder?"

I am enclosing some information which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)
"Time for Decision"
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62.

SEE NOTE PAGE 2.

WAM: des (3)

REC'D-READING ROOM
Mrs. Alta Melton

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau and the pamphlet, "Suicide or Murder?" is not identifiable. There is no derogatory information concerning Mothers of World War II, Inc. An alleged relationship between the Attorney General and Marilyn Monroe has come to the Bureau's attention previously.
Mr. John E. Hoover,
The Director,
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Director Hoover!

Austrian papers recently reported, often in headlines, that the FBI is presently engaged in investigating the death of Marilyn Monroe, for there have allegedly arisen doubts as to the fact that the actress has committed suicide. We wonder if these reports are based upon true facts.

Christmas and the coming of a new year is a welcome opportunity to thank you, Dear Director Hoover, for your never-ceasing kindness to answer our frequent inquiries whenever possible. In doing so you are decisively contributing not only to hold but to improve the prestige and the standard of our review. A very happy Christmas and every good wish for 1966!

I have the honor to be, Sir,

yours most respectfully

(A. Kretschy)
Editor-in-chief
To advise of speculation concerning FBI complicity in the death of Marilyn Monroe propounded by author Norman Mailer in his soon-to-be-published biography of the deceased actress.

"Marilyn," a 270-page biography (New York; Grosset and Dunlap,) priced at $19.95, is scheduled for publication on 8/1/73. It reportedly has a first American printing of 285,000 copies and is the August selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

Following Miss Monroe's death by drug overdose in 1962, there was a spate of rumors, originating on the West Coast, alleging she was having an affair with the then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and that her death was in some way related to this and/or was the result of a plot revolving around some of her associates who allegedly had past Communist Party affiliations or sympathies. These rumors were embellished upon at that time in various sensational-type gossip magazines and in a short book published in July, 1964, entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe" by Frank A. Capell. These allegations were branded false and no factual support existed for them.

Mailer, in his new book, has repeated some of these same rumors and has given them a bizarre twist.

As to whether Miss Monroe took her own life, Mailer answers "possibly" - and then suggests other possibilities. One of these is the suggestion that the FBI, CIA or the Mafia found it of interest that Robert Kennedy, brother of the President John Kennedy, was reputed to be having an affair with the movie star. Mailer suggests that "right-wing" FBI and CIA Agents had a "huge motivation" to murder Marilyn Monroe in order to embarrass the Kennedy family.
Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Norman Mailer

Claiming the FBI and CIA were furious with the Kennedys because following the Bay of Pigs invasion President Kennedy was moving to limit the power of these agencies.

Mailer has admitted in recent press interviews concerning his book that he has no evidence to support his theory and that it is based on his "writer's instinct" and on speculation.

A second allegation purportedly contained in the book was recently brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Office by Lloyd Shearer, editor of Parade Magazine. This allegation is that in 1962 FBI Agents in Los Angeles went to the telephone company in Santa Monica, California, and removed a "paper tape" of Marilyn Monroe's telephone calls, some of which according to Mailer, were presumably to the White House or White House staff on the night of her death.

This is false and neither the files of the Los Angeles Office nor FBI Headquarters indicate the existence of any such tapes. This again appears to be a variation of a spurious charge contained in Capell's 1964 book in which he alleged that such tapes were in the custody of the Los Angeles Police Department.


He admits to little or no research concerning his speculation about Marilyn Monroe's death. He states his motive in writing the book is his dire need for money. He admits having no evidence to support his theory of FBI or CIA involvement and uses it to sensationalize his book and to gain publicity. Mailer has even coined a new word which describes some of his speculative writing in "Marilyn. " The "factoid" he defines as "an event which has no existence other than it has appeared in print."

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Norman Mailer

A review in Time Magazine on 7/16/73, a Mike Wallace television interview, a 7/22/73 New York Times book review by Pauline Kaal, and a Washington Post article dated 7/20/73 by Stephen Issacs, are all critical of Mailer for his unsubstantiated theorizing and for engaging in "yellow" journalism.

ACTION:

For information only. No action is recommended regarding Mailer's allegations. Any public statements by the FBI would merely serve to feed the fires of publicity which Mailer is attempting to stoke.