

FOIPA REQUEST

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**Sobonya, David P.**

**From:** John Evans (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:13 PM  
**To:** FOIPARquest  
**Subject:** FOIA Request on Karen Gay Silkwood

Date: 2/18/2014  
FBI  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
Attn: FOIPA Request  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843  
Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Date range of request: 1970 - 1975 (although data from any time available would be appreciated)

Description of Request: I would like to request a copy of any information the FBI has regarding Karen Gay Silkwood (deceased 1974) including any case files, research, etc.

Please search the FBI's indices to the Central Records System for the information responsive to this request related to FBI case files on Karen Gay Silkwood who was born in Longview, Texas, 946. She is deceased, having died in 1974 in an auto accident.

I am willing to pay up to \$25.00 for the processing of this request. Please inform me if the estimated fees will exceed this limit before processing my request.

I am seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: John Evans  
Title (optional):  
Business (if applicable):  
Street Address: (b) (6)  
City/State/ZIP Code: (b) (6)  
Country (if applicable): USA  
Telephone (optional): (b) (6)  
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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Date: October 29, 2015

To: US NRC  
FOIA Privacy Act Section  
Mail Stop T5 F09  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

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

Subject: FOI/PA Request of JOHN EVANS  
FBI FOI/PA # 1253881-000  
Re: SILKWOOD, KAREN GAY

In connection with review of FBI files responsive to the above request, the following were located:

- 2 unclassified document(s) which originated with your agency are being referred to you for direct response to the requester. The requester has been advised of this referral. Please furnish us with a copy of your disclosure letter to the requester. **(See index A)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ FBI document(s) containing information (bracketed) concerning your agency.
  - We will advise the requester to expect a direct response from your agency regarding this matter.
  - Please review this information and return the document(s) to us, making any deletions you deem appropriate. **(See index B)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ classified document(s) which originated with your agency is/are being referred to you for direct response to the requester. The requester has/has not been advised of this referral. Please furnish us with a copy of your disclosure letter to the requester, and advise us if the classification of the document(s) changed so that we may amend our files. **(See index C)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ classified FBI document(s) containing information (bracketed) concerning your agency.
  - We will advise the requester to expect a direct response from your agency regarding this matter.
  - Please review this information and return the document(s) to us, making any deletions you deem appropriate, citing the exemption(s) claimed. Please advise this Bureau if the document(s) still warrant classification. **(See index D)**

Please note that some of the enclosed documents contain deletions made by the FBI. The appropriate exemption appears next to the redacted information. The requester may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Their appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of the request.

A copy of the requester's initial letter and other significant correspondence is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this referral, please contact GIS Devon Yates at (540) 868 - 4544. The FOIPA number as well as the FBI file number(s) on the Index Listing (see next page) should be utilized during any consultation with the FBI concerning this referral.

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April 24, 1994 LAURA TOLLEY ASSOCIATED PRESS



NEDERLAND, Tex. — Almost 20 years have passed since plutonium plant whistle-blower Karen Silkwood died in a car crash on an Oklahoma highway, but her father can't put her mysterious death behind him.

Even if Bill Silkwood wanted to let go of the past, events won't let him.

He learned recently that Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico had several bone fragments left behind from post-mortem testing done on his 26-year-old daughter, who thought she had been contaminated with radioactive plutonium.

# Index A

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

FEB 26 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed is a letter dated January 21, 1975, from a representative of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAW) alleging a violation of a Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulation. In addition to this allegation, we have been informed that other non-union employees have lost their jobs which could also represent a violation of this regulation. The allegations have been discussed with Mr. Tom Henderson, Management and Labor Section and Mr. Al Hantman, General Crimes Division, of the Department of Justice.

Based upon these discussions we have concluded that the Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corporation is in possible violation of 18 USC Section 1505 and Section 1510 and 10 CFR Section 19.16(c) and that these possible violations should be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the criminal provisions of 42 USC Section 2273, pursuant to 42 USC Section 2271(c).

In addition to the OCAW's letter of January 21, 1975, which is attached as Enclosure A, we are enclosing copies of the following documents which relate to this case:

- (1) A copy of a letter dated January 27, 1975, with attachment, from a representative of the OCAW wherein it is requested that the investigation of the contamination of Karen Silkwood be reopened to determine if she was intentionally contaminated. (Enclosure B) Such an investigation also appears to fall within the purview of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (2) A copy of a Note to Files, with attachments, titled "Meeting With Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International - Working Conditions at Kerr-McGee Corporation, Crescent, Oklahoma". (Enclosure C). A list of names of Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corporation employees who attended the September 27, 1974, meeting with representatives of the AEC. (Enclosure D)



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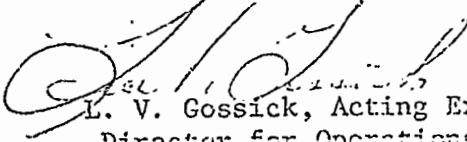
Mr. Kelley

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- (3) A copy of RO Investigation Report Nos. 070-925/74-05; 070-1193/74-10 and 040-7308/74-03. (Enclosure E) A list of names of persons contacted during the course of the aforementioned investigation. (Enclosure F)
- (4) A copy of RO Investigation Report No. 74-09. (Enclosure G) A list of names of persons contacted during the course of the aforementioned investigation. (Enclosure H)

Please feel free to call on any member of the NRC's Region III, Region IV or Headquarters staff for any additional information or technical assistance which may be needed during the course of your investigation. Persons familiar with these investigations, in the aforementioned offices are Mr. J. M. Allen (312-858-4040), Mr. J. J. Ward (817-334-2841) and Mr. G. H. Smith (301-492-7353), respectively.

Sincerely,

  
L. V. Gossick, Acting Executive  
Director for Operations

Enclosures:  
As stated