

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: ROBERT NESTA MARLEY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUN 30 1976	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/7/76 - 6/25/76
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b7c
		CHARACTER OF CASE COPYRIGHT MATTER; ITSP-FALSE LABELING	VMS 9

REFERENCES:

NYnitel to NK, dated 4/19/76.
 NYteletypeto NK, dated 4/28/76.
 NHairtel to NY, dated 4/28/76.
 NKlet to NY, dated 5/6/76.

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LEADS:

[REDACTED]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE				DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations	
Agency	1-CRM (Info)				DATA PROC		
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, EDNY
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Report of: [REDACTED] b7C

Office: New York, New York

Date: JUN 30 1976

Field Office File #: 28-1303

Bureau File #:

Title: [REDACTED] b7C

Character: COPYRIGHT MATTER;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY-FALSE LABELING

Synopsis: b7D [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in April, 1976, indicated that an unknown individual was making illegal copies of the Island Records' record entitled, "Bob Marley and the Wailers Live" in violation of the Federal Copyright Law.

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DETAILS:

b7C [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/9/76

Date of transcription _____

[REDACTED]

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BOB MARLEY recording entitled, "Bob Marley And The Wailers Live", which is produced and distributed by Island Records of 154 West 57th Street, New York, New York. [REDACTED] that BOB MARLEY is a Jamaican performer and that this recording of his is protected under the Federal Copyright Law and was released in 1975.

Interviewed on 4/7/76 at New York, New York File # NY 28-1303

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/8/76

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[REDACTED] Island Records, 154 West 57th Street,
New York, New York, advised on May 6, 1976, that their
recording "Bob Marley and the Wailers Live" was released by
this company in November, 1975, and has been issued copyright
registration certificate number N31490.

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Date of transcription 5/28/76

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No jackets or albums for the recording entitled "Bob Marley and the Wailers" were observed.

Interviewed on 5/26/76 at Queens, New York File # NY 28-1303

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/28/76

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[REDACTED] advised on June 3, 1976, that
that one of the illegal "BOB MARLEY
and the Wailers Live" recording is being offered for sale at

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[REDACTED]

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NY 28-1303

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June 25, 1976, [REDACTED] had a purchase of the BOB MARLEY recording made [REDACTED] but after he actually received the album it was determined that this was not an illegal copy but one of their legitimate releases.

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FOI Officer
Justice Department/Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20535

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

To the FOI Officer:

F.I.L.P.A. NO RECORDS RESPONSES

This request is made under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Please send me copies of any documents you have on file concerning Jamaican reggae musician Robert Nesta Marley, a recording artist with Island Records of 444 Madison Avenue, NYC, NY 10022, and Island Records LTD, 22 St. Peter's Square, London W6; Mr. Marley resided at 56 Hope Road, Kingston, Jamaica, WI and 12401 Vista Lane, Miami, Florida 33156, until his death on May 11th, 1981 in Miami; he toured the United States at various intervals between 1973 and 1981. Mr. Marley was a member of the Twelve Tribes sect of the Rastafarian religion. I seek copies of any documents you have on file concerning Mr. Marley from 1973 to 1982.

As you know, the FOI Act provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, I will expect you to send me all nonexempt portions of the records which I have requested, and ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOI Act. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

I am prepared to pay reasonable search and duplication fees in connection with this request. However, the FOI Act provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as "primarily benefiting the general public."

It is of sufficient benefit to the general public warrant consideration of a fee waiver. Therefore, I ask that you waive all search and duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, and the fees will exceed \$200.00, please notify me of the charges before you fill my request so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and author, and this information is of timely value, I will appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply within 10 business days, as required by law.

Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear FOIA-PA:

June 1, 1981
FOIA Request re. ~~Bob Marley~~ *Deceased*
Jamaican Reggae Musician
Born: 2/6/45 Place: St. Ann, Jamaica
Died: 5/11/81 in Miami, Florida
Survived 1976 assassination attempt in
Jamaica
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552) in conjunction with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552a).

I request that you release to me all records maintained by your agency pertaining to Bob Marley including, but not limited to, files and documents captioned under Bob Marley. I want all records to be produced with administrative markings, serial numbers, file covers and search slips. This request specifically includes, but is not limited to, records of mail openings, trash covers, misurs, fisurs, tesurs, photo surveillances, black bags, cointelpro operations, phone checks, wiretaps, anonymous and/or fraudulent letters, illegal leaks, pretext calls and stop notices.

I request that you search this name as Bob Marley, Robert Marley, Bob Marley and the Wailers, 1976 assassination attempt.

Please release all information pertaining to this request including, but not limited to, the following:

1. "Main" files (including classification "134", "66", "62" and/or others.
2. See References.
3. Informer files--including classification "134", "66", "62" and/or others.
4. Separate Files and File locations such as "Do Not File" files, "June" or "June Mail" files, Elsur Index, SAC vaults and/or safes and/or personal files; special file rooms; files in rooms of top FBI officials; Personal and Confidential files; Official and Confidential files.
5. Abstracts of all documents covered by this request.
6. Special Indices including but not limited to:
 - a. Civil Rights including classification "44" and/or others;
 - b. Administrative Matters files, including classification "66" and/or others;
 - c. Domestic Security files, including classification "100" and others;
 - d. Interception of Communications files, including classification "139" and all others;
 - e. Extremist Matters, Civil Unrest files, including classi-

OUTSIDE SOURCE

December 17, 1981

James K. Hall, Chief
FOI-Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division
U.S. Department of Justice
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear James K. Hall:

Thank you for your most informative letter of Dec. 4, 1981 outlining the need for notarized authorization to release information that may or may not exist about living rock stars and rock groups in FBI files.

At this time, then I wish to withdraw my earlier request for all the living rock stars and rock groups, and request this time, information about dead rock stars that may or may not be in your files.

Please inform me if I will be able to have access to your records (if they exist) on the following rock stars (all deceased) and please inform me, at what cost the information (if it exists) would be made available to me.

1. John Lennon, 1940-1980, (former Beatle, anti-war activist, city resident)
2. Phil Ochs, 1940-1976, (folksinger, anti-war songs, Chicago Democratic Convention 1968, etc.)
3. Elvis Presley, 1935-1977, [redacted]
4. Jimi Hendrix, 1942-1970, [redacted]
5. Janis Joplin, 1943-1970, [redacted]
6. Jim Morrison, 1943-1971, former lead singer of the Doors
7. Bob Marley, 1945-1981, reggae music star from Jamaica
8. Harry Chapin, ?-1981, folksinger, activist, [redacted]
9. Lowell George, 1945-1979, lead singer for group Little Feat, [redacted]
10. Sid Vicious, 1958-1979, of the punk rock group from England called the Sex Pistols [redacted]
11. Richard Farina, 1937-1966, folksinger [redacted]

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

DEC 18 1981
FBI

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page, including "all right" and "all yours".

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