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Mr. Berkeley B. Brown
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Re: Weisberg v. General Services
Administration, Civil Action
No. 75-1448

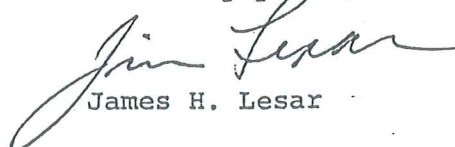
Dear Mr. Brown:

On October 17, 1979, Judge Aubrey Robinson held oral argument on plaintiff's motion for attorneys' fees in the above-entitled case. Immediately after oral argument I requested a copy of the transcript. The Court Reporter was Mrs. Eva Marie Sanche.

When we spoke late this afternoon you informed me that Ms. Sanche has been ill a great deal and that arrangements are being made to have some of her notes in other cases transcribed. I would like to have that done in this case if Ms. Sanche is unlikely to be able to provide a transcript of the oral argument in this case soon. At oral argument on October 17th the counsel for the CIA made some representations which I objected to as not having been made under oath. The government asked for permission to file an additional affidavit by the CIA and the Court granted it. That affidavit has now been filed. I would like to have the transcript so that I can compare the representations it makes with those made by the CIA's counsel at oral argument. In addition, I expect that this case will go to the Court of Appeals soon, and thus the transcript will eventually be needed anyway. Finally, because Mr. Weisberg's Freedom of Information Act cases deal with matters of great historical interest--in this case, the assassination of President Kennedy--he makes it a practice to obtain transcripts of all court hearings.

I would appreciate if if you would advise me as to when a transcript might be available.

Sincerely yours,


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