



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to certain records pertaining to Messrs. William Bradford Huie and Gerold Frank.

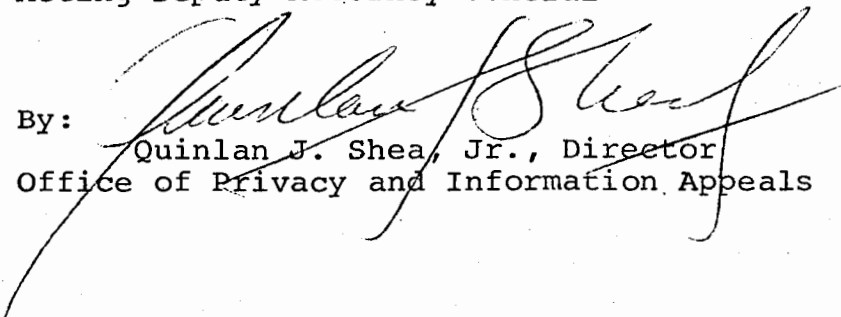
After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to reverse the action of the Bureau in this case and to remand your request to the Bureau for processing without written authorization from Mr. Huie or Mr. Frank. The F.B.I. files on these two individuals within the scope of your request are characterized as Research Matters. I simply cannot conclude that to admit the existence of these non-investigative files is a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals. I wish to advise you, however, that I am not now deciding whether any particular, individual portions of these files are or are not exempt from mandatory release under the Freedom of Information Act. I am simply directing that these files be processed on the merits. If you are dissatisfied with the Bureau's final response, you may, of course, again bring this matter to my attention.

Inasmuch as my action on this appeal does not result in a complete grant of access to the requested records, judicial review of my action is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principle place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,

Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Acting Deputy Attorney General

By:

  
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