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TO

Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 6/1/76

FROM

Legal Counsel

SUBJECT:

HAROLD WEISBERG V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1996

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PURPOSE:

To recommend approval of attached affidavit.

SYNOPSIS:

On 5/18/76, the Court indicated that by 6/2/76 we should file an affidavit stating why we have not yet processed plaintiff's 12/23/75 FOIA request and also stating when we expect to process this request. Attached affidavit supplies this information.



RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be given for the immediate hand-delivery of the original and appropriate number of copies of attached affidavit to AUSA John Dugan, District of Columbia, for filing with the court by 6/2/76.

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Re: Harold Weisberg v. U. S.
Department of Justice
(U.S.D.C., D.C.)
Civil Action No. 75-1996

DETAILS:

On 5/18/76, the Court indicated that by 6/2/76 we should file an affidavit stating why we have not yet processed plaintiff's 12/23/75 request for 28 categories of information concerning our investigation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination and also advising when we expect to process it. Attached affidavit of Special Agent Donald L. Smith, FOIPA Section, Records Management Division, furnishes this information, and is to be utilized by AUSA Dugan in filing a motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, grant a stay in the proceedings to allow the FBI time to process plaintiff's request.