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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is to advise you that your administrative appeal to the Deputy Attorney General from the action by the Office of Professional Responsibility on your request under the Freedom of Information Act for information from the files of the Department of Justice was received by this office on March 14, 1977.

This office has a substantial backlog of pending appeals received prior to yours and a shortage of attorneys. In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, we have adopted a general policy of assigning appeals to office attorneys in the order of receipt. Your appeal is number 3060a. Please mention this number in any future correspondence with this office concerning this specific appeal. Over 2350 appeals have thus far been completed or assigned for processing.

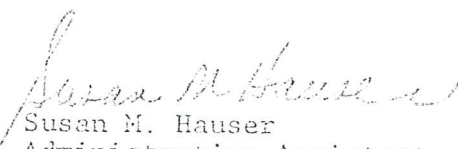
We will notify you of the decision of the Deputy Attorney General on your appeal as soon as we can. We regret, however, that we have been unable to do so within the time limits specified by the Act. For that reason, I must advise you that you have the right to seek judicial review of this matter in an appropriate United States District Court.

The necessity for this delay is regretted and your continuing courtesy is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Director  
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Appeals

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