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Mr. Quinlan Shea, Jr., Director  
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Lesar v. Department of Justice,  
Civil Action No. 77-0692

Dear Mr. Shea:

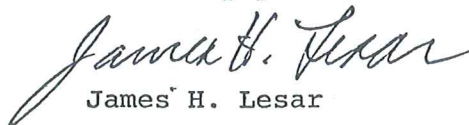
I have received your letter stamp-dated January 16, 1978, which replies to my November 16, 1977 request for a waiver of fees for records released as a result of the above lawsuit. I note that your reply comes after a delay of only 60 days and without the immediate threat of a court order compelling it. I hope this vast improvement in your performance continues.

You write that you have closed your file on my appeal because the Civil Rights Division has provided me with all requested materials at no cost. However, as the attached letters to Mr. Shaheen show, I have already paid the OPR \$111.00 for records released as a consequence of this lawsuit.

In view of this, I suggest you re-consider my appeal. If you feel that the facts set forth in my November 16, 1977 letter to Mr. Flaherty are not sufficient to support a waiver of fees, please advise me of the nature of any showing I need to make in order to support such a determination. While I do desire a prompt resolution of this issue, I am willing to submit additional materials in support of my request should you feel they are needed.

I would also appreciate it if you could inform me of the actual per page cost of xeroxing these materials, including a breakdown of each item of cost taken into account in reaching this figure.

Sincerely yours,

  
James H. Lesar

cc: Harold Weisberg  
Mrs. Lynne K. Zusman  
Judge Gerhard Gesell