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Re: Weisberg v. Bell, et al., U.S.D.C. D.D.C.,
Civil Action No. 75-2155

Dear Mr. Lesar:

I am in receipt of your letters of March 31 and April 11, 1978, which constitute your request for attorney's fees and litigation costs in connection with the above-entitled civil action.

As we discussed in our telephone conversation of this date, the Department of Justice cannot provide payment for the total number of hours which you have specified nor can it compensate you at the hourly rate which you have requested. The Department will, however, authorize fees for 74 hours of work at the rate of \$75.00 per hour. Additionally, the Department will in this instance authorize compensation for all litigation costs specified in your April 11 letter, though certain of those items appear subject to question.

Accordingly, the Department will authorize an award of attorney's fees in the amount of \$5,500 and compensation for litigation costs in the amount of \$202.17. As we discussed, once you confirm our verbal agreement upon such amounts by return letter to my attention, the necessary administrative processing of a check in the total amount of \$5,702.17 can immediately be commenced.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Metcalfe, Attorney
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