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Mr. Daniel Metcalfe
Civil Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Weisberg v. Webster, et al., Civil
Action No. 78-0322; Weisberg v. Fed-
eral Bureau of Investigation, et al.,
Civil Action No. 78-0420 (consolidated)

Dear Dan:

By letter dated May 30, 1980, Mr. David G. Flanders, Chief, Information/Privacy Acts Branch, Records Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, informed Mr. Weisberg that "upon preparation of the cross-index and during the processing of the Dallas 3X5 index cards" it was determined that 2,369 pages of records that had initially been denied Mr. Weisberg as "previously processed" were in fact not in FBI Headquarters files. (A copy of Mr. Flanders' letter is attached hereto) Mr. Weisberg has not yet been provided with a cross-reference index to the New Orleans Field Office records. New Orleans records also have been withheld from Mr. Weisberg on the grounds that they had been "previously processed". I would like to inquire when Mr. Weisberg will be provided with a cross-reference index for the New Orleans records and when he will be provided with New Orleans records that have been mistakenly withheld as "previously processed".

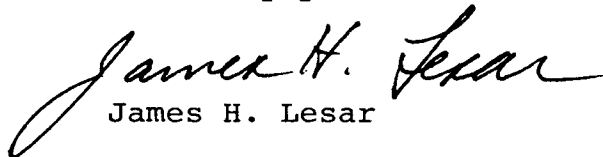
On March 15, 1980, the FBI provided Mr. Weisberg with a small segment of the 40 linear feet of 3X5 index cards maintained by the Dallas Field Office. Although this release was made several months after the date of the estimated entire release of the 3X5 card index, it consisted of only the first two letters of the alphabet. Another three months have elapsed without any further release of index cards. This seems inexcusable, particularly given the fact that you assured me nearly a year ago that you had, at my request, persuaded the Bureau to double the number of persons assigned to processing these index cards.

The next status call is about three months away. I want to assure that there will be no dumping of a great volume of records on Mr. Weisberg at the last moment before a scheduled court hearing, as has happened in other cases. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you could use your good offices to arrange for the re-

lease of these (and any other) records to Mr. Weisberg in reasonable segments as they are processed. I would anticipate that the Dallas Field Office 3X5 card index should be released in its entirety (save for withholdings and excisions) well in advance of the next status call. If you have any reason to believe that this will not be the case, please inform me.

In closing, I note that Mr. Weisberg informs me that the FBI has not responded to his complaints about excisions made in the Dallas Field Office index cards already released. I would request that the FBI make some response to these complaints prior to the next status call.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James H. Lesar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James H. Lesar