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Dear Mr. Shaw:

This is in response to your letter of 6 October 1981 in which you inquired about the status of your FOIA request with this Agency. Specifically, it concerned document #555-809 and six photographs.

As you may know, we have a substantial processing backlog, which is causing significant delays in our responses. Our current backlog is approximately 3,000 cases. As a matter of policy, we process all requests on a first-in, first-out basis, which we believe to be the most equitable for all requesters. In view of this, it is not possible to give you a firm estimate of when your request will be completed. Please be assured, however, that we are working on it. Your patience and understanding while we process your request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John E. Bacon Information and Privacy Coordinator

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