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Mr. Quin Shea, Director  
FOIA Appeals  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

3/9/81

Dear Mr. Shea,

Under date of March 5, DEA wrote me about an FBI referral with such indefiniteness I have no idea what they are talking about. Their number is DEA-81-185-F.

DEA does not state that any balancing test was made, that the stated policy of maximum possible disclosure was followed, that administrative discretion is not appropriate, even that what it withholds is not within the public domain. There also is no claim that nothing is reasonably segregable.

I assume that this matter is within the field office JFK case and that when DEA says the tapes involved have been processed, they have been, whatever form that processing may have taken.

It may well be that the DEA claims are proper. I don't know. I do know that when one receives the kind of letter DEA sent me one has no choice but to appeal. If they can't even identify the records, and the FBI does give them serial and file numbers, at the very least they are paranoidally over-secretive.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg