



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is to advise you that your initial administrative appeal to the Associate Attorney General from the action by the Criminal Division on your request for information from the files of the Department of Justice pertaining to the assassination of John F. Kennedy was received by this Office in May 1980. Subsequent correspondence relating to those files is being considered as a part of that same appeal.

This Office has a substantial backlog of pending appeals received prior to yours and a shortage of attorneys. In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, we have adopted a general practice of assigning appeals to Office attorneys in the approximate order of receipt. Your appeal has been assigned number 80-1644. Please mention this number in any future correspondence with this Office concerning this specific appeal.

For your information, we have noted your allegations that the Criminal Division has been withholding information disclosed by the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have informed that Division that this issue will be considered as a part of your appeal.

We will notify you of the decision of the Associate Attorney General on your appeal as soon as we can. The necessity of this delay is regretted and your continuing courtesy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Janice Adams
Administrative Staff Assistant
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals