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Re: Weisberg v. Webster, Civil No. 78-322
and Weisberg v. FBI, Civil No. 78-420,
U.S.D.C. D.D.C.

Dear Mr. Lesar:

Your letter of June 18, 1978 regarding the processing of documents in the above-entitled civil actions has been received and forwarded by me to the appropriate personnel at the FBI.

Please be assured, as I have stated to you informally, that the Bureau, too, wishes to avoid any undue delay in the processing and disclosure of field office records pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. For that reason, the Bureau has processed the Dallas field office records on an expedited basis and has absolutely no objection to your proposal for expedited review of an initial segment of these records on administrative appeal.

In fact, as you probably have been advised by your client, the first segment of these records (consisting of approximately 5,000 releasable pages) was transmitted to him on June 21 and is therefore available for the review which you propose. Although the Bureau has made only minimal deletions in these documents and is confident that Mr. Weisberg should have, if at all, only minimal objections thereto, Mr. Weisberg can of course file a detailed statement of any such objections with the Department of Justice Office of Information and Privacy Appeals. Pending any such appeal, the Bureau will refrain from releasing any newly-processed documents.

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I know that you join me in my hope that these matters can be handled with a minimum of delay and a maximum of cooperation among all concerned.

Sincerely,

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