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MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
v. GRIFFIN B. BELL, et al.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1121

Reference Butel to all SACs dated 7/30/76
and Buairtel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

By referenced communications, a list of the subjects in the investigation and trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was furnished each field office. Also furnished each field office was a list of the names on the Government's Witness List relating to the investigation and trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The list of subjects and individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List will therefore not be repeated in this communication.

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For your information captioned FOIA suit has been in litigation for approximately two years. During the course of this litigation, on 8/1/75, the Court issued an Order that no documents maintained by the FBI be destroyed. Due to the file destruction moratorium then in effect, that Court Order was not brought to your attention in 1975. Due to the continuing litigation and current discussion regarding reinstatement of a file destruction program in the near future, you are hereby being advised of the Order of the Court in this matter. Accordingly, no files maintained in your office (origin or auxiliary office) relating to any of the main subjects or individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List should be destroyed. These files must

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be maintained until further notice.

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