



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Policy

Office of Information and Privacy

Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: Appeal No. 85-0499
RLH:MAP:ERW

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

By letter dated April 2, 1985, you appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to all search slips and lists of records ("inventory sheets") thereafter provided by the Bureau in response to your Freedom of Information or Privacy Act requests to the FBI. The FBI sent you a list of search slips that you claim is incomplete.


My Office has been advised that the FBI does not index search slips pertaining to FOIA or Privacy Act requests. In an effort to comply with your initial request, however, the Bureau searched all the files in which you are listed as a subject. The list of search slips that was released to you constitutes the result of that effort. Please be advised that the "continuation" search slip that you believe is incomplete is merely a continuation of the previous search slips that was released to you.

Additionally, my Office has been informed that inventory sheets for the documents that were released to you in response to your FOIA and Privacy Act requests are not necessarily kept by the FBI. Accordingly, the Bureau is unable to comply with that part of your request. Of course, you may have received such lists when the Bureau made its responses to your substantive requests.

Certain information was withheld from the search slips on the basis of Exemption 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(7)(C). The information that was withheld consists of third-party file numbers. Its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. Such information cannot be the subject of a discretionary release.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records that have been found in response to your request are located.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard L. Huff".

Richard L. Huff, Co-Director
Office of Information and Privacy