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Mr. Dan Metcalfe  
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Re: Weisberg v. Webster,  
Weisberg v. FBI, Civil  
Action Nos. 78-0322, 78-0420

Dear Dan:

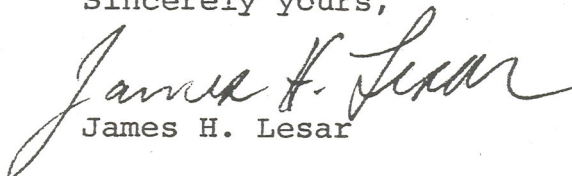
The search slips which have been provided us show the destruction of records, particularly in the New Orleans field office. This is a serious matter, one of utmost concern to Mr. Weisberg and the American public.

In view of this, I am requesting that you take urgent action to provide me with the following: 1) the date on which each file or record was destroyed; 2) a description of the nature and content of each file or record destroyed; 3) a copy of the authorization for the destruction of each file or record destroyed; 4) the identity of the person or persons who carried out the destruction of such records; 5) the identity of any field office or other file location where the destroyed records were filed; and 6) an explanation of how such historically important records could have been destroyed.

Mr. Weisberg has asked me to inform you that he knows of other files which are not included on the search slips. In view of this, he has asked me to inquire whether the search slips which have been given us are copies of the original search slips?

Finally, I note that some of the files listed on the search slips have "irrelevant" written next to them. I request a prompt description of the nature and content of each file so designated and an explanation as to why it was considered to be "irrelevant."

Sincerely yours,

  
James H. Lesar