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OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Mr. James H. Lesar Attorney At Law 910 Sixteenth Street, N. W. Suite 600 Washington, D. C. 20006

Re: DAG/79-T

Dear Mr. Lesar:

In the course of processing your request on behalf of your client, Mr. Harold Weisberg, for access to records pertaining to the possible perjury prosecution of John Ray, the Criminal Division forwarded two documents, records of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to this Office for consideration.

The first of these documents does not in fact seem to me to be within the scope of this request. A copy is nonetheless enclosed, because I recognize that it is clearly within the scope of other of Mr. Weisberg's requests to this Department. The other document, a fourteen-page memorandum from the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, to the Deputy Attorney General, dated November 30, 1978, is within the scope of your current request, but cannot be released to your client because it consists of investigatory information, the release of which would interfere with ongoing law enforcement proceedings. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(A). No part of this document is appropriate for release as a matter of agency discretion at this time.

Your client may appeal from this partial denial by writing to the Attorney General within thirty days of the date of your receipt of this letter. His appeal should be addressed to the Office of Legal Counsel. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." In the event he is dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to him in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which he resides or has his principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the record in question is located.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Egan Associate Attorney General

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Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Director Office of Privacy and Information Appeals

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