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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

10/21/80

Dear Mr. Shea,

Under date of 10/16/80 the FBI included the enclosed letter with several small sections of records described as referrals of Dallas and New Orleans field office records. I regret it is not possible for me to provide copies of the worksheets.

Although the Department assured the Court, my counsel and me that it would have all such matter cleared up within the six months requested and granted, ending 10/14/80, it appears that the matter of referrals is among those not cleaned up.

Going along with the indefiniteness and ambiguity of this letter is the use of a new exemption claim on the worksheets, like "CIA," "USMC" and "State."

There is no explanation of what I take to be the reality, that these entries really represent the failure of the other agencies to act on the referrals and the failure of the FBI to make any effort to have these matters cleared up as promised.

Although the matter is in court and the FBI and the Department gave the Court solemn assurances, the FBI's letter concludes by advising me of my right to appeal, which I do herewith.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg