

Dear Mr. Shea,

2/15/80

1/28/80

I provide the attached copies of my ~~2/13/80~~ request of the FBI, its 2/13/80 non-response and my reply of today's date as my appeal in this matter.

I would also appreciate a review of the claims to exemption, such as (E) and the total withholding of records without a competent statement that nothing is reasonably segregable.

Also, some records are entirely undescribed, without any claim to exemption for the description.

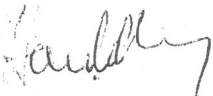
The dates combined with the claims to exemption, as 1977 records and an (E) claim, are quite provocative. With regard to an airtel to Alexandria and this (E) claim I can only wonder if it pertains to Bernard Fensterwald.

If it has to do with the FBI's disclosures of its general JFK releases, then the record is within my request being litigated as C.A. 75-0249. Or, perhaps, his litigation. But an (E) claim for either? My, my! Would it not also be within my C.A. 75-1996, in which I provided his privacy waiver?

Does the Department really want to spend money and waste the time of FOIA personnel by referring records the FBI intends to withhold in their entirety regardless of the result of the referral?

I have previously informed you that the FBI did not get around to making some referrals until 1978 and that most of the agencies involved have no FOIA backlogs. But they should have been made in 1977, as early as July of that year.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg