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James H. Lesar, Esq. 918 F Street, N.W. Room 509 Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Appeal No. 88-1683

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

You appealed on behalf of your client, Steve Rivele, from the action of the Drug Enforcement Administration on one one-page document referred to the DEA by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to affirm the initial action in this case. This document was properly withheld from your client pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. This material is not appropriate for discretionary release.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to your client 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 records sought are located.

Sincerely,

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