

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION Washington, D.C. 20537

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Mr. Harold Weisberg Rt. 12 Frederick, Maryland

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Dear Requester:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request received by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Information pertaining to your request is set forth below. Only those paragraphs which have been marked apply to your request.

X Your request has been placed on a list of requests awaiting processing. In an effort to deal fairly with any request requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt.

Before DEA can begin processing your request, it will be necessary for you to submit your notarized signature or other proof of identity. This procedure is designed to insure that information pertaining to an individual is released only to that person. A form is enclosed to assist you in complying with this requirement.

____ To insure an accurate search of DEA records, an individual's complete name, date and place of birth must be furnished. A form is enclosed to assist you in complying with this requirement.

Before DEA can begin processing your request, it will be necessary for you to provide a signed, notarized statement suthorizing the release to you of information pertaining to the subject of your request.

____ While processing your request to the ______, documents originated by DEA were located and have been referred to us for a direct reply to you.

See Continuation Page for additional information.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOTPA requests has been received. Despite expansions of our staff responsible for such matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue. Please be assured your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents which can be released will be made available at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Chief

Freedom of Information Division

