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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weisburg
Route 12 - Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weisburg:

This is to advise you that your administrative appeal to the Deputy Attorney General from the action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request under the Privacy Act for information from the files of the Department of Justice was received by this Office on October 21, 1977.

This Office has a substantial backlog of pending appeals received prior to yours and a shortage of attorneys. In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, we have adopted a general practice of assigning appeals to Office attorneys in the approximate order of receipt. Your appeal has been assigned number 4326-P. Please mention this number in any future correspondence with this Office concerning this specific appeal. For your information, final actions have been taken on approximately 4,120 appeals and several hundred others have already been assigned to staff attorneys for processing.

You may be interested to learn that this Office is currently modifying our procedures and having our personnel augmented, with a view towards clearing up our appeals backlog by the end of this year, if possible. It is most likely that these changes will result in your appeal being assigned for processing and actually adjudicated in considerably less time than would have otherwise been the case.



We will notify you of the decision of the Deputy Attorney General on your appeal as soon as we can. The necessity of this delay is regretted and your continuing courtesy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Rogers

Richard M. Rogers, Deputy Director
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals