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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is to advise you that your administrative appeal to the Associate Attorney General from the action by the Civil Division on your request for information from the files of the Department of Justice was received by this Office on May 19, 1980.

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 80-1017. Please mention this number in any future correspondence with this Office concerning this specific appeal.

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

Sincerely,

Janice Adams
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Office of Privacy and Information
Appeals