



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Mrs. Lillian Stone Weisberg
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Dear Mrs. Weisberg:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated December 15, 1976, which was referred to this Bureau by the United States Department of Justice.

A preliminary review of the index to our central records discloses references to a name similar to yours. Since our records contain innumerable instances of different people with the same name, and we have reviewed only the index to our records at this point, and not the records themselves, we do not know whether the records in question relate to you.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOIPA requests has been received these past few months. Additionally, court deadlines involving certain historical cases of considerable scope have been imposed upon the FBI. Despite successive expansions of our staff responsible for FOIPA matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue.

We are now beginning to work on requests which we received during April, 1976.

Since January 1, 1975, the FBI has received a total of 30,156 FOIPA requests. Of these, our present backlog is 8,113. 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. Please be assured that 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.

Mrs. Lillian Stone Weisberg

Before we can commence processing for release any documents which may pertain to you, it will be necessary for you to submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that information concerning an individual is released only to that person.

Your request has been assigned number 40,119 which you are requested to utilize in any correspondence with this Bureau regarding this request.

Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director