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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is to advise you that your three administrative appeals to the Deputy Attorney General from the separate actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your requests under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts for information from the files of the Department of Justice were received by this Office on December 6, 1977, and December 7, 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 appeals have been assigned as follows: number 4621 regarding your request for unexcised copies of two particular documents concerning J. F. Kennedy, number 4623-P regarding your request for information pertaining to yourself and number 4633 regarding your request concerning records of William Bradford Huie and Gerold Frank. Please mention these numbers in any future correspondence with this Office concerning these specific appeals. Over 4,120 appeals have thus far been completed or assigned for processing.

We regret that we are unable to respond to your appeals within the time limits specified by the Act. For that reason, I must advise you that you have the right to seek judicial review of these matters in an appropriate United States District Court.

We will notify you of the various decisions of the Deputy Attorney General on your appeals 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