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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in response to your letter to Dr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States, of March 15, 1975, in which you request access under the Freedom of Information Act to the so-called "Memorandum of Transfer", a document which accompanied the transfer and receipt of items pertinent to the autopsy of President Kennedy from Admiral George Burkley to Evelyn Lincoln.

We enclose copies of the cover letter to Mrs. Lincoln from Admiral Burkley as well as an enclosed letter to Admiral Burkley from Robert Kennedy authorizing the subsequent transfer. We continue to withhold access to the attachment to Admiral Burkley's letter which listed the items transferred to Mrs. Lincoln. The Kennedy family representative has again expressed the opinion that the release of this information will be an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the Kennedy family. Therefore, we withhold this list under the sixth exemption to mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, i. e., "matters that are . . . personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U. S. C. 552(b)(6)).

You have the right to file an administrative appeal with respect to the material denied you. Such an appeal should be in writing and addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, DC 20408. To expedite the handling of an appeal, both the face of the appeal and the envelope should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Appeal".

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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