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Mr. Howard Roffman
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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI on September 15, 1976, of your Freedom of Information- Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated September 7, 1976, a copy of which was referred to the FBI by the Department of Justice.

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.

Since January 1, 1975, the FBI has received a total of 26,242 FOIPA requests. Of these, our present backlog is 7,504. 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.

Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director