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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is in response to your letter of June 27, 1977 to the Office of Privacy and Information Appeals, Department of Justice which was forwarded to the Civil Division for response as to paragraph four of that letter.

Our initial search of Civil Division files did not locate the documents specifically mentioned in your letter. However, one file now being reviewed by the Criminal Division may contain those documents. As mentioned in your letter, we understand that the Criminal Division is still working with you on your request and will upon completion of their review forward to the Civil Division any documents in the files they have reviewed which originated in the Civil Division. Pending their completion of your request, we are unable to comply with or deny your request for the documents you identified.

During our search, we located files pertaining to two suits which are tangential to your original request. One suit is by an M.D. pathologist for release of materials and documents pertaining to the autopsy of President Kennedy. The court granted a motion for Summary Judgment to the United States in that case. The other files pertain to a State criminal suit in which certain government witnesses were summoned under the uniform Out-Of-State-Witness Act. These witnesses were ordered to appear since they allegedly had in their possession certain objects and matters pertaining to the autopsy of President Kennedy. This case was dismissed upon finding of mootness by the court.



We fully intend to comply with or deny your request of June 27, 1977 upon the availability of certain files yet to be searched. As to the other files mentioned herein, we will await your response as to your desires.

Very truly yours,

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