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Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senator
One State Street
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Dear Congressman Lieberman:

Reference is made to your inquiry dated December 12, 1996 on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Katharine Weber.

Our records show that Ms. Weber's Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request for information on her father Sidney Kaufman was assigned to a Paralegal Specialist on November 27, 1996. It was determined that the documents responsive to her request must be reviewed to ascertain if any portions warrant classification to protect national security information. On December 11, 1996 documents pertaining to Ms. Weber's request were forwarded to our Document Classification Unit for review.

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Coincidence*

The personnel handling classification matters have accumulated a sizable backlog of work. In order to be fair to our thousands of requesters, we attempt to handle requests on a "first in, first out" basis, consistent with sound administrative practice. There are numerous requests received prior to Ms. Weber's that require a similar review. Since the length of time required to conduct such reviews depends on the volume and complexity of the records involved, I regret that we are unable to project a date when the classification review will be completed.

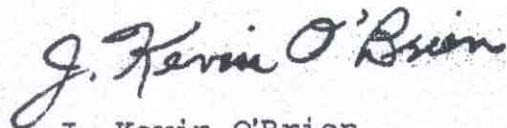
Please be assured that Ms. Weber's request is being handled as equitably and expeditiously as our resources will

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allow. When the classification review is completed, we will process these records pursuant to the provisions of the FOIPA without further delay.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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