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Mr. J. Kevin O'Brien
Chief, Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section
Information Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Katharine Weber of Bethany, Connecticut.

Ms. Weber contacted my office concerning her Freedom of Information-Privacy Act request for files on her father, Sidney Kaufman (FOIPA number 369,150-001). I understand that it is the policy of your office to fill FOIPA requests by the date on which the request was received so that no request is taken out of turn. Ms. Weber received a letter in April 1993 acknowledging her request and assigning it an FOIPA number. From other correspondence I have had with you concerning FOIPA cases, I understand that your office is currently filling FOIPA requests received after May 1994. Ms. Weber has waited more than three years for her request to come up in the queue. Just as it would be unfair for her request to be filled before her turn, it is also unfair for her request to be passed over when its turn came up due only to the size of the file. Please find enclosed a copy of Ms. Weber's correspondence with my office. I would greatly appreciate your reviewing the delay and an appropriate response.

Please direct your reply to my State Office located at One State Street, 14th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, Attention: Cindy Lemek.

Thank you for your care and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN
United States Senator

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Katharine Weber