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WASHINGTON, July 10—

Attorney General Edward H. Levi has overruled both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Attorney in New York and ordered them to supply files on the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to the Rosenberg' sons as quickly as possible.

The Rosenbergs were executed on June 19, 1953, after their conviction for passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

Their sons, Michael and Robert Meeropol, who use the name of the family that adopted them after the execution of their parents, filed a sweeping request for information about the case last February under new amendments to the Freedom of Information Law.

Both the F.B.I. director, Clarence M. Kelley, and United States Attorney, Frank Curran, agreed to limited parts of the sons' requests but turned them down on access to large portions of the files. The Meeropols appealed those decisions to Mr. Levi.

In two letters, made public today, Mr. Levi and his deputy, Harold R. Tyler Jr., have told the Meeropols, through their attorney, Marshall Perlin of New York, that the department would take a liberal attitude in deciding what should be made available to them and that the files would be opened as rapidly as possible.

The two brothers believe that their parents were innocent and that the information in the government files will prove that the case against them was a "fraud."

Even under the policy adopted Mr. Levi, item-by-item decisions will have to be made on what material to release and what to withhold because its release might harm other persons, reveal investigative techniques or endanger national security.

The bureau is still very much opposed to the release of information that might give away its informants or its methods of operation—even if the information is years old.