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Rosenberg-Case Myth

To the Editor:

The article on the Jan. 8 Op-Ed page of The Times on the Rosenberg files deserves at least a short comment to put the matter in perspective. On Oct. 29, 1975, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York advised counsel for the Meeropol brothers that virtually all the files contained in that office relating to the Rosenberg case were available for his inspection. To this date neither he nor his clients have seen fit to look at those files.

The Government opened its files in this case because Judge Tyler, the Deputy Attorney General, believes that the files should be opened. For that reason documents were made available far in excess of what would have been required under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. It's about time that your readers were advised that the Government has nothing to hide in the prosecution of the Rosenberg case, contrary to the myth that certain people are attempting to perpetuate.

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