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F.B.I. to Let Rosenbergs' 2 Sons Take 30,000 Pages of Its Files

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—The Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed today that it would make available about 30,000 pages of documents on the investigation of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the couple's sons.

The bureau released the text of a letter written by the F.B.I.'s director, Clarence M. Kelley, to the attorney for Robert and Michael Meeropol, who filed a freedom of information suit to obtain all the Government's files on their parents' case.

In the letter, Mr. Kelley wrote that 28,438 pages would be available to the Meeropols, plus "at least 1,500" more pages referred to in the first documents. The charge for the documents, he wrote, would be \$23,451.80, to pay for the searches and there would be a charge of 10 cents a page for copying.

In late August, the first of

the secret material on the cases, 725 pages, was made available to the Metropol brothers and to Allen Weinstein, a Smith College history professor who had filed a similar suit.

Jeffrey Axelrad, a Justice Department attorney, said that the same documents would also be made available to Mr. Weinstein. Today, the F.B.I. filed justifications in Federal Court here to detail their reasons for withholding documents from the Rosenberg file, or deleting portions of released documents. The bureau filed an inventory of its entire file, listing what was released and what withheld, with accompanying explanations.

Marshall Perlin, attorney for the Metropol, is expected to challenge the bureau's exemptions—that is, those documents not released.