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March 13, 2014

John Greenwald  
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is in response to your March 11, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Your request was received in this office on the same date, and assigned reference number **RD 42724**.

You requested access to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters Case File 100-HQ-200845, which was identified by the FBI as potentially responsive to your request for files pertaining to the late folk singer, Pete Seeger. We located the file in box 2931 of record entry HS1-89646273 (P 186); identified as Record Group 65: Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Classification 100 (Domestic Security), Headquarters Case Files, 1939-1984.

Case file 100-HQ-200845 consists of 13 separate parts (Sections 1-9, Section Sub A, and three envelopes of enclosures), and was compiled as part of a security investigation conducted between March 1943 and November 1972. This file is estimated to total around 2500 pages and requires screening for categories of information exempted from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) prior to being made publicly available. In particular, there are documents that may be redacted to protect the identities of named informants or confidential sources, including source codes and informant file numbers, as well as to protect the unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Requests for records of this size are assigned to our second-tier processing queue. Taking into consideration our current backlog, we expect to begin reviewing these records approximately 24 months from the date of our initial response.

Section Sub A can be released to you in its current form as it consists of 65 pages of press clippings pertaining to Pete Seeger. You can view this file for free at our facility in College Park, Maryland, and while you are here, you can make a copy for yourself at \$0.25 per page. If you would like us to make a copy to mail to you, we charge \$0.80 per page, so the estimated price of Section Sub A would be \$52.00. We will send you an official price quote if you choose this route. Also, the price is the same whether you choose to receive paper copies or an electronic copy on CD. NARA does not charge extra for shipping and handling as all costs are included in the official price quote for reproductions.

If you would like to view this section in our research room, please contact me at [mark.murphy@nara.gov](mailto:mark.murphy@nara.gov) or at (301) 837-1999 at least three days in advance of your arrival so I can have it ready for you in our holding area. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 24 hours of sending your notification of arrival, please contact our FOIA office line at (301) 837-3190 or e-mail us at [specialaccess\\_foia@nara.gov](mailto:specialaccess_foia@nara.gov) with your information.

Please advise us of any change of address that may occur during the time it takes to complete your case by using one of the above modes of contact for our FOIA office. In the event that any correspondence to you from this office is returned as undeliverable, no forwarding address, we will presume you are no longer interested in pursuing the case, and it will be closed.

For any inquiries regarding your case, feel free to contact me once again at (301) 837-1999 or at [mark.murphy@nara.gov](mailto:mark.murphy@nara.gov). Please cite FOIA case number **RD 42724** in any further communications concerning this request.

We will notify you again as soon as we have an update on the status of your case.

Sincerely,



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National Archives and Records Administration