

January 15, 1997

James H. Lesar, President
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Pertaining to FBI Appeals
of Review Board Determinations

Dear Mr. Lesar:

This letter responds to your December 30, 1996, request for records pertaining to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) appeals of Review Board determinations pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act*, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

We have located documents responsive to your request. We are not yet forwarding any of the records that you have requested. Most of the records you have requested contain information that has been classified by the FBI, and we are in the process of determining which records are appropriate for immediate release and which records we must refer to the FBI. We have already contacted the FBI about your request and we are working with them to release the records you requested as soon as possible.

We regret the necessity of this delay. However, if you do consider this response to be a denial of your request under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal our determination within 30 days. Appeals should be addressed to David Marwell, Executive Director, Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, N.W., 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530. If you have any questions, please contact me or Jeremy Gunn.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk
Freedom of Information Act Officer