

December 17, 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

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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 and I am enclosing with this letter the records that you have requested. We apologize for the delay in returning the records to you, but as you know, most of the records you requested contained information that had been classified by the FBI, and the Bureau's processing of the referral took longer than we had expected.

As you will see when you begin to review the enclosed documents, we processed the records using the standards enumerated in Section 6 of the JFK Act. Employing the JFK Act standards resulted in the release of more information than we would have been able to release using the FOIA standards.

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 T. Jeremy Gunn, 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 Mr. Gunn.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk

Freedom of Information Act Officer