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Re: OIP/03-R0276
MAP:TSW:SBL

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 31, 2003, and received in this Office on February 3, 2003, for the ten oldest FOIA requests pending in this Office. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Information and Privacy (OIP).

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between Stephanie B. Logan of this Office and Ms. Barbara Elias, of your staff, Ms. Elias advised that you were interested in the ten oldest requests regardless of whether the request was sent directly to OIP or was sent elsewhere originally, but encompassed documents that were later forwarded to OIP for review. Accordingly, a records search was conducted in OIP and we are enclosing copies of the ten oldest initial request letters. I have determined that sixteen pages are appropriate for release without excision. Two pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. None of the information being withheld from you is appropriate for discretionary release.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this response, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Melanie Ann Pustay
Deputy Director

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