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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 26, 1976

Mr. Bernard H. Porter
Box 209
Belfast, Maine 04915

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request by the FBI on December 29, 1975.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOIPA requests has been received these past few months. Additionally, court deadlines involving certain historical cases of considerable scope have been imposed upon the FBI. Despite successive expansions of our staff responsible for FOIPA matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue.

The FBI has 6,092 FOIPA requests on hand. Processing has begun, and is in various stages of completion on 975 of those cases. In an effort to deal fairly with any request requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt. Please be assured that your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents which can be released will be made available at the earliest possible date.

In order for us to release any documents which may pertain to you, please submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that information concerning an individual is released only to that person.

Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director