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Mr. Harold F. Chorney
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Re: Appeal No. 00-0242
RLH:PAJ:DEB

Dear Mr. Chorney:

You appealed from the action of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys on your request for information from the files of the Department of Justice, especially regarding correspondence between Assistant United States Attorney Edwin Gale and your attorney, Scott Lutes.

Because of certain internal administrative difficulties in processing your appeal, this Office has yet to reach an appeal determination. This occurs in a very small number of the thousands of appeals we receive each year. Nevertheless, I want to assure you that your appeal has been maintained in an open status. I regret, however, that it remains difficult to predict when an appeal determination may ultimately be reached.

It has been our experience in many of these cases--particularly those in which we have received no communications from the appellant following the appeal--that requesters, for various reasons, are no longer interested in the information.

Please advise this Office if you remain interested in pursuing your appeal. A handwritten note on this letter indicating your preference is sufficient. For your convenience, I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If we receive no response from you within thirty days, we will close your appeal administratively.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Huff
Co-Director