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Mr. Will Ferroggiaro
The National Security Archive
The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: FOIA Request Archive #20030113SSA003

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is in response to your letter dated January 31, 2003 requesting copies of the Social Security Administration's ten oldest Freedom of Information Act requests.

I am enclosing the ten oldest pending FOIA requests, as requested. However, we have deleted some names, social security numbers and other personal identifying information. When we receive a request for personal information from our records, we must balance the public interest in releasing the information against the individual's right to privacy. I cannot find that disclosing this information would benefit the public to a degree that would outweigh those privacy interests. The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) exempts from its requirements any disclosure that would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). Therefore, the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)) prohibits disclosure without the individual's written consent.

There is no fee for processing this request.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a review. Mail your appeal within 30 days after you receive this letter to the Executive Director for the Office of Public Disclosure, Social

Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore,
Maryland 21235. Mark the envelope "Freedom of Information
Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Blevins".

Darrell Blevins
Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosures