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This acknowledges receipt of your 4 January 2009 letter regarding the status of your pending appeal requests cited above. Please note that your pending Freedom of Information Act and Mandatory Declassification Review requests will be addressed in separate correspondence.

In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. Our response time is unfortunately predicated upon the number and complexity of the appeal requests we receive. Even when a request reaches the top of the queue, we must go through the time-consuming task of reviewing each and every document, assuming documents are in fact found. This process is necessary in order to fulfill the statutory obligation this agency has to protect intelligence sources and methods and other sensitive information. In view of this, some delay in our reply must be expected, but every reasonable effort will be made to respond as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience while we continue to process your appeal requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator



