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Mr. Matthew Aid
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Dear Mr. Aid:

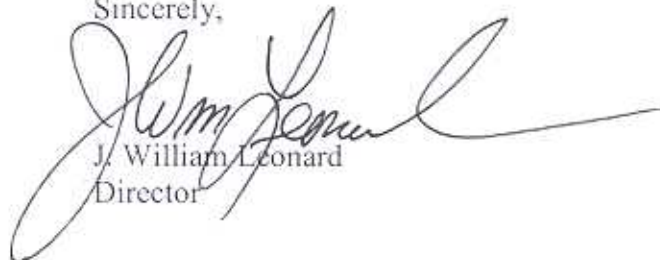
Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2006, in which you and others reported your concerns and recommendations regarding agency classification activity which has resulted in a number of historical documents being withdrawn from the open shelves at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Pursuant to my responsibilities under section 5.2(b)(6) of Executive Order 12958, as amended, I fully intend to pursue the issues identified in your letter.

You can be assured that several weeks ago, I initiated an audit of this activity based upon concerns you expressed in earlier correspondence to NARA as well as the exemplars you recently provided others and me. I anticipate that this audit will be completed within the next 60 days at which time we will publicly announce the results.

In the meantime, I look forward to consulting with you and your colleagues during the course of this audit in order to gain the full benefit of your insights. In addition, I would be most interested in receiving copies of any other exemplars of withdrawn documents you or your colleagues may have in order to ensure the most exhaustive review possible.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 357-5250.

Sincerely,



J. William Leonard
Director