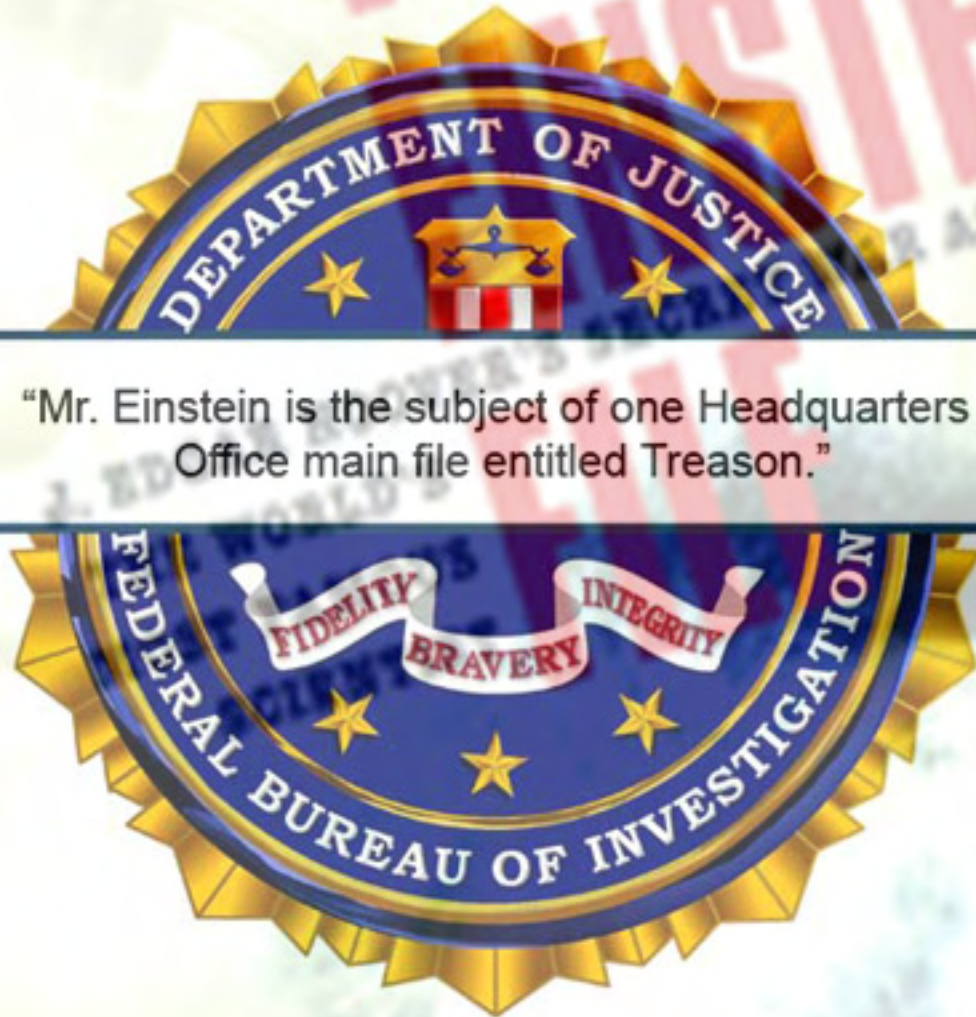


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Re: Appeal No. 00-4087
Request No. 432836
RLH:ADW/EVE

Dear Mr. Tankersley:

You appealed on behalf of your client, Fred Jerome, from action of the Headquarters Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on his request for access to records concerning Albert Einstein.

After carefully considering your appeal, and following discussions between the FBI and a member of my staff, I have decided to affirm the FBI's action on your client's request.

Mr. Einstein is the subject of one Headquarters Office main file entitled Treason. Regarding your comments about which sections of the file have been reviewed, all ten sections of this Headquarters Office main file were reviewed in response to your administrative appeal.

Please be advised that some of the information responsive to your client's request remains classified following declassification review by the Department Review Committee, in response to your client's separate request for mandatory declassification review submitted to this Office (OIP No. 00-3141) pursuant to Section 3.6 of Executive Order No. 12958. As you are no doubt aware, any appeal from the action of the Department Review Committee, in response to a mandatory declassification review request, should be submitted directly to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP).

As a courtesy to you, I am providing you with the mailing address and telephone numbers for the ISCAP:

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What follows is the FBI's dossier on Albert Einstein