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Mr. Eugene Doyle
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Re: Redacted Information on
Fair Hearing Decisions

Dear Mr. Doyle:

Your letter of August 7, 1989, to Paul Elisha regarding redacted information on fair hearing decisions has been referred to me for reply. Your letter concerned those fair hearing decisions that are provided pursuant to a request made under the Freedom of Information Law. Please be advised that in the future we will provide the initials of the appellant and the fair hearing number, when redacting, identifying information with respect to particular appellants. We feel that this process will meet the confidentiality requirements as set forth in Section 136 of the Social Services Law.

I trust that this response adequately addresses those concerns expressed in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Tengeler", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Tengeler
Assistant Counsel

cc: Russell Hanks
Mark Lacivita