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Dear Mr. Rankin:

This letter is in further response to your client's FOIL request (designated FOIL-2020-860-00296) seeking "Every single digital image you have, and any text metadate that goes with them." This FOIL request also is the subject of an Article 78 proceeding pending in New York Supreme Court, Index No. 151337/2022.

Please be advised that since the filing of the lawsuit, on March 16, 2022, New York City Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) substantially fulfilled FOIL-2020-860-00296 when it published 9.3 million historical vital records on its website. This content was added to the more than 2 million documents, photographs, maps, and other records that have been digitized and published online as part of the agency's ongoing work to fulfill its mission of providing public access to historical materials. These records can be accessed and downloaded at no cost at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/records/historical-records/historical-records.page and https://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet. The requested metadata is also available for download at the same website. Should any further digitized records become available on the Municipal Archives website in its Luna image gallery, we will so advise you.

Please also note that FOIL-2020-860-00296 is partially duplicative of your client's earlier request, FOIL2018-860-00156. DORIS has already provided access to all those previously-requested records both through its website and through production of the digitized microfilm collection.

Sincerely, Lisa Velasquez

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