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Dear Mr. Buskin:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated December 18, 1998, for documents that evidence the authority of the U. S. Attorney General's Office to defend IRS agents in a civil or criminal matter.

A search was performed with the Office of Tax Crimes (Criminal Investigation) and with the Assistant Chief Counsel (Disclosure Litigation) and we have no documents responsive to your request. However, you may forward a copy of your request to the U. S. Attorney General's Office within the Department of the Justice.

Notice 393 is enclosed explaining your appeal rights. It has been our pleasure to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslie Haywood

Disclosure Program Assistant

Freedom of Information

Enclosure
As stated