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3/26/78

Mr. Gene Wilson, FOIA/PA Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Although I see no need for you to have written your letter of 3/23/78 I respond.

With regard to the King/Ray request, that matter is currently before a court, as you knew and I also reminded you.

Your refusal to comply over so long a period of time, your refusal to respond to letters and other such official conduct forced me to place this matter before the courts. Until I did you stonewalled. On my part I prefer to avoid anything that can be misinterpreted relating to the processes of the court. Unless advised otherwise by Mr. Jim Lesar, to whom I have been sending copies of your letters and my responses, I believe that doing anything further about your belated proposal is inappropriate for me. If there is anything you might want to raise with him is address him 910 16 St., NW, Suite 600, 20006.

You also make some suggestions with regard to the 14,377 pages you withheld from me for so inordinately long. In this you ignore the written assurances I had offered you. In addition, you ignore the fact that I appealed your rejection of my request for a waiver of all costs, under the provisions of the Act. Prior to making any such suggestions I believe it was incumbent upon you to make a formal decision on my appeal and to provide me with written, specific reasons if you rubber-stamp yourself, a not uncommon official practice.

While I can take your suggestions with regard to these 14,375 pages as your decision because it so crudely ignores my appeal I believe I am entitled to specifics with regard to my negative determination and that there should be an adequate record in the event I take a negative decision to court.

You also shift your ground with regard to the King/Ray records. It was, as I told you, my recollection that your demand for a \$500 deposit included estimated search charges. You had written me that you never charged me for any searches. You now seek to interpret your letter as one "wherein we advised you that search fees were being waived in connection" with it. While I can understand your reluctance to face the fact that you extorted more than 10 times the costs of \$45.00 as a precondition when to now I have always paid you promptly I believe that any effort to create a false record in a matter that is before a federal court is inappropriate and unbecoming of the government.

I remind you still again that you have not responded to my repeated requests for a statement of the status of each and every one of my requests. And the appeals. These matters are now as much as more than seven years past date of compliance as stated in the Act.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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