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Dear Ms. Mazzaferri,

Of the two pleasant surprises in today's mail perhaps I have you to thank for one, the invitation to the bar's dinner. But it came not only too late - I'm not able to drive a car more than 20^{minutes}, although I can ride longer. I'd have loved to be there on the chance that some of the fine young lawyers of my distant youth, New Deal days, might be there. As young lawyers then, some were simply magnificent. I fear the older ones I knew, including some truly greats, are all gone. Quite an era, especially for lawyers.

The other surprise is that this man may get a chance to bite the official dog. Judge John Lewis Smith yesterday set a hearing on my motion to reconsider, which I enclose, for ~~XXXXX~~ Tuesday, 12/10, at 10:30, courtroom.15.

I think I've narrowed the issues to Smith's error in making no Finding of Fact and my undenied allegations of fraud, perjury and misrepresentation to procure the judgement I seek to have vacated.

I'm aware that this may be a boobytrap, may be an effort to cover up or both, but I welcome it, despite my limitations and the potential hazards.

The underlying issues are, I believe, significant in themselves in terms of the effects on requesters of information and their counsel, if you or the lawyer to whom you've forwarded what I've sent remember what I've filed, all without denial or even attempted refutation. There may be little left of FOIA for requesters or their counzel, other than great burdens and costs, if the precedent stands.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg