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Dear Mr. Ziebell,

Because you are chief of litigation, have personal knowledge and discussed and misled me years ago with regard to the matter about which I write, I address you instead of Mr. Strawderman (who is reluctant to respond in any event), with a copy for him for you to forward along with anything you may want to send him.

Five or more years ago, when you represented the CIA in one of my FOIA suits, I asked you when I might expect some response to my many requests, all appealed, going back to 1971. You then told me that "green lights are flashing all over the place," meaning the CIA, to indicate that belatedly these matters were then being acted on. I've not received a single piece of paper since. In that litigation you also informed two courts that what the CIA disclosed to HSCA could not be withheld from me - after which withholding remained at a 100% level.

Intending that it be added to my ignored requests and appeals I enclose two copies of my today's letter to the DJ appeals office. I think it requires no further explanation.

One of my two relevant requests of the CIA is for any and all information in any way related to Oswald in Mexico. The CIA has not responded. It has not claimed any exemption. While both requests were filed before there was any HSCA, this is one of the matters the CIA searched for it. This means that no new search is even required to process the request that now is more than five years old. Also, you, the CIA's litigation chief, were present when Phillips made the public disclosures to which I refer in the enclosure.

I am aware that the CIA's flagrant violation of FOIA enables me to file suit without hearing further from it. I do not want to because of my age and impaired health and because I believe that even the CIA ought make at least some gesture of willingness to live within the law. I therefore hope that in all interests you will see to it that with regard to this one matter the CIA does respect and comply with the law and my request.

However, I am also sending copies to Jim Lesar, with a request that if his situation permits he consider filing suit if I do not have a responsive response within a reasonable length of time. If as the CIA's chief of litigation you review my recent correspondence with Mr. Strawderman my meaning will be quite clear.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg