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Dear Mr. Hall, Re Yuri Nosenko FOIPA No. 62,749 etc.

If you are able to make timely response after receiving my clearly feigned indignation why are you not able to make any response when I make proper inquiry?

It was quite obvious that there was another and later requester named Mooney and that those who also spilled a little something like coffee on the letter sent me had made a simple, human mistake. I was - and am- without doubt that- this one time - "no harm was meant."

In recent months, save for this one little and successful trick, I have written you on a number of occasions regarding two long-overdue compliances and have not received a single response. However, my trick does disclose that it is not impossible for you to respond - as the law also requires.

You have, and I'm not joking now, added even more complexity and confusion by your own past in which you not only did not provide me with your FOIPA numbers but refused them when I asked. So, I do not know which of my Nosenko requests you refer to. If you examine your copy of your May 27, 1978 letter to me acknowledging receipt of my March 9, 1978 Nosenko request you will find that you omitted the number.

That request is almost six year old. You entirely ignored it until August 24, 1983 or for more than five years. Since last August you have neither responded to my inquiries nor provided any of the withheld information. In all this time you have not claimed any exemption, although after more than five years you actually told me that you are processing in chronological order! when you wrote me about this request for the first time. You did suggest that a referral accounted for all delays, which I doubt. And you still have not indicated when I may expect to receive the requested information. (Not that your counsel does not continue to assure the courts that there is absolutely no discrimination against me - perish the very thought!)

The other still-withheld information is processed referrals back from the CIA, a matter at least eight years old - much older than any backlog claim by either of you.

And even when you do not entirely ignore a letter, remarkable as that is, you manage not to respond to my question in its penultimate paragraph and the concluding one, asking when I may expect this information.

If by any chance some automaton reacted to what was thought to be potentially embarrassing to the FBI in my put-on, I suggest that there is the potential for real and more serious embarrassment from the record you are creating for the FBI in spite of all my efforts.

This time I ask two question: what is causing all this delay and when can I expect these records? They are not new questions and I would like an answer.

Sincerely,

s/Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg