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FOIA appeal

Dear Mr. Shea,

This is my appeal from the rejection of my FOIA request reflected in Director Kelley's letter to me of 11/29/76.

Because you are as devout and practicing a stowaller as the FBI I cannot give you the sequential number. You have never acted on my request of a year or so ago or on my appeal of that rejection.

What do you do for free information if I can't get a single sequential number?

Especially when I asked Director Kelly to use them and he refused.

What kind of "review" do you perform when you see references to what is not provided and do not provide them or a justification for withholding them?

What is withheld by masking is NOT "materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI" as the FBI and any reviewing authority knew.

Moreover, as I have already established in court, this withholding is additionally improper and unjustified by ruling of Director Kelley.

I regard this as part of a continuing campaign to deny me my rights under the Act; to waste my time and deny me my rights because errant officialdom does not like my work; and as part of the campaign you spearhead to make the Act unworkable, including bycavasting time in non-compliance to fabricate phoney statics and to overload the entire mechanism of compliance, including the courts.

I feel this so strongly that I write on receipt of Director Kelley's letter.*

The deliberateness of this stonewalling non-compliance is so obvious I am asking in addition for the names of all who processed and reviewed and searched this request and all records relevant thereto. My purposes include invoking the punitive provisions of the Act and preparing to exercise my Constitutional rights to petition for a redress of grievances.

For the record I note that Director Kelley's letter does not state that he encloses all records included by my request, that he did not and that your review did not result in my receiving all the records required by my request.

I am reminded that it is inscribed over the main entrance to your building that "The place of justice is a hallowed place" - and that I cannot remember the last time I did not find that door barred.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

* Despite having to type with one hand only

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