

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg FOIA/PA (un)Civil 6/6/77 5/14/80

Attached is a copy of the 5/1/80 letter of Ms. Madelyn Johnson.

In denying my request for a waiver of costs Ms. Johnson is in the fine tradition of Civil Division lawyers, who care naught save for contention.

She cites the law on her second paragraph and interprets it to mean that two provisions are applicable, my financial condition and the intended uses. Without regard to the content of the records,

Or Judge Gesell's decision in C.A. 77-2155 and the subsequent administrative action.

As I remember it, there were six Civil Division^{lawyers} in the courtroom that 1/78 day. Under the law of averages at least one of them should have some recollection of it. But if not there is the transcript, which I believe was obtained because an appeal was considered and abandoned.

Perhaps Ms. Johnson is fortunate enough not to have given any thought to what Social Security is and means. It is not a rapid means of achieving wealth and that Division's files hold an adequate number of uncontested sworn statements of my financial condition. For the record, I have no other regular income.

I don't know what personal benefit they can imagine can accrue to me but there is none. I want those records for deposit with all the others. Perhaps that is what is really bugging them.

Not having seen the records she says they have processed I don't know what they contain. However, if her statement, "the Civil Division is not withholding any records" is based on its record, of which you have been informed, it is incorrect.

Ms. Johnson refers to others from whom I should have heard. From most of them I have heard nothing. But I'd like to!

I also appeal her refusal to provide any records of after the date she gives for my request, which also is incorrect by more than a year. It ought not be necessary to keep filing new requests when there has been such a contemptuous disregard for the Acts and official responsibilities. Until they comply I believe all records should be included. However, I can accommodate them and file more work for them.