

Mr. Quinlan J. Shea, Director
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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Shea,

The form letter of your Ms. Janice Adams, stamp dated 3/13 and here today, could lead me to more forceful expression that with not inconsiderable effort I avoid.

It pretends that the repetition of my earlier appeals from FBI deliberate non-compliance with my PA request of 1975 is the only appeal I've filed. With this legal Rube Goldbergism, an unoriginal one, it puts me at the bottom of your list.

The one thing certain in this kind of approach is that my choices become limited, to accepting what I cannot and will not accept and filing litigation I would hope you and your office would prefer to avoid.

= In her use of a form that is inappropriate to the actualities your Ms. Adams also pretends that I have not appealed the de facto denials of other components. I have. I have given you many details that your staff could use in effectuating compliance and in avoiding litigation that should not be necessary.

To coin a phrase, to all bad things there must be an end.

Right now Mr. Lesar is overly-occupied with earlier cases and at least four appeals.

However, unless there is some definitive, explicit and meaningful written statement from you, one that is realistic and one on which I can depend, I will ask him to file suit as soon as he can.

I will want to know not only that my earlier appeals have been acted on. I will want to know when I can expect full compliance from the FBI and the other components. I will want a dependable assurance that full compliance will be certified to by those who can do so on the basis of first-person knowledge, those who I can take steps against if I am again faced with falsely-sworn affidavits or evasive and inconclusive ones.

By now your office should have acquired enough knowledge of the history of the stonewalling I have faced to understand that this stonewalling has made filing suit the easiest and least time-consuming alternative I have.

In all interests I prefer to avoid litigation.

The Department, consistent with its past, is forcing it upon me.

If you want to avoid this, please shake the bureaucracy up, to where it is processing my initial appeals.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg