

June 19, 1974

Dr. James B. Rhoads
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National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

In accord with your letter of June 14, enclosed is my check for \$15.30 which will pay the balance due of \$5.30 and put \$10.00 on deposit.

Your letter baffles me and I solicit further explanation. You say, "We treated your suit for access as a request for a mandatory review."

Why did it require a suit when I made formal and proper application under the Freedom of Information law and your regulations? Why did you not then regard this, as I believe you should have, as a request for a review?

Why did you not regard my appeal from your personal refusal as a request for a review? Why was my appeal not forwarded, as required by your regulations, to the Assistant Administrator for Administration? And why, if indeed you did regard my suit as such a request, did you not review it then when I filed the suit instead of after decision by the District Court? Why did you have to clutter up the courts with a totally unnecessary suit, put me to this expense and deny me what I regard as my rights under the law and your regulations?

Or does this get to your appeals officer, Mr. Vawter's call to me begging me to file a suit as he did rather than give him appeals upon which to act?

I intend these questions seriously, not rhetorically. I believe I am entitled to an answer and I would think the judge is entitled to an explanation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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