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Dear Mr. Vitalie:

Re: 5720 MPI-10/1734 19 Oct 1987

It has been twenty-two days (working days) since your reply dated 19 October 1987 advising me that my FOIA request had been forwarded to the " cognizant office " within your headquarters for processing. As of this date I have received no further word on this matter. As I am certain that you are aware that the Law requires each Agency to determine within ten working days after receipt of a request whether to comply, what is your office's position on my request. My feeling is that since you have neither complied with nor denied my request nor asked for an extension of time, that your office is not complying with the requirements of the Law.

I have previously been in contact with your Records Service Section in per chance that is the " cognizant office " and that is one reason why I have now made my request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. A simple request simply does not get the answers to my questions. It seems a little one sided when I am expected to comply with the laws of my country but my Government apparently feels it is above the law.

Please be good enough to inform me of your decision.

Very truly yours,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

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