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Dear George,

The Anderson column from today's local am did not appear in the Post. If it does on another occasion it will not be as complete so I enclose it.

You will recognize it as the story I gave you a month ago and your court man or someone else decided was not a story. I regret that under any circumstances any question about the honesty or impartiality of any judge is considered other than newsworthy.

Pratt is not a lone case and this is not the entire Pratt story.

I had hoped you'd see the judges as a natural follow-up on your excellent series on FOIA.

Pratt is in charge of the assignment of cases.

I have filed four since 1977. All four are assigned to John ~~Smith~~ Lewis Smith, whose bias is more open than even Pratt's. Some were reassigned, allegedly at random. What kind of random, with all those federal judges, gives Smith four out of four?

And he is automatic in awarding summary judgement in open violation of the Rules as well as the Act.

He makes Pratt look like Solomon.

Disproof means nothing to him. Neither does material facts in dispute, a basic in all FOIA cases that precludes summary judgement.

Official perjury, once proven, merely inspires Smith to greater haste in awarding summary judgement.

Once he gave the Government two weeks to file something without giving me any time, after it filed. I asked Jim to ask him to give me time. He got generous and gave me five days. Two are taken each way to and from the Government of these five. And how does Jim get their filing to me and I a response back to him, under oath, in a single day when I have but one mail a day? With good luck he gave just enough time for me to get whatever the Government filed. Two days to get it to Jim, two for Jim to get it to me and that was it.

I've even provided copies of the material for which he accepted a "national security" claim under FBI affidavit without it making any difference. I provided the withheld information that the FBI had released to me before making the false claim in a different case. So he found what was official released and what was never secret in any event to be exempt under FOIA.

Pratt at least goes to the trouble to keep it from looking that bad.

Best,