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Mr. Milton Moore, Ass't FOIA Officer
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Dear Mr. Moore,

On the day I had left ~~see~~ ^{on} a trip to collect evidence for one of my FOIA suits you phoned. That was 6/10. My wife made this encouraging note for me:

"Working on files and will get them to you as soon as possible. Doesn't want you to think government is not responsive to public. Anything in addition you need or want let him know."

I'm sorry you did not provide a more complete address so my letter would have a better chance of reaching you. I can't afford phone calls of this kind and distance.

At first this was a reassurance to me. After all I am still in court seeking records in cases that began more than 10 years ago. Any evidence that the government is responsive would be more than welcome to one who has in excess of 50 FOIA/PA requests ignored for not less than twice the backlog time claimed by any ~~the~~ agency.

If I would hardly have expected not to have heard of a claimed need for more time if you could not comply within the time limits of the Act, given this dedication to letting the people know how determined the government is to be responsive to the public, ~~a~~ most commendable determination.

I also would not have expected compliance to have required a full day. If your records did not immediately produce the information a single, local phone call would have told you all you need to know.

I do not have the request in question before me but because of the time taken I want ~~me~~ to be sure that the request includes all records of all conferences on this matter, of any submissions for reading, approval, suggestions or any other purposes, any and all references to or consultations with other persons or agencies, public or private ~~ixixix~~ - in short anything in any way relating to the matter of Dr. Alvarez and his publications of any time and in any media and any preparations therefore that had any connection with or support from the government. Naturally I expect this to include some justification of the expenditure of public funds in so political a venture.

I would appreciate an explanation of the long delay in making response. Whether or not you realize it the eminence you subsidize went coast-to-coast on prime-time TV in a presentation of my work as his own and then limped across the page in the article in question with something less than a full apology for what amounts to plagiarism. So I have an added personal interest in this, as you can see.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg