

Dear Mr. Smith,

*Walden, N.Y. 100*

1/3/85

I hope you will have time to read the enclosed 15 pages before, please, passing them on to your legal correspondent or the one who handles FOIA matters.

As the lawyers say, the document has to speak for itself.

But if there is any interest and anyone wants to speak to me (301/473-8186) I am usually home from daily therapy by 10:30. But this Thursday not until 1:30.

My concern is not alone for what is happening to freedom of information.

I see a great threat to lawyers, to those who represent the poor pro bono and to the prestigious, who represent wealthy corporations, and to their clients from the precedent this will be.

And, I fear, to the major media, which reports most of the information the people get.

When DJ and Judge John Lewis Smith created a conflict of interest between my lawyer, Jim Lesar, and me, the Nader law group and the ACLU Foundation represented him and me. Mark Lynch me.

Sorry I am not able to enclose a copy of the decision. They can be gotten at the courthouse or from either lawyer, I'm sure.

Thanks and best wishes,

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