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Dear Legal Correspondent, *AP*

As the lawyers say, the enclosed document will (I hope) speak for itself. I hope you will find time to read these 15 pages.

You may then see, among other serious things, the evil precedents that are being set.

Not merely more administration repression of the freedom of information and the gutting of FOIA.

There is real hazard to lawyers, whether those who represent the poor pro bono or the prestigious, who have wealthy clients, and to the clients.

I am sorry that I am not able to enclose a copy of the decision, but you can get that at the courthouse or from the two lawyers whose names are mentioned.

As a former reporter I do not say more because reporters also believe that documents ought speak for themselves.

But if as I hope you have some interest, I am home from my daily therapy (walking, inside, seriously impaired circulation) by 10:30, except this Thursday, when a medical appointment will delay me until about 1:30. 301/473-8186.

I had to file this pro se because the DJ and Judge John Lewis Smith created a conflict of interest between my lawyer and me and because Mark Lynch, of the ACLU Foundation, who represented me because of the conflict, had agreed to do so for the appeal only.

I have not discussed this with either and neither will have a copy mailed until I mail this one. However, if you so desire, I have no objection to your speaking to them if you'd like to.

Thanks for anything you may be able to do.

Sincerely,