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Mr. Peter Pritchard
USA Today
4000 Wilson Blvd.,
Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Pritchard,

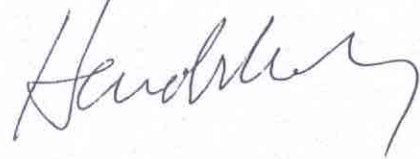
I've just seen Tony Mauro's last column in the Quill and because you are now chairman of the FOI committee I send the enclosed copy of my en banc petition in a case that I think can pretty well nullify FOIA where the agencies really want to stonewall and withhold.

I see also a great - and unreported - danger to lawyers, not just in FOI case, not only pro bono counsel, but the biggest firms representing the largest and wealthiest corporations.

I've had considerable experience under FOI and with DJ lawyers and think I can estimate what they may do with some confidence based on that experience.

Good luck and successful labors to you and your committee.

Sincerely,



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P.S. If you are new to FOI, Congress amended the investigatory files exemption *in 1974* over one of my early cases and as a result of what Judge Gesell referred to as my persistence.

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