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Dear Dr. Rhoads,

I have waited a week, perhaps a short time as you seem to regard our correspondence, in the hope you would complete the first paragraph of your letter of the 15th. Since from my desire that you complete it, as it stands it leaves an inadequate record that some suspicions could arise, in the future, regard an deceptive. Neither of us could that last, could we?

From this one-sentence paragraph, it would seem that yours is a spontaneous action in reaction to another spontaneous action by the Secret Service. And as both have this also is not the case, is it not?

The Secret Service sent pages from to you for me, at my request. They accompanied these pages with a covering letter. It has been the practice to forward the covering letter, in this case you did not. I would like a copy, please, seeing no reason (from my point of view) for its omission.

Although your letter does not so indicate, the pages you sent are not all those the Sec of Service gave you to give me. I would appreciate the other pages, which have been released to me. A month and a half has now passed since these were given to you to give to me. This should be all the self-indulgence needed to gratify whatever it is that is gratified with the unending interference with my research.

You have not yet provided the print and negative of the picture duplicating mine that you took of the base of SA 599 for Dr. Nichols. Here the delay is inordinate, which is saying something! Nor has there been the slightest response to the long letter, the consequence of considerable work on my part, at your suggestion, that you would regard as an appeal and forward through channels. The intent of the law is that citizens asking information of their government receive it or an answer promptly. Especially in view of the fact that the request in letters in a number of cases asked that they be forwarded as appeals if you declined my request, does it seem that there has been adequate time for response. May I please have it?

As things now stand, it appears that it would be an efficiency and an economy if you were to send me several dozen of the items required by your agency under the so-called "Freedom of Information" law and a few sets of instructions and explanations.

Sincerely,

Herald Wisberg