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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of August 29 refers to one of my FOIA requests. Your letter stamp dated September 3, relating to another request, reports more delay than should be necessary or normal. July 31 the Archives informed me of the referral to CIA. I reminded you of this August 11 when 10 days passed and I heard nothing from either of you.

You now tell me that the Archives didn't even transmit the documents for review until after I wrote you, until it has again taken more than the normally permitted time. My request was of July 6. Now two months later you are taking still more time? And saying that a request of July is to be handled as though it were made only currently, in September? Right after putting a request of 1971 directly to the Agency in the category of those just received when it is, moreover, an appeal rather than an initial request?

Under these circumstances I believe it is appropriate in all interests to ask that when you respond you include the government communications relating to my requests. The inference of politely-worded stonewalling is hard to avoid. I would welcome knowing that the CIA has no new part in this. I believe I have some knowledge of the content of what is to be reviewed. I think this would serve the Agency's interest, too.

I am aware of the volume of requests, believe the government itself is responsible for some of this burden but recognize that this does not relieve the time pressures on those who work for the government. So, I will not press you on time if the now added delay is for only a reasonable amount of time. I am more interested in a careful search through all your components and a careful and fully thoughtful review. At the same time I do suggest that with these long delays, the government's fault not mine, these requests might properly receive more immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg