

Dear Mr. Pritchard,

9/23/85

Reur 9/13, my purpose was not to "complain" but to inform and perhaps if you'd read what I'd sent you earlier, if only the accompanying memos, you would know. I also have time limitations so please accept this letter I believe I have to send to the Reporters Committee as a substitute.

My sole interest is protecting freedom of information and the Act itself, for I'd have been much better off to cop out years ago.

I regret in particular that the total abdication of the press has made the present situation possible.

If in your efforts to strengthen the Act you can use some truly horrible illustrations, my litigation provides them abundantly, including, as you can see from the enclosed, even undenied and undeniable official felonies.

I take the liberty of suggesting that the official record in making use of FOIA costly and at best difficult can have an impact on Congress. The record is clear, the government often forces totally unnecessary litigation and then does all it can to incur still additional costs for itself as well as requesters. ~~XXX~~

Not a single one of my many cases pught have been forced into litigation.

Not a single offer to dismiss was ever accepted.

In part this is because of the official effort to convert the Act into an instrument for suppression.

In part it is to create false statistice to present to the Congress.

If you want any additional information, I am usually available after 10:30 mornings. Until then I have daily therapy. 301/473-8186.

Sincerely,

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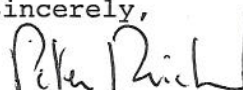
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks for your letter of August 7.

I apologize for taking so long to answer, but I am unable to determine from what you have sent me exactly what your complaint is.

I am not limited by age, but I am limited by time. If you can, once again, give me a brief summary of this litigation, I'll be glad to take a fresh look at it.

Sincerely,



Peter Prichard, Chairman
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