

Today's Post reports that Judge William D. Bryant yesterday criticized the FBI for footdragging as with us: in a request more than a year old by Tom Hayden of the 18,000 pages it has reviewed only 900 and of these has turned over only 140 pages. It asked Bryant for four more years to review the files. I think we should have this quotable decision in which the judge went after Kelley personally ("Dragging his feet in violation of the Freedom of Information Act"-Post's words) and Bryants words, "the section upon which the bureau relies is not intended to convert the courthouse into a haven of refuge from the time pressures ~~imposed~~ of the act." However, as I have written Tom Susman recently, these contrived delays and the enormous time they waste will soon be used as the basis of a claim for legislative relief from both the act and its pressures.

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