

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT APPEAL

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Request No.1093852-000; Subject: John B. Patriot

Dear Sir:

1. This is an appeal made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, and the Privacy Act 5 USC 552a, for disclosure of certain documents contained in the systems of the responding agency.
2. Attached is your form letter dated December 18, 2007 denying my FOIA-PA request to FBI's FOIA -PA staff. This denial is listed as pertaining to the request number above-listed.
3. Your office has been denying my FOIA-Privacy Act requests but not telling me which request you denied. Please refer to the date of my request in the future. You are using your code number or request number but not telling me which FOIA-PA request that it is linked to. Your denial has no meaning unless you send me back a copy of the request or make reference to some system that I know about.

I hereby request that you re-word and re-send to me all of your denials or correspondence to me. The resent denials should make reference to something understandable to me.

4. I hereby appeal each and every denial FOIA-PA request from the DOJ, the FBI, or the EOUSA, etc. I am unable to make specific appeals or refer to specific denials because your numbering system is incomprehensible to anyone outside our office.

Copies of the FOIA and PA requests that I made to the responding agency are in your hands. My FOIA-PA request forms specified the person or office with whom that request was made, and furnish the date of the request. Please refer to that when you respond to me.

5. Your FOIA denial constitutes harassment against an American citizen. You denied the obvious. You made me fill out forms and furnish information not required by law. You burden my lawful request for information. You are covering up known crimes of federal agents.
6. I requested the files and records of each and every office of the FBI in particular the offices of the FBI in Ashville, NC and Columbia, SC as well as the national office of the FBI.
7. The statements that are checked below describe the facts of said agency's refusal to disclose the requested information and the determination which I hereby appeal.

- a. The agency responded with a nonsensical pretext for its failure to comply with my request and listed several ridiculous excuses which are clearly harassments or "stonewalling."
- b. I have received no response of any sort from your agency as of the date of this appeal, whereas the statute requires that the requested documents be disclosed in ten days under FOIA or thirty days under PA.

- c. X A copy of the agency's response of date listed above is attached to this letter, and the response contains an unjustified refusal to disclose some or all of the requested documents.
- d. ___ The denial was improper and the claimed exemptions were improper, illegal, unreasonable, and unfair.
- e. X I requested that an indexing, itemization, and detailed justification be provided about any documents withheld from disclosure, but none was supplied.
- f. X I requested that an accounting of other disclosures of the requested documents be made and none was provided.
- g. ___ I requested in my letter (attached) that certain documents or parts thereof be expunged from my records pursuant to the Privacy Act, §e, but the agency refused to comply.
- h. X Many of the actual documents and types of documents have been disclosed to others but denied to me!
- i. ___ I requested that the cost of searching, printing and copying the requested documents be waived, which was denied. I herein appeal for excessive and unreasonable cost that has been charged for the documents disclosed and I request the charges be reduced or eliminated. The reason's) for my request for the waiver of fees included: (1) my request was in a public interest; (2) I am a person of limited funds; or (3) I am a person entitled to the federal benefits.
- j. X Other reasons: You office denied having the documents which I clearly requested. The recipient's office in Asheville, NC and other locations definitely has some document responsive to my request.
- k. x Other reasons: The FBI used a fake exemption for not producing the documents that I requested. The law enforcement exception can only be used for lawful, legal law enforcement investigations/purposes. The courts have already ruled that the COINTELPRO type activities are illegal. The FBI has no authority to harass and dismantle political organizations.

The FBI Dismantlement program against the Patriot Network is illegal and unauthorized. Therefore, the law enforcement from the FOIA does not apply and was wrongfully asserted.

8. The disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest, and your institution's refusal to comply with my request is a violation of law. A prompt hearing and resolution of this Appeal is therefore requested for the public's interest and my own.

Yours,

John B. Patriot