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Dear Mr. Bardos:

My supervisor, Trip Rothschild, asked me to send you a copy of the American Bar Association (ABA) report on the Sunshine Act. I presume you are interested in the February 1987 Report to the House of Delegates done by ABA's Section of Administrative Law, a copy of which is enclosed. This document was one of the exhibits in the Agency's Administrative Record for a recent lawsuit by the Natural Resources Defense Council against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In that case, we successfully defended against a Petition for Review of an NRC Sunshine Act regulation concerning the definition of "meeting" under the Act (July 14, 2000, No. 99-1383).

I was the agency attorney responsible for the litigation and I would be happy to discuss the case, or provide copies of other relevant documents, upon request. I have no plans to be away over the holidays and I may be reached during normal office hours at (301)415-1560 or by email addressed to CMH @ NRC.gov. Telephone messages also may be left on my voicemail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Encl: as stated