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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-80-228 Nec'd 4-24-80

RE: Freedom of Information
Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

I am engaged in a research study of the Freedom of Information Act. Under provisions of the Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request a copy of your agency's report to Congress about the administration of the Act in calendar year 1978; this is the report that is required by 5 U.S.C. 552 (d). I also request a copy of your regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act.

As you know, the Act permits you to waive fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefitting the public." I believe that scholarly research fits that category and I therefore request that you waive any fees.

If all or part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release the information, and inform me of my appeal rights under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I shall look forward to hearing from you within ten days as the law stipulates.

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