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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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Rec'd 11-14-90

Dear Mr. Grimsley:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the violations history dealing with the possession of and handling of radioactive biomedical materials at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in La Jolla.

Please provide information for the last 10 years, dealing with all violations of any level of severity, dealing with VA handling of such materials on premises, or on VA designated premises by VA personnel.

I agree to pay reasonable search and duplication fees for the processing of this request. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses how much that will be.

The FOI Act provides for a waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered "primarily benefiting the general public." I am a journalist employed by The San Diego Union and intend to use the requested information as the basis for an article, which may have bearing on public health.

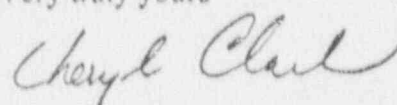
If you deny this request, however, I am prepared to pay reasonable fees.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. I look forward to your reply within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours



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