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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

I request a complete and thorough search of all filing systems for all records or documents maintained by your agency concerning an incident at the Fermi nuclear power plant.

The documents I'm interested in concern a request by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to the U.S. Justice Department asking it to investigate whether a breakdown in the Fermi security system was concealed by Detroit Edison. I understand that this request was submitted in February of this year.

The documents I'm interested in include, but are not limited to, investigative reports by the NRC about this incident; correspondence between the NRC and the Justice Department about the investigation request; correspondence between the NRC and Detroit Edison about the incident and investigation; and internal NRC documents about the incident and investigation request.

I am making this request in my capacity as a reporter for WTOL-TV. I plan to use the requested information for a news story.

If there are any fees for searching for, or copying, the records I have requested, please supply the records without informing me if the fees do not exceed \$50.00.

As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." I believe that my request fits this category, and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

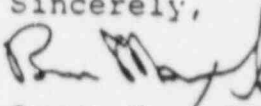
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As you're aware, the FOIA requires that even if some material is properly exempt from mandatory disclosure, all segregable portions must be released. If all material covered by this request is withheld, please inform me of the specific exemptions that are being claimed; if material is being released with deletions, I ask that each deletion be marked to indicate which exemption(s) is (are) being claimed to authorize each particular withholding. If any information is withheld, please also inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

In addition, I ask that you agency exercise its discretion to release information that may be technically exempt but where withholding would serve no important public interest.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you within 10 working days, as the law requires.

Sincerely,  
  
Bruce Maxwell  
Reporter