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As you know the Freedom of Information Law requires that an agency respond to a request within twenty business days of receipt of a request. Therefore, I would appreciate a response as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from you shortly.

If for any reason any portion of my request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

In the event that you determine that some portion of a file is exempt from release, I request that you release any reasonably segregable portion of the documents which is not exempt. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal such decisions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

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