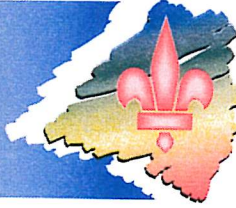


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April 16, 2007

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Re: Request for Documents

Dear Mr. Alexanian:

This responds to your letter dated April 11, 2007. While I appreciate your recital of Louisiana law, I assure you that I am perfectly capable of determining what the law is as it pertains to this matter.

I am at a loss to see how anyone could interpret my letter dated April 11, 2007, as asserting that documents are not available for inspection; on the contrary, the letter expressly invites you to "contact me to discuss the scheduling of inspection as to the documents listed in your letter."

Other than the "personally identifying information, information pertaining to juveniles, security information, information pertaining to security techniques and procedures, etc.," with which you seem to agree, nothing in the letter asserts that any particular class of documents will not be made available for inspection.

Nothing in the Public Records Act requires the custodian to conduct research of the type which you describe – to determine "how many pages such listing of records entail." You are free to inspect all non-exempt public records and determine which documents you desire to copy. That said, you are cordially invited to personally examine the non-exempt documents which you have described in your original letter.

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You are simply mistaken to suggest that the "Police employees' personnel records request in Paragraph O was the only request which may have been voluminous." Setting aside the fact that, by definition, there is no way for you to know how many documents in a particular category might exist, I would point to only example, financial or purchasing records – Paragraphs C and D of your letter of December 16, 2006. There are many invoices and/or requisitions which would have to be reviewed in order to identify relevant documents. Any invoices, requisitions or other purchasing documents for purchases prior to 2003 are on microfilm, and retrieving that information is very labor intensive. Such documents after 2003 have to be retrieved from hundreds of boxes which are not segregated by department. It is estimated that there could be as many as 20,000 pieces of paper which would be responsive to your request. To collate and assemble for your review the documents responsive to your request will take a significant amount of time (perhaps hundreds of hours), and then a like amount of time to re-file the documents. Again, this is but one example.

We can either engage in a letter writing campaign or we can fix a date and time when you present yourself for inspection of documents.

The determination of whether inspection must occur after hours is for the custodian of the requested documents.

Please let me know when you wish to review the documents.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call upon me.

Very truly yours,



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