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RE: Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Request (89-6) of March 24, 1989

Dear Mr. Trister:

This letter is in response to your letter of June 29, 1989, in which you renew your May 17, 1989, appeal of the denial of certain Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) records relating to the financial review conducted by LSC of grants made to the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA).

In your letter, you note that you received a supplemental response containing copies of the engagement letter and two attachments describing the agreed upon procedures to be followed by Peat Marwick. Five paragraphs were deleted from Attachment 1 to the engagement letter:

page 13	paragraph 1a
page 14	paragraphs 2b and 2c
pages 18-19	paragraphs 1b and 2a

The supplemental response explained that these paragraphs are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(A) and 45 C.F.R. §1602.9(a)(6)(i), as they constitute records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

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You have renewed your request on the bases that:

(1) The supplemental response fails to describe the withheld portions of the records or otherwise to establish any basis for the claimed exemption; and

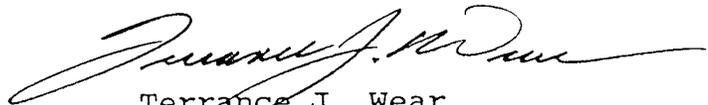
(2) Since the financial review has now been completed, there is no basis for a finding that disclosure of the withheld paragraphs will interfere with enforcement proceedings.

As to your renewed request, in our June 16, 1989, response, we identified both the agency records we withheld from disclosure and the authority for withholding the records. We identified the records as portions of Peat Marwick's proposed audit objectives and procedures. We withheld these records under 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(7)(A) and 45 C.F.R. §1602.9(a)(6)(i), as they constitute records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

In an effort to be responsive to your renewed request, however, we further identify the withheld records: the records are fiscal in nature. We will continue to withhold these records from release. The records could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings which are ongoing, as NLADA has not yet provided its comments to the draft report generated by Peat Marwick.

I hope this response will satisfy your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Terrance J. Wear
President