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Mr. Mike Gordon
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

In the U.S., the Freedom of Information Act guarantees the right to court review of all decisions to withhold information under the Act, including information withheld on national security or law enforcement grounds.

The anti-terrorism proposals introduced by the administration since September 11 have not included any proposal to eliminate or restrict judicial review, presumably because they recognize that court review does not pose any danger that truly sensitive information will be disclosed.

To the contrary, the Act has always worked to protect the confidentiality of such information.

Best Regards,



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