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Record Information Dissemination Section

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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request the “Interim Major Case Summary”, a 2000-page report written by Richard Lambert in 2006, give or take a year, on the Amerithrax investigation. I recognize that in some instances privacy and operational concerns will necessitate redactions, but the compelling public interest in the release of this document should lead them to be kept to a minimum.

Lambert headed the Amerithrax investigation from 2002 to 2006 and must be considered an authoritative source. The anthrax mailings of 2001 and the subsequent investigation formed an important episode in recent American history. There are good reasons to think that FBI, knowing that the real mailer of the anthrax letters was an al Qaeda operative, wrongly claimed that U.S. Army scientist Bruce Ivins was the mailer.

I am a professional historian and retired foreign service officer with a publishing business, Scientia Press. I have done extensive research on the Amerithrax case, have written a number of articles about it at [www.scientiapress.com](http://www.scientiapress.com), have organized a seminar on it, and have one of the main theories of the case. In view of the need of the American people for information about this case, I would place these records on the well-known Amerithrax case Website Case Closed as soon as I receive them so that researchers and the public can readily access them. For this purpose, I request that the records be provided in digital format. I will continue to publish online articles and eventually will likely publish in print media on the case as well. I have a Ph.D in history from Cornell University and am the author of six books.

I request a waiver of fees. As a scholar, I am serving the public’s need for better information about this important, controversial case. I have worked on it *pro bono* for many years and expect to continue doing so.

A compelling need to inform the public concerning actual or alleged federal government activity, with the goal of improving government operations, warrants expedited processing. The American people have an unquestionable right to know everything the report contains that is releasable.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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