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Subject: Final and Last Appeal IMR/09-145
Dear OSFOIA Staff and Mr. McInerney

I have sent this letter to Secretary Salazar, to NPS Director Jarvis, and to you via regular mail.....but I thought you might prefer to get correspondence via email....and so I have attached it and sent it directly.

Essentially this letter is my last appeal on a FOIA request (IMR/09-145) that started months ago and which has been in the Office of the Solicitor for three months with no response.

As I see it---and as I suspect many people would see it---my FOIA request should have been a simple and quickly resolved case. In fact, it never should have resulted in a formal FOIA request or become an official case.

Nevertheless, at this stage, one can only ask: Why has it taken so long to get so little?

Is it because there is a real commitment to ushering in a new era of openness and transparency but there are problems, or is it because the presumed commitment is not very real?

Is it because regional FOIA officers and superintendents have been urged to move the process along, to be proactive, and to process requests as quickly and as efficiently as possible, but these people have just refused to change?

Again, with easy cases like mine and with a request which really wouldn't embarrass anyone anymore since the Superintendent at Mesa Verde unexpectedly and suddenly announced his retirement a week after my second, modified FOIA request was received by the regional NPS FOIA officer, we can only ask: "Why has it taken so long to get so little?"

I look forward to hearing from you!

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P.S. I sent this email a few days ago but just noticed a few missing words....and so this is a corrected version. Sorry!
I also changed the attached letter to the older Word format ...just in case you have trouble downloading and reading the letter in the updated versions of Word 2007.