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## FOI/PA REQUEST

Case No: 2000-009A  
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Action Off: Brown  
Related Case: (1999-0283)

Carol Ann Reed  
FOI/Privacy Act Officer  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reed,

I wish to appeal the release of the two transcripts of investigators' interviews with Eric A. DeBarba I received May 23, following to a Freedom of Information request I filed nearly one year ago.

It is clear to me that the release of these two interviews is woefully incomplete.

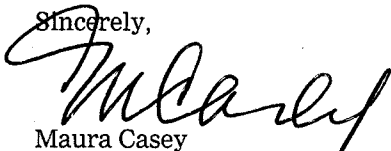
I asked for the transcripts of ALL interviews of Mr. DeBarba that were done in the course of investigating his activities as an employee of Northeast Utilities. Even a cursory reading of the released transcripts make it evident that the investigators had other interviews with Mr. DeBarba, the transcripts of which have not been released to me. I insist that any and all interview transcripts with Mr. DeBarba be released to me within the 20 day deadline that the law imposes.

I have already waited far too long for this material. I asked for it because Mr. DeBarba was investigated for violating the law, and was subsequently found guilty. I have reason to believe that all the transcripts of interviews with Mr. DeBarba have long since been released to Northeast Utilities and other interested parties. It is an outrageous betrayal of the public interest that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission so quickly released this material to industry representatives, yet would sooner drag its feet and slam the door in the public's face rather than reasonably comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

When I called Ms. Natalie Brown and asked her why I only received these two interview transcripts, she stated that when I narrowed the scope of my request on January 12, 2000, that I wanted only those interviews related to "the MERT report." I had to ask her what on Earth the MERT report was, since I have never used such terminology and hadn't the foggiest idea what it meant. Since I didn't know what the term meant, it is obvious that I never so limited my request. She then stated that she thought my request was related to the request of The Day's nuclear reporter, Paul Choiniere. Since Mr. Choiniere and I made separate requests, I don't understand how she or anyone at the NRC got that idea. Finally, she implied that I might have to wait quite a long time to get this fulfilled.

This is completely unacceptable. Whether due to bureaucratic obfuscation or deviousness, I should have gotten all the transcripts I asked for months ago, without limitations placed upon my request that I never articulated in the first place. I demand that, within 20 days of receipt of this letter, I receive the complete transcripts of investigators' interviews with Eric A. DeBarba.

Sincerely,

  
Maura Casey

cc.: U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson  
U.S. Rep. Edward Markey  
Sen. Christopher Dodd

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