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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Grimsley:

Under the provisions of the federal Freedom of Information Act, I request that your office provide copies of the following documents:

- 1). An April 1991 special inspection by Region I at the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts. The inspection was conducted to determine what caused a cobalt treatment unit to failure during a teletherapy treatment, resulting in a misadministration. The misadministration occurred on April 4, 1991.
- 2). Any inspection reports, correspondence or other documents that detail the cause and events surrounding a December 1990 teletherapy misadministration at Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pa. The misadministration occurred when a cobalt unit stuck in the on position.
- 3). Any inspection reports, correspondence or other documents that detail the cause and events surrounding the malfunction of a teletherapy unit at Washington Hospital Center on December 21, 1990. The failure of the Co-60 unit source to fully retract was investigated by Region I.

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4). Any inspection reports, correspondence or other documents that detail the cause and events surrounding a possible fire in a teletherapy machine at the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts/Memorial. The incident occurred in November 1990 and was investigated by Region I.

As a reporter for The Plain Dealer, I ask that you waive any search and copying fees as this information is in the public interest.

I greatly appreciate your help in obtaining these documents. Feel free to ring me at 216-344-4808 with questions.

Truly,  
  
Lave Davis