

## Lamar, Sharon

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**Cc:** Michael Ayele; Michael Ayele  
**Subject:** FOIA 2020-49

Mr. Ayele,  
The City of North Augusta is not in possession of any documents that you request.

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This is Michael A. Ayele sending this message though I now go by W. You may call me W. I, W am writing this letter to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) / Privacy Act (PA) request for records concerning myself and Patch; a news outlet, which according to their website has offices across the State of South Carolina in Charleston, Columbia, Easley, Goose Creek, Greenville, Greer-Taylor, Irmo-Seven Oaks, Lexington, Mauldin, Mount Pleasant, Myrtle Beach Simpsonville and Summerville.<sup>[1]</sup> I have attached in this e-mail my request for records, reasons explaining my request for a fee waiver and expedited processing as well as other

pertinent information for your review. Have a good weekend.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Patch: <https://patch.com/map>

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1) Background

I have previously visited Martin Luther King Library.<sup>ii</sup> I visited MLK's library<sup>iii</sup> after I had become a member of the Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL) on January 2015.<sup>iv</sup> In addition to Martin Luther King Library, I also used to frequent on occasions Georgetown Public Library.<sup>v</sup> On November and December 2014, I had become a member of the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL)<sup>vi</sup> and the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL). On January 2014, I had become a member of the Callaway County Public Library<sup>vii</sup> and the Missouri River Regional Library (MRRL).<sup>viii</sup> 5 years ago, beginning May 2015, I began to spend a non-negligible portion of my time in the afternoon in the United States Holocaust Memorial,<sup>ix</sup> the Italian Culture and Arts Museum<sup>x</sup> and the National Museum of the American Indian.<sup>xi</sup> These are places I highly recommend without reservation for you to visit if you have time to spare.

2) Request for Records

On September 2015 I was declared "*missing*" by Montgomery County Media Publication Sonia Burke<sup>xii</sup> following numerous calls I had made to have marijuana legalized.<sup>xiii</sup> USA today also declared me "*missing*".<sup>xiv</sup> I was also declared "*missing*" by Arizona Central,<sup>xv</sup> Democrats and Chronicles,<sup>xvi</sup> Patch<sup>xvii</sup> and WUSA.<sup>xviii</sup> I am not contacted by the media before being declared missing. The content of these articles if you have previously read them for your information is mostly false,<sup>xix</sup> libelous, offensive<sup>xx</sup> and defamatory.<sup>xxi</sup> What was correctly noted is that I frequented libraries in the Silver Spring, MD; Arlington, VA and Washington D.C area. My request for records are the following. 1) What formal and informal ties do you have with Arlington Public Library, the Callaway County Public Library, the Holocaust Memorial, Georgetown Public Library, the Italian Culture and Arts Museum, the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), the Martin Luther King Library, the Missouri River Regional Library (MRRL), the Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL), the National Museum of the American Indian and the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)? 2) Have either employees and/or legal representatives of the media, law enforcement agencies, museums or public libraries in the Silver

Spring, Maryland; Arlington, Virginia and/or the District of Columbia ever gone into communication with you about I, W for any reasons mentioned in this request for records or for any other ones? If yes, will you join me in moving to call upon all communications exchanged between you, law enforcement agencies, museums and public libraries if any exist within your possession to be promptly disclosed either to my e-mail or in the alternative my mailing address? What I am requesting for prompt disclosure are all records within your possession pertaining to I, W since January 01<sup>st</sup> 2010 if such records do indeed exist.

### 3) Request for a Fee Waiver and Expedited Processing

The Department of Justice (Office of Information Policy) defines a “*perfected*” FOIA request as a request for records which adequately describes the records sought, which has been received by the FOIA office of the agency or agency component in possession of the records, and for which there is no remaining question about the payment of applicable fees.<sup>xxii</sup> The Association for the Advancement of Civil Liberties (AACL) is an incorporated non-governmental organization. As it’s Founding Member, I, W (Michael A. Ayele) had previously been informed that forms 1023, 2848, 5578, 5768 and SS4 were filed with the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) and that the AACL had been conferred 501(c)(4) status. The AACL is EEO compliant. It does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or any other attribute the other may associate themselves with.<sup>xxiii</sup> The AACL does not represent in any way the views of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the U.S government. I, W (Michael A. Ayele) am a member of the general public: I am a representative of the media.<sup>xxiv</sup> The other has mentioned my YouTube channel on numerous occasions to me.<sup>xxv</sup> I, W have contributed several articles<sup>xxvi</sup> on the Huffington Post.<sup>xxvii</sup> I have previously used YouTube, Scribd and Archive.org to publish documents obtained through records request and will continue to do so in the future.<sup>xxviii</sup> If you wish, you can like and subscribe to my YouTube Channel. The AACL is mainly engaged in disseminating information within the meaning of the statute 5 U.S.C § 552 (a)(6)(E)(v)(II). Obtaining information about government activity, analyzing that information, and widely publishing and disseminating information to the press and public are critical and substantial components of the AACL work.<sup>xxix</sup> The records requested are not sought for commercial purposes and I, W plan to disseminate the information disclosed as a result of this request to the public at no cost. These records are urgently needed to inform the public about actual or alleged government activity. It is my opinion, that the AACL has satisfied the requirements for expedited processing of this request. The AACL requests a waiver document search, review, and duplication fees on the grounds that disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest and because disclosure is “likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” 5 U.S.C § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii). The AACL requests a waiver of search fees on the grounds that the AACL qualifies as a “*representative of the news media*” and the records are not sought for commercial use. 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). Given the ongoing attention of the AACL to the issues presented, it is the opinion of the AACL that the records sought will significantly contribute to public understanding of an issue of profound public importance. *City of Baltimore v Burke? Project on Military Procurement v Dept of Navy?* The AACL is not filing this request to further its commercial interest. As previously mentioned,

any information disclosed by the AACL as a result of this FOIA request will be available to the public at no cost. Thus a fee waiver would fulfill Congress's legislative intent in amending the FOIA. Has Congress not amended FOIA to ensure that it be liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters? *Judicial Watch, Inc v Rossotti*? *Eudey v CIA*? Does burden for justifying nondisclosure fall upon the agency who is in receipt of a request for records? *Petroleum Inf. Corp v U.S Dept of Interior*?

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all the statements I have made are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

W (AACL)  
Michael A. Ayele  
Human Rights Activist  
Audio-Visual Media Analyst  
Anti-Propaganda Journalist

Signature: 

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## Work Cited

<sup>i</sup> Patch: <https://patch.com/map>

<sup>ii</sup> Martin Luther King Library is located within walking distance of Catholic Charities main headquarters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfKz5B4fn0o>

<sup>iii</sup> I have also visited Arlington Public Library located 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201. The Arlington Public Library is located within walking distance of George Mason University School of Law. Sometimes referred as Antonin Scalia Law School, it's located 3301, Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201. George Mason University's law school is mentioned on not so infrequent basis on the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM) Voice of America (VOA) news station: the international edition. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the USAGM (VOA) offices are located 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C 20201.

<sup>iv</sup> Conversation with White Oak Library employee: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNEEz3uHOuE>

<sup>v</sup> Georgetown Public Library is located 3260 R St NW, Washington, DC 20007, United States.

<sup>vi</sup> I became a member of the Northridge Branch Library located 9051 Darby Ave, Northridge, CA 91325, United States in November 2014

<sup>vii</sup> The Callaway County Public Library is located 710 Court St., Fulton, MO 65251.

<sup>viii</sup> The MRRL is located 214 Adams Street in Jefferson City, MO.

<sup>ix</sup> The Holocaust Memorial is located 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW Washington D.C.

<sup>x</sup> The Italian Culture and Arts Museum is located 3000 Whitehaven Street NW Washington DC 20008.

<sup>xi</sup> The National Museum of the American Indian is located 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Independence Avenue., S.W, Washington D.C.

<sup>xii</sup> See the following links: <http://www.mymcpnews.com/2015/09/17/concern-for-missing-silver-spring-man-11/>  
<https://patch.com/maryland/bethesda-chevy Chase/missing-man-silver-spring-needs-medicine-police>

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<sup>xiii</sup> Marijuana Policy Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zrVCbwMRgw>  
Drug Policy Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUeamp1fMIw>  
Marijuana Consultants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQCzanKnHZ0>  
Comfy Tree Bazaar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDfc7eJlsw>

<sup>xiv</sup> USA Today: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/local/silver-spring/2015/09/17/missing-24-year-old-silver-spring-man/32556215/>

<sup>xv</sup> *Missing 24 year old Silver Spring Man*: <https://amp.azcentral.com/story/news/local/silver-spring/2015/09/17/missing-24-year-old-silver-spring-man/32556215/>

<sup>xvi</sup> *Missing 24 year old Silver Spring Man*:  
<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/local/silver-spring/2015/09/17/missing-24-year-old-silver-spring-man/32556215/>

<sup>xvii</sup> *Missing Man from Silver Spring Needs Medicine*: <https://patch.com/maryland/bethesda-chevy Chase/missing-man-silver-spring-needs-medicine-police>

<sup>xviii</sup> *Missing 24 year old Silver Spring Man*: <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/silver-spring/missing-24-year-old-silver-spring-man/203058569>

<sup>xix</sup> For instance, several articles have noted that I am 5'9 tall. However, I am over 6'0 tall (approximately 184 cm).

<sup>xx</sup> As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, if I am approached by the other who's asking: "*Hey, W. There's a person who has gone missing. Police and family are concerned because they say he/she needs medication. Would you be willing to cover the story? We won't expect much out of you. Just say the person is missing and according to police and family in need of medication;*" I would ask questions. As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, I would not print anything on hearsay. As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, I would ask to see the other's personal health information (PHI) before declaring them "*missing*." I would also ask 2 specific questions about the person said to be "*missing*" ties to the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF). 1) Is the person an adult? If yes, how have they filed with the IRS? Are they "*single*?" Are they "*married*?" Are they "*divorced*?" 2) Is the person said to be "*missing*" a minor? If yes, what formal and informal ties do they have with the HHS (ACF)? What is the extent of their ties with state agencies who administer or supervise the administration of child welfare programs? This 2<sup>nd</sup> question would also apply to those who have turned 18 years of age.

Details remain unclear if employees and legal representatives of the news outlets who took the liberty to declare me "*missing*," and "*in need of medication*," have ever visited Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California; were ever employed with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or any other agencies which provide health services and if they have ever read Johnatan Metzger book entitled "*The Protest Psychosis: How Schizophrenia Became a Black Disease*." Details remain unclear if employees and legal

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representatives of the news outlets who took the liberty to declare me missing without contacting me beforehand have ever auditioned Johnatan Metztl speak about schizophrenia historically being associated with Caucasian females: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BGpoQgkDaA&t=391s>. Details remain unclear if employees and legal representatives of the news outlets who took the liberty to declare me “missing” without contacting me beforehand have even read any of the two following Washington Post articles dealing with racial disparities in pinpointing and treating mental illness.

1) *Racial Disparities found in Pinpointing Mental Illness:*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2005/06/28/racial-disparities-found-in-pinpointing-mental-illness/938a6081-b46c-4b7c-a4c9-4fd831670ec9/>

2) *How Bigotry Created a Mental Health Crisis:*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/07/29/how-bigotry-created-black-mental-health-crisis/>

As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, I really don't know if employees and legal representatives of the news outlets who have declared me “missing” without having contacted me beforehand have read articles of the Washington Post about schizophrenia. As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, I really don't know what the position of the news outlets who have declared me “missing” and “in need of medication” with regards to others using the diagnosis of schizophrenia to maliciously and in bad faith discredit, exclude, marginalize and ostracize others. As a representative of the media, as a member of the general public, I really don't want to pry into the other's business. Nonetheless, I really don't know if employees and legal representatives of the news outlets who have declared me “missing” are residents of the District of Columbia and whether or not they had voted in November 2014 in favor of Initiative 71. If they have, they have not said so on their respective news outlets. Details remain unclear if employees and legal representatives of the news outlets who have declared me “missing” without contacting me beforehand have ever had a conversation about wiretap. To the best of my knowledge, if they have done so, I don't remember them mentioning it on their respective news outlets. I also don't recall any article they have published detailing the adverse consequences of the black-market economy of drugs on public health. In a report which was made public on July 17th 1991 entitled “*Alcohol Prohibition Was a Failure*,” Mark Thornton wrote that the “*national prohibition of alcohol – the ‘noble experiment’ – was undertaken to reduce crime and corruption, solve social problems, reduce the tax burden created by prisons and poorhouses, and improve health and hygiene in America. The results of that experiment clearly indicate that it was a miserable failure on all counts. The evidence affirms sound economic theory, which predicts that prohibition of mutually beneficial exchanges is doomed to failure. The lessons of Prohibition remain important today. They apply not only to the debate over the war on drugs but also to the mounting efforts to drastically reduce access to alcohol and tobacco and to such issues as censorship and bans on insider trading, abortion and gambling. (...) Even if we agree that society would be better off if less alcohol were consumed, it does not follow that lessening consumption through Prohibition made society better off. We must consider the overall social consequences of Prohibition, not just reduced alcohol consumption. Prohibition has pervasive and perverse effects on every aspect of*



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*alcohol production, distribution and consumption. Changing the rules from those of the free market to those of Prohibition broke the link that prohibitionists had assumed between consumption and social evil. The rule changes also caused unintended consequences to enter the equation. The most notable of those consequences has been labeled the 'Iron Law of Prohibition' by Richard Cowan. That law states that the more intense the law enforcement, the more potent the prohibited substance becomes. When drugs or alcoholic beverages are prohibited, they will become more potent, will have greater variability in potency, will be adulterated with unknown or dangerous substances, and will not be produced and consumed under normal market constraints. The Iron Law undermines the prohibitionist case and reduces or outweighs the benefits ascribed to a decrease in consumption. (...) Prohibition did not improve health and hygiene in America as anticipated. (...) According to a study of 30 major U.S cities, the number of crimes increased 24 percent between 1920 and 1921. The study revealed that during that period more money was spent on police (11.4%) and more people were arrested for violating Prohibition laws (102%). (...) Arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct increased 41%, and arrests of drunken drivers increased 81%. Among crimes with victims, thefts and burglaries increased 9%, while homicides and incidents of assault and battery increased 13%. More crimes were committed because prohibition destroys legal jobs, creates black market violence, diverts resources from enforcement of other laws, and greatly increases the prices people have to pay for the prohibited goods. (...) The number of people convicted of Prohibition violations increased 1,000% between 1925 and 1930, and fully half of all prisoners received in 1930 had been convicted of such violations. Two-thirds of all prisoners received in 1930 had been convicted of alcohol and drug offenses, and that figure rises to 75 % of violators if other commercial prohibition are included. (...) Not only did the number of serious crimes increase, but crime became organized. Criminal groups organized the steady source of income provided by laws against victimless crimes such as consuming alcohol or drugs, gambling, and prostitution. In the process of providing goods and services, those criminal organizations resort to real crimes in defense of sales territories, brand names, and labor contracts. That is true of extensive crime syndicates as well as street gangs, a criminal element that first surfaces during Prohibition. (...) Prohibition not only created the Bureau of Prohibition, it gave rise to a dramatic increase in the size and power of other governmental agencies as well. (...) Repeal of Prohibition dramatically reduced crime, including organized crime, and corruption." You can read the content of Mark Thornton's report here:*

<https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa157.pdf>

<sup>xxi</sup> I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight in order to avoid any confusion and misunderstanding: I would like to take this opportunity to contextualize my activities in 2015. On January 2015, I had effectively relocated to the Silver Spring, Maryland; Arlington, Virginia and the District of Columbia area after having spent the winter of 2014 in the State of California. I was indeed on November and December 2014 in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California where I seriously considered settling in permanently. In November and December 2014, when I was in the State of California, cannabis had been legalized for medicinal purposes. I sometimes used to frequent Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Venice beach. When taking walks on the pier, which I have done on numerous occasions, it was impossible to ignore the odor of cannabis. {I challenge you to go respectively to Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Venice beach in Los Angeles, California and take a deep breath. What do you smell?} To this

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day, I distinctly remember and I don't think I'll ever forget the tents which were set up on respectively Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Venice beach which sold marijuana if I am not mistaken to people who thought medicinal marijuana could be useful for the symptoms and discomfort they were experiencing. It was when I was in the State of California that in the District of Columbia, residents thereof went to the polls and voted to approve the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes. On the media I had access to however, conversations were not taking place about wiretap, a source of concern. I decided to hold them in 2015 in the District of Columbia with the district government (DC.Gov), for-profit corporations (such as the medical marijuana dispensaries which were said to be licensed by the District of Columbia Government Department of Health), non-governmental organizations (which include but are not limited to students, faculty and staff of Georgetown, George Washington and Howard University). My plans did not go over so well. I faced considerable backlash: I was eyed with suspicion. I was detained in George Washington University upon having approached the other and presented a petition I had drawn up condemning the practice of wiretap. I believe portraying the other as a mentally unstable and dangerous person when there is no evidence and proof to back up that claim amounts to character assassination. I believe that if such statements are left unchecked, circumstances could be created where others are left vulnerable and dependent upon others. I hope there will come a day when one doesn't hear a statement which is to their liking, they will approach the other and say: "I didn't like what you said," and have a healthy exchange of ideas, a healthy debate instead of smearing the other. You know, I have previously worked as a salesperson in Ocean City, Maryland. Whenever a customer would walk in the store I worked in, I would ask: "Hello, how are you doing today? May I help you?" To these 2 questions addressed at the other, I have auditioned a multitude of answers. The most common was a variation of the following sentences: "Hi, I'm just looking. I'll call upon you if I need any help." Instinctively, if I heard a variation of the sentences before this one from the other, I would back off. As a customer, I do not want to be pressured to purchase anything by a salesperson. I'd like to think when I was previously working as a salesperson, I have extended the courtesy I'd like to be extended. I'd like to think the other I am dealing with is an intelligent person who can make his/her needs known clearly. If he/she needs help, I assume they'll ask for it in a manner which is clear and concise. I don't help others who don't need assistance: I hope there comes a day when the other will stop insisting to others that they need help they haven't asked for. I hope there comes a day when the other will equate the term "coming out on top" to having created a "mutually beneficial win-win situation for sustainable growth, which doesn't leave the other intentionally lagging behind."

<sup>xxii</sup> Department of Justice (Office of Information Policy) Guidelines:

<https://www.justice.gov/oip/blog/foia-update-oip-guidance-guidelines-agency-preparation-and-submission-annual-foia-reports>

<sup>xxiii</sup> I am seriously worried: I am concerned. My relationship with the other for legal purposes is accounted for with the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). With the IRS, I had in 2017 submitted for filings Forms 1023, 2848, 5578, 5768 and SS4. I was afterwards informed that the Association for the Advancement of Civil Liberties (AACL) was conferred 501 (c)(4) Status. I have last seen the 501 (c)(3) Foundation Center in the District of Columbia in 2015. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE7HBqKJ4hg>) It was in the District of Columbia, that I had formally inquired about the legal steps one needed to take to incorporate a non-profit/non-

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governmental organization (NGO). I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the AACL does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or any other attribute the other may associate themselves with. I have always filed “single” on my IRS tax return form. I’ve never been in a romantic relationship. I’ve never romantically cheated upon the other. I’ve never been romantically cheated upon. On November 28th 2016, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland through Peter J. Messite ordered in Civil Action No. PJM – 16 – 3778 that 1) the motion I had filed for leave to proceed in *Forma Pauperis* was granted. 2) The clerk shall mail a copy of this order, together with 3 copies of the U.S Marshall service of process form to Plaintiff. {...} 3) Upon receipt of the U.S Marshall forms and service copies, the Clerk shall issue summons and forward same together with the complaints, the U.S Marshall forms, and a copy of this Order to the U.S Marshall. 4) The U.S Marshall is directed to effectuate service of process on Defendants at the addresses provided by Plaintiff. If the U.S Marshall uses U.S Postal Service delivery to effect service on Defendants, it shall do so by restricted delivery, certified mail. The United States District Court of Maryland located 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD and 101 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD have previously accepted a motion I had filed to proceed in *Forma Pauperis*. For purposes of the Maryland Public Information Act, it is my opinion that I would qualify as an “indigent” in the eyes of the U.S District Court since my financial circumstances have not improved since Peter Messite November 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. Is it not both unfair and contrary to the spirit of records request to deny a financially limited organization a fee waiver without prior contact of the judicial branch of the U.S government? *Lykins v United States Department of Justice?*

<sup>xxiv</sup> These articles have been broadly circulated to the public and are widely available to everyone at no cost. The AACL meets the statutory and regulatory definitions of a “representative of the news media” because it is an “entity that gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw material into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience.” 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(III), 5 C.F.R § 2604.103; 28 C.F.R § 16.10(b)(6); 5 C.F.R § 294.103(c); 41 C.F.R § 105-60.305-1(i). Have the courts not found in *Nat’l Sec. Archive v DOD* that an organization that gathers information, exercises editorial discretion in selecting and organizing documents, “devices indices and finding aids,” and “distributes the resulting work to the public” is a “representative of the news media” for purposes of the FOIA? *Serv. Women’s Action Network v DOD?*

<sup>xxv</sup> The link to my YouTube channel can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMultC\\_CoA7t6XCjCC19mBg/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMultC_CoA7t6XCjCC19mBg/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0).

My YouTube channel has previously been referenced in correspondence which were submitted to the United States District Court of Maryland located respectively 101 West Lombard Street, Baltimore; MD and 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt; Maryland.

<sup>xxvi</sup> Michael W Questions to the U.S Department of Commerce, January 2018; Huffington Post: [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/michael-w-questions-to-the-united-states-department\\_b\\_5a4b855fe4b0d86c803c795a](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/michael-w-questions-to-the-united-states-department_b_5a4b855fe4b0d86c803c795a)

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Michael W Interrogatories, December 2017, Huffington Post:

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