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Dear Mr. Rinkema:

I received your letter dated August 29, 2006, in which you request certain records under the Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article ("SG"), §10-611 et seq. of the Maryland State Police. I apologize for the delay in this response but I thought that I responded to you back in September but the letter to you did not, apparently, get mailed to you. In your letter, you seek to inspect and copy all records in my custody and control pertaining to the Baltimore Pledge of resistance, the Baltimore Emergency Response Network, Johan House, or the AFSC/Baltimore.

My staff has located one record that is in our custody that is responsive to your request. The record pertains to one of the requesters. This record was compiled as part of a law enforcement investigation of this agency and is therefore covered by SG §10-618(f). While your client is a person in interest as to these records, disclosure of the file would be contrary to the public interest since inspection would disclose the identity of a confidential source and would also disclose investigative techniques and procedures of the Maryland State Police.

Pursuant to SG §10-622, your client is entitled to an administrative review of a decision to deny access. If requested, such review will be conducted in accordance with SG §§10-205 through 221 and the hearing regulations of the agency published at COMAR 00.00.01. Your client may also seek judicial review under SG §10-623.

Yours truly,

Lt. John J. Meakin
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