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MuckRock makes it easy for you to quickly file Freedom of Information requests, taking out the hassle and only updating you with the results. No need to stamp an envelope, look up an agency address or learn how to properly draft a legal demand: Just type what you're interested in, click submit and then receive your documents scanned, searchable and sharable. We'll even help you analyze them.

MuckRock acts as a request proxy, e-mailing, faxing or even snail mailing the request on your behalf, with the documents returning to our offices to be prepared for your convenience. Working on a big scoop? An intuitive embargo system ensures that your documents are for your eyes only until you're ready to publish.

Stumped for a story? MuckRock's community of document experts provides plenty of inspiration for compelling, data-driven reporting sure to warm the cockles of the most hard-bitten editor, all based on an easy letter wizard that helps craft an array of requests, broken down by specific reporting beat. It all adds up to exclusive data and stories without having to breaking a sweat or go on time-consuming fishing expeditions.

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