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Fwd: Follow up to FOIA request #2017-0738

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From: **Andy Donohue** <adonohue@revealnews.org>
Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 3:47 PM
Subject: Follow up to FOIA request #2017-0738
To: maria.vanalmen@atf.gov, peter.chisholm@atf.gov

Dear Maria Van Almen and Peter Chisholm,

On March 23, 2017, reporter Alain Stephens filed a Freedom of Information Act request (#2017-0738, attached) with your office. However, we learned two months later that his request had not even been opened due to an "administrative oversight." (Attached.)

We were understanding. These things happen. We're all human.

However, in the months since, Alain has repeatedly attempted to work with your agency to narrow his request and seek aid in expediting the process. He still has yet to get a firm timeline on when to expect the requested information.

I am writing now to ask that you give his request the attention it deserves. He has a deadline approaching for his project and has been patient and professional in dealing with your error.

We're now asking that you expedite his request considering your admitted error, which caused a vital two-month delay at the start, or work in earnest with him to streamline it in a way that works for both our organizations.

Thank you for the attention.

Best,

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