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Dear John:

I appreciate your letter of January 20 concerning "freedom of information" legislation. I introduced H. R. 12160 on January 19, which is identical to about a dozen others introduced by Republican members last year. The basic difference between the Long Bill, S. 1160, and the House bills is that ours amend the general statutes, while the Senate version would apply only to Administrative procedures.

Congressman Don Rumsfeld of Illinois has done some extensive research with reference to this problem. Therefore, I thought you might be interested in the statement he has compiled.

In addition, I am enclosing other material on the subject, which I believe will be of interest and, when the hearings are available, a copy of these will be forwarded to you.

There certainly appears to be no problem in supporting the Senate-passed bill. The primary purpose of House members introducing the legislation is an attempt to overcome Administration opposition to this legislation. Frankly, we are informed the opposition comes straight from the White House but, nonetheless, we are hopeful something may be accomplished during this session.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Robert Dole
House of Representatives
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Dear Bob:

I was interested to see the story from our Washington bureau on your introduction of the "freedom of information" bill.

As you may or may not recall, I am chairman of the Federal Laws Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. We have been in close touch with the Moss sub-committee and it was our feeling before the introduction of your bill that our best chance of success was to get behind in the House the Senate-approved bill by Senator Long S 1160.

It has been the feeling of a number of us that it would be easier to get final congressional approval of this measure than to try to modify the House version of an FoI bill that was introduced last year.

Would you please send me a copy of your proposed bill and also let me have the benefit of your views as to how it differs from the Long measure? Would you see any real problem in getting behind the Senate bill in the House?

If you need a comprehensive analysis of S 1160 and H.R. 5012 which was introduced at the last session you can obtain it from Jack Matteson in the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations (Room B371-B) Rayburn House Office Building.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



JHC/w