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Mr. Y

Dear Mr. Y

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our response to your Freedom of Information Act Request.

Your initial request asked for documentation to support National Park Service (NPS) conclusions. On June 11, 2007 we did forward to you all responsive documents in our possession. One important point that may not have been apparent is that our response to the Virginia Citizens Defense League petition was not taken solely from these documents. Our response also reflects the collective professional experience of several experienced National Park Service employees who have many years of field and management level experience.

To address your specific questions concerning our June 11 response, we provide the following:

1. To your first point, the CRS Reports to Congress are indeed relevant to the issue of possession and accessibility of loaded firearms by park visitors while in National Park Service managed areas.
2. To your second point, the current prohibition of carrying or possessing loaded firearms (36 CFR 2.4) would preclude documents of such an event.
3. To your third and fourth points, there is much information available to the public that supports this point. We do not collect or maintain this documentation and therefore did not provide such in responding to your FOIA request.

We have searched our files and forwarded to you on June 11, 2007, 163 pages of documents that were responsive to your request. We hope this clarification is helpful.

Sincerely,

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