FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by Andrew Geyer,

Complainant

Final Decision

May 14, 1980

against

Docket #FIC79-197

City and Town of Bridgeport; Personnel Director of the Civil Service Commission of the City and Town of Bridgeport,

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on March 6, 1980, at which time the complainant appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

- 1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by 1-18a(a), G.S.
- 2. By letter dated August 30, 1979, the complainant requested from the respondents a certain letter from the City Attorney which states the reasons why the complainant was found to be retired from the civil service position he occupied within the respondent city and town.
- 3. The complainant has reason to believe that the aforesaid requested letter exists by virtue of statements made by officials in the respondent city and town.
- 4. Having failed to receive a copy of the requested document, the complainant brought the present appeal by letter dated September 12, 1979 and filed with this Commission on September 13, 1979.
- 5. Such letter, if it exists, is a public record as defined by \$1-18a(d), G.S., subject to mandatory disclosure pursuant to \$1-19(a), G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

- 1. The respondents shall provide the complainant with the requested record within four business days of the issuance of Notice of Final Decision hereof.
- 2. In the event that the requested record is found by the respondents not to exist after conducting a diligent search, the personnel director of the respondent commission shall provide the

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complainant and this Commission with an affidavit, under penalty of false statement, that the requested document does not exist.

3. Failure to comply with this order will result in a fine of five hundred dollars.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on May 14, 1980.

Leslie Ann McGuire

Clerk of the Commission