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Mr. Jose Villalobos, City Attorney for the City of West Miami, inquired in regard to a public records request from an organization requesting public records in possession of the city in its computer system. The organization requested that the records be presented in a compilation format where those records did not already exist in such a format, but offered to supply a program to do the compilation. The question was whether the City needed to do the compilation itself or whether it was obligated to accede to the offer of the requesting organization to provide the program to do the compilation. Mr. Villalobos was advised that the Public Records Law requires that access be provided to the City's public records for inspection or copying in the form that they currently exist, but that it does not require that the City create any records that do not currently exist. For the City to comply with the request, it would have to spend many hours to compile and analyze the records in existence so as to present them in a particular format. The City's obligation ends at providing reasonable access to the existing records, and it need not create a record of them in conformance with the particular compilation being requested. It also need not engage or permit the requesting organization to impose on the City's computer system whatever program it is proposing to use to accomplish the particular compilation.

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