



OFFICE of GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

March 3, 2016—Sent via U.S. mail

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Re: Case No.: 201600217
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your November 23, 2015 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received via U.S. mail. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

We carefully reviewed your submission of information, and we understand that you are concerned about the status of four requests that you submitted to BOP. In response to your submission, we reached out to the agency and learned the following:

1. A request dated [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. BOP was unable to locate this request in its system; you may wish to resubmit it.
2. An undated request for [REDACTED] BOP received this request and sent you a letter estimating the fees associated with this request on [REDACTED]. OGIS staff requested that BOP provide a copy of this letter, but the agency declined to do so.
3. A request dated [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This request is in process. OGIS staff requested that BOP provide a tracking number and estimated date of completion for this request; BOP declined to do so.
4. An undated request for [REDACTED]. BOP received this request and sent you a letter estimating the fees associated with this request on [REDACTED]. OGIS staff requested that BOP provide a copy of this letter, but the agency declined to do so.



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I hope that this information about your requests is useful to you. Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER
Director

cc: BOP FOIA