



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

April 14, 2016—Sent via email

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Re: Case No.: 201600301  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on December 17, 2016 via U.S. mail. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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 the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency. 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.

In your case, you requested records from the IRS on behalf of your clients, [REDACTED], for records related to your clients' tax matters. You contacted OGIS because you dispute the IRS's decision to withhold 415 of 498 responsive pages pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6 and 7(A), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6) and (b)(7)(A).

In response to your submission, OGIS staff contacted IRS FOIA staff to discuss your request and the agency's response. An IRS FOIA specialist reviewed this matter and informed OGIS that due to the confidentiality of tax returns and return information, the FOIA unit is not authorized to discuss any information related to your FOIA dispute with OGIS staff. However, the specialist stated that Disclosure Manager [REDACTED] will contact you directly to discuss your request. If you wish to contact [REDACTED], he may be reached at [REDACTED].

At this time, there is no further assistance OGIS can offer. Thank you for bringing this matter to OGIS. We will close your case.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER  
Director

cc: IRS FOIA

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.

