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Re: Case No.: 201400126
NG: CM

Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your November 26, 2013 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

As you are aware, 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 its jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

I understand that you made a request to OPM on April 22, 2011 on behalf of a client (request No. [REDACTED]). You later withdrew from the case related to this request, but because you retained an interest in the records that are the subject of [REDACTED], you filed another request with OPM on November 13, 2012 for all records responsive to the first request. You did not receive acknowledgment for that request, and believe that it was closed as a duplicate. You asked OGIS to contact OPM regarding this request.

OGIS Facilitator Carrie McGuire contacted OPM to inquire about the status of your November 13, 2012 request. According to the Tiffany Ford, the agency originally considered this request a duplicate; however, when it received your September 26, 2013 email, it reopened your request with the intention of processing your request concurrent to [REDACTED]. When the next interim response is made to the [REDACTED] Center, you will receive a copy as well. For your information, OPM has assigned your request No. [REDACTED].



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I hope that you find this information useful. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miriam Nisbet/NG".

Miriam Nisbet, Director
Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

cc: Tiffany Ford, OPM

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.