



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

May 18, 2015 — Sent via U.S. mail

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Re: Case No.: 201500511  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your March 13, 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) requests 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.

You contacted OGIS regarding fees you incurred for previous BOP requests. I understand that in response to a request you filed in [REDACTED], BOP informed you that you owed \$[REDACTED]. You explain in your submission that although you remitted payment, BOP has closed subsequent requests citing fees you owe. You asked OGIS to look into this matter.

OGIS staff contacted BOP's FOIA staff to discuss your concerns. After investigating this matter, BOP has updated its records to reflect that fact that the [REDACTED] outstanding balance has been paid. You may wish to resubmit your subsequent requests to BOP.

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

Sincerely,

Nikki Gramian, Acting Director  
Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

cc: C. Darnell Stroble, BOP

