



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

May 22, 2015 — Sent via email

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your February 23, 2015 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received via email. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).


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 about a number of requests that you made to DTRA; you explain in your submission that you have not received acknowledgments for some of the requests that you submitted over the last three years. After submitting your request for OGIS assistance, you followed up separately with DTRA about the status of your requests. You informed OGIS that DTRA notified you that it did not receive a number of the requests you submitted.

We contacted DTRA to inquire about the status of your requests. According to the agency, you sent an email to the DTRA FOIA email address on [REDACTED] requesting estimated completion dates for all your outstanding FOIA requests. I understand that DTRA was able to locate one open request under your name and informed you that the tracking number for that request is [REDACTED]. DTRA provided an estimated completion date of June 1, 2015 for this request.

DTRA further informed OGIS that you submitted five requests on [REDACTED] and that these requests have been assigned tracking Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and that these requests will be processed in




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the order in which they were received. DTRA will be sending you an acknowledgement letter that will include tracking numbers for these five requests.

I hope that this information about your requests is useful to you. 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,

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

cc: LaTonya Small, DTRA FOIA