



OFFICE of GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

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Dear ██████████:

This responds to your October 20, 2015 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received via email. Your request for assistance pertains to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) made by ██████████.

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 our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

I understand that ██████████ made a request to the CIA for records about ██████████. The agency responded to his request by informing him that it found no responsive records reflecting an open and acknowledged relationship between ██████████ and the CIA. The Agency's letter further informed him that it can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any records that would reveal a classified connection between ██████████ and the CIA. ██████████ appealed that response on ██████████, providing additional information about why he believes the agency may have records about ██████████. You seek information about the status of ██████████ appeal.

In response to your submission, we contacted CIA FOIA staff to inquire about the status of ██████████ FOIA appeal. The CIA informed us that it sent ██████████ a letter dated ██████████ notifying him that the agency accepted his appeal; the agency expects to respond to ██████████ case by mid-March.

I hope that this information about your client's request 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,

/s/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER
Director

cc: CIA FOIA staff

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