



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

January 8, 2016 — Sent via email

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Re: Case No.: 201501009
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your July 28, 2015, request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). We apologize for the delay in handling your request for assistance.

As you know, 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 to request assistance with a number of outstanding FOIA requests to the FAA. We contacted the FAA to inquire about the status of your requests, and the FAA provided the following status information:

- **FAA request No. [REDACTED]**: This request for records related to [REDACTED]. According to the FAA, this request was closed on [REDACTED].
- **FAA request No. [REDACTED]**: This request for records related to [REDACTED]. The FAA informed OGIS that it is currently reviewing responsive records. The FAA declined to provide an estimated date of completion for this request.
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- **FAA request No. [REDACTED]**: This request for records related to [REDACTED]. According to the FAA, this request was received on [REDACTED], and closed on [REDACTED].
- **FAA request No. [REDACTED]**: This request for records related to [REDACTED]. The FAA informed OGIS that it is currently searching for responsive records. The FAA declined to provide an estimated date of completion for this request.



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If you disagree with the FAA's response to any of your FOIA requests, you may wish to file an administrative appeal according to the directions in the response letter(s). The appeal is an important part of the FOIA administrative process. By filing an appeal, you preserve your administrative rights and give the agency a chance to carefully review and reconsider every part of a request and the agency's decision.

I hope that this information about your requests is useful to you. Thank you for contacting OGIS. We consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/S/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER
Director

cc: FAA FOIA Office via email

¹ OGIS asked FAA about the discrepancy on the date of your submission (March 9, 2015), and learned that their records show FAA received the request in November 26, 2014 and closed the request in Dec. 2014. It is not clear to us if you submitted a second request for the same information to FAA on March 9, 2015. If so, it appears to be a duplicate of the case number 2015-001647.

² FAA explained that it combined both of your May 27, 2015, FOIA requests and issued one response on June 17, 2015.