



OFFICE of GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

January 13, 2016—Sent via email

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Re: Case No.: 201501231
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your September 22, 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) request 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 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 you made a request for [REDACTED]. BOP released 336 responsive pages to you. You appealed that response, explaining that you seek not only [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] as well. The Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) affirmed BOP's action on your request. You asked for OGIS's assistance with this matter.

OGIS staff discussed your request with BOP FOIA staff. BOP explained that the agency interpreted your initial request as a request for [REDACTED] only; for this reason, the agency searched for, reviewed, and released only those records. You may wish to file a new FOIA request with BOP specifying that you seek [REDACTED].

I hope you find this information useful in understanding why BOP responded to your request as it did. 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: BOP FOIA staff

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.

