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March 14, 2016—Sent via U.S. mail

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your submission of information to the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on December 29, 2015 via U.S. mail. Thank you for your interest in OGIS.

Congress created OGIS to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (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.

We carefully reviewed your submission, and it appears that you seek information about the status of several appeals to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In response to your correspondence, we contacted VA and obtained the following status information about the appeals cited in your submission:



- Your appeal of request No. [REDACTED]. VA's Appeals department assigned this appeal [REDACTED]; VA responded to this appeal on [REDACTED]. We have enclosed a copy of VA's response to your appeal.
- Appeal No. [REDACTED] has been processed and is pending approval by the Deputy and the Chief Information Law Group.
- Appeal No. [REDACTED] was closed [REDACTED]; we have enclosed a copy of VA's letter responding to this appeal. However, in reviewing your appeals, VA noted that [REDACTED] was inadvertently confused with appeal No. [REDACTED]. VA has re-opened this appeal.
- Appeal No. [REDACTED] relates to your request No. [REDACTED]. According to VA, you withdrew this request; accordingly, VA closed appeal No. [REDACTED]

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I hope that this information about the status of your appeals 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

Enclosures

cc: VA FOIA Appeals

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