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Dear ██████████:

This responds to your requests for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on March 17, 2016, via email. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). We sincerely apologize that we were not able to respond sooner to your request for assistance.

As you may be 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 process a particular request before others. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

In your submission to OGIS, you inquire about the status of a pending administrative appeal of a Bureau of Indian Affairs FOIA response (██████████). We recently learned that DOI's Office of the Solicitor acknowledged your appeal on ██████████ and provided a tracking number ██████████. We have enclosed a copy of that correspondence for your reference.

Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

NIKKI GRAMIAN
Acting Director

cc: DOI Appeals Staff

Enclosure

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.

