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June 17, 2016—Sent via email

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on May 19, 2016 via email. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

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.

OGIS provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. After opening a case, OGIS gathers information from the requester and the agency to learn more about the nature of the dispute. This process helps us gather necessary background information, assess whether the issues are appropriate for mediation, and determine the willingness of the parties to engage in our services. As part of our information gathering, OGIS carefully reviewed your submission of information and discussed your dispute with ICE.

I understand that you submitted a request to ICE for files related to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] investigations. ICE responded to your request by releasing records related to [REDACTED] investigation. You appealed the adequacy of ICE's search for records related to [REDACTED] investigation. ICE upheld its response to your request, affirming the adequacy of the agency's search. You ask for OGIS's assistance with this matter.

In response to your submission, we contacted ICE FOIA appeals staff to discuss the agency's search for responsive records. The appeals staff reviewed the agency's search for the records related to [REDACTED]



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██████████, and found that because the investigation concluded in 2007, the agency's search for 2006 records did not locate these records. ICE has since located the file related to ██████████ ██████████ investigation and has remanded your request back to ICE FOIA for processing. ICE FOIA will follow up you regarding this matter.

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/

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cc: ICE FOIA appeals

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.