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August 23, 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 July 6, 2016 via U.S. mail. Your request for assistance pertains to a records request to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

As you may be aware, OGIS was created 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. Please know that 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.

You made a request to the CIA. On [REDACTED] the CIA confirmed receipt of your request. On [REDACTED] the agency gave you an estimated date of completion of May 28, 2016. Subsequently, the CIA has given you a new estimated date of completion of April 12, 2017. You request OGIS assistance with this matter.




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OGIS contacted the CIA in response to your request. CIA FOIA staff explained that your request was tasked out for search to the appropriate component and the FOIA Office is waiting to receive responsive documents. According to the agency, April 12, 2017 remains the CIA's best estimate of when your request will be complete.

At this time there is no further assistance OGIS can offer. Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

NIKKI GRAMIAN
Acting Director

cc: CIA FOIA staff

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