



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

August 23, 2016 — Sent via email

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Re: Case No. 201601164
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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 28, 2016 via U.S. mail. Your request for assistance pertains to a records request to Department of Justice (DOJ).

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 review a particular request before others. 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 submitted a request to the DOJ on [REDACTED]. DOJ sent your request to multiple components of the agency which may have responsive records. On [REDACTED], DOJ's Criminal Division acknowledged your request, assigning it case number [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], the Criminal Division informed you that because records responsive to your request are



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maintained by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Division forwarded your request. On [REDACTED], OIG acknowledged your request. On [REDACTED], the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) forwarded your request back to the Criminal Division. The Criminal Division contacted you on [REDACTED] to inform you the request was considered duplicative of C [REDACTED] and it was administratively closed. You requested OGIS's assistance with this matter.

In response to your request, OGIS contacted Deborah Waller, FOIA Public Liaison for OIG. Ms. Waller told OGIS that your request is number 196 in the queue, with 50 requests ahead of it. OIG processes requests on a first-in, first-out basis. She further explained that the OIG is currently experiencing delays and they expect to respond to your request in the next couple weeks, if not sooner.

We hope you find this information useful. 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: Deborah Waller, FOIA Public Liaison, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Justice

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.