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What kind of a FOIA "ombudsman" (OGIS) does not acknowledge and address the undermined Federal Register!!!

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Dear agents of the United States and representatives on the FOIA Advisory Committee (FOIAAC), In the meeting of the FOIAAC conducted on June 24, 2014 (see <https://ogis.archives.gov/foia-advisory-committee/Recently-Posted-FOIA-Advisory-Committee-Materials.htm>) an ignorance of or contempt for the Federal Register (FR) was manifested by the United States independent, albeit un-regulated (never has been codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)), agent of the United States titled the "Office of Government Information Services" (OGIS), a.k.a. "Federal FOIA Ombudsman" (see <https://ogis.archives.gov/about-ogis.htm>), pursuant to OGIS' complete neglect to acknowledge and address in such meeting the deliberate and ubiquitous undermining of 5 USC 552(a)(1). Such ignorance or contempt is certainly NOT sanctioned by 5 USC 552(h) and has NEVER been condoned or inspired by the Senate Judiciary Committee (see meeting on March 15, 2011 <http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/the-freedom-of-information-act-ensuring-transparency-and-accountability-in-the-digital-age> and March 12, 2014 <http://www.c-span.org/video/?318227-1/hearing-updating-foia>). If one were to believe the administrative policy of the un-codified head of the OGIS who is titled "Director" and named "Miriam Nisbet" that "FOIA itself does not mandate that regulations address other parts of the FOIA administrative process" (see <http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/031313QFRS-Nisbet.pdf>), its apparent that 5 USC 552(a)(1) has been covertly abrogated by the OGIS under the legal advice of its un-codified "General Counsel" who is named "Gary M. Stern" (see <https://ogis.archives.gov/foia-advisory-committee/Meetings/june-24--2014-meeting-transcript.htm>). Please explain. Thank you, Brady Eames