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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Case No.: 201300591
MN: NG: KM

This responds to your June 3, 2013 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on June 7, 2013 via U.S. Mail. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) seeking access to records pertaining to case bonding and/or bid bonds which secured the financing for Criminal Cases No. [REDACTED] and No. [REDACTED].

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 its jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

We carefully reviewed your correspondence. Please be advised that because corporate surety bonds, cash bonds, and property bonds are posted with the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court in the district in which the criminal prosecution occurs, the Court may maintain information pertaining to bonds posted in specific criminal matters in its files.

You may wish to make a request to the Office of the Clerk of Court, Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604. Please note that fees may apply and that such a request would not be a FOIA request. The Federal FOIA does not apply the Federal judicial and legislative branches, only to Federal executive branch agencies.

I hope you find this information useful. At this time, there is no further assistance OGIS can offer and we will close your case.

Sincerely,

Miriam Nisbet, Director
Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)