



Office of Government Information Services Full Case Log

as of May 20, 2011

Case #	Date Received	Dept/ Agency	Category	Description	Status	Notes	Date Completed
09-0001	9/9/2009	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer stated that 20 days have expired and no word from the Agency.	Request withdrawn	Requester withdrew request when records were received.	10/6/2009
09-0002	9/8/2009	N/A	Info	Customer wanted info on filing a FOIA request.	Ombuds service provided		10/22/2009
09-0003	9/30/2009	DOE & DOL	Info	Customer wanted OGIS info and to inform OGIS about DOE and DOL issues.	Complaint logged; no direct action requested, Request for info satisfied		10/7/2009
09-0004	10/26/2009	N/A	Info	Info needed regarding mediation services.	Request for info satisfied		10/28/2009
09-0005	10/1/2009	HHS	Agency practices	Requester complained that agency has systematically been denying requests. Appeal pending.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Letter sent to customer informing him of appeal still pending and informed him that OGIS will take his complaint into consideration when performing agency reviews.	11/17/2009

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09-0006	10/13/2009	HHS	Denial	Dispute between requester and agency regarding the necessary information required to perfect a request for agency to be able to respond.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Requester contacted OGIS for additional assistance on 12/10/09 for a tel-con with agency. Unable to schedule in December; completed tel-con 1/15/10.	11/24/2009
09-0007	10/23/2009	OPM	Delay	Complaint regarding the non-response of agency for two requests submitted by requester.	Request for info satisfied	Advised customer of the contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison and FOIA Coordinators at OPM and informed requester he could contact us again if needed.	2/8/2010
09-0008	10/29/2009	N/A	Info	Requester wanted to know how OGIS will be working with DOJ.	Request for info satisfied	Analyst contacted customer and explained how the collaboration has already been working and the future plans.	11/2/2009
09-0009	10/30/2009	NASA	Delay	Requester complained that agency was not adequately responding to request, thus denying access to information.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer was given the current status of the cases and was informed that NASA had not denied the request.	11/16/2009
09-0010	11/3/2009	DHS	Agency practices	Agency's mailing address changed and was not published in Federal Register, as required. When a request is submitted via e-mail, auto-reply generated does not acknowledge receipt of request and asks requester to mail copy to incorrect address.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency initially agreed to begin issuing an auto-reply to e-mail received in its FOIA inbox but learned in August 2010 that there is a DHS-wide policy that prohibits auto-acknowledgement of non-agency e-mail. The agency is unable to make this change.	12/16/2009
09-0011	11/5/2009	FDIC	Denial	Dispute between the requester and agency as to whether the reports requested can be provided based on the information given in request. OGIS cc'd in correspondence.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Analyst spoke with both the agency rep and the customer on numerous occasions and an understanding was made regarding what types of reports FDIC would have.	2/4/2010

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09-0012	11/9/2009	DOI	Denial	The customer was denied a contract between the agency and a third party under Ex. 5. The customer appealed in 2006 and was told in Nov. 2009 that his appeal is no. 331 in the queue. Customer had two related denial issues he sought help with as well.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency finalized the contract in April 2010 and customer was able to access it; OGIS was able to provide ombuds service to help with one additional dispute; final dispute was denial that was affirmed and customer did not request further OGIS assistance.	5/3/2010
09-0013	11/12/2009	DOD	Delay	Dispute between agency and requester regarding the extensive delay of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS was in regular contact with DIA FOIA office to try to limit the delay in request. The customer was given more detailed information about the cause of the delay.	4/2/2010
09-0014	11/12/2009	DOJ	Delay	Customer had not heard from the agency whether it found responsive records to a nearly 10-year-old request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency found responsive records and determined search time; customer can now determine whether to pay for the search to see if the information sought is contained within.	3/31/2010
09-0015	11/13/2009	DOJ	Info	Request for information on OGIS mediation services for complaint with agency.	Ombuds service provided	General information provided.	11/30/2009
09-0016	11/16/2009	DOD, CIA & NSA	Fees	Customer noted inconsistencies with agencies' treatment for fee status; also noted some agencies request high fees before responding to request.	Admin closure	Analyst followed-up via email 3/30/10 to inform customer to work with the FPLs in the agencies (no response).	4/30/2010
09-0017	11/19/2009	DOL	Fees	Dispute over fees in previous FOIA request that are delaying production in current FOIA request.	Admin closure	Requester was unresponsive to three attempts at contact.	12/31/2009

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09-0018	11/20/2009	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	Spoke to requester to inform that OGIS does not handle Privacy Act requests.	12/15/2009
09-0019	11/24/2009	DOL	Denial	Customer disputed redactions upheld on appeal and would like OGIS to mediate the dispute.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	In January 2010, agency agreed to voluntarily re-review the document to see if it could release more of the redacted information but would not respond to OGIS attempts to follow up. Customer filed a lawsuit in July 2010.	8/3/2010
09-0020	11/27/2009	EOP	Denial	Customer complained that agency did not respond to all items of request. Issue not resolved by appeal.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Discussed deficiencies in responding to request with ONDCP; also discussed approach to supplementing its response. Advised customer of conversations with ONDCP and proposed action to resolve issue.	1/26/2010
09-0021	12/7/2009	State, and DOD	Denial	Request for classified records denied under Exs. 1 and 3; refusal to confirm or deny their existence. Unclassified records were not searched for.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS responded with assistance to ODNI's final action; advised requester to appeal CIA denial and said he could come back for more assistance if need be.	1/7/2010
09-0022	12/8/2009	DOI	Fees	Agency inquired into how to fairly assess search fees after new employee unfamiliar with records assigned to process request. Requester had already received 2 hours of search time and first 100 pgs of duplication free of charge.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency voluntarily reduced estimated fees by 50% and requester agreed to pay reduced amount.	12/23/2009
09-0023	12/10/2009	DOD	Delay	Sen. Leahy's office recommended the requester contact OGIS for assistance. 2005 request to agency has not resulted in release of documents though requester has been told both in 2007 and 2009 that it should not be much longer.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS contact with DIA resolved the delay and the records were released on 01/13/10.	1/15/2010

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10-0168	4/29/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes withholding of certain categories of information from firefighter test results submitted to DOJ under Exemptions 6 and 7(C).	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency advised that its component was the proper office to work with and OGIS repeatedly requested a meeting with that division. The component advised it was working toward a solution but eventually recommended that OGIS close the case.	2/23/2011
10-0169	4/29/2010	N/A	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS sent a letter advising customer whom to contact at the Federal and state level and how to narrow the scope of the request.	5/6/2010
10-0170	4/29/2010	DOD	Denial	Customer is not satisfied with the search results of his FOIA request.	Request withdrawn	The agency and customer discussed the details of the information sought to determine whether a better search could be made. The requester did not want further OGIS assistance.	6/1/2010
10-0171	5/3/2010	USDA	Delay	Customer is seeking information on the status of the request	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency's FOIA Public Liaison advised that the responsive documents have been gathered and should be returned from the business submitter by 06/18/10 and then must be cleared up through the undersecretary's office before release. Released on 07/16/10.	7/16/2010
10-0172	5/4/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Admin closure	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests	5/25/2010
10-0173	5/4/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Admin closure	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests	5/25/2010

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10-0174	5/4/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Admin closure	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests	5/25/2010
10-0175	5/4/2010	NRC	Delay	Agency approved release of records and has been delayed for several months due to coordination with third party.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency expected to work out the dispute over the remaining records with the third party by 06/01/10; the requester called OGIS on 06/08/10 because no response was received. The agency then expected to get a response out by 06/18/10 which it did.	6/28/2010
10-0176	5/5/2010	OIG/DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the withholding of information. Unclear what was requested.	Ombuds service provided	6/17 - customer provided incomplete information; OGIS requested additional information. 8/2 - still unclear what customer requested. Provided advice on narrowing request.	8/2/2010
10-0177	5/5/2010	VA	Delay	Customer seeks assistance of a delayed request made for employee performance awards.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer suspected stonewalling since this request was for higher officials' records. After messages were left, we were informed that the docs were released to customer.	7/26/2010
10-0178	5/6/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer attempted to appeal withholding to OGIS	Ombuds service provided	Analyst sent letter to explain that he should appeal the decision and contact a Veterans Affairs' representative as instructed in the denial letter.	5/24/2010
10-0179	5/6/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS returned the original materials to the customer and provide an agency contact list on where to send FOIA requests.	5/25/2010

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10-0180	5/6/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes withholding of information under Exemptions 2 and 7(E).	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency affirmed that the search terms did not result in any records. Without more information or other search terms, there is nothing else for OGIS to do to assist in locating records.	7/8/2010
10-0181	5/6/2010	Treasury	Denial	Customer would like OGIS assistance with an appeal.	Request withdrawn	Customer had appealed and the agency replied that it would give its response within 20 days so the customer agreed to allow the agency to respond and will return to OGIS if further assistance is needed or if there is a delay.	5/10/2010
10-0182	5/6/2010	Commerce	Delay	Customer sought assistance on the status of an appeal.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency said it would respond by 06/01/10 and did so, as promised.	5/14/2010
10-0183	5/7/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer was attempting to file an appeal for the request to the VA.	Admin closure	Analyst contacted customer to inform of the address to file the appeal and explained when OGIS can/will get involved.	5/7/2010
10-0184	5/7/2010	DHS	Delay	Agency failed to respond to initial request and more than two months have passed since customer filed an appeal for a constructive denial without a response.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency was to review the records 05/24/10 and said it would have them out to the requester shortly thereafter. Agency sent the response to the requester via FedEx on 06/29/10.	6/29/2010
10-0185	5/7/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer seeks information on an incident that occurred during his time in the service.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS referred customer to other resources within OGIS (OMPF and NARA holdings) that might contain relevant information.	6/7/2010

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10-0186	5/7/2010	HHS	Fees	Customer is requesting OGIS assistance in regard to a dispute regarding a fee waiver denial.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Analyst sent an email response to customer explaining that an appeal for the waiver is necessary and also gave tips about what needs to be covered in the appeal. Also gave customer the contact info for the FPLs.	5/13/2010
10-0187	5/10/2010	N/A	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information the FOIA and the address for the U.S. District Court in the MDNC.	5/18/2010
10-0188	5/11/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer seeks information on the status of a delayed request	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Contacted FBI's FPL who said 255 pages were reviewed & 21 pages were released to requester on 3/31/2010.	6/23/2010
10-0189	5/13/2010		Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests. Admin Closure 5/25/10. Case re-opened 6/8/10.	5/16/2010
10-0190	5/13/2010	n/a	Info	Customer is looking for information on the services provided by OGIS	Admin closure	Fact sheet not included w 5/28 letter, so re-sent & answered specific ombuds questions; also asked for consent; sent letter 9/23/2010 saying case would be closed 10/15/2010 if we do not receive consent by that date.	10/15/2010
10-0191	5/13/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer sent a request to OGIS after having filed a request with DOJ/EOUSA for records regarding 40 USC 3112.	Ombuds service provided	Letter sent to customer explaining that a request could be made to the state for those records.	7/20/2010

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10-0192	5/11/2010	DHS	Delay	Customer disputed withholding information as well as the "blind" referral process.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Because the appeal timeline ran out, customer agreed to re-request the denied information. The agencies that were referred requests have provided the requester with a either a response or a tracking number to continue monitoring the progress.	6/1/2010
10-0193	5/14/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Admin closure	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests	5/25/2010
10-0194	5/14/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Sent letter advising request be sent to NARA's NPRC.	5/25/2010
10-0195	5/14/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Admin closure	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests	5/25/2010
10-0196	5/14/2010	Commerce	Fees	Customer disputes the fee category.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer was initially placed into "all other requesters" category. OGIS provided background and information on how to file a request for reconsideration of fee category.	6/22/2010
10-0197	5/17/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS assisted customer by finding correct office to receive request.	5/21/2010

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10-0198	5/17/2010	DOJ	Info	No records response.	Request withdrawn	Customer contacted us saying he was dropping his complaint.	6/15/2010
10-0199	5/17/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Sent 5/25 letter seeking more info, consent & informing client about third-party requests; talked w FBI & satisfied that FBI conducted searches	6/17/2010
10-0200	5/17/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Fact finding	Analyst sent a letter to customer and contacted OIP regarding the appeal. Sent a response to customer (2/24/2011)	2/24/2011
10-0201	5/13/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Ombuds service provided	Analyst researched 40 USC 3112 that the customer was disputing and figured out that the State of Wisconsin would have the records, if they exist. Sent a copy of information to second customer as well.	6/16/2010
10-0202	5/17/2010	State and DHS	Delay	Customer seeks information on the status of 20 delayed requests	Facilitating resolution	Department of State forwarded an updated status of all cases (28). Analyst has followed up with the customer and attorney, awaiting response. Also received USCIS statuses.	
10-0203	5/17/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS sent letter advising that we do not handle Privacy Act requests. Letter sent 5/25/10. Case re-opened 6/11/10.	7/2/2010

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10-0204	5/18/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is seeking OGIS assistance on a delayed request.	Ombuds service provided	DIA's FOIA officer gave update that customer's request is 151 of 180 PA requests; client advised to await results of request	6/8/2010
10-0205	5/20/2010		Undetermined/TBD	Customer did not provide information on the services s/he was seeking from OGIS	Admin closure	It is unclear exactly how the customer would like OGIS to help. Letter sent 6/29/2010 to customer.	6/29/2010
10-0206	5/20/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the fees being charged for a first-party request and is attempting to make an appeal to OGIS.	Ombuds service provided	Sent a letter to respond to the customer to inform him to send the appeal to OIP and/or BOP, also let him know that OGIS does not handle PA cases.	7/19/2010
10-0207	5/20/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of 388 of 405 pages of records requested.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	The agency was confident in its withholding so OGIS shared with the requester more about why the records could not be released to try to provide a better understanding.	9/8/2010
10-0208	5/19/2010	OPM	Delay	Customer seeks information on the status of a delayed request but agency is not responding to his inquiries.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Two messages to the agency's FOIA Public Liaison went unreturned. A FOIA attorney in the general counsel's office provided a FOIA contact who advised he would contact the requester directly and update him; agency responded with its release on 07/15/10.	7/16/2010
10-0209	5/19/2010	n/a	Info	Customer sought info on OGIS authority to enforce state FOI laws	Ombuds service provided		6/3/2010

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10-0210	5/20/2010	Treasury	Denial	Customer disputes the agency's search, believing there are additional responsive records that were not located.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency said additional nonresponsive records existed that may be of interest. Customer filed new request for those documents. Customer had questions on the response and OGIS contacted the agency to discuss but did not hear back after several attempts.	7/22/2010
10-0211	5/20/2010	DOT	Ombuds issues	Customer is unhappy with interaction with FMCSA FOIA staff.	Ombuds service provided	Customer eventually got information requested. OGIS noted customer complaint about lack of customer service, including being hung up on.	6/3/2010
10-0212	5/24/2010	VA	Fees	Agency quoted the requester \$50,000 to pull 1,000 records requested for review, not duplication, citing an agreement with the Federal Records Center to charge \$50/record. Customer disputes the fees being charged.	Facilitating resolution	Customer appealed the agency's response. The agency remanded the appeal with a suggestion to work with the requester on the fee issue. In 12/10, agency began sampling some records to provide an estimate but has not been able to update OGIS on progress.	
10-0213	5/26/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer attempting to make a request for records to OGIS.	Ombuds service provided	Letter sent to requester to inform them that OGIS would not have records.	7/6/2010
10-0214	5/27/2010	VA, NARA	Privacy Act	Customer seeks assistance in locating his overseas military medical records.	Ombuds service provided	Consulted with DoD, VA and NPRC regarding alternative route to obtaining Vietnam-era medical records and provided suggestions to customer.	8/25/2010
10-0215	5/28/2010	VA	Ombuds issues		Ombuds service provided	Advised customer where to send his request for his records.	6/8/2010

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10-0216	5/28/2010	DOJ	Info	Customer is dissatisfied that he cannot get information from the FBI	Ombuds service provided	6/7 letter sent requesting docs & consent. Ombuds info also sent. 7/2 letter sent suggesting customer contact U.S. District Court which may have the information he seeks	7/2/2010
10-0217	5/28/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Customer is dissatisfied with DOJ decision not to release records.	Admin closure	Sent letter that the Privacy Act matters fall outside scope of office.	6/7/2010
10-0218	5/28/2010	N/A	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks state records	Ombuds service provided	Letter sent 6/17/2010 with information on requesting records from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and on OGIS.	6/17/2010
10-0219	5/28/2010	NARA	Info	Customer seeks information about a historical event.	Ombuds service provided	Sent letter explaining how to make a request to NARA.	6/8/2010
10-0220	6/1/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer that the information customer seeks should be available from his facility's library.	6/23/2010
10-0221	6/1/2010	DOJ	Delay	Agency failed to respond to a FOIA request that was a follow-up to a previous request	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Requester agreed to narrow the scope of his request; agency cited its first-in-first-out policy in declining to immediately fulfill a request for a follow-up FOIA.	8/27/2010

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10-0222	6/1/2010	State	Ombuds issues	Customer is trying to get the status of a request that was made to the State Department	Facilitating resolution	Informed customer of the status of the requests and the reasons for the delay.	8/27/2010
10-0223	6/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is disputing the partial withholding of information requested.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS provided ombuds services and requested additional information if indeed the request was not a PA request which it appears to be.	6/16/2010
10-0224	6/8/2010	Unknown	Denial	Customer disputed the withholding of information requested.	Admin closure	Letter sent informing customer that OGIS does not handle Privacy Act requests.	6/23/2010
10-0225	6/8/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer asked OGIS to obtain copy of large file to review.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer that the fee schedule has changed so he should re-file the request. Can also visit the facility to review the file free of charge.	8/9/2010
10-0226	6/8/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer was looking for a DD-214 form to request records	Request for info satisfied	Informed customer how to make a request for the information sought.	6/10/2010
10-0227	6/10/2010	DOI	Denial	Customer was denied access to requested records about leaseholders on National Parks property	Admin closure	Emailed customer to encourage him to file an appeal. Requested more information. Received no response from requester.	7/26/2010

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10-0228	6/11/2010	USDA	Denial	Customer disputes withholding of addresses and locations of burn permits related to the 2008 Rich Fire in California.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency responded directly to the requester that after the close of the investigation, all of the publicly available documents were posted online.	8/25/2010
10-0229	6/11/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS advised that we do not handle Privacy Act requests, and provided ombuds services.	6/18/2010
10-0230	6/11/2010		Info	Misdirected request; also, customer sought information protected under the Privacy Act.	Admin closure		6/22/2010
10-0231	6/11/2010	DOJ	Privacy Act	Customer is trying to find out the status of initial request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS advised that we do not handle Privacy Act requests and referred customer to the FOIA Public Liaison.	6/18/2010
10-0232	6/11/2010	DOJ and NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer needed assistance with how to get access to documents relating to a film she produced that documented American Indian life in the late 1970's.	Ombuds service provided	Analyst gave customer contact information to both the FBI offices and NARA to make the request for the information.	6/11/2010
10-0233	6/14/2010	HHS	Delay	Customer is looking for assistance on a delayed request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	FDA will resend its 12/05/09 release package to customer at new address.	7/1/2010

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10-0234	6/14/2010	DOJ	Info	Misdirected request; also, customer sought information protected under the Privacy Act.	Admin closure		6/23/2010
10-0235	6/15/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is looking for assistance on a delayed request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	After numerous calls with the customer and the OGIS Liaison at DoD, there has been some communication between the parties. Customer will contact OGIS if additional assistance is needed.	7/28/2010
10-0236	6/15/2010	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer inquired into the type of assistance that OGIS can provide with regard to several pending requests/appeals.	Ombuds service provided	Discussed issues with customer and he will send 2-3 cases for which he seeks OGIS assistance.	6/18/2010
10-0237	6/16/2010	Treasury	Delay	Customer disputes an IRS practice requiring that a requester provide personal identification to request public records.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency agreed that verification of identity should not be required for request of a publicly available document and is correcting its practices.	7/29/2010
10-0238	6/17/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer requests that appeals be re-opened after they were administratively closed for nonpayment of fees in unrelated FOIA case.	Ombuds service provided	OIP reopened appeal in May but did not send an acknowledgment letter to customer.	8/13/2010
10-0239	6/19/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer disputes the way the agency is breaking up document responses and charging fees for multiple CD-ROMS.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency explained that it would be an administrative burden to change its practice; the way records are processed is tied to employee workload and performance and the FBI does not have a separate place it can store portions of requests once processed.	9/8/2010

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10-0240	6/22/2010	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of FOIA request.	Request withdrawn	Customer informed OGIS that it would appeal the lack of agency response as a constructive denial.	6/23/2010
10-0241	6/23/2010	NARA	Delay	Customer is upset with the length of time it has taken to receive what is only partial information.	Admin closure	Sent letter regarding status of customer's requests, NARA's backlog, significant challenges it faces in processing FOIA requests & the challenges of referrals/ consultations. Also suggested customer share ideas on NARA's Open Gov't Web page.	7/7/2010
10-0242	6/23/2010	NARA	Info	Customer is looking for information on OGIS, FOIA, and NARA.	Request for info satisfied	Sent letter to customer advising that we do not have our annual report as of yet, however sent materials regarding OGIS including the case log.	8/12/2010
10-0243	6/23/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for FOIA info and other information from specific agencies (misdirected).	Ombuds service provided	Sent a letter advising the customer how to obtain the information he seeks, much of which is publicly available.	7/7/2010
10-0244	6/23/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for guidance on obtaining information via FOIA/PA.	Admin closure	No response within 30 days.	8/9/2010
10-0245	6/17/2010	Treasury	Fees	Initial FOIA request to Department of Energy was re-routed to Department of Treasury and requester disputes the fees as well as some processing details.	Facilitating resolution	The requester appealed the adverse decision; OGIS spoke with the person working on the appeal who was looking into whether fees might be different if the records were provided electronically.	

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10-0246	6/24/2010	Multiple	Denial	Customer filed the same request with approximately 40 departments and agencies; some have denied citing one or more exemptions while one agency released it. The customer asked if OGIS could help determine the appropriate consistent response.	Facilitating resolution	OGIS, OMB and OIP held a meeting and call with agencies to gather information on 09/16/10. OGIS held a second meeting on 11/29/10 and has continued to work with agencies and customer. Customer has now requested formal mediation with 6 agencies.	
10-0247	6/24/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information from Air Force FOIA Public Liaison, general information on OGIS procedure and its inability to force agencies to release material.	7/26/2010
10-0248	6/24/2010	DHS, HHS, DOD, Natl Endowment for Democracy	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of multiple requests.	Ombuds service provided	Obtained status of all agencies' requests. Customer has been informed via phone of the current statuses and options. Ombuds services provided 9/7/10, however customer would like OGIS case to remain open until all FOIA requests completed.	10/12/2010
10-0249	6/26/2010	FHFA	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of request.	Request withdrawn	Upon further investigation, customer discovered that FHFA Internal Audit Office is not yet up and running.	7/8/2010
10-0250	6/29/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer requests that appeals be re-opened after they were administratively closed for nonpayment of fees in unrelated FOIA case.	Ombuds service provided	OIP reopened appeal in May but did not send an acknowledgment letter to customer.	8/13/2010
10-0251	6/29/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer attempted to send an appeal to OGIS.	Ombuds service provided	Sent letter to customer advising to appeal to OIP, also gave info regarding the Privacy Act, and court records.	7/22/2010

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10-0252	6/29/2010	HHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the release of records requested.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer had 5 pending requests dating back to 2005. Analyst spoke to agency, agency provided information on release timeline.	10/18/2010
10-0253	6/29/2010		Denial	Customer is unsatisfied with the result of his FOIA request.	Admin closure	Reopened when customer sent additional information. Recommend that customer file an appeal.	8/9/2010
10-0254	6/30/2010	VA	Denial	Consolidated with OGIS Case No. 10-0246.	Admin closure	Consolidated with OGIS Case No. 10-0246.	8/31/2010
10-0255	7/1/2010	SSA	Delay	Customer is looking for the release of records requested.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Analyst left a message 7/9/10, and 7/16/10 and e-mailed to inform the customer of the SSA contact information and that OGIS cannot assist with PA cases.	7/16/2010
10-0256	7/1/2010	DOJ	Info	Customer looking for information about mediation and what OGIS can do regarding an appeal denial	Admin closure	Sent letter with information about OGIS, FOIA and PA along with consent form, which was not returned.	9/13/2010
10-0257	6/25/2010	N/A	Info	Customer is looking for assistance in obtaining records from a private corporation.	Admin closure	OGIS provided information on the FOIA process.	6/28/2010

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10-0258	7/7/2010	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of request.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer by phone on 7/1 to file an appeal. Consulted with agency about the status of the ongoing investigation.	7/29/2010
10-0259	7/7/2010	DOI	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Facilitating resolution	Had numerous conversations with the customer regarding request, and consulted with agency regarding denial. Received a response that there will be releases every two weeks from here on out. NPS and customer confirmed every two week production (11/9/10).	11/9/2010
10-0260	7/6/2010	USDA	Delay	Customer sought information about the status of a FOIA request and an appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information from Forest Service FOIA Public Liaison on the status of customer's request & appeal. Advised customer to file an appeal if the anticipated release of information is not satisfactory & to contact OGIS again if needed on appeal.	8/10/2010
10-0261	7/7/2010	USDA	Denial	Customer disputes the 'no records' response to his request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency is certain it does not have the records customer is seeking. OGIS provided requester with agency's five-page certification in response to the customer's appeal, detailing the action taken to search for records and is considering the matter closed.	8/2/2010
10-0262	7/7/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Customer would like remedy for unauthorized disclosure of medical information.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS advised customer that we do not handle PA requests, provided ombuds services regarding his claim and info on where to lodge his complaint	7/20/2010
10-0263	7/8/2010	DOT	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of FOIA request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer returned signed consent 7/16. Left voice mail message with the Agency on 7/27 and on 7/29 Agency stated the records requested were now sent. OGIS notified the customer in an e-mail.	8/6/2010

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10-0264	7/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Customer advised that EOUSA had responded to his request after we provided public acknowledgement of allegations of misconduct against a former AUSA.	3/4/2011
10-0265	7/8/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer appealed the denial of records to the Department of Justice and the Office of Information Policy reversed the agency, requiring release of the records but the agency has not released the records to the requester.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS spoke with the agency on 07/20/10 to ask whether they had an estimate on release; the agency was going to check and update OGIS. The documents were sent to the requester on 07/22/10.	7/22/2010
10-0266	7/9/2010		Info	Misdirected request.	Request for info satisfied	Provided information on where to submit a FOIA request	7/27/2010
10-0267	7/12/2010	VA	Fees	Customer disputes fees that were assessed.	Admin closure	After phone conversations with the customer and OGIS staff, the customer decided that consent for OGIS assistance would not be given. Informed him that OGIS would close case out upon no response in a week (8/2/2010), case closed for no response 8/9/10.	8/9/2010
10-0268	7/12/2010	SEC	Denial	Customer is not satisfied with the handling of a FOIA request for publicly available records.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	OGIS advised agency that it is a "best practice" to inform requesters in simple terms that no records are found.	8/20/2010
10-0269	7/13/2010		Info	Customer is looking for information on OGIS	Request for info satisfied	Provided information about OGIS and the Privacy Act	7/27/2010

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10-0270	7/14/2010	N/A	Info	Customer is looking for info on where to file a tort claim	Request for info satisfied	Customer requested information about a state agency and a Federal office.	7/28/2010
10-0271	7/14/2010	DOJ, DHS	Denial	Customer sought assistance with delay of response to Privacy Act requests.	Request for info satisfied	Determined status of PA requests to EOUSA and USSS, and provided information related to filing appeals. Closed 10/7/10. Reopened 11/2/2010 at customer's request b/c still has not received documents.	11/2/2010
10-0272	7/15/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer states that Agency was unresponsive to the request.	Ombuds service provided	Sent a consent letter on 7/27/10 with a request for more information. Received consent 8/10 but no further information. Spoke to agency and relayed status to the customer in a letter.	8/23/2010
10-0273	7/14/2010	SEC	Fees	The customer has made a voluminous request to the agency and would like to narrow it down, but cannot without knowing more about the types of records at issue.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The customer, agency representatives and OGIS had a call on 08/19/10 to narrow the scope of the request. The agency will begin processing the request on those terms.	8/20/2010
10-0274	7/19/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	EOUSA FOIA public liaison said records were being searched in mid-August and a response would be forthcoming.	9/1/2010
10-0275	7/19/2010	Department of Commerce	Ombuds issues	Customer does not believe that the data requested is not available by computer printout.	Request for info satisfied	Census Bureau explained that requested data may exist, but would take 3-4 weeks to create a computer program to retrieve it. The fees associated with this process would be high. Requester is not interested in paying fees for this information.	8/24/2010

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10-0276	7/20/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about how to re-submit a FOIA request after obtaining information from the Social Security Death Index.	8/2/2010
10-0277	7/20/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer requests that appeals be re-opened after they were administratively closed for nonpayment of fees in unrelated FOIA case.	Ombuds service provided	OIP reopened appeal in May but did not send an acknowledgment letter to customer.	8/13/2010
10-0278	7/20/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer questions both the substance of the exemptions claimed and the fact that some were claimed for the first time on appeal, leaving no opportunity to provide arguments against them.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency reviewed the records and explained to OGIS why it cannot release anything: some were provided by private entities and requester would need to seek release from them; others are part of the investigatory file and the agency position stands.	12/29/2010
10-0279	7/21/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer questions why a full denial rather than redaction.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Spoke to agency, learned that redactions were not possible because nothing was reasonably segregable.	8/13/2010
10-0280	7/21/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about how to file an appeal.	8/20/2010
10-0281	7/21/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes denial of expedited processing.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency was confident in its position on the expedited processing issue and would not change that position.	8/16/2010

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10-0282	7/22/2010	DOD	Fees	Customer is disputing the denial of a fee waiver	Ombuds service provided		12/1/2010
10-0283	7/20/2010	Treasury	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	8/2 - contacted customer to request additional information. 8/11 - spoke to Treasury, release expected by 8/13.	11/8/2010
10-0284	7/20/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Fact finding	Customer also seeking information on agency practices.	
10-0285	7/20/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Request for info satisfied	Customer also seeking information on agency practice. OIP sent a letter directly to customer explaining delay in processing request. OIP agreed to let customer know when new information is posted online.	12/1/2010
10-0286	7/20/2010	HHS	Delay	The agency has cited a D.C. District Court decision involving an injunction as rationale to prohibit release; the customer disputes that application.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Agency responded to the appeal citing a different exemption and rationale for withholding. The agency was firm in its decision and facilitation failed to resolve the dispute.	9/29/2010
10-0287	7/27/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the status of an appeal. OGIS contacted NARA's General Counsel, which did not receive her appeal. OGIS recommended that she resubmit her appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Customer is seeking the status of an appeal filed on July 12, 2010.	8/2/2010

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10-0288	7/27/2010	DOJ	Delay	Misdirected request, possible PA.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS advised customer that we don't handle PA requests; asked the customer for more info to determine if we can assist him further. After speaking with the agency on 8/23, sent final letter with OGIS PA info and the status of customer's request with DEA.	8/23/2010
10-0289	7/28/2010	VA	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information. Since time limit on appeal has not run, OGIS advised the customer to wait and contact us again if he is dissatisfied by the response he receives (or if there is a delay).	Admin closure		8/2/2010
10-0290	7/27/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Admin closure	OGIS advised customer that we do not handle PA requests and asked the customer for more information to clarify the issue and determine if we can assist him further. 9/15 still no response from customer. Admin closure.	9/15/2010
10-0291	7/27/2010	USPS	Agency practices	The customer is dissatisfied that the agency requires payment of fees prior to the release of records and that there is a great delay after payment but prior to release. The customer also would like assistance with the status of a fee refund in the agency	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency agreed that it required fees for records that it did not produce in a timely fashion. It produced the records on 08/13/10 and begun to process a refund for the requester.	8/17/2010
10-0292	7/26/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is seeking assistance with several delayed requests.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	OGIS met with the FBI to learn the status of requests. FBI grouped 4 large requests and connected the customer with the FOIA Negotiation Team. Needs to re-file 3 closed requests.	8/23/2010
10-0293	7/29/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information indexed in documents responding to a request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency agreed to release information indexed in a 7/12/2010 release of documents.	8/20/2010

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10-0294	7/29/2010	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for a legible copy of one-page of previously released documents or to view the document in person	Ombuds service provided	Gave customer information about tracking the 7/26/2010 FOIA request for a legible copy, which appears not to exist.	8/20/2010
10-0295	7/30/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested. One issue was remanded on appeal; offered to find out status of this request.	Admin closure	Received no additional information from the customer.	9/21/2010
10-0296	7/30/2010	Commerce	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of a request for expedited processing.	Admin closure	This issue has been added to case no. 10-0196, which has been re-opened.	8/10/2010
10-0297	8/3/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Recommended that customer file appeal.	8/13/2010
10-0298	8/3/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer received a response of no records which was upheld on appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Customer is seeking 1997 document; OIP re-reviewed appeal & NARA determined that it does not have record; record may not exist.	11/3/2010
10-0299	8/4/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer misdirected his request for copies of records that were released as a result of his FOIA request.	Ombuds service provided	Directed customer to submit his request for documents to the appropriate office within NARA.	8/24/2010

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10-0300	8/4/2010	State	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the status of request after not receiving a response to inquiries.	Ombuds service provided	Contacted State and the review of the documents was initiated that day. Customer was informed of the current status of the request and given tips on how to proceed when dealing with the request.	8/27/2010
10-0301	8/7/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS provided customer with information on where to lodge his complaint against the VA.	8/20/2010
10-0302	8/6/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information related to an investigation.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS contacted the agency to ask about the status of the investigation, and learned that the 7(A) exemption is still applicable. Agency FPL suggested that the customer check with him monthly about the status.	9/23/2010
10-0303	8/9/2010	VA, DOL	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of five requests.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Customer e-mailed us to let us know that the VA released the information he sought and he no longer needs OGIS assistance.	11/29/2010
10-0304	8/10/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the status of requests and appeals with BOP.	Fact finding	Sent letter asking for consent on 8/18/10, awaiting response from customer before attempting to contact agency.	
10-0305	8/10/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with a request for records the agency states has already been destroyed.	Ombuds service provided	Contacted customer by phone 8/13/10 to inform him to send in an appeal to the agency first. Email sent on 8/18/10 that also included additional information about records schedules and the VA hiring practices.	8/18/2010

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10-0306	8/10/2010	HUD	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request which was filed in November 2008.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Contacted agency, which advised that a release determination would be mailed very shortly.	8/25/2010
10-0307	8/10/2010	EPA	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	In checking with the agency, OGIS was told that this is a broad request with many responsive records. Agency will respond to the requester shortly.	8/31/2010
10-0308	8/10/2010	DOJ & NARA	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Admin closure	Explained Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that shields grand jury information; also determined that customer had not requested information from NARA; advised customer on how that is done.	9/27/2010
10-0309	8/13/2010	State	Delay	Customer is inquiring about a long delay of a request to the State Department	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about agency's average response time and suggested narrowing the scope of the search.	8/24/2010
10-0310	8/16/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer requested information from a database, the name of which appears to have been changed.	Admin closure, Request for info satisfied	8/24 Sent customer a letter informing him of the name change and asking him for consent if this does not answer his question completely.	9/24/2010
10-0311	8/17/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Agency initially accepted customer's appeal with a letter but wrote back seven months later stating that the appeal had not been received in a timely fashion and the matter was closed.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency offered to re-open the appeal as a matter of administrative discretion, stating that its action to close the appeal was correct. The requester agreed, so long as he did not have to go to the end of the queue. Estimated response for 09/30/10	9/22/2010

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10-0312	8/18/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is not satisfied with the appeal response given.	Admin closure	Advised customer that OGIS does not handle PA requests.	8/25/2010
10-0313	8/20/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is requesting OGIS to assist with a delay.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	After phone calls with the agency and the customer, there was a release of records made on 9/17/2010.	9/17/2010
10-0314	8/23/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer that he needs to file an appeal.	9/3/2010
10-0315	8/24/2010	DOL	Ombuds issues	Customer is seeking advice from OGIS on a conflict of interest issue.	Admin closure	Received no reply from customer.	9/30/2010
10-0316	8/12/2010	DOL	Fees	Customer disputes the denial of fee waiver	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Learned that DOL has a policy of waiving fees for the first Privacy Act request it receives from a sick nuclear worker or his or her advocate but consent of the request subject is required.	11/3/2010
10-0317	8/18/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer raised several issues including a request for the proper point of contact to raise FOIA complaints, updating agency contact information in regulations and other issues related to the Privacy Act.	Ombuds service provided	The agency FOIA Public Liaison and OGIS both responded to the customer's specific complaints, explaining that both are proper contacts for complaints and that addresses are updated on agency Web sites to provide the most up-to-date information.	8/25/2010

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10-0318	8/26/2010	DHS	Delay	The customer's request is pending past the 20-day time limit. The customer would like to know when the request will be responded to.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	The agency informed OGIS that the response estimate is approximately six weeks. OGIS communicated that to the requester and invited the requester to come back if the response is not received in that time.	9/3/2010
10-0319	8/30/2010	DOJ	Delay	Possible Privacy Act. Customer is looking for the status of requests.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Determined status of customer's requests & sent a copy of "Your Right to Federal Records" published by DOJ, OMB & GSA.	10/26/2010
10-0320	8/30/2010	EPA	Delay	Delay on initial request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer received response to delayed request. Filed appeal and awaiting response.	12/20/2010
10-0321	8/31/2010	State	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Fact finding	Consent received. Analyst contacted State, waiting for a response (9/17/10).	
10-0322	9/1/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer states that despite repeated requests, the agency has refused to give an estimated date of completion on three FOIA requests.	Ombuds service provided	The agency's FOIA Public Liaison provided estimated dates of completion through OGIS. Customer returned for additional OGIS assistance after the dates passed. On 04/22/11, the agency estimated an additional six months to respond.	4/22/2011
10-0323	9/1/2010		Privacy Act	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with a listing of federal agency FOIA contacts as well as information on how to make a request to the state of NC	9/8/2010

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10-0324	8/30/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer has made multiple requests to several agencies. One responsive file is available for review at NARA, and another is in the complex queue awaiting agency review.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about reviewing the responsive records at NARA.	10/19/2010
10-0325	9/7/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is disputing the denial of appeal	Admin closure	Customer did not submit consent and information requested.	11/17/2010
10-0326	9/3/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Customer received a police report from the VA and objects to redactions in the report.	Request withdrawn	When contacted, the customer said she was obtaining the information she needed another way and did not need OGIS assistance.	9/17/2010
10-0327	9/7/2010	SSA	Privacy Act	Misdirected request.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Customer requested SSA records. Provided information about correct place to send request.	9/14/2010
10-0328	9/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the appeal determination.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer requested records that are no longer held by the agency. Analyst provided more information about the search.	11/30/2010
10-0329	9/8/2010	DOJ	Info	Customer is looking for information on OGIS	Request for info satisfied	Advised customer on the OGIS procedures as well as the info regarding PA.	9/22/2010

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10-0330	9/12/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for info on where within the VA to go to obtain military and medical records	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Advised customer to file an appeal. Also directed him to other resources within the agency to help locate his records.	10/6/2010
10-0331	9/13/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for some clarification on DOJ's regulations pertaining to informants.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS responded to the customer with additional information including a suggestion on where specifically within the agency to go to request the information sought.	10/18/2010
10-0332	9/13/2010	ATF, DEA, USNCB, NDIC, OPR	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of FOIA and PA requests to six agencies	Admin closure	Customer sent consent, but did not submit copies of FOIA request letters and agency responses to the six agencies	12/13/2010
10-0333	9/13/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes denial of appeal	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Gave customer information about third-party releases and the fact that a judicial order does not mean that a document is releasable under FOIA.	11/1/2010
10-0334	9/13/2010	DOJ	Info	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to properly submit documentation for Administrative Remedy.	10/5/2010
10-0335	9/13/2010	DOJ	Info	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to properly submit documentation for Administrative Remedy.	10/5/2010

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10-0336	9/13/2010	DOJ	Info	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to properly submit documentation for Administrative Remedy.	10/5/2010
10-0337	9/13/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of three requests.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	This case is an extension of OGIS case no. 10-0140. Provided customer with status of three pending requests.	11/9/2010
10-0338	9/13/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of request.	Fact finding	I have attempted to contact the requester on 4 occasions by phone to no avail. Received a letter from attorney March 14, 2011. I left a message at DOJ/Voting Rights section, awaiting response. Follow up March 29, 2011.	
10-0339	9/15/2010	DOD	Denial	Customer requested classified records under either FOIA or MDR and disputes continued classification.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency explained that records requested under both FOIA and MDR undergo the same classification review process and stands by its decision to continue to classify the information at issue.	10/12/2010
10-0340	9/16/2010	SSA	Info	Privacy Act Request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to submit request.	10/5/2010
10-0341	9/17/2010	DOJ	Denial	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to submit request.	10/5/2010

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10-0342	9/17/2010	VA	Denial	Request for records was misdirected.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Directed customer to correct agency office.	9/27/2010
10-0343	9/20/2010	FDIC	Denial	Customer disputes the agency's withholding of information under Exemptions 4 and 6.	Fact finding	On 11/22 the agency said it would respond to the remand within 30 days and suggested a discussion then on any remaining issues in dispute. Customer received the appeal response in early May and plans to discuss further with OGIS.	
10-0344	9/20/2010	VA	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Fact finding	Appeal still pending with VA. Will make contact to the VA to determine the status of the appeal.	
10-0345	9/16/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is wanting an intermittent release of documents	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Customer is unhappy that agency is unwilling to make an interim release beyond what it has already released.	12/21/2010
10-0346	9/16/2010	FDIC	Agency practices	Customer disputes agency practice of refusing to accept FOIA requests made with a PO Box as the originating address; also disputes practice of consolidating requests and tolling.	Ombuds service provided	Agency waived its P.O. Box policy for this request but customer continues to dispute policy generally. Agency consolidation practice appeared to be in line with its regulations.	11/30/2010
10-0347	9/20/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer made a request and received no response. Possible misdirected request.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	OGIS will check status but also advise customer to make the request to another agency that may have the records.	11/2/2010

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10-0348	9/21/2010	EEOC	Fees	Customer disputes being charged for shipping of the materials requested.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Contacted EEOC FPL who said the fees in dispute would be refunded.	11/3/2010
10-0349	9/21/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes "no records" denial.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency shared its records retention policy which requires keeping documents such as those requested for only 10 years (documents requested were dated 1980-87). Suggested the customer try to obtain them through the state FOI law.	10/7/2010
10-0350	9/22/2010		Info	Misdirected request	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Customer sought information about crimes committed in New York; gave the customer information about the state Freedom of Information Law and the New York Committee on Open Government	10/1/2010
10-0351	9/22/2010	DOD	Agency practices	Customer is not satisfied with response given by the agency	Fact finding	Left message with USCG 4/1/2011 and 4/6/2011.	
10-0352	9/23/2010	VA	Denial	Customer received only part of the information he requested and it was not in the format desired.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Agency counsel received the appeal in April 2010 but does not estimate a response until March 2011. Customer agreed to allow the agency a chance to respond but will return to OGIS to re-open the matter and discuss the substantive dispute if necessary.	1/4/2011
10-0353	9/24/2010	Unknown	Denial	Unclear with what customer wants OGIS's help.	Admin closure	10/6 - requested more information and copies of previous correspondence.11/4 - requested more information and copies of previous correspondence.	12/6/2010

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10-0354	9/24/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Sent customer a consent letter and received consent, awaiting response from the Agency. Received status info from the agency and sent a letter to the customer relaying the information received.	11/5/2010
10-0355	9/24/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer that unless he provides written consent, proof of death or a showing of an overriding public interest in disclosure, third-party information is protected.	10/6/2010
10-0356	9/24/2010	EEOC	Privacy Act	Customer is looking for the status of a delayed request.	Admin closure	Customer received response from the agency.	11/2/2010
10-0357	9/28/2010	NARA	Info	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	After consulting with NARA FOIA officer, referred letter, which is not a FOIA request, to NARA's Reference Section, which said it would respond directly to the customer.	10/6/2010
10-0358	9/28/2010	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer attempted to make a request to OGIS for a FOIA that should be directed to Air Force.	Ombuds service provided	After two phone calls and two emails, I was able to reach the customer to explain that the request should be made to the Air Force FOIA office. I provided the contact info, websites & explained the FOIA process and how and when OGIS gets involved.	10/19/2010
10-0359	9/29/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of a deceased government informant's file under Exemptions 2, 3, 6, 7(C) and (D).	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	The agency acknowledged making an inadvertent release but said it would not confirm or deny the existence of any other records and stands by its release and withholding determination.	10/7/2010

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10-0360	9/29/2010	N/A	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for help in filing a state FOI	Ombuds service provided	OGIS analyst contacted the customer via email and explained how to make the request under the California Public Records Act and also gave a state resource to assist.	10/7/2010
10-0361	9/30/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is not satisfied with response given by the agency	Ombuds service provided	Told customer about agency practices regarding how files are kept and about Privacy Act protections for third-party information.	11/17/2010
20	9/9/2009	VA	Delay	Customer stated that 20 days have expired and no word from the Agency.	Request withdrawn	Requester withdrew request when records sought were received.	10/6/2009
2011-0001	10/1/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for state/local records	Ombuds service provided	Directed customer to local agency that may have records & to the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council	10/26/2010
2011-0002	10/1/2010	DHS and State	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for information on who to contact regarding a referral from DHS to State.	Ombuds service provided	Customer needed to know who and how to contact the State Department to follow-up on a referral sent from DHS to State. I gave him the contact info and also gave him info to contact the Embassy of India for info on the new requirements for entry.	11/3/2010
2011-0003	10/4/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information	Request for info satisfied	Provided more information on exemptions taken.	12/1/2010

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2011-0004	10/4/2010	DOJ	Fees	Customer is looking for a fee waiver	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	After reviewing appeal letter & DOJ regulations, FBI fee waiver denial appears proper; also provided customer w/ a copy of 28 C.F.R. 16.1 regarding procedures for charging fees under FOIA	10/26/2010
2011-0005	10/4/2010	SSA	Fees	Customer is unhappy with a fee estimate.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Contacted agency and learned that customer can request files on CD to reduce fees.	12/27/2010
2011-0006	10/4/2010	HUD	Ombuds issues	Customer is attempting to make a request to OGIS for records.	Admin closure	I have left two messages for customer to explain how to make her request to HUD. Sent customer a letter 11/19/2010 and 1/24/11 asking for additional info to assist her. Admin closure 2/24/11, no response from customer.	2/24/2011
2011-0007	10/4/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer mistakenly believes that OGIS may have records responsive to DHS FOIA request.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer of OGIS's role and provided information on filing an appeal.	10/18/2010
2011-0008	10/4/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the "no records" response.	Ombuds service provided	Confirmed with the agency that it is confident in its search and "no records" response; provided customer with information regarding records schedules and suggested considering other search terms.	10/19/2010
2011-0009	10/4/2010	Unknown	Info	Customer is looking for a better understanding of the FOIA process, especially redactions.	Request for info satisfied	Explained third party privacy issue and appeal process.	10/13/2010

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2011-0010	10/4/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer wants to know why agency will not release the information sought.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer that the agency re-reviewed the request on remand, but decided not to release any documents under Exemption 7(A); though not cited, Exemption 7(B) could also apply to information sought. Provided detailed information on both exemptions.	4/8/2011
2011-0011	10/4/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of requests.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer that OGIS does not handle PA, asked for additional information about the requests and provided customer with the contact information for the FPL as well as info regarding third-party requests.	11/1/2010
2011-0012	10/12/2010	VA	Denial	Customer believes additional responsive records exist.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Customer filed an appeal on 10/22. OGIS learned that the appeal is no. 210 in the agency's queue though agency could not give an estimated date of completion. Advised customer and said she could come back if she disputed appeal response.	1/10/2011
2011-0013	10/12/2010	VA	Denial	Customer requested records that are not kept by the agency.	Ombuds service provided	Advised client to send a request to the private institution that holds the records. Returned correspondence as requested.	10/26/2010
2011-0014	10/12/2010	VA	Denial	Requester seeking information about his military service record.	Ombuds service provided	Learned that requester is in a VA database and in order to find his record, he needs to apply for benefits to trigger a (non-FOIA) search of VA's Records Management Center. Provided name and contact information of local FOIA processor who can help.	3/25/2011
2011-0015	10/12/2010	N/A	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks to correct records about him/herself that are held by the state.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer of OGIS's role and process. Sent address of state agency that may hold the records she seeks.	10/27/2010

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2011-0016	10/12/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes agency's statement that the records at issue were "missing or lost."	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Spoke to agency FOIA Public Liaison about the dispute; no records resulted after two searches and the agency is confident that any records must be missing or lost. There is nothing else OGIS can do.	11/24/2010
2011-0017	10/17/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for clarification of information she received in a response letter from an agency.	Ombuds service provided	Further explained appeal language in FOIA response letter received by customer.	11/3/2010
2011-0018	10/18/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer does not believe agency is properly complying with FOIA policy.	Ombuds service provided	Acknowledged customer's dissatisfaction with agency practice and explained the difference between issuing guidance and promulgating policy. While agencies must follow policies, they have latitude to implement guidance or best practices as they see fit.	11/8/2010
2011-0019	10/19/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Directed customer to submit a FOIA request to EOUSA, which might have the trial exhibits he seeks.	11/5/2010
2011-0020	10/19/2010	VA & DoD	Ombuds issues	Customer may need assistance finding answers to specific questions as well as information about how and where to request information sought.	Ombuds service provided	Explained the records schedule to the customer and why any records that may have existed during the time frame at issue would long be destroyed; reiterated agency's suggestion to try asking for records from the National Personnel Records Center.	1/5/2011
2011-0021	10/19/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request	Ombuds service provided	Sent requester information about how and where to file FOIA requests with two separate agencies as well as information about third-party requests.	11/5/2010

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2011-0022	10/19/2010	State	Delay	Customer is looking for a clear estimate on the timeframe for receiving the materials requested.	Ombuds service provided	State has responded with updates regarding the request. Due to the nature of the materials, the request has been pending longer than normal. Drafted a response to customer.	1/19/2011
2011-0023	10/19/2010	SBA	Info	Customer is looking for info on how to request SBA records	Request for info satisfied	Provided customer with information on how to submit a request as well as SBA contact information.	11/9/2010
2011-0024	10/19/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer is seeking assistance regarding his request for military medical records	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with info about filing an appeal with agency and a sample appeal letter.	11/9/2010
2011-0025	10/20/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer has a case similar to one on the OGIS log and inquired about the resolution of the previous case.	Ombuds service provided	Discussed the general facts and outcome of the previous OGIS case with the requester, providing additional information from the agency.	11/2/2010
2011-0026	10/21/2010	FCC	Denial	Customer requested information related to "numbers stations" and disputes the withholding in full of the information.	Ombuds service provided	The agency agreed to accept an appeal despite the deadline having passed; customer filed appeal on 11/19. Agency is working on the appeal but is unable to give an estimated date of completion. Advised requester to return after appeal response if necessary	1/10/2011
2011-0027	10/21/2010	OPIC	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information and finds exemption citations do not provide enough information to properly appeal denials.	Fact finding	Customer clarified the items and issues of the greatest interest. Agency agreed to review those items and its own position on the response. Customer received re-review response and would like to discuss internally before discussing with OGIS.	

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2011-0028	10/22/2010	USPS	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request. Customer was attempting to file a complaint asking to be awarded monetary damages for some alleged lost mail.	Admin closure	Sent customer a letter detailing what OGIS does and invited customer to submit additional information if there is a FOIA issue, as well as consent needed.	11/24/2010
2011-0029	10/22/2010	USPS	Fees	Customer disputes the fees being charged.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	OGIS spoke with the agency and reviewed its policy and practice with regard to this matter. It appeared to be a fair and reasonable interpretation and fee assessment. OGIS explained this to the customer and closed the case.	12/27/2010
2011-0030	10/22/2010	CIA	Privacy Act	Privacy Act.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information to customer about appeals process, offered thoughts on the scope of the request.	11/3/2010
2011-0031	10/24/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer would like OGIS assistance determining whether his request and /or appeal is still pending with the agency and what, if anything, he may have received from the agency.	Ombuds service provided	Spoke with the customer about his dispute but he provided few details, instead directing OGIS to learn about the matter from the agency. Agency FOIA Public Liaison gave OGIS the information it had which OGIS shared with the requester.	2/23/2011
2011-0032	10/25/2010	DHS	Privacy Act	Privacy Act.	Admin closure	Advised customer (11/9/10) that we do not handle PA but asked for them to return a signed consent form within 30 days if they wanted OGIS to inquire with the Agency as to the status of the request. OGIS received no further response, case closed.	12/16/2010
2011-0033	10/25/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer needs assistance working with the agency to narrow the scope of the FOIA request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Clarified the dispute with the customer and spoke with the agency to better understand the records at issue. Agency agreed that it could process the request for 8 specific fields and will contact requester directly to coordinate.	2/16/2011

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2011-0034	10/25/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for acknowledgment and the status of his June 2010 FOIA request	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Contacted BOP FOIA professionals who said lack of acknowledgment was an oversight and customer should receive release determination within 10 business days.	11/8/2010
2011-0035	10/22/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information on where to find the records sought.	11/16/2010
2011-0036	10/25/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer requested records related to federal judges. Directed him to OIP.	12/6/2010
2011-0037	10/25/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request	Request withdrawn	11/02 - Customer notified OGIS that he received the information he requested and withdrew his request.	11/2/2010
2011-0038	10/25/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer's response was delayed and then was sent without appeal rights.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency response made it to customer in late November but did not include appeal rights. Agency said requester had elected to receive only "clearly releasable" information but requester disputed this. Agency agreed to accept appeal.	2/15/2011
2011-0039	10/25/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer requested information related to Federal judges. Directed him to OIP.	12/6/2010

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2011-0040	10/22/2010	DOEd	Fees	Customer disputes Agency denial of fee waiver	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0041	10/26/2010	State	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Request for info satisfied	Contacted agency. Obtained status of the request.	12/20/2010
2011-0042	10/27/2010	CIA	Denial	Customer disputes the agency's denial of request and refusal to accept an appeal	Request withdrawn	Customer withdrew this matter.	12/8/2010
2011-0043	10/22/2010	DOI	Denial	Customer believes the agency is improperly withholding information and is stalling in its responses.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Discussed the case with the customer and agency. Agency is confident no additional records exist that could be disclosed; agency is processing the appeal but cannot give an estimated date of completion.	1/24/2011
2011-0044	10/29/2010	DOD	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Admin closure	Customer's requests are all first-party or Privacy Act requests, and as such, OGIS is not able to assist.	12/21/2010
2011-0045	10/29/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Privacy Act.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Gave requester information on amending and correcting Privacy Act records	12/1/2010

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2011-0046	11/1/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer was attempting to appeal a decision from the agency.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about filing an appeal.	11/9/2010
2011-0047	11/2/2010	DOJ and GSA	Denial	Customer is looking for assistance with a request made to GSA that was referred to FBI for release.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	After calling requester, FBI and GSA, it was resolved that requester would modify his request with GSA so that FBI would not need to review docs for release.	11/22/2010
2011-0048	11/2/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for assistance with a request made to VA	Ombuds service provided	Unclear how customer wanted OGIS to help; provided customer with information about FOIA, OGIS and federal court records	12/13/2010
2011-0049	11/2/2010	SSA	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information, particularly under Exemption 5.	Fact finding	Discussed the case with the customer. Agency had moved to a new location and took some time to find the file but offered to re-review its release in early March and will get back to OGIS.	
2011-0050	11/2/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Consolidated with OGIS Case No. 2011-0016.	Admin closure	Consolidated with OGIS Case No. 2011-0016.	11/24/2010
2011-0051	10/29/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the status of request	Assigned to analyst		

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2011-0052	10/29/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is possibly looking for assistance on narrowing the scope	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0053	11/3/2010	USDA	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the redactions on contract data.	Fact finding	Customer agreed to file an appeal. OGIS had scheduled a tel-con with agency to discuss on 12/15 but agency has not responded to several messages to try to discuss this.	
2011-0054	11/4/2010	NARA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request for non-federal records.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer of OGIS's mission and advised him to consult with his institution's library.	11/9/2010
2011-0055	11/4/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Admin closure	Case closed after customer failed to submit copies of correspondence & consent.	1/10/2011
2011-0056	11/4/2010	VA	Denial	Privacy Act.	Admin closure	Advised customer (11/9/10) that we do not handle PA but asked for them to return a signed consent form within 30 days if they wanted OGIS to inquire with the Agency as to the status of the request. OGIS received no further response, case closed.	12/16/2010
2011-0057	11/4/2010	HHS	Denial	Agency released name and salary information for agency employees but withheld the same for contract employees. Customer disputes the withholding.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Agency stands by its claimed exemptions as proper and necessary to protect the business interests of the private companies who employ the contractors. Case law supports this position. OGIS was unable to resolve the customer's dispute.	12/28/2010

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2011-0058	11/4/2010	DHS	Privacy Act	Customer needs help determining the status of his request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with more information about his request and next steps.	12/6/2010
2011-0059	11/5/2010	HHS	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the proposed withholding of information he plans to request.	Ombuds service provided	Explained to customer an Exemption 3 statute that protects from disclosure information he seeks about royalties the NIH receives	11/24/2010
2011-0060	11/5/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the "Glomar" response given by the agency.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Explained to customer that he must show official acknowledgment of an investigation to get past a Glomar response. Also that the potential overriding public interest in the information would not be a factor absent showing official acknowledgment.	1/7/2011
2011-0061	11/8/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer requests assistance with a delayed response to FOIA request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS learned that the agency had just sent its response; informed customer of same.	11/24/2010
2011-0062	11/8/2010	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0063	11/8/2010	SSA	Undetermined/TBD	Customer is seeking assistance with a request.	Admin closure	Customer's request falls outside the scope of OGIS's mission. Provided general information on making a FOIA request.	12/13/2010

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2011-0064	11/10/2010	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer just cc'd OGIS regarding a request to the Navy.	Admin closure	OGIS analyst spoke with customer and explained how and when OGIS can get involved. If in the future there is still a problem after the appeal stage, the customer will submit the necessary information for a case to be opened.	11/30/2010
2011-0065	11/10/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Explained Privacy Act, the use of FOIA Exemption 7(A) and why it applies in this case.	12/3/2010
2011-0066	11/10/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Explained FOIA Exemption 7(A) and why it applies in this case.	12/3/2010
2011-0067	11/10/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Explained Privacy Act, the use of FOIA Exemption 7(A) and why it applies in this case.	12/3/2010
2011-0068	11/12/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer has been unable to get the status of a request that was remanded on appeal.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Provided more information about the exemptions taken.	1/6/2011
2011-0069	11/15/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Analyst been in contact with OIP regarding case, letter sent to requester. (1/13/2011)	1/19/2011

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2011-0070	11/15/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information related to an FBI confidential informant.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Agency is firm that it cannot release information about a third party without that person's consent but OGIS is working with agency to receive more information to provide to customer if possible.	4/4/2011
2011-0071	11/15/2010	HHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request that was forwarded to the main office from a regional office.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Contacted FPL and determined status of request.	12/1/2010
2011-0072	11/15/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer erroneously received the OGIS language in his Privacy Act determination letter.	Ombuds service provided	Awaiting customer's signed consent form so the matter can be discussed with the agency involved. Received consent on 11/25/10. OGIS spoke to FPL who is removing OGIS language from the template.	12/6/2010
2011-0073	11/8/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer believes that OGIS should actively help with requests for assistance with Privacy Act requests in addition to FOIA requests.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS responded that, when possible, the office tries to assist Privacy Act, or first-party, requesters as an ombudsman, although the office's jurisdiction is within the FOIA.	11/24/2010
2011-0074	11/8/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer believes that the BOP is out of compliance with E-FOIA requirements.	Ombuds service provided	Logged customer's complaint and suggested submitting comments to DOJ's Office of Information Policy	11/24/2010
2011-0075	11/8/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Contacted agency to learn status of request, which is in the complex queue. Provided requester with additional information.	1/31/2011

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2011-0076	11/8/2010	BOP	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the statuses of several requests.	Ombuds service provided	Customer inquired about status of 63 FOIA requests. OGIS determined the statuses, including 41 that were never received by the agency.	2/24/2011
2011-0077	11/8/2010	USPS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Contacted agency. Learned status of request. Provided customer's new mailing address.	1/5/2011
2011-0078	11/17/2010	DHS, NSA, DOD	Fees	Customer disputes agency's denial of news media status.	Fact finding	OGIS is awaiting additional correspondence from the requester to better understand the various agencies' positions and will then review that alongside the agency regulations to determine whether there is a dispute that OGIS can assist with.	
2011-0079	11/18/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of an appeal.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0080	11/18/2010	OPM	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer w/ tracking number for request and noted customer concerns regarding statutory mandate that agencies assign tracking numbers & allow requesters to track their requests.	1/18/2011
2011-0081	11/18/2010	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the contact information for USCIS regarding a request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer wrote to OGIS thinking that OGIS was USCIS. Customer was assisted via phone and two follow-up emails sent to the customer.	12/7/2010

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2011-0082	11/19/2010	HHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0083	11/21/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for the status of requests with FBI, CIA and DIA.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about her request.	2/28/2011
2011-0084	11/22/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Third party request.	1/6/2011
2011-0085	11/22/2010	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Request for info satisfied	OGIS contacted the agency and learned that the request was received and a release is imminent.	1/19/2011
2011-0086	11/22/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Informed customer that a subsequent search for the records did not locate the requested document; suggested one other federal agency and one state agency that may have the record.	12/16/2010
2011-0087	11/22/2010	HUD	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Assigned to analyst		

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2011-0088	11/22/2010	HHS	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Fact finding	Consulted with HHS appeals personnel as well as have spoken to the requester.	
2011-0089	11/23/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer requested records about herself. Directed her to the proper agency.	12/6/2010
2011-0090	11/23/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	USCG waived fees and response pending.	4/15/2011
2011-0091	11/24/2010	DOD	Agency practices	Customer disputes DOD's practices and policies allowing it to unilaterally withdraw FOIA requests without requester's input.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	OGIS was able to clarify that DoD did not intend to withdraw the customer's request, but to potentially administratively close it if additional information had not been provided. Because additional info was provided, DoD was able to respond to the request	5/6/2011
2011-0092	11/28/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request, which had been remanded on appeal.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Case originally closed 12/13/2010, but customer contacted OGIS to say that as of 5/6/2011, he has not gotten a response.	
2011-0093	11/29/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Explained Privacy Act, the use of FOIA Exemption 7(A) and why it applies in this case.	12/10/2010

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2011-0094	11/29/2010	USPS	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request. Customer attempted to contact OGIS regarding an employment issue.	Ombuds service provided	Customer wanted to complain about employment issues. Referred to REDRESS program at USPS.	12/8/2010
2011-0095	11/30/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0096	11/30/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer appears to be disputing a denial, but letter is unclear	Admin closure	Case closed after OGIS learned that the customer filed FOIA litigation over the disputed request at the same time he sought OGIS assistance.	2/22/2011
2011-0097	12/1/2010	State	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Admin closure	Still no response from customer. Consent still needed to make contact with the agency. Sent email to customer 1/21/2011. Received consent, now can contact agency (Feb. 2011).	1/21/2011
2011-0098	12/1/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer to contact her Agency's EEOC or personnel office.	12/6/2010
2011-0099	12/1/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the withholding of information that is undergoing declassification review.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	OGIS responded that the Declassification Review Center at the agency is the proper body to determine whether material may be declassified; OGIS does not have that authority. Provided the customer with more information on when to expect to hear a response.	3/4/2011

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2011-0100	12/2/2010	DOI	Ombuds issues	Customer is upset with the amount of time being taken to fill initial request; mistakenly sent appeal to OGIS.	Admin closure	Provided information on the appeal process and OGIS's role.	12/7/2010
2011-0101	12/2/2010	DOD	Fees	Customer disputes the fee category assigned by the Agency	Fact finding	OGIS re-opened case, originally closed on 12/17/2010, on 1/3/2011 after agency did not re-categorize as it said it would. After discussion with agency FOIA official, agency agreed to re-categorize the requester's fee category.	
2011-0102	11/8/2010	DHS	Agency practices	Customer wants OGIS assistance on perfecting request and getting agency to respond.	Fact finding		
2011-0103	12/3/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes "no responsive records" response.	Admin closure	Inform customer of the scope of OGIS's mission. Provide copy of the relevant statute.	12/13/2010
2011-0104	12/5/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information on where to submit his FOIA appeal.	12/27/2010
2011-0105	12/6/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the "no records" response.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	The customer will write to the agency asking it to re-open the request and will provide supplemental material to show why he believes the agency would have responsive records. The agency will review the material and respond directly to the customer.	1/4/2011

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2011-0106	12/6/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information on where to submit his FOIA request.	12/27/2010
2011-0107	12/6/2010		Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Admin closure	Sent a letter requesting consent and additional information 12/27. Received no further information from the customer as of 1/31/11, case closed.	1/31/2011
2011-0108	12/6/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer looking for fee waiver information	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer information about requirements for obtaining fee waivers.	12/16/2010
2011-0109	12/6/2010		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on where to submit his request at the State level.	12/27/2010
2011-0110	12/8/2010	EEOC	Delay	Customer has not received acknowledgment of a submitted request.	Admin closure	Contacted customer and confirmed that request was acknowledged.	12/21/2010
2011-0111	12/9/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer disputes that Agency records were destroyed pursuant to records retention schedules.	Ombuds service provided	Provided additional information about agency practices and destruction of records.	1/19/2011

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2011-0112	12/9/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes the "no records" response from the Agency.	Ombuds service provided	Customer actually needed assistance knowing how to request records to USCIS. The contact information and assistance with what is needed to file a request was sent to customer via email. There was a no records response due to the wording of the request.	12/27/2010
2011-0113	12/10/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Fact finding, Ombuds service provided	BOP released 10 pages of responsive records after OGIS contacted the Office of Information Policy and requested that the case be re-reviewed. BOP had previously said there was no method to conduct a search & OIP had affirmed.	3/28/2011
2011-0114	12/14/2010	DOEd	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency determined that the response determination was made but never communicated to the requester. Agency apologized and said it would provide the response to the requester right away.	1/7/2011
2011-0115	12/14/2010	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for information on where to submit a request.	Ombuds service provided	Customer needed information about where to file a request for Certificate of Non-Existence of a Record from USCIS. Analyst researched the info and contacted the DHS FPL for information.	12/30/2010
2011-0116	12/15/2010	SBA	Denial	Customer disputes redacted categories of information in a request for disaster loan data.	Ombuds service provided	The agency discussed the reasons why this information cannot be released and OGIS shared that with the customer. The agency offered to provide general statistics. Customer will file request for updated data and then get general statistics from agency.	4/29/2011
2011-0117	12/16/2010	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer w/ status of request, along with information about the Privacy Act, third-party requests and indigence and fee waivers.	1/19/2011

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2011-0118	11/8/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer inquired about the status of several appeals.	Ombuds service provided	Analyst called agency, learned status, informed customer.	12/29/2010
2011-0119	11/8/2010	DOJ	Fees	Customer disputes the denial of a fee waiver.	Request for info satisfied	OGIS considered the agency's analysis and found that it was correct. Recommend that customer resubmit request with additional information.	2/8/2011
2011-0120	11/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of records.	Request for info satisfied	Provided more information about the exemption taken.	4/8/2011
2011-0121	11/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of records.	Request for info satisfied	Provided customer with more information about his request and the reasons the exemptions were applied.	3/2/2011
2011-0122	11/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the agency's denial of the FOIA request.	Request for info satisfied	Provided more information about the search that was done for responsive records.	3/11/2011
2011-0123	11/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of records.	Request for info satisfied	Provided more information about the exemption taken.	4/8/2011

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2011-0124	11/8/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer disputes the aggregation of multiple requests.	Assigned to analyst	Sent letter advising that OGIS's review of his case reveals that BOP properly aggregated his requests and suggested he resubmit his request and ask to be placed in media fee category.	2/23/2011
2011-0125	11/8/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes agency's response to his request.	Request for info satisfied	Explained reason that no records were found. Provided additional information found online.	3/2/2011
2011-0126	12/17/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes the "no records" response from the Agency.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file an appeal as well as the FPL contact information. Notified customer that OGIS does not handle PA.	12/28/2010
2011-0127	12/17/2010	DHS	Privacy Act	Customer is looking for assistance with his FOIA/PA request.	Ombuds service provided, Request for info satisfied	Worked with customer regarding filing appeals and navigating the process. Customer ultimately received information showing that it is unlikely that the exact information he seeks is in a U.S. Government record.	4/8/2011
2011-0128	12/19/2010	DOD	Delay	Customer is looking for assistance on a request that is taking longer than the statutory time frame to fill.	Ombuds service provided	Provided requester with a status update on the search for responsive records; agency offered to work with requester to narrow request, which the requester declined to do. Had the agency made that offer sooner in the process, requester would have done so.	2/28/2011
2011-0129	12/20/2010	DOD	Fees	Customer is looking for assistance regarding fee charges	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Contacted agency, agency reviewed fee estimate and revised requester category	2/17/2011

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2011-0130	12/21/2010	CIA	Agency practices	Customer seeks assistance obtaining records and disputes the agency's policy by which it refused to accept his appeal.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	The agency's position remains that it does not have to accept appeals if it does not give appeal rights. Here, the agency did provide suggestions to the customer on rephrasing the requests so they will not be closed. OGIS will pursue the appeal issue.	3/9/2011
2011-0131	12/21/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is looking for assistance regarding an appeal	Ombuds service provided	Provided requester w tracking numbers for his just-filed appeals & urged requester to wait for final agency determinations; suggested contacting OGIS again if dissatisfied.	1/6/2011
2011-0132	12/21/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Misdirected request	Ombuds service provided	After no records response from VA, customer contacted OGIS, which submitted request to NARA's National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis & provided customer w/ information on following up on request.	1/5/2011
2011-0133	12/21/2010		Privacy Act	Customer seeking PA info and an Executive Branch listing of where to submit his requests.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file a FOIA/PA request. Notified customer that OGIS does not handle PA.	12/28/2010
2011-0134	12/17/2010	CIA	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of his appeal	Ombuds service provided	Customer has been waiting for a response CIA provided the status of the appeal that is pending and the information has been passed on to the customer. Once a decision has been rendered, if there are still issues that need to be addressed, we will do so.	3/2/2011
2011-0135	12/26/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer says appeal has been denied but at the same time is seeking information to obtain documents.	Ombuds service provided	Customer's request unclear to OGIS. Provided ombuds services with information about bonds & federal court documents as well as information on requesting documents from EOUSA.	12/28/2010

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2011-0136	12/21/2010	NASA	Agency practices	Customer asked if OGIS could help find additional information about FOIA requests and responses; also disputed a response received from the agency.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS provided the customer with additional information. Customer filed an appeal with the agency which is pending.	3/3/2011
2011-0137	12/27/2010		Denial	Customers disputes the redactions made by the Agency.	Admin closure	Customer has provided consent but we still need additional information to understand how OGIS can assist. Sent another letter asking for this information 1/24/11. Admin. Closure 2/24/11 since no response from customer.	2/24/2011
2011-0138	12/27/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer seeking PA info and a Federal Executive Branch listing of where to submit their requests	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file a FOIA/PA request and notified customer that OGIS does not handle PA.	1/4/2011
2011-0139	12/27/2010	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes the agency response of "no records".	Ombuds service provided	Explained to customer that information sought from database is accessible only by personal protected information (PII) and therefore not releasable under FOIA.	2/22/2011
2011-0140	12/27/2010	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes agency's refusal to process FOIA request related to third party without the third party's consent.	Ombuds service provided	Explained third-party privacy to the customer, particularly why an agency is required to protect information it collects about individuals and cannot release it absent their consent. Customer understood and will consider that in future requests.	1/10/2011
2011-0141	12/27/2010	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer requested records pertaining to a third party and asked OGIS generally about how the agency would process that request.	Ombuds service provided	Agency was still within its 20-day time period to respond and had not yet responded so customer agreed there was not an issue for OGIS assistance at that point. Explained the legalities of third-party privacy to educate customer.	1/10/2011

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2011-0142	12/29/2010	VA	Privacy Act	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer of OGIS mission and encouraged requester to file an appeal.	1/13/2011
2011-0143	12/30/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Admin closure	Closed after customer failed to respond. Unclear what customer was asking OGIS to do.	2/25/2011
2011-0144	1/3/2011	CIA	Agency practices	Customer disputes agency's statement that it cannot conduct a search based on the request filed; also disputes agency failure to grant appeal rights.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	The agency explained why it did not accept the customer's request to start with and suggested the customer re-file the request including the missing information. The customer agreed to this approach.	3/4/2011
2011-0145	1/3/2011	USPS	Ombuds issues	Customer disagrees with the responses given by the agency.	Ombuds service provided	Initial request asked agency to conduct research rather than requesting records. Provided information about best practices for requesters.	1/24/2011
2011-0146	1/4/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer is looking for assistance and information on how OGIS can assist with a denied request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer information on Office of Information Policy re-review of the case & determination that no records exist.	3/28/2011
2011-0147	1/4/2011		Info	Misdirected request along with inquiry for information.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file a FOIA/PA request. Notified customer that OGIS does not handle PA.	1/13/2011

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2011-0148	1/4/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for a more accurate status on their request.	Admin closure	Notified customer via e-mail (1/12) that OGIS does not handle PA and offered our ombudsman services, awaiting consent form. Administrative closure, no further response from the customer.	2/14/2011
2011-0149	1/5/2011	Treasury	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of a request, particularly in light of a separate recent disclosure law.	Fact finding	Agency provided additional information about the progress of creating a public version of the electronic record requested that would be stripped of the proprietary data that is requiring the agency to withhold. Customer shared other concerns with OGIS	
2011-0150	12/12/2010	DHS	Denial	Customer received a response with no exemptions cited and disputes the redactions generally.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Advised the customer that he should appeal the response then spoke with agency FOIA Public Liaison which said the agency would voluntarily review its response without an appeal and would respond directly to the customer after this review.	1/5/2011
2011-0151	1/5/2011		Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file a FOIA/PA request. Notified customer where to submit a VA state request.	1/13/2011
2011-0152	1/6/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with contact info on where to file a FOIA/PA request. Notified customer that OGIS does not handle PA.	1/13/2011
2011-0153	1/7/2011	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of records under Ex. 7(A) when he was under the impression no investigation occurred.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency explained that it did eventually open an investigation and when the records were requested the investigation was still pending. Agency suggested the requester file a new request, believing the investigation had concluded. Requester agreed.	4/19/2011

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2011-0154	1/7/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the withholding of records.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about how the wording of the customer's initial request letter may have triggered withholdings.	1/24/2011
2011-0155	1/7/2011	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer requested records that may be held by NARA.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about NARA facility to which request should be sent.	2/1/2011
2011-0156	1/6/2011	DOL	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of an appeal	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0157	1/9/2011	DOL	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of an appeal	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0158	1/9/2011	DOL	Ombuds issues	Customer did not receive records in native electronic format.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0159	1/10/2011	DOI	Denial	Customer did not receive records responsive to the request.	Assigned to analyst		

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2011-0160	1/2/2011	DOL	Agency practices	Customer claims agency has not acknowledged a payment that was submitted and held up valid FOIA request due to non-payment	Dispute resolved via facilitation	OGIS spoke with the customer and has left messages for the agency.	3/1/2011
2011-0161	1/7/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for acknowledgment and the status of his November 2010 FOIA request	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with tracking number and regional office where request is being processed.	1/18/2011
2011-0162	1/12/2011	EEOC	Delay	Customer is looking for acknowledgment and the status of his November 2010 FOIA request	Ombuds service provided	Contacted agency FPL, who provided tracking no. & said agency would re-send acknowledgment letter to correct address; also provided info on role of FPL's & link for contact info of all agency FPL's	1/25/2011
2011-0163	1/12/2011	CIA	Delay	Customer disputes the Glomar response given by the agency	Ombuds service provided	Gave customer update on where appeal is, explained what one must show to prove a Glomar response is not proper and suggested customer request unclassified documents from the State Department	3/3/2011
2011-0164	1/12/2011	Treasury	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of a delayed appeal where the agency has denied access to records.	Admin closure	Agency publicly released some of the data at issue in the meantime but customer seeks additional information not provided. Customer will review records and return to OGIS if additional assistance is needed.	4/4/2011
2011-0165	1/13/2011		Ombuds issues	Agency is seeking OGIS assistance in a matter involving a repeat requester	Assigned to analyst		

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2011-0166	1/15/2011	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for clarification regarding a FOIA response she received from DHS	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0167	1/18/2011	VA	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for additional records not received from FOIA request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about how to request records.	2/8/2011
2011-0168	1/18/2011	DOI	Denial	Customers disputes the redactions made by the agency.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0169	1/19/2011	USAID	Delay	Customer is looking for status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer and agency are now communicating directly.	5/19/2011
2011-0170	1/21/2011	DOE	Delay	Customer has received some records in response to request, but agency says other records are currently with a different agency and will not elaborate or give an estimated date of completion.	Facilitating resolution	Agency provided additional information about the response and the reasons for the delay and kept OGIS updated on the status, including the date the request was returned from consultation and when it would go out to the customer. OGIS relayed to customer.	
2011-0171	1/23/2011	CIA	Agency practices	Customer seeks assistance obtaining records and disputes the agency's policy by which it refused to accept his appeal. Case was merged with case #2011-0130 due to identical issues.	Admin closure	Case merged with #2011-0130.	2/7/2011

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2011-0172	1/24/2011	DOD	Fees	Customer disputes the fees being charged by the agency.	Fact finding		
2011-0173	1/25/2011	State	Delay	Customer is looking for status of request.	Request for info satisfied	Provided customer with information about the status of his request. Also provided information about his fee category.	3/2/2011
2011-0174	1/27/2011	HUD	Delay	Customer is looking for acknowledgment and status of request with expedited processing.	Request for info satisfied	Agency released information in response to the request.	5/2/2011
2011-0175	1/24/2011	CNCS	Denial	Customer disputes the partial withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Requester filed request for OGIS assistance at the same time she filed an appeal. Agency responded, granting appeal and releasing responsive records.	4/4/2011
2011-0176	1/31/2011	DHS	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of a FOIA request.	Request for info satisfied	Provided customer with information about the Glomar response.	3/28/2011
2011-0177	2/2/2011	HHS	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of request.	Fact finding	Left a message for customer 2/16/2011. Need actual responses from agency. Contact with FDA will be attempted the week of 4/18.	

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2011-0178	2/3/2011		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for information on where to submit request	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information requested.	2/24/2011
2011-0179	2/7/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of two requests.	Fact finding	Left messages at OIG and OPR for the status of the requests 2/16/2011.	
2011-0180	2/7/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Fact finding	OGIS has discussed the case with the customer and with the DoD OGIS Liaison. Left a message with Army counsel on 05/17/11.	
2011-0181	2/14/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Fact finding	Customer seeking assistance with a Privacy Act request.	
2011-0182	2/14/2011	SSA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0183	2/17/2011	SSA	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the denial of information for privacy reasons.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS learned the customer was generally looking for family information. Explained why information about living individuals cannot be released without consent at the federal level and suggested alternatives to get the underlying information from the state.	3/25/2011

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2011-0184	2/11/2011	HHS	Fees	Customer disputes fees and is looking for status of request	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0185	2/12/2011	OPM	Delay	Customer seeks status of two requests that were acknowledged with an automatic e-mail in the fall of 2010	Ombuds service provided	Agency re-acknowledged & began processing two requests, which were submitted in October & November 2010 but were not in the agency's FOIA queue.	4/4/2011
2011-0186	2/21/2011	VA	Denial	Customer disputes agency response of "no records".	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer status of his appeal and information regarding the different processes for obtaining records under FOIA and under discovery.	4/8/2011
2011-0187	2/23/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0188	2/23/2011	DHS	Fees	Customer under a tight deadline and disputes being placed in the commercial requester fee category. CBP denied his request to be placed in the educ'l institution fee category b/c he requested information to complete his thesis.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Spoke to CBP about requirements for placement in the commercial requester fee category and explained that requester submitted request on his own behalf, not on behalf of another entity. CBP suggested that requester file an appeal.	3/2/2011
2011-0189	2/24/2011	NARA	Privacy Act	Customer was confused about the status of a request for an FBI file accessioned to NARA.	Ombuds service provided	Provided additional information about the request.	3/23/2011

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2011-0190	2/24/2011		Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for information on the services of OGIS as well as information on receiving research help. Received another letter 2/25 which was a misdirected request. Provided customer with all the information requested.	Ombuds service provided		3/2/2011
2011-0191	2/25/2011	State	Delay	Customer is not satisfied with the time taken to process their request	Ombuds service provided, Request for info satisfied	Worked with customer to narrow request; agency said request did not need to be narrowed, only reviewed; agency made release at the end of April.	5/10/2011
2011-0192	2/28/2011	DOJ	Privacy Act	Misdirected request inquiring about status of EOUSA remand on Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS responded to customer to clarify the misdirected request, returning the documents sent. Advised the address where it appeared he was trying to send his inquiry.	3/4/2011
2011-0193	3/2/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of records requested.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0194	3/2/2011	HHS	Delay	Customer has two FOIA requests with the agency and is unable to get a status on their progress.	Facilitating resolution	The agency FOIA Public Liaison gave some general information about the requests including general estimates for completion on both parts of the rolling release. Relayed information to customer who wanted to discuss further.	
2011-0195	3/2/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information requested.	Ombuds service provided	Encouraged customer to file an appeal.	4/7/2011

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2011-0196	3/2/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Ombuds service provided	Explained the "no records" response and gave requester several ideas for conducting research both within & outside of FOIA at the FBI and at the National Archives; also explained DOJ FOIA fees.	4/8/2011
2011-0197	3/4/2011	OPM	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0198	3/4/2011	DHS	Ombuds issues	Seeking information regarding how to obtain records related to her family's denial of entry into the US.	Assigned to analyst, Ombuds service provided	Responded to customer with DHS FOIA contact information to assist with making a request there.	3/24/2011
2011-0199	3/6/2011		Ombuds issues	Seeking testimony of actor Lee J. Cobb before the House Un-American Activities Committee in June 1953 (year not entered correctly).	Ombuds service provided	Contacted NARA's Center for Legislative Archives and learned that requester can purchase what he seeks at GPO or can go to the GPO Depository Library closest to him; gave requester specific information for locating what he seeks.	3/24/2011
2011-0200	3/7/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the partial withholding of information requested.	Fact finding		
2011-0201	3/7/2011		Ombuds issues	Customer erroneously sent OGIS a request for his own draft notice.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS contacted the appropriate office to receive this request and forwarded it there for response and responded to the customer describing same.	3/25/2011

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2011-0202	3/7/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer is looking for the status of the appeal.	Ombuds service provided	Customer had just filed an appeal and agreed the agency should have the opportunity to respond. Customer is working with agency directly to ascertain the status and will return to OGIS if additional assistance is needed.	4/12/2011
2011-0203	3/7/2011	HHS	Delay	Customer disputes response given by the agency and seeks status of appeal.	Fact finding	Communications with CDC and HHA Appeals office. Pending a conference call for the week of May 10th.	
2011-0204	3/7/2011	State	Delay	Customer seeks status of pending request and disputes the agency's practices regarding electronic format requests.	Fact finding		
2011-0205	3/8/2011		Ombuds issues	Cannot determine if customer made a FOIA request or some other type of request to agency.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about OGIS's role.	3/24/2011
2011-0206	3/8/2011		Ombuds issues	Seeking information about Ulysses S. Grant and his appointment to West Point.	Ombuds service provided	Provided additional information.	3/24/2011
2011-0207	3/14/2011		Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance in obtaining records from private companies.	Ombuds service provided		3/23/2011

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2011-0208	3/21/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer seeks the status of a referred request.	Fact finding	Left a follow-up voicemail for DHS FPL 4/13/11.	
2011-0209	3/21/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer has eight outstanding requests to this agency for which he seeks the status.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	OGIS contacted the agency to ask about the status and the agency replied to the customer directly. The customer and agency have been productively communicating and do not require additional OGIS assistance at this time.	4/8/2011
2011-0210	3/21/2011	Education	Denial	Customer disputes scope of documents released in response to request.	Ombuds service provided	Explained appeal process to customer and encouraged him to file an appeal asap. He will contact OGIS again if there is a delay in receiving an appeal decision.	4/11/2011
2011-0211	3/21/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer is seeking assistance finding out who within EOUSA is appointed to review misconduct of U.S. attorneys.	Request for info satisfied	Explained EOUSA response to request and OIP appeal decision. Provided information about filing a complaint with DOJ OPR and/or OIG related to allegations of govt misconduct.	3/25/2011
2011-0212	3/16/2011	State	Delay	Customer seeks assistance with a FOIA request with the State Department that has been pending for 19 months.	Fact finding		
2011-0213	3/21/2011	VA	Privacy Act	Customer is seeking assistance determining the status of a Privacy Act request.	Ombuds service provided	Privacy Act request completed 4/18/2011. sent email and left phone message for customer 4/20/2011.	4/20/2011

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2011-0214	3/11/2011	HHS	Delay	The FOIA appeal has been pending for more than five months and the customer seeks OGIS assistance in determining the status of the appeal.	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	The agency was able to share with the requester that the final response was currently being drafted and would go through another review process before the response was sent.	4/22/2011
2011-0215	3/23/2011	SSA	Denial	Customer disputes a denial.	Ombuds service provided	Provided further information about (b)(3) denials.	4/25/2011
2011-0216	3/10/2011	HHS	Delay	Customer seeks assistance with a 3-year-old request.	Fact finding	Spoke with HHS appeals office, pending a conference call for the week of May 10th.	
2011-0217	3/24/2011	Education	Denial	Customer disputes agency denial, on appeal, of records related to a teaching grant.	Admin closure, Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about an OIG investigation that affects the use of Exemption 7(A) in response to this FOIA request	5/9/2011
2011-0218	3/29/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes agency's denial and questions appellate review process.	Ombuds service provided	The agency provided more information about its process and explained that for open investigations, it will always claim Ex. 7(A). Customer appreciated the additional information. OGIS will follow up on the appeal analysis issue.	4/29/2011
2011-0219	3/29/2011	DOT	Delay	Customer has two outstanding FOIA requests with the agency from February 2010 and has been unable to get a status update.	Fact finding	Agency is still processing the request. OGIS will check again on the status at the end of May and contact the customer.	

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2011-0220	3/25/2011	N/A	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for information on where to make a request for records about federal grants.	Ombuds service provided, Request for info satisfied	Provided information about OGIS's mission and suggested ways to research grants.	4/8/2011
2011-0221	3/30/2011	N/A	Undetermined/TBD	Customer seeks information unrelated to a FOIA request.	Request for info satisfied	Provided information about OGIS's scope and mission. Directed customer to another source to answer unrelated questions.	4/8/2011
2011-0222	3/30/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the thoroughness of the searches done in response to two FOIA requests.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information on the agency's search practices.	4/25/2011
2011-0223	3/31/2011	Treasury	Delay	Customer has two requests, which he has checked on weekly, and wants to know prospect for release	Fact finding	Discussed the dispute with the requester and agency. Agency expected a response to go out in early May but it was delayed and is now expected closer to the end of the month.	
2011-0224	3/30/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer would like OGIS to assist with a delayed request.	Fact finding		
2011-0225	3/31/2011	VA	Undetermined/TBD	Customer seeks assistance with information regarding a veteran benefit claim.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about filing an appeal and directed customer to appropriate source for other questions asked in the letter.	4/8/2011

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2011-0226	4/4/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes request denial.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about how to make a FOIA request.	4/8/2011
2011-0227	4/4/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the destruction of records.	Ombuds service provided, Request for info satisfied	Provided information about records destruction schedules.	4/8/2011
2011-0228	4/4/2011	EEOC	Delay	Delay on initial request.	Admin closure	Unclear whether customer wants assistance from OGIS or was copying us for information	4/18/2011
2011-0229	4/5/2011	DHS	Agency practices	Customer disputes closing of request as duplicative when request was renewed subsequent to Supreme Court decision on Exemption 2 (high).	Fact finding		
2011-0230	4/7/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer seeks status of two requests.	Ombuds service provided	Sent letter advising that without additional information regarding his request, OGIS is unable to assist. Provided list of FOIA contacts.	5/11/2011
2011-0231	4/6/2011	DHS	Info	Customer seeks information about records that were referred.	Fact finding		

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2011-0232	4/8/2011	CIA	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of information about a formerly covert employee from the 1950s.	Facilitating resolution	Agency provided more information which was passed along to the customer. Customer had a follow-up question that is pending agency response.	
2011-0233	4/11/2011	DOL		Customer has not received responses to an October 2010 FOIA request and to two September 2010 FOIA appeals	Fact finding		
2011-0234	4/14/2011	USDA		Customer seeks assistance with a request where the agency asked for a clarification to the request.	Admin closure	Customer notified OGIS that the agency continues to work on this request. Agreed that OGIS may close the case.	5/19/2011
2011-0235	4/14/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer seeks assistance with requests made to the Air Force Space Command.			
2011-0236	4/18/2011		Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance mediation for a request.	Request withdrawn	Explained how one can access law enforcement records under the Privacy Act/FOIA and discussed personal privacy interests under FOIA. Provided customer with DOJ SF 361 and customer withdrew his request for assistance.	5/9/2011
2011-0237	4/25/2011	Treasury	Denial	Customer requested Freddie Mac records; agency states that these are not agency records subject to release.	Fact finding	Spoke with customer to learn more details. Will contact agency as soon as signed consent is returned.	

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2011-0238	4/25/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer sent payment for fees but has not received any acknowledgement from the agency.			
2011-0239	4/25/2011	CIA		Customer disputes denial of records.			
2011-0240	4/27/2011	HUD	Privacy Act	Customer would like assistance with a request in which records were not received, possibly due to a dispute revolving around fees.	Pending assignment		
2011-0241	4/27/2011	DOL	Ombuds issues	Customer has cc'd OGIS on a request made to agency.	Admin closure	Customer was not actually requesting OGIS assistance and was instead just copying OGIS on a newly filed FOIA request. No assistance is needed at this time.	5/16/2011
2011-0242	4/27/2011	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with determining the status of the request as well as complaint about the fees.	Pending assignment		
2011-0243	4/27/2011	DOI	Delay	Appeal was filed 10 months ago and customer is unable to get estimated date for completion or his place in the appeal queue from the agency.	Fact finding	Contacted DOI 5/4 and 5/17, awaiting response.	

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2011-0244	4/27/2011	DOJ	Denial	Agency's system is not configured to provide the requested information, but because the agency does have the information, customer seeks assistance obtaining it.	Fact finding	Customer is traveling but will call to discuss the matter on 05/25/11.	
2011-0245	5/2/2011	USDA	Denial	Customer does not believe that agency has conducted a thorough search for records he seeks; also thinks agency is misapplying FOIA to PA request	Pending assignment		
2011-0246	5/2/2011	SEC	Denial	Customer disputes full denial; hopes segregable information could possibly be released.	Fact finding	Spoke with customer on 05/19. Will contact agency to discuss further.	
2011-0247	4/29/2011	FBI, CIA	Denial	Customer seeks assistance with requests, some of which involve MDR			
2011-0248	4/28/2011	DOD			Pending assignment		
2011-0249	4/30/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer believes that exemption was incorrectly applied.	Pending assignment		

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2011-0250	5/3/2011	DHS		Customer is requesting mediation for a FOIA request.	Fact finding	Sent an email to customer asking for additional information in order to assist with requests, as well as consent pending.	
2011-0251	5/3/2011	DHS	Privacy Act	Customer seeks assistance in obtaining a copy of a document within a case file.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about his request.	5/19/2011
2011-0252	5/3/2011	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer contacted the agency's ombudsman for assistance on an agency non-FOIA decision and concurrently asked for OGIS assistance.	Ombuds service provided	OGIS determined that there are no FOIA issues for which it can assist; provided customer with information about a DHS ombudsman's office that may be able to help.	5/18/2011
2011-0253	5/6/2011	DOD	Fees	Customer disputes the fees assessed (or charged?) for four different requests. Additional information is needed.	Pending assignment		
2011-0254	5/11/2011	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer seeking assistance with filing a request for a military discharge upgrade manual.	Ombuds service provided	Sent customer a letter explaining that OGIS does not process FOIA request and sent a list of contacts at agencies.	5/11/2011
2011-0255	5/12/2011	USPS	Delay	Customer seeks status of request and appeals.			

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2011-0256	5/12/2011	DOI		Customer recently filed an appeal.			
2011-0257	5/10/2011	DHS		Customer is seeking assistance with a FOIA request possibly due to a delay.	Pending assignment		
2011-0258	5/16/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer is seeking assistance with a FOIA request mailed to ATF, Pittsburgh, PA, which was returned to him as undeliverable.	Pending assignment		
2011-0259	5/16/2011	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with NARA's National Personnel Records Center, which does not return calls and gives incorrect info about National Guard records.	Pending assignment		
2011-0265	5/16/2011	DOD	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with NPRC which is not responsive to requests for records of National Guard.	Pending assignment		