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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. Drafted letter to customer's attorney explaining how to get the records.	5/27/2011
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.	Facilitating resolution	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	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer received a response from agency stating that they were referring documents to entities not subject to the FOIA	Ombuds service provided	USCG provided details about the request and what was released etc., including clarification about which agencies were consulted and referred documents.	7/6/2011
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
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, 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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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	DOD, VA	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
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

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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.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Agency agreed to review a few items of interest and its own position on the response. Customer was not satisfied with that result and requested formal mediation. OGIS did not believe this case was appropriate for mediation.	6/30/2011
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

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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
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

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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
2011-0040	10/22/2010	DOEd	Fees	Customer disputes Agency denial of fee waiver	Fact finding		

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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
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

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2011-0047	11/2/2010	DOJ, 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.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Agency offered to re-review its response but determined that its withholdings were proper and will not change its position.	6/3/2011
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	Fact finding		
2011-0052	10/29/2010		Ombuds issues	Customer is possibly looking for assistance on narrowing the scope	Fact finding		

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2011-0053	11/3/2010	USDA	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the redactions on contract data.	Fact finding	Agency expects to reply to the appeal by early July. Left a message to check status on 07/15/11.	
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
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

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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.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Letter to customer sent 7/15/2011 advising customer that OGIS agrees with agency decision.	7/15/2011
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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.	Ombuds service provided	After hearing from OIP, informed customer that they never received the appeal and that he would have to start process anew since after the timeframe.	3/3/2011
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
2011-0082	11/19/2010	HHS	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Fact finding		

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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.	Fact finding		
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.	

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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.	Fact finding	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
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

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2011-0095	11/30/2010	VA	Ombuds issues	Misdirected request.	Ombuds service provided	Contacted VA to find the appropriate office to handle the claim and sent the information directly there.	7/6/2011
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
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

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2011-0101	12/2/2010	DOD	Fees	Customer disputes the fee category assigned by the Agency	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency re-categorized requester for fee purposes after remand; a second appeal resulted in inappropriate fee assessment being removed.	6/13/2011
2011-0102	11/8/2010	DHS	Agency practices	Customer wants OGIS assistance on perfecting request and getting agency to respond.	Facilitating resolution		
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
2011-0124	11/8/2010	DOJ	Agency practices	Customer disputes the aggregation of multiple requests.	Ombuds service provided	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

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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
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

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2011-0131	12/21/2010	DOJ	Denial	Customer is looking for assistance regarding an appeal	Fact finding	Re-opened case 6/1/2011 after customer again requested assistance because he had heard nothing from appeal authority. Provided customer w info on his appeals.	6/20/2011
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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	Admin closure	Customer did not get back to OGIS regarding the request; unsure what customer wants OGIS to do.	5/27/2011
2011-0157	1/9/2011	DOL	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of an appeal	Admin closure	Customer never got back to OGIS w/ consent or copies of request and appeal correspondence.	5/24/2011
2011-0158	1/9/2011	DOL	Ombuds issues	Customer did not receive records in native electronic format.	Admin closure	Customer never submitted consent or copies of correspondence related to the request and the appeal.	5/24/2011
2011-0159	1/10/2011	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer did not receive records responsive to the request.	Ombuds service provided	Upon speaking to customer a few times, it was understood that a request was made to NARA, however the customer needed to make a FOIA request to DHS/USCIS for the immigration records. Gave customer info on how to make the request to USCIS.	6/10/2011
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	Agency did not receive payment; customer agreed to send a new check upon receipt of which the agency agreed to process her requests.	3/1/2011

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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		
2011-0166	1/15/2011	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer is looking for clarification regarding a FOIA response she received from DHS	Ombuds service provided	Customer was advised of information regarding FOIA and Exemption 5 and given contact information for USCIS.	7/15/2011

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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	Ombuds issues	Customer asking for advice about whether to appeal a denial.	Ombuds service provided	Contacted customer via phone on a few occasions to discuss options to appeal and the explained the FOIA. Also emailed to confirm that enough information was given.	5/26/2011
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.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	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 was sent to the customer. OGIS relayed to customer.	6/7/2011
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
2011-0172	1/24/2011	DOD	Fees	Customer disputes the fees being charged by the agency and his fee category in several old requests.	Ombuds service provided	Advised customer to file new FOIA, which he did, and then appealed. Agency said it would consider new information regarding the definition of news media and fees.	5/27/2011

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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. Left a message with FDA FPL 7/8/11.	
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

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2011-0179	2/7/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of two requests.	Ombuds service provided	Notified customer that the cases that were inquired about had been completed. Provided a copy of one of the responses as well.	6/16/2011
2011-0180	2/7/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer disputes the withholding of information.	Facilitating resolution	OGIS facilitated a call with the customer and agency on 06/07/11. Agency will check the status of two specific documents requested and circle back with more information.	
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
2011-0184	2/11/2011	HHS	Fees	Customer disputes fees and is looking for status of request	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Appeal on fee waiver was decided. Request is in the agency's queue for processing.	5/27/2011

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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	Fact finding, Ombuds service provided	Re-opened 5/3/2011 after customer sought OGIS assistance regarding agency's initial response and what it meant so he could appeal.	6/6/2011
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 ed. 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
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

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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	Agency is working with another agency that also has responsive records to coordinate consultation for response to avoid duplicating efforts. Will work out a schedule and let OGIS know to pass along to requester.	
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
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

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2011-0197	3/4/2011	OPM	Delay	Customer is looking for the status of request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency will follow up directly with the requester for clarification.	7/15/2011
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.	Ombuds service provided	After receiving requester's consent, learned from the FBI that requester was making incorrect assumptions regarding the information he thinks the FBI has.	6/2/2011
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
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

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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
2011-0208	3/21/2011	DHS	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks the status of a referred request.	Ombuds service provided	After numerous discussions and emails with DHS and DHS components, we were able to get the status of the referral. Drafted email to send to customer.	7/6/2011

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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 gov't misconduct.	3/25/2011
2011-0212	3/16/2011	State, FBI	Delay	Customer seeks assistance with a FOIA request with the State Department that has been pending for 19 months; also requests to the FBI.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with status updates and information about the FBI's handling of remands, and referrals and consultations.	5/27/2011
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
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. Customer returned on 06/03 because response not yet received. Response sent 06/10	6/15/2011

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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.	
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

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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	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Discussed the dispute with the requester and agency. Agency expected a response to go out in early May but it was delayed and went out at the beginning of June.	6/8/2011
2011-0224	3/30/2011	DOJ	Delay	Customer would like OGIS to assist with a delayed request.	Ombuds service provided	Provided requester with information pertaining to the status of his request, public interest fee waivers and Vaughn indices, as referred to in the original request letter.	6/14/2011
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
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

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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	Agency remanded request for reprocessing in light of Supreme Court decision in Milner (Ex 2) and will send requester reprocessed records.	4/22/2011
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 in September 2010.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information regarding requested information that was referred to another agency and mailed to the customer on 6/28/2011. Also provided information on OGIS's recommendation regarding referrals from our 5/11/2011 blog post.	7/6/2011
2011-0232	4/8/2011	CIA	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of information about a formerly covert employee from the 1950s.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Agency provided more information about why these records would not be released at this time but said the agency would issue the same response today as it did initially several years ago.	6/3/2011

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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.	Fact finding		
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.	Ombuds service provided	After talking with the agency, explained the conservator relationship between the agency and Freddie Mac and pointed to case law that shows Freddie Mac is not subject to FOIA; discussed pending legislation that would change that.	6/3/2011
2011-0238	4/25/2011	DOJ	Ombuds issues	Customer sent payment for fees but has not received any acknowledgement from the agency.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Provided information about request payment.	6/16/2011

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2011-0239	4/25/2011	CIA	Denial	Customer disputes denial of records.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information regarding the Exemption 3 statute that the agency had not cited in its response, along with information from a NARA specialist on the customer's research topic.	6/3/2011
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.	Fact finding		
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.	Fact finding		
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.	
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.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute, Ombuds service provided	Agency elaborated on its recordkeeping programs and its inability to search for and compile the information requested. OGIS will provide the more detailed information to the customer.	6/29/2011

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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	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about FOIA, OGIS and the Privacy Act; and explained what constitutes an adequate search	5/31/2011
2011-0246	5/2/2011	SEC	Denial	Customer disputes full denial; hopes segregable information could possibly be released.	Facilitation failed to resolve dispute	Spoke with customer for more information. Discussed the withholding with the agency and it is firm in its position. Customer inquired about mediation and after review, OGIS did not believe this was a successful candidate for mediation.	6/3/2011
2011-0247	4/29/2011	CIA	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with delayed request	Dispute resolved via facilitation, Ombuds service provided	Provided information about the status of CIA request. Provided information about NARA's holdings and policies.	6/20/2011
2011-0248	4/28/2011	DOD	Delay	Customer filed a request in December 2010 and has heard nothing after many responsive documents were sent to other agencies for consultation	Fact finding		
2011-0249	4/30/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer believes that exemption was incorrectly applied.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	FBI FPL explained that draft responses to congressional committee question were never sent to committee; therefore, Ex. 5's threshold is met.	6/10/2011
2011-0250	5/3/2011	DHS	Undetermined/TBD	Customer is requesting mediation for a FOIA request.	Admin closure	Sent an email to customer asking for additional information in order to assist with requests, as well as consent pending. Case closed since consent nor additional information was received. Administrative closure.	6/22/2011

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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 charged for four different requests. Additional information is needed.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Fees waived by agency -- case closed	6/14/2011
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 requests and appeals.	Ombuds service provided	Explained to customer how OGIS and FOIA work, and what to expect from the process, particularly in regard to questions posed as FOIA requests and the discovery process.	6/15/2011
2011-0256	5/12/2011	DOI	Denial	Customer recently filed an appeal.	Admin closure	Case closed while appeal is pending.	5/27/2011

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2011-0257	5/10/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer is seeking assistance with a delayed FOIA request.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Customer received requested documents.	6/27/2011
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.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0259	5/24/2011	VA	Delay	Customer seeks assistance with a delayed FOIA response.	Fact finding		
2011-0260	5/20/2011	USDA	Denial	Customer disputes withholding of records pertaining to client which USDA charged with violations of relevant regulations.	Request withdrawn	Customer decided not to pursue this matter further and withdrew the request for OGIS assistance.	6/14/2011
2011-0261	5/23/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer did not receive records requested.	Ombuds service provided	Urged customer to appeal ASAP which he did; also provided information on requirements for expedited processing of appeals, DOJ regulations and OGIS process.	6/22/2011
2011-0262	5/23/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes withholding of records.	Fact finding	Consent needed as well as copies of correspondence from agencies.	

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2011-0263	5/23/2011	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes that document released on appeal is the document he requested.	Ombuds service provided	Provided requester with information about OGIS and FOIA, specifically concerning adequate search requirements under FOIA.	6/20/2011
2011-0264	5/31/2011	FLRA	Denial	Customer disputes the agency's compliance with FOIA regarding posting certain records affirmatively and is asking for OGIS assistance.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about filing an appeal	6/16/2011
2011-0265	5/16/2011	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer seeks assistance with NPRC which is not responsive to requests for records of National Guardsmen.	Ombuds service provided	Spoke to NPRC staffer who will serve as point person.	6/29/2011
2011-0266	5/26/2011	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes correspondence she received from the agency stating that no records were found.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer with information about filing an appeal.	6/2/2011
2011-0267	5/26/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer seeks OGIS assistance with a Glomar response for Inspector General report	Fact finding	Customer filed two subsequent requests which are pending appeal responses; agreed to table the case until appeal responses are received or the appeal clock runs on 06/21/11.	
2011-0268	5/26/2011	multiple	Privacy Act	Customer is seeking assistance from OGIS in getting documents released to her about herself.	Assigned to analyst		

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2011-0269	5/25/2011	USPS	Denial	Customer disputes agency's claim that the number of pieces of mail sent by an election campaign must be withheld under Ex. 4 as a trade secret that could cause competitive harm. Additionally, records were requested via a subpoena, not FOIA.	Fact finding	Agency reviewed its response and confirmed that it was properly processed under FOIA as per its regulations. OGIS has asked a couple of follow-up questions.	
2011-0270	6/2/2011	DOJ, NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer needs assistance determining which agency actually has legal custody of the record in question.	Ombuds service provided	The records have been readied by the FBI but not yet received by NARA; NARA is expecting to have them here by the end of 2011 and will put this request in a queue to be filled as soon as the records arrive.	7/5/2011
2011-0271	6/6/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of information. More detail is needed.	Assigned to analyst		
2011-0272	6/6/2011	DOI	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of field notes and photographs of an archeological site.	Admin closure	Explained appeals rights.	6/24/2011
2011-0273	6/10/2011	OPM	Delay	Customer has not received a response on three FOIA requests that were filed in March and October 2010 and March 2011.	Facilitating resolution		
2011-0274	6/10/2011	DOD	Delay	Customer has not received a response on his FOIA request of March 2011 or on follow-up attempts to check the status.	Dispute resolved via facilitation	Agency issued its response on 06/27/11.	

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2011-0275	6/13/2011	SSA	Denial	It appears that requested document cannot be located.	Fact finding		
2011-0276	6/13/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer does not understand why DEA withheld an investigative report in full.	Ombuds service provided	Explained what "no records" means as well as what FOIA requires regarding segregation of exempt and non-exempt material	7/15/2011
2011-0277	6/13/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer requests mediation to resolve a dispute over the withholding of individuals' names in a document from 1966.	Pending assignment		
2011-0278	6/13/2011	CIA	Denial	Requester disputes denial citing a Glomar response.	Ombuds service provided	Provided customer of an explanation of the Glomar process along with information he was previously provided in similar OGIS cases, stating that records related to the John F. Kennedy assassination will begin declassification in 2017.	7/15/2011
2011-0279	6/15/2011	DHS	Fees	Customer is having a fee dispute with the agency which will not process his request(s) because of his past-due status.	Fact finding		
2011-0280	6/8/2011	NLRB	Ombuds issues	Customer disputes the omission of OGIS's information in the agency's response letter.	Ombuds service provided	Provided information about OGIS's mediation services.	6/16/2011

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2011-0281	6/17/2011	VA	Delay	Delay has extended for more than a year. Request is for updated data that has been released in the past.	Fact finding		
2011-0282	6/20/2011	DHS	Fees	Customer contests the agency's request for additional information related to fee category.	Fact finding		
2011-0283	6/20/2011	DOI	Delay	Delay on initial request, which was granted expedited status.	Facilitating resolution	The subject matter of this request overlapped with a large Congressional request and the agency wants to review it all together. This requester's portion of that response should be ready by early July.	
2011-0284	6/15/2011	NLRB	Agency practices	Requester seeks assistance regarding agency's compliance with Sect. (a)(2) of FOIA	Admin closure	Customer filed a FOIA lawsuit; once litigation is filed, OGIS involvement ends.	7/6/2011
2011-0285	6/15/2011	NLRB	Privacy Act	Requester seeks information pertaining to agency's processing of nine prior FOIA requests	Admin closure	Customer filed a FOIA lawsuit; once litigation is filed, OGIS involvement ends.	7/6/2011
2011-0286	6/15/2011	NLRB	Denial	Requester is trying to use FOIA to get something published in the Federal Register	Admin closure	Customer filed a FOIA lawsuit; once litigation is filed, OGIS involvement ends.	7/6/2011

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2011-0287	6/15/2011	NLRB	Denial	Requester is dissatisfied with the agency's response to three FOIA requests	Admin closure	Customer filed a FOIA lawsuit; once litigation is filed, OGIS involvement ends.	7/6/2011
2011-0288	6/23/2011	USDA	Denial	Customer disputes the partial withholding of records.	Ombuds service provided	Provided additional information regarding the exemptions taken.	7/6/2011
2011-0289	6/27/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer is asking OGIS to follow up to expedite FOIA request in time for Hearing on 7/11/11	Pending assignment		
2011-0290	6/28/2011	HHS	Denial	Customer received a "no records" response but believes the agency has responsive records.	Pending assignment		
2011-0291	6/30/2011	DHS	Delay	Customer is experiencing a delay in the initial response.	Ombuds service provided	Explained that the agency has a large backlog and shared statistics of the average days for processing. Pointed customer to the website where he can check the status and also provided the status.	7/7/2011
2011-0292	7/5/2011	State	Ombuds issues	Customer is requesting assistance in getting expedited response to initial FOIA request.	Fact finding		

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2011-0293	7/5/2011	NARA	Ombuds issues	Customer is asking OGIS to follow-up in regards to status of initial 3rd party request.	Fact finding		
2011-0294	7/5/2011	FBI	Agency practices	Customer is asking for OGIS to act as FOIA advocate and discuss his dilemma with EOUSA and FBI	Fact finding		
2011-0295	7/5/2011	State	Delay	Customer's FOIA response has been pending for more than 85 days.	Fact finding		
2011-0296	7/5/2011	DOJ	Denial	Customer states being denied			
2011-0297	7/5/2011	USDA	Denial	Customer disputes the denial of a draft regulation under Ex. 5.	Fact finding		
2011-0298	7/6/2011	State	Delay	Customer is requesting assistance in getting expedited response to initial FOIA request.	Fact finding		

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2011-0299	7/11/2011			Customer says he has been asked to supply unavailable information for his appeal.			
2011-0300	7/11/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer seeks assistance in getting info previously denied in FOIA request.		See similar situation with case # 2011-0301	
2011-0301	7/11/2011	DOD	Denial	Customer seeks assistance in getting info previously denied in FOIA request.		See similar situation with case # 2011-0300	
2011-0302	7/7/2011	SSA	Denial	Requester seeks assistance in obtaining information	Pending assignment	Received misdirected correspondence from customer 6/23 & 7/7/11. On 7/17/11 CZ said this should be converted into a case.	