



OFFICE of GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

March 14, 2016—Sent via U.S. mail

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Re: Case No.: 201600215
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on November 23, 2015 via fax. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

As you may be aware, Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

In your submission to OGIS, you describe your dissatisfaction with the FBI's response to your request [REDACTED] for records about [REDACTED]. While you did not send OGIS copies of the correspondence related to request No. [REDACTED], you did enclose a response from the Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) to your appeal of another FBI request for [REDACTED]. OIP's appeal response letter notes that request [REDACTED] was a duplicate of [REDACTED]. You asked for OGIS's assistance with this matter.



In response to your submission, we contacted the FBI to inquire about request [REDACTED]. FBI FOIA staff informed OGIS staff that it recently responded to a third request for [REDACTED], No. [REDACTED]. If you are dissatisfied with the FBI's response to request [REDACTED], you may wish to file an

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administrative appeal with OIP according to the directions in the FBI's letter. If you need assistance with this matter once OIP responds to your appeal, please feel free to contact us again and we will be glad to try to assist you.

At this time, there is no further assistance OGIS can offer. Thank you for bringing this matter to OGIS. We will close your case.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES V. M. L. HOLZER

Director

cc: FBI FOIA

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