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Re: Case Nos. 201600915 and 201601053  
NG: CM: KG

Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on June 6, 2016 via U.S. mail. Your request for assistance pertains to your records request to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Please note that this letter responds to both case No. 201600915 and No. 201601053.

OGIS was created to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (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. Please know that 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.

OGIS provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. After opening a case, OGIS gathers information from the requester and the agency to learn more about the nature of the dispute. This process helps us gather necessary background information, assess whether the issues are appropriate for mediation, and determine the willingness of the parties to engage in our services. As part of our information gathering, OGIS carefully reviewed your submissions of information regarding your two FBI records requests.

You made a request to the FBI for [REDACTED]. While this request was pending processing, you filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against FBI and Executive Office for U.S. Attorney for the N.D. of Ohio to enforce the production of these records.



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Because OGIS provides mediation services as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation, OGIS cannot assist you with your request for assistance since this matter is now in litigation in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in a case captioned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Acting Director

cc: Matthew Hurd, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice  
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