



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

April 14, 2015 — Sent via U.S. Mail

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Re: Case No.: 201500350  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your January 18, 2015 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on January 26, 2015. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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.

You made a FOIA request to the VA office in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], but received no reply. We contacted VA to inquire about the status of your request, and the agency informed us that it responded to request number [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. As a courtesy to you, we have enclosed a copy of the agency's response to your request.

I hope that this information is useful to you. Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,



Nikki Gramian, Acting Director  
Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

cc: Timothy Graham, VA FOIA

Enclosure