



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

March 30, 2016—Sent via email

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Re: Case No.: 201501250
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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 September 25, 2015 via email. We apologize for our delay in responding to your request for assistance.

As you may be aware, Congress created OGIS 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. 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.

We carefully reviewed your submission of information, and we understand that you are concerned about the status of requests that you submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard. In response to your submission, OGIS staff contacted Coast Guard FOIA staff to inquire about your pending cases. The Coast Guard located two pending requests and one pending appeal:

1. [REDACTED]: this request seeks information on [REDACTED]. Coast Guard informed OGIS that the agency is still conducting a search for responsive records.
2. [REDACTED]: this request seeks all files concerning [REDACTED]. This request is in process.
3. [REDACTED]: this is an appeal of a partial denial of request No. [REDACTED]. This appeal is undergoing a legal review.

As you may be aware, the FOIA requires agencies to provide estimated dates of completion upon request. OGIS staff requested estimated dates of completion for your pending cases, but the Coast Guard did not provide that information.



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According to the Coast Guard, a third request ([REDACTED]) was closed on [REDACTED]. Additionally, Coast Guard FOIA staff informed OGIS that all of your requests that the agency received prior to Fiscal Year 2015 are listed as “closed.”

I hope that this information about your requests is useful to 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: Coast Guard FOIA

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.