

Thank you for contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). We are the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ombudsman, providing a neutral place in the Federal government to which anyone -- agency or requester -- can come for assistance regarding the FOIA.

Our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

OGIS:

- Advocates for neither the requester nor the agency, but for the FOIA process to work as intended
- Provides mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies
- Strives to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process
- May become involved at any point in the FOIA administrative process

OGIS does not:

- Compel agencies to release documents
- Enforce FOIA
- Process requests or review appeals
- Provide assistance outside the realm of FOIA
- Make determinations or dictate resolutions to disputes

Your contacted OGIS to request our assistance with your FOIA request and subsequent appeal. We would be happy to assist you with your FOIA issue provided that you send us copies of the following:

- Your initial FOIA request
- The agency's response letter to request
- Your appeal letter to the agency
- The agency's response to your appeal
- Any other relevant correspondence between you and the agency regarding your FOIA request

You may email the documents pertaining to your FOIA request to us at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), fax them to us at [202-741-5769](tel:202-741-5769) or send them to us at the National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Will we take not action on your request for assistance until you provide us with more information. Please contact us at [202-741-5770](tel:202-741-5770) or [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
OGIS Staff

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On Thursday, June 5, 2014 10:38:28 PM UTC-4, Eric M. Lapp wrote:  
Please see attached message concerning mediation request.

Thank you,

Attachment 6a

June 6, 2014

Re: Appeal Number AP-2013-03851  
Request Number 1211313

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Room 2510  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

To Whom It May Concern:

By letter dated March 19, 2014, the United States Department of Justice denied my FOIA appeal and informed me of my ability to seek mediation through your office. Accordingly, I now request mediation.

Please provide information regarding any documents you need from me, as well as a time-line we will be expected to follow.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Lapp  
President  
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*Attachment 6b*