

On 6/6/2014 4:59 PM, OGIS wrote:
Dear Mr. Lapp:

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, 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 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

OGIS Staff

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