



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Ambush:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2013, inquiring about the status of your appeal in case number F-2011-08328. The Department of State has a large number of Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act requests and appeals pending. Your appeal will be processed in turn. The estimated completion date is May 2014.

Federal regulations provide that a requester shall be deemed to have exhausted his administrative remedies if an agency fails to respond to an appeal within the twenty-day time period, and the requester may then immediately seek judicial review. Thus, since the twenty-day period has elapsed, you are free to seek judicial review should you wish to do so.

You may contact me at (202) 261-8330, or [HartmannL@state.gov](mailto:HartmannL@state.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Hartmann".

Lori Hartmann  
Appeals Officer  
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