

# Exhibit 7

**Lisa N. Himes**

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**From:** OGIS <OGIS@nara.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** OGIS  
**Cc:** Lisa N. Himes  
**Subject:** Re: FW: FOIPA Case No. 1409744-0

December 23, 2020 — Sent via email

Ms. Lisa Himes

LHimes@rjo.com

Dear Ms. Himes:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Congress created OGIS to serve as the Federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ombudsman. We assist the public and Federal agencies by helping them resolve their FOIA disputes, and by addressing their questions and concerns about the FOIA process.

We understand that you seek assistance obtaining the status of a FOIA request you submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is important to know that all Federal agencies have resources in place for you to check the status of your request. We have found that requesters often find it more efficient to contact the agency directly, rather than asking OGIS to act as an intermediary. To inquire about the status of your request, we recommend that you contact the agency directly. You can also check the status of your request online at <https://vault.fbi.gov/how-to-check-the-status-of-your-foia-or-privacy-act-request>.

If you wish to contact the FBI directly, you may do so by using the following contact information:

FOIA Requester Service Center

Phone: 540-868-1535

Joseph Bender, FOIA Public Liaison

Phone: 540-868-2101

Michael G. Seidel

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For future reference, FOIA contact information for all Federal agencies is available at [www.foia.gov](http://www.foia.gov).

As you are aware, many Federal agencies recently resumed normal operations following the partial government shutdown. As a result, requesters may experience significant delays in receiving acknowledgement of, and responses to, FOIA requests and/or requests for status.

We hope you find this information useful. At this time, we consider this matter closed. If you have questions or concerns that we have not addressed, please contact us again.

Best regards,  
The OGIS Staff

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On Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:46:54 PM UTC-5 Lisa N. Himes wrote:

OGIS,

I received a letter response from you related to an FBI appeal, but have not received any response from you on this FOIA request. Please let me know.

Thanks,

Lisa

**From:** Lisa N. Himes  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 5:37 PM  
**To:** OGIS <OG...@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** FOIPA Case No. 1409744-0

OGIS,

I recently sent an email regarding an FBI FOIA appeal, for which I have some questions and need assistance reaching the appellate contact.

In addition to that FOIA appellate matter, I have tracked an older FBI FOIA request (FOIPA Case No. 1409744-0). The FOIA materials are attached. The FBI website reflects that this Request, which has been pending for almost 2.5 years, is being processed and that potential responsive information has been located. The website response is below.

I have been unable to obtain any additional information on this FOIA Request and need your assistance. Please let me know.

Thanks,  
Lisa

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## Result

FOIPA

1409744-000

Case Type

FOIPA

Process Description

The FBI's FOIPA Program has identified potential responsive information to your request(s) and awaits assignment to a Government Information Specialist (GIS) for further processing.

**Lisa Norrett Himes** | Of Counsel

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