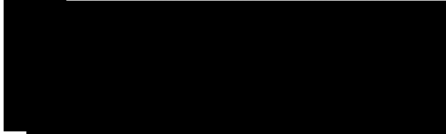




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William Fernandes



Re: Appeal No. A-2022-00452
Request No. FOIA-2022-00465
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VIA: online portal - 1/27/2022

Dear William Fernandes:

You appealed from the action of the Initial Request Staff (IR Staff) of the Office of Information Policy on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to reports referred for investigation to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) by any senior ranking Federal Bureau of Investigation officials concerning Attorney General Merrick Garland engaging in misconduct. I note that your appeal concerns the IR Staff's determination that it does not maintain such records.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the IR Staff's action on your request. The IR Staff informed you that it does not maintain records such as those that you described. I have determined that the IR Staff's response was correct. Based on the type of records that you appear to be seeking, you might wish to make a request to OIG or the FBI for the records that you seek. I trust that this information will be of some assistance to you as you attempt to locate these records.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the IR Staff in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll

free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,



X

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