

# **Exhibit 12**

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**Subject:** FOIA OSD/JS; 22-F-0459 Status Update  
**Date:** June 27, 2022 at 11:53 AM  
**To:** Adam Turner ATurner@advancing-america.org



Good morning  
Mr. Turner,

Our office continue to process your request. It is our policy that each request receives prompt attention, and every effort is made to treat all requesters equally. As previously noted, and unfortunately, our backlog of open requests at the time your request was received was over 3,707. Once I receive a response, all releasable records, if any, cannot be provided to you until all processing is completed. As soon as that occurs, I will send you a formal response letter to your request. Please note all documents are reviewed before we respond. Further note the unusual circumstances concerning your cases are: (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this Office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; and (c) the need for consultation with one or more other agencies or DoD components having a substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. These 3 factors do have an impact on the processing of your case.

I have reached out to the components office currently conducting a search for records responsive to your FOIA request 22-F-0459. I have asked that they provide me an update on the status of your request and an estimated completion date (ECD). As soon as I have heard back from them I will contact you via email and provide you with the ECD. I appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

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