



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Washington DC 20420

April 28, 2015

In Reply Refer To: 001B  
FOIA Requests: OSVA 14-05421-F & 14-05426-F



Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your May 29, 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests referred to the Office of the Secretary, Veterans Affairs (OSVA) and assigned tracking numbers 14-05421-F and 14-05426-F. You requested "a copy of all written and electronic correspondence (email, fax, etc.) or documents between the following individuals on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding wait times for patients or delays in appointments with health care professionals at Veterans Administration hospitals..." from June 4, 2012 to the present.

For FOIA #14-05421-F:

- Senator Bernie Sanders
- Michaelleen Earle Crowell, Chief of Staff
- Lori R. Kearns, Legislative Aide

For FOIA #14-05426-F:

- Steve Allen Robertson II, Democratic Staff Director


The OSVA FOIA Officer performed a reasonable search for records responsive to your request by querying VA's Document Correspondence Management System and other correspondence logs maintained by OSVA, and searching mailboxes belonging to the VA Secretary and Deputy Secretary. Our search resulted in 19 pages of responsive records which we are providing to you as an Enclosure. In accordance with 38 CFR §1.561, we categorize you as an "All Other Requester." As such, you are subject to fees for any records search beyond two hours and for duplication fees for more than 100 pages. Because OSVA's search was delayed due to backlogs in requests for email searches, we have waived all fees associated with this request. Please be advised that OSVA reserves the right to assess fees as appropriate under the FOIA on any and all future FOIA requests.

This concludes OSVA's response to your request. Please be advised that you may appeal the determination made in this response to:

Office of General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA's implementing FOIA regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 1.559, your appeal must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Matuszczak  
FOIA Officer

Enclosure