

# **EXHIBIT 16**

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**Date:** September 3, 2015 at 11:50:26 AM EDT  
**To:** 'Mike Hixenbaugh' <[mike.hixenbaugh@pilotonline.com](mailto:mike.hixenbaugh@pilotonline.com)>  
**Subject: Acknowledgement - FOIA request #15-07637-F, 15-07638-F, 15-07639-F, 15-07640-F, 15-07641-F, and OIG**

Dear Mr. Hixenbaugh,

This is to acknowledge your September 1, 2015, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) seeking all correspondence (including emails and letters) as well as any memos and reports between Jan. 1, 2009 and the date this request is completed to and from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Under Secretary for Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, the Deputy Inspector General, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning (including previous and interim office holders, and the current office holder), regarding Agent Orange and dioxin, and its effects on veterans and/or their offspring.

The FOIA Service received your request on September 1, 2015, and assigned it tracking numbers **15-07637-F, 15-07638-F, 15-07639-F, 15-07640-F, 15-07641-F**. Please refer to these numbers when communicating with the VA about this request.

The records you seek are not located in this office. We are redirecting your request to the Office of the Secretary (OSVA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA), Office of Policy and Planning (OPP), and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for a file search and a direct reply to you. If you have any questions about the status of your request, please contact them directly at the addresses below:

For records pertaining to **OSVA**, please refer to tracking number **15-07637-F**, and contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer: Lisa Matuszczak  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420 Phone: 202-461-4857

For records pertaining to **VHA**, please refer to tracking number **15-07638-F**, and contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration (10P2C1)  
FOIA Office  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420 Email: [vha2@va.gov](mailto:vha2@va.gov) / Fax: 202-273-9381

For records pertaining to **VBA**, please refer to tracking number **15-07639-F**, and contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33)  
FOIA Officer: Gwendolyn Smith  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420 Phone: 202-632-8928 / FAX: 202-632-8925 / Email: [foia.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:foia.vbaco@va.gov)

For records pertaining to **OCLA**, please refer to tracking number **15-07640-F**, and contact:

Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
FOIA Officer: Regina Mack-Abney  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420 Phone: 202-461-6459 / Fax: 202-273-6791

For records pertaining to **OPP**, please refer to tracking number **15-07641-F**, and contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Policy and Planning (008)  
FOIA Officer: Jon Abboud  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420 Phone: 202-461-5853

For records pertaining to **OIG**, please contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Inspector General (50CI)  
FOIA Officer: Darryl Joe  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
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5859 / Email: [vaoigfoia-pa@va.gov](mailto:vaoigfoia-pa@va.gov)

**Please note**, the Office of Inspector General will assign you its own tracking number for this request.

This concludes the FOIA Service's response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sincerely,

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