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The Honorable Tim McClain
General Counsel (021B)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear Sir:

This is an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) / Privacy Act (PA).

On May 23, 2006, I received a response from Miles Miyamoto, Assistant Regional Counsel, to my FOIA/PA request of November 15, 2005. He provided 8 pages which I had requested under FOIA/PA, but he redacted portions of one page. I am appealing the denial of full disclosure of the page (*See Attachments*) because the redacted portions of that page must be disclosed under FOIA/PA.

While Mr. Miyamoto provided the reasons for the redactions, they are meaningless since your office provides different reasons than those of the Assistant Regional Counsel when making a final decision on appeal. As such, I am precluded from presenting any effective support for full disclosure. Your Office does not appear to process FOIA/PA appeals fairly and equitably. All reasons given seem to be "boiler plated". It is hoped that your Office has the integrity and credibility to render a decision to disclose fully the redacted portions of the attached email.

In view of the foregoing, I am requesting that the redacted portion of the above-mentioned page be fully disclosed. If you plan to continue to deny my appeal, please provide me with the reasons and bases of your denial and applicable legal references to include case law. Your expeditious consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ronald M. Yonemoto

cc: Miles Miyamoto, Assistant Regional Counsel
Adam Chin, FOIA/PA Officer

Attachments as indicated above.

EXHIBIT #1