



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

Office of the Chief Privacy Officer

February 6, 2018

Tariq Habash
The Century Foundation
2040 S. Street NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20009

RE: FOIA Request No. 18-00902-F

Dear Mr. Habash:

This letter is in response to your request dated January 23, 2018, requesting information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received in this office on January 24, 2018. Your request has been assigned to the Office of Postsecondary Education within the Department to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You have asked for expedited processing of your request. That request is denied. The Department has concluded that you have not demonstrated a compelling need for the information. In addition, you have not substantiated that there is an urgency to inform the public concerning any actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

Enclosed with this letter is a general informational sheet for Expedited Processing. Should you still wish to claim that your request should be granted expedited processing, you must provide more specific and detailed evidence to support your claims under each statutory requirement described in our FOIA regulations available on the internet at: www.usdoj.gov/foia and outlined in the attachment to this letter.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

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Lastly, you have the right to appeal this determination. You must submit any appeal within 90 calendar days after the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal. An appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter, the initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in resolving your appeal. Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

Appeals can also be submitted by:

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov

Fax: 202-401-0920

Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Chief Privacy Officer
U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 2E320
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If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at EDFOIAManager@ed.gov (please include the case number).

Sincerely,



Elise Cook
Government Information Specialist
FOIA Service Center

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