



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Washington DC 20420

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In Reply Refer To: 001B
FOIA Request: 17-10900-F

Jasper Craven
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Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of Veterans Affairs on July 24, 2017. Your request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this page and referred to the Office of the Executive Secretary, Veterans Affairs (OSVA). Your request seeks copies of the VA Secretary's calendar, which the OSVA FOIA Office is processing.

Your request also seeks copies of visitor logs to the VA federal building at 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC. That portion of your request was referred to the VA Office of Operations, Security, and Preparedness and processed under a separate FOIA tracking number, 17-11085-F.

The OSVA FOIA Officer performed a reasonable search for records responsive to your request for the VA Secretary's calendars. The timeframe for our search was Feb. 14, 2017 (the date Secretary Shulkin became VA Secretary) to Nov. 16, 2017, the date we initiated our search. We identified 276 pages of records responsive to your request, which are being released to you in six (6) attachments, sequentially numbered at the bottom of each page. Should you have any questions about this response, please contact the OSVA FOIA Officer at OSVAFOIA@va.gov.

Portions of the responsive records have been withheld under FOIA Exemption 5, protecting the agency's deliberative process; FOIA Exemption 6, protecting an individual's personal privacy; FOIA Exemption 7(C), protecting personal privacy pertaining to law enforcement personnel; and FOIA Exemption 7(E), protecting techniques and procedures used by law enforcement personnel.

FOIA Mediation

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FOIA Fees

In accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 1.561, we categorize you as an "all other" requester. Due to the delay in processing your request caused by OSVA's backlog, OSVA will not be assessing fees associated with this request.

FOIA Appeal

This concludes OSVA's response to request **17-10900-F**. Please be advised that should you desire to do so, 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Matuszczak, GIPP/G
OSVA FOIA Officer

Enclosures