

Ryan Lurich

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Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 11:21 AM
To: OGIS
Cc: Ryan Lurich
Subject: Re: FOIA Mediation Request

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December 19, 2019 -- Sent via email

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Mr. Ryan Lurich

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Dear Mr. Lurich:

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This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on November 26, 2019 via email. Your request for assistance pertains to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you filed with the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA).

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We understand that you submitted a request to the EOUSA. You did not receive a response to your request and asked for our assistance in learning the status of your request.

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Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

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We reached out to the EOUSA FOIA Public Liaison to inquire about the status of your request Nos. EOUSA-2019-04126 and EOUSA-2019-04127. We learned that both of these requests were closed as a duplicate of EOUSA -2018-003365 on September 5, 2019. We also learned that EOUSA-2018-003365 is currently in litigation. As a result of this matter being in

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litigation, our office, which provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation, can offer no further assistance in this matter.

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We regret that we were unable to assist you in resolving your FOIA dispute with the EOUSA.

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Sincerely,

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The OGIS Staff

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On Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 9:55:01 AM UTC-5, Ryan Lurich wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request mediation concerning two FOIA requests that are overdue, but with no response from the government divisions.

The Request Nos. are: (1) EOUSA-2019-004126; and, (2) EOUSA-2019-004127. Copies of e-mails acknowledging receipt are attached.

Please let me know what mediation options are available.

Very truly yours,

Ryan



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