



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Subject:     OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2020-IGFO-00088  
              Final Response

Dear Ms. Vincent:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated March 10, 2020, seeking records related to I-730 petitions. Your request was received in this office on March 10, 2020.

DHS-OIG conducts independent investigations, audits, inspections, and special reviews of DHS personnel, programs, and operations to detect and deter waste, fraud, and abuse, and to promote integrity, economy, and efficiency within DHS. Please note that the I-730 is a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) form that is administered by USCIS; therefore, DHS OIG would not maintain the type of records you have requested.

### **Appeal**

This is the final action this office will take concerning this matter. You have the right to appeal this response.<sup>1</sup> Your appeal must be in writing and received within 90 days after the date of this response. Please address any appeal to:

FOIA/PA Appeals Unit  
DHS/Inspector General  
STOP 0305  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
Washington, DC 20528-0305

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<sup>1</sup> For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.



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Both the envelope and letter of appeal must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal letter must also clearly identify DHS-OIG's response. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the Department of Homeland Security regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8.

### **Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services**

Should you need assistance with your request, you may contact DHS-OIG's FOIA Public Liaison. You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison. You may contact DHS-OIG's FOIA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

FOIA Public Liaison  
DHS-OIG Counsel  
STOP 0305  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
Washington, DC 20528-0305  
Phone: 202-981-6100  
Fax: 202-245-5217  
E-mail: [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov)

Additionally, the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about this response, please contact us at 202-981-6100.



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Sincerely,

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