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Dear Sophia Zneimer:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on August 8, 2019.

You requested:

1. Published case summaries regarding marriage fraud finding, burden of proof, investigations; 2. Checklist to determine bona fide marriage or marriage fraud; 3. Checklist for investigating marriage fraud; 4. Draft decisions regarding marriage fraud - a copy of each draft decision in any draft decisions bank; 5. Legal outlines of immigration law topics regarding finding or overcoming of marriage fraud finding under INA Sec. 204(c); 6. Training materials regarding bona fide marriage and marriage fraud; 7. Transcript of interview (Stokes interview) regarding bona fide marriage and marriage fraud used as training materials.

After assessing your request, and consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(b), USCIS FOIA determined your request did not describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable our personnel to locate such records with a reasonable amount of effort.

On May 5, 2020, USCIS FOIA, in accordance with 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c), issued a letter which sought clarification from you regarding the records you requested. Specifically, USCIS FOIA requested that you provide the necessary information to conduct a reasonable search, to include a time frame for the request and specific language or search terms to identify the documents.

In the letter, USCIS FOIA requested a response postmarked or received by electronic mail or fax within 30 working days from the date of the letter in order to proceed with your FOIA request.

Over 30 working days have passed. As of today's date, USCIS FOIA has yet to receive a response. Accordingly, this office is administratively closing your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c). This administrative closure does not prejudice your ability to submit a new FOIA request.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision.

You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Jill Eggleston, for assistance at:

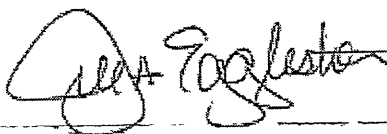
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010  
Telephone: (800) 375-5283  
E-Mail: FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov

A FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448  
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Sincerely,



Jill A. Eggleston  
Director, FOIA Operations