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**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road  
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10 May 2018

John Greenewald, Jr.  
27305 W Live Oak Road, Suite 1203  
Castaic, California 91384

Email: [john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com)

REF: FOIA Cases F-2018-00084  
Request Control Number 1032

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 18 April 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested copies of the **"records, electronic or otherwise, of...all documents produced while processing FOIA Case and Appeal Case F-2016-00051."**

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located 15 documents responsive to your request. One document is being denied in full. The remaining documents are being released to you in part.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c);

(b) (3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person;

(b) (5) which applies to information that is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature; and

(b) (6) Which applies to records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at <http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx>. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may

seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at <https://ogis.archive.gov/> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2018-00084.

Sincerely,



Patricia B. Cameresi  
FOIA Public Liaison

Enclosure: FOIA Case & Appeal Case processing documents for NRO Case# F-2016-00051

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

12 April 2018

Mr. John Greenewald

(b)(6)

REF: FOIA Appeal Case F-2016-00051

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your 11 March 2017 email by which, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you appealed the NRO's denial-in-full response to your 1 April 2016 request for "a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification FY 2015-2016."

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review of your request, I am upholding the initial denial-in-full response to your request.

The information is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e), and (g); and (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

Additionally, as indicated in the initial denial-in-full response, the information also meets criteria specified in 1.7(e) of the Executive Order 13526 that a series of unclassified items in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the items individually, and these aggregate associations and relationships meet the standards for classification and are not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

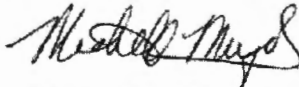
You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

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E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 301-837-1996  
Facsimile: 301-837-0348  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss your request, please contact the NRO FOIA Public Liaison, Patricia Cameresi, by way of the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference appeal case number **F-2016-00051**.

Sincerely,



Michelle Murphy  
Appellate Authority

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

23 January 2017

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.



(b)(6)

REF: FOIA Cases F-2016-00051

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your requests dated 31 March 2016 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 1 April 2016. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting a copy of **"a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification FY 2015-2016."**

Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. The record you have requested is denied in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e) and (g); and (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

Further, the NRO has determined that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveals associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the unclassified items individually; thus, in the aggregate, this information meets the standard for classification under E.O. 13526 Section 1.7(e).

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at <http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx>. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public

Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at <https://ogis.archive.gov/> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2016-00051**.

Sincerely,



Patricia B. Camerese  
FOIA Public Liaison

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**Action Details**

- Update Status
- Modify Action
- Duplicate Action
- Hold Action
- Close Action

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

Lead Organization: COMM-IMSO-FOIA-Tracker

Action Title: 2017-00157 - (U) F-2016-00051 - FY 2015-2016 NRO CBJB - FINAL REVIEW FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FOII:

DOI:

Assigned By: COMM-IMSO-FOIA-Tracker

POC:

Date Due: 1/23/2017 [\(View Change History\)](#)

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Assigned To: GC-Tracker

FYI: BPO-IART-OSC-OCC-TRACKER BPO-IART-REC-MGMT-TRACKER Sec-SPIART-Tracker

Description: **What needs to be done?** (U) IRRG requests NRO Office of General Counsel concurrence on proposed denial-in-full response to Mr. John Greenwald's FOIA request for the NRO FY 2015-2016 CBJB.

**Why it needs to be done?**  
(U) FOIA

Comments:

- Attachments:
- 01/12/2017 09:29 F-2016-00051 DIF final response.pdf
  - 01/12/2017 09:29 F-2016-00051 REQUEST.pdf

Created By:  on January 12, 2017 at 9:36 AM

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### Response Status

Date Due	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Status	Response	Date Responded	Attachments	Details
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## NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

7 April 2016

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated 31 March 2016 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 1 April 2016. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016."

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

Since we will be unable to provide a response within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal on this basis to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 after the initial 20 working day period has elapsed. It would seem more reasonable, however, to allow us sufficient time to continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree and will continue processing your FOIA request on this basis. You will have the right to appeal any denial of records after you receive a final response to your request.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "educational/scientific/media" category of requesters, which means you are responsible for duplication fees (\$.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. We will inform you if it appears that we will reach or exceed our \$25.00 minimum billing threshold in processing your request. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at [www.nro.gov](http://www.nro.gov).

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2016-00051**.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi  
Chief, Information Review  
and Release Group

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1. CLASSIFICATION:  U  C  S  TS      2. CONTROL CHANNEL:  SI  TK  RSV

3. REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  4. ASSOCIATED  5. NON-ASSOCIATED

6. REQUESTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print full name)

7. SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 9. DATE OF REQUEST: 23 Jan 2017

10. SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

11. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: IMSO/IRRG

12. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print full name)

13. SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 14. OFFICE: IMSO/IRRG

15. REMARKS/DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL TO BE SHIPPED: F-2016-00051 Final DIF

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**II. DESTINATION INFORMATION**

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3. CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. STOP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

7. PRIMARY CONTACT: Mr. John Greenwald, Jr.  
(Type or print full name)

8. SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 9. NON-SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

10. ALTERNATE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print full name)

11. SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. NON-SECURE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** foia@nro.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 12:00 PM  
**To:** FOIA  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] FOIA Request

[Redacted]

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Mar 31, 2016

**APR - 1 2016**

National Reconnaissance Office  
Attention: FOIA Office  
14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to [Redacted] or via CD-ROM (b)(6) or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the Congressional Budget Justification for the NRO, for FY 2015-2016.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media/press and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

The maximum U.S. dollar amount I am willing to pay for this request is \$5. Please notify me if the fees will exceed \$25.00 USD or the maximum dollar amount I entered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Greenwald

Phone:

Email:



Request Control Number 798

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**From:** foia@nro.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 11, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** FOIA  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] FOIA Appeal

Appeal Control Number 176

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Mar 11, 2017

**MAR 13 2017**

National Reconnaissance Office  
Attention: FOIA Office  
14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act

03/31/2016, I requested documents under the Freedom of Information Act. My request was assigned the following identification number: F-2016-00051.

On 01/23/2017, I received a response to my request in a letter.

I appeal the denial of my request because: Dear Ms. Cameresi,

This is an appeal based on your final decision to withhold the ENTIRE documents for the Congressional Budget Justification Reports for 2015 and 2016.

In short, I believe there is some releasable portion of this document. The NRO has released other, past, Congressional Budget Justifications, and believe since these are now a couple fiscal years old, there would be some, reasonable, releasable amount of information that can be released.

I ask that you re-review the document for declassification. I feel the public has an overwhelming interest in the inner-workings of the US Government, and feel these documents are crucial for the public to understand where the money is going.

I understand that some information will be exempt, and I accept those proper revisions. But I feel with last years passing of the FOIA Reform bill, members of both Houses, whom represent we the people, know that agencies should be on the side of TRANSPARENCY rather than on the side of SECRECY. I believe in this case, the NRO is on the wrong side, and hope these records can be properly reviewed.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

Mr. John Greenewald

Phone:  
Email:

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**Action Response**

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Action Title: 2017-00157 - (U) F-2016-00051 - FY 2015-2016 NRO CBJB - FINAL REVIEW FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

From: GC-Tracker

To: COMM-IMSO-FOIA-Tracker

FYI:

Response: Final: Concur with Comment

Response Details: 01/17/2017 11:28 -- 1st paragraph: Change the second sentence to read as follows:

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting a copy of "the Congressional Budget Justification for the NRO, for FY 2015-2016."" -- Submitted by:

[Redacted]

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**Documents:**

Status: Response has been accepted

**Comments:**

01/19/2017 09:10 -- Thank you!

-- Submitted by: [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** COMM-IMSO-IRRG-FOIA; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** CBJB Denial Responses Mailed to Requesters 12 April 2018 (EOM-2017-00001, F-2016-00051, F-2017-00067, F-2017-00172, F-2017-00088, F-2016-00130) --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The denial responses to the six CBJB cases were sent via USPS this afternoon [Redacted]

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The Breakdown of cases is as follows:

Appeal Cases:

F-2016-00051	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 2015-2016
EOM-2017-00001	John Greenewald (media)	Request for new review of previously released FY 2010 (the letter states that no additional material will be released)
F-2017-00067	Steven Aftergood (media)	Request for FY 2016

Initial Cases:

F-2017-00172	Michael Ravnitzky	Request for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018
F-2017-00088	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 2018
F-2016-00130	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 1996

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 NRO | COMM | Information Management Services Office  
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**MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST**

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3. REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 7 Apr 2016       4. ASSOCIATED     5. NON-ASSOCIATED

6. REQUESTOR'S NAME:  (Type or print full name)

7. SECURE PHONE:       NON-SECURE PHONE:       9. DATE OF REQUEST: 7 Apr 2016

10. SIGNATURE:

11. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: COMM/ODIR/IMSO/IRRG

12. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR: Patty Cameresi (Type or print full name)

13. SECURE PHONE:       14. OFFICE: COMM/ODIR/IMSO

15. REMARKS/DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL TO BE SHIPPED: FOIA Case# F-2016-00051 Acceptance Letter

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5. REQUESTOR'S FULL NAME:
6. SECURE PHONE: 7. NON-SECURE PHONE: 8. DATE OF REQUEST: 12 Apr 2018

9. SIGNATURE/DATE:
10. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: COMM/IMSO/IRRG

11. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR'S FULL NAME: Patricia Cameresi
12. SECURE PHONE: 13. OFFICE:

14. REMARKS/DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL TO BE SHIPPED:
Final Response on F-2016-00130, EOM-2017-00001 Appeal, F-2017-00088, F-2016-00051 Appeal

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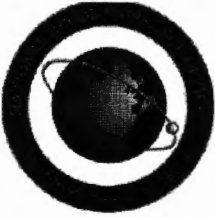
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## NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

14 July 2017

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  

(b)(6)

REF: FOIA Cases F-2016-00051 Appeal  
Appeal Control Number 176

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your appeal submission dated 11 March 2017 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 13 March 2017. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are appealing the NRO's denial of your 31 March 2016 request for "**a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification FY 2015-2016.**"

Due to an administrative error, we only recently realized that we had failed to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your appeal; we apologize for this oversight. Please be advised, however, that your appeal was placed in our queue upon receipt of your letter, and that we have been actively processing your request as of that date.

Since we have been unable to meet the statutory time limit for a final response to your appeal, you may consider this to be a denial of your appeal, and you have the right to seek judicial review on this basis in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 522, as amended. It would seem more reasonable, however, to allow us sufficient time to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as we can. Unless you notify us to the contrary, we will continue processing your request on this basis to provide a response to your appeal at the earliest possible date.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2016-00051**.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Camerisi  
FOIA Public Liaison

Case Information:

Case Number: F-2016-00051  
 Creation Date: 04-01-2016  
 Close Date: 01-23-2017  
 Case Manager:   
 Case Type: Freedom of Information Act  
 Sub Type:  
 Special Handling:  
 Case Action: Search  
 Case Status: CLOSEDA  
 ISCAP: NO  
 Appeal with OGA: NO  
 Litigation with OGA: NO

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Requester Information:

Requester Name: John Greenewald

Request Information:

Subject: NRO Congressional Budget Justification FY 2015-2016

Description:

External Agency:  
 External Agency ID:  
 Receipt Date: 04-01-2016  
 Request Date: 03-31-2016  
 Status Date: 04-13-2018  
 Queue Type: Complex  
 Grant Code: Deny in Full  
 Grant Sub Code:

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 Requested: NO

----Fee Information----  
 Fees: YES Waiver Requested: NO

----Comments----

12-07-2016 02:16:58   
 sending to you until we receive further guidance for the way forward.

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10-24-2016 10:50:51   
 Let's do the initial treatment to parallel the previous releases;  
 then, when we see what's left, we can analyze further to determine a way  
 ahead. Thanks!

09-15-2016 01:14:37   
 Found responsive document on NRO.gov. Doc is loaded and ready for  
 processing.

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04-07-2016 10:41:08 [redacted]  
Added signed N11-08 MTR Form to Correspondence documents

04-07-2016 10:40:25 [redacted]  
Printed and mailed Acceptance Letter on 7 April 2016

04-07-2016 10:08:07 [redacted]  
Letter reviewed and signed.

04-05-2016 11:28:18 [redacted]  
[redacted] reviewed acceptance letter and reassigned for PC review/signature

04-05-2016 10:42:11 [redacted]  
[redacted] has reviewed acceptance letter.

04-05-2016 08:43:15 [redacted]  
[redacted] drafted an acceptance for your review and Patty's signature.

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04-01-2016 02:58:59 [redacted]  
Please prepare acceptance letter.

01-23-2017 12:25:58 [redacted]  
DIF response to Mail Processing for USPS delivery to requester.

01-19-2017 12:23:37 [redacted]  
Letter reviewed and signed.

01-19-2017 10:16:19 [redacted]  
OGC concurs on DIF. Letter is ready for signature. I will let OPA know that we are sending DIF responses to Greenwald and Aftergood (F15-0065).

01-12-2017 09:38:27 [redacted]  
[redacted] revised response letter, opened TIER action for OGC approval of proposed response letter (with FYI for OPA, OS&CI and BPO). Suspense date is 23 January.

01-05-2017 09:37:48 [redacted]  
[redacted] I drafted the DIF response, this one might require some tweaking. I just provided him with our standard language.

01-04-2017 02:13:21 [redacted]  
Per Patty-a meeting was held on 4 January 2017 with members from SED, [redacted] GC, Patty, [redacted]. The decision was made to DIF the CBJB for this request [redacted]

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04-12-2018, 01:28:32 [redacted] Mailed final DIF response to requester and added both the MPT form and the FYI to OPA to the working papers folder

04-12-2018, 10:39:32 [redacted] Added signed Appellate DIF response

04-06-2018, 10:29:20 [redacted] PC - please review the draft appellate response.

07-14-2017, 09:34:02 [redacted] Looks fine to me. I'll get it mailed out.

07-14-2017, 09:24:48 [redacted] Letter edited and signed.

03-16-2017, 10:29:37 [redacted] Reviewed acceptance paragraph and added the second to last paragraph. Reassigning to PC for awareness and signature.

03-16-2017, 09:18:50 [redacted] Appeal acceptance letter prepared for [redacted] review/signature.

03-13-2017, 09:50:00 [redacted] opened appeal request; attached appeal request; reassigned to [redacted]

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