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November 14, 2016

Mr. John Greenewald
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Via Email: john@greenewald.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (#FO-17-0007)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

I am writing in response to your request dated November 1, 2016, in which you asked the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) to provide you with FOIA program periodic reports sent to managers at OSC. Your request has been processed under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

In reviewing your request under the FOIA, OSC identified 2 pages of responsive records. We are releasing the 2 pages to you in full without redactions.

You have the right to appeal this determination under the FOIA. Any such appeal must be made in writing and sent to OSC's General Counsel at the address shown at the top of this letter or by e-mail to FOIAappeal@osc.gov. The appeal must be received by the Office of General Counsel within 90 days of the date of this letter.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Governmental Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510
College Park, MD 20740-6001
ogis@nara.gov
202-741-5770 (Office)
1-877-684-6448 (Toll Free)
202-741-5769 (Fax)

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Dawn Kral, FOIA Public Liaison, at 202-254-3636 or via email at dkral@osc.gov. Please reference the above tracking number when you call or write.

With kind regards,

/s/

Tarik D. Ndonga
FOIA Team
Office of Special Counsel



FOIA BACKLOG REDUCTION GOALS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2016 AND 2017

Requests

Calendar Year	No. of Pending Requests At Beginning of CY	Estimated No. of Requests Incoming During CY	OSC Goal For No. of Requests to be Processed During CY	OSC Goal for No. of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at End of CY
2016	239	150	225	164

Calendar Year	Projected No. of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at Beginning of CY	Estimated No. of Requests Incoming During CY	OSC Goal For No. of Requests to be Processed During CY	OSC Goal for No. of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at End of CY
2016	164	150	225	89

Appeals

Calendar Year	No. of Pending Appeals At Beginning of CY	Estimated No. of Appeals Incoming During CY	OSC Goal For No. of Appeals to be Processed During CY	OSC Goal for No. of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at End of CY
2015	7	5	12	0

Calendar Year	Projected No. of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at Beginning of CY	Estimated No. of Appeals Incoming During CY	OSC Goal For No. of Appeals to be Processed During CY	OSC Goal for No. of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (<u>i.e.</u> , Backlog) at End of CY
2016	0	5	5	0



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2015	240	160	276 ¹	124

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2016	124	160	184 ²	100

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2015	11	5	11	5

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2016	5	5	10	0

¹ This figure assumes that OGC will have a FOIA contractor through the end of the calendar year and that there will be sufficient legal resources to conduct legal review of 276 responses. Due to other work demands, the two attorneys we have on staff will likely not be able to reach this goal by year's end. I recommend the addition of a mid-level OGC attorney who has FOIA/PA expertise in addition to general admin law experience. This figure is based upon a processing goal of 6 requests per week for a total of 46 weeks (to account for holidays and annual leave).

² This figure is based upon a processing goal of 4 per week (less than CY 2015 since OGC will not have a contractor) for a total of 46 weeks (to account for holidays and annual leave).