

# OGIS & DOJ OIP Misstate Recommendation to Post FOIA Logs - Why??

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# **Preface**

I am a Naval Academy graduate who served our nation in war and in peace under nine presidents. They taught us at the Academy that honesty and integrity matter above all else. Per SECDEF Mattis September 13, 2018 Memorandum on Ethics, I will not "[look] the other way when something is wrong."

This presentation highlights OGIS' and DOJ OIP's material misstatement of the FOIA Advisory Committee's recommendation for agencies to post their FOIA logs in their reading rooms.

Given that NARA and DOJ OIP FOIA data are massively false (including DOJ FOIA.gov and annual reports/raw data), it is concerning that such an egregious error occurred.

I sought NARA's Operational Records FOIA logs under expedited processing long ago. NARA is refusing to release them.

I recommend that the 2022 – 2024 FOIA Advisory Committee republish the recommendation with a requirement for DOJ OIP to issue implementing guidance within sixty days or that DOJ OIP do so on its own within sixty days of this public comment.

I recommend that the Committee thoroughly review OGIS and DOJ OIP posted content for the 2020 – 2022 term.

# **Outline**

- Hammond Email to Debra Wall, Vanita Gupta, FOIA
   Advisory Committee. Subject: RE: DOJ OIP & OGIS
   Misconduct/Critical Error. 2020 2022
   Recommendations. FOIA Logs + Missing Web Content
   + OGIS & DOJ OIP Grossly Underfunded +
- FOIA Advisory Committee Recommendations
   Dashboard National Archives
- <u>Secretary of Defense Hames Mattis Memorandum,</u>
   <u>"Ethics Sentinels"</u>
- HOT! Semo OGIS. Budget Numbers do not Comport w. NARA Published Budgets!
- NARA OIG FOIA audit-report-17-AUD-16
- NARA FY 2022 Data Stripped From FOIA.gov
- <u>Sample Hammond Public Comments</u>
  - Public Comments Submitted to the Chief FOIA Officers Council
     https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/chief-foia-officers-council
  - Public Comments Submitted to the FOIA Advisory Committee |
     National Archives https://www.archives.gov/ogis/foia-advisory committee/public-comments
  - OGIS Annual Open Meeting Public comments
     https://www.archives.gov/ogis/outreach-events/annual-open-meeting
  - Document Cloud. Org
     https://www.documentcloud.org/app?q=%2Buser%3Arobert hammond-106693%20 (e.g., "Sample FOIA Template With Recent Developments to Combat Agency Misconduct.")

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Logs + Missing Web Content + OGIS & DOJ OIP Grossly Underfunded +OIG Audits

NARA FY 2022 Data Stripped From FOIA.gov v2.pdf; HOT! Semo OGIS. Budget Numbers **Attachments:** 

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Recommendations Dashboard National Archives.pdf; NARA OIG FOIA audit-report-17-

AUD-16.pdf

For your convenience and to create a permanent FOIA Advisory Committee record, I am attaching the recommendations dashboard web page. See Recommendation 2022-10 at page 13.

Given that NARA FOIA data and DOJ OIP data (FOIA .gov, annual FOIA reports, etc.), are so massively false, I am concerned about how this material misstatement of the FOIA Advisory's Committee's recommendation to post FOIA logs (not PDF logs) may have occurred.

This is not a good way for the Committee co-chairs to start the new term.

OGIS and DOJ OIP are grossly underfunded. Ms. Wall? Ms. Gupta?

With my dep respect,

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Ms. Wall, Ms. Gupta, FOIA Advisory Committee:

#### MATERIAL MISTATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION TO POST FOIA LOGS

As an initial matter, The FOIA Advisory Committee Recommendations Dashboard materially misstates Recommendation 2022-10 stating that "Agencies should endeavor to provide regular and proactive online publication of searchable **PDF logs** containing certain information in Excel/CSV (comma-separated values) format. "

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Whereas the final approved recommendation states:

#### **Technology Subcommittee Recommendation No. 2022-10**

Federal agencies should endeavor to provide regular and proactive online publication of searchable **FOIA logs** containing certain information in Excel/CSV format.

There is a massive difference between PDF logs and FOIA logs. Posting <u>FOIA logs</u> will expose massive false FOIA reporting before it occurs.

# Then, Technology Subcommittee Recommendation No. 2022-07 requires DOJ to encourage posting of: 15. A link to FOIA logs on the agency FOIA website.

The recommendation is categorized as "ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS." I believe it should be categorized as "FOIA COMPLIANCE." DOJ OIP must issue specific guidance on that important recommendation. Annual FOIA reporting is materially inaccurate (massively false) as is DOJ FOIA.gov data, which doesn't even contain NARA FY 22 Q1, Q2, Q3 FOIA data. Please see my attached public comment of June 13, 2022, "NARA FY 22 FOIA Data Stripped from FOIA.gov?? + NARA False FOIA Reporting?" posted to the FOIA Advisory Committee website at https://www.archives.gov/ogis/foia-advisory-committee/public-comments.

#### The 2016 – 2018 Final report states:

Best Practices: Detailed FOIA Log Recommendation

To expand upon the above best practice that agencies post FOIA logs, the Committee offers the following specific recommendations:

- 1. Publish FOIA logs in the agency's electronic reading room (often referred to as FOIA Libraries) on an ongoing basis, at least monthly, unless the agency receives fewer than 100 requests per year, in which case annually or semi-annually would be appropriate.
- 2. To be most useful, agency FOIA logs should contain each of the following fields:
  - a. Tracking number of the request.
  - b. Date of the request.
- c. Name of the requester, provided it is not a first-party requester (i.e., someone asking for records on himself or herself) to be most useful, the agency should publish the names of all third-party requesters; the agency should also alert requesters that they will publish the names of third-party requesters in their FOIA logs.
  - d. Organizational affiliation of the requester, if identified in the request.
  - e. Subject matter of the request.
  - f.. Status of the request (pending, closed, etc.).
  - g. Date the request was perfected.
  - h. The result of each FOIA request (granted, granted in part, denied, withdrawn,

etc.).

- i. Exemptions cited, if any.
- j. Date on which the request was resolved.
- k. Fee category assigned to requester (commercial, educational, news media, other).
- 1. Whether a fee waiver was requested.
- m. If a fee waiver was requested, whether it was granted.
- n. Fees charged to the requester, if any.
- o. Whether the request was processed under the Privacy Act as well.
- 3. The logs should be posted in Excel or CSV format, not in a PDF

#### **ACTIONS**

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- Accurately state the recommendation for posting **FOIA** logs.
- Update FOIA Dashboard

#### DOJ OIP.

Issue guidance to federal agencies regarding posting of FOIA logs in your blog, Twitter and DOJ OIP website. The guidance should include data element recommended for inclusion.

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#### WEB CONTENT.

While the 2020-2022 Committee Term Final Report and Recommendations are posted as a link to the June 9, 2022 meeting webpage (Meetings | National Archiveshttps://www.archives.gov/ogis/foia-advisory-committee/2020-2022-term/meetings). The final report is not posted to the 2020 – 2022 Term Recommendations, as is the case for all past terms. The 2020 – 2022 Term Recommendations contains only one recommendation, Recommendation 2021-01.

#### **ACTIONS**

• Post the Final Report

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#### OGIS and DOJOIP FUNDING.

Ms. Wall, Ms. Gupta,

- OGIS and DOJ OIP are grossly underfunded ten to twenty-fold and incapable of accomplishing their
  missions. Please provide funding to execute your statutory missions. Please ask your OIGs to review
  your funding and mission accomplishment/degradation to provide a baseline.
- Initiate an inquiry into how Technology Subcommittee Recommendation No. 2022-10 was so grossly misstates and who is responsible for it.

#### **FOIA Advisory Committee.**

I have submitted numerous public comments toward improving FOIA processes, funding and compliance. It is not clear where they all fit. I will attempt to consolidate only the most recent to Document Cloud for your review.

#### **CLOSING REMARK.**

I do not have time to police OGIS/DOJ OIP error or misconduct, nor should I have to. I only spot errors when I am researching something important to me.

With my deep respect,

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#### **National Archives OGIS Operations**

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 $Read\ more\ on\ how\ NARA\ is\ addressing\ COVID-19\ (coronavirus)\ www.archives.gov/coronavirus\ .$ 

### FOIA Advisory Committee Recommendations Dashboard

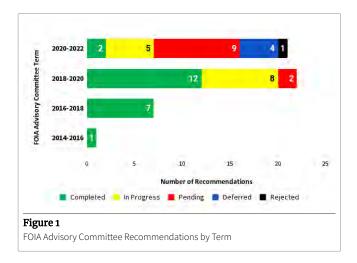
The first four terms of the **FOIA Advisory Committee** made a total of 51 recommendations for improving FOIA administration across the government: one in 2016; seven in 2018; 22 in 2020; one in 2021; and 20 in 2022. This dashboard describes each recommendation, actions taken to fulfill each, and links to reports, correspondence and other related material.

The dashboard indicates whether recommendations are completed, in progress, pending, deferred or rejected. Closed recommendations are marked completed.

- COMPLETED means that we have fulfilled the recommendation although opportunities may exist for additional work.
- IN PROGRESS means work has begun on fulfilling the recommendation.
- **PENDING** means work has not yet started on the recommendation.
- **DEFERRED** means the recommendation is on hold pending the outcome of a feasibility study.
- REJECTED means the Acting Archivist of the United States did not accept the recommendation.

#### Last Modified on August 31, 2022

Number of Reports	Number of Recommendations	Number of Completed Recommendations	Number of Recommendations In Progress	Number of Pending Recommendations	Number of Deferred Recommendations	Number of Rejected Recommendations
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2014-2016	2016-01	The Archivist of the United States will recommend to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that it update its 1987 OMB Guidelines for FOIA Fees, which govern FOIA fees government-wide.	FOIA FEES	COMPLETED	The Archivist sent a <b>letter</b> to OMB on August 26, 2016, asking for revisions to reflect technological changes and to clarify fee issues. The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provided OMB with suggested updates to the guidelines. OMB published a May 20, 2020, <b>Federal Register notice</b> , proposing revisions to sections of its Uniform Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule and Guidelines and inviting public comments. OMB addressed comments and finalized revisions in a December 17, 2020, <b>Federal Register notice</b> .  OMB did: (a) incorporate the statutory change which states that certain fees cannot be charged when an agency fails to comply with any time limit, if no unusual or exceptional circumstances apply to the request (as the Committee recommended); (b) clarify that that the revisions to its Guidelines do not address fee waivers or reduction of fees if the disclosure is in the public interest; (c) clarify that both teachers and students may be eligible for the Educational and Noncommercial Scientific Institution category; and (d) "representative of the news media" from the Guidelines, given that the
					term is now defined in the statute.  OMB did not: (a) address how agencies may use their administrative discretion to decide not to charge FOIA fees when the interest of the federal government would be served and is clearly articulated; (b) provide guidance on fees associated with reproduction costs; (c), clarify that FOIA fees are paid to the U.S. Treasury, not to agency FOIA offices.
2016-2018	2018-01	The Archivist of the United States will propose that the Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council establish a technology subcommittee, in partnership with the Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council, to study the utilization and deployment of FOIA technology across agencies and identify best practices and recommendations to implement across agencies.	SEARCH TECHNOLOGY	COMPLETED	The CFO Council established the CFO Technology Committee in 2018, and in 2020 and 2021, the Committee published three reports on FOIA Technology , video redaction, and FOIA searches. The Committee continues to meet and in February 2022 collaborated with the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Office of Information Policy (OIP) on the NexGen FOIA Tech Showcase, a two-day event showcasing FOIA technology to assist the FOIA process.

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2016-2018	2018-02	The Archivist of the United States will request that the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), collect detailed information, as part of each agency's Chief FOIA Officer (CFO) Report, regarding the specific methods and technologies agencies are using to search their electronic records, including email.	SEARCH TECHNOLOGY	COMPLETED	OIP asked agencies the following question in the 2019 CFO Reports: Is your agency leveraging technology to facilitate efficiency in conducting searches, including searches for emails? If so, please describe the type of technology used. If not, please explain why and please describe the typical search process used instead. OGIS analyzed agency responses and published an issue assessment, Leveraging Technology to Improve FOIA Searches in July 2019. OGIS's assessment shows that FOIA processors at some federal agencies are working across disciplines, collaborating with agency technology experts, and leveraging technology tools to conduct more efficient searches for records, including emails. The findings show that the FOIA process works best when agency FOIA programs cooperate with other program offices to improve searches for responsive records.
2016-2018	2018-03	The Archivist of the United States will suggest a modification to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to require all agencies, when acquiring electronic records management software, electronic mail software, and other records related information technology, to consider features that will help facilitate the agencies' responsibilities under FOIA to provide access to federal agency records." [The FAR governs how federal agencies acquire goods and services through purchase or lease.]	SEARCH TECHNOLOGY	COMPLETED	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) drafted a business case in FY 2019 that would modify the FAR to require access to federal agency records as a consideration in the procurement process. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) submitted the business case to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in early FY 2020 for consideration by the FAR Council. We consider this recommendation complete and will continue to urge this amendment to the FAR.

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2016-2018	2018-04	The Archivist of the United States will launch an interagency effort to develop standard requirements for FOIA processing tools, to ensure that both the tools and their outputs are Section 508-compliant. [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires, among other things, that all records posted to agency websites be accessible to people with disabilities unless doing so would pose an "undue burden" on the agency.]	FOIA AND ACCESSIBILITY	COMPLETED	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) helped launch an interagency effort to address the challenges of FOIA and 508 compliance through the <b>Technology Committee</b> of the Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council. The Technology Committee in 2020 established the 508 Compliance and Collaborative Tools interagency working group. Additional aspects of this recommendation were addressed through the submission of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) business case (see Recommendation 2018-03).
2016-2018	2018-05	The Archivist of the United States will request that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) conduct an assessment of the methods undertaken by agencies to prepare documents for posting on agency FOIA reading rooms.	FOIA AND ACCESSIBILITY	COMPLETED	OGIS included two questions about this issue in the 2018 Records Management Self-Assessment (RMSA) administered by the Office of the Chief Records Officer (CRO) for the U.S. Government in the spring 2019. Assessing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance through the 2018 National Archives and Records Administration's Records Management Self-Assessment showed that, generally, agencies are complying with FOIA's mandate and have procedures for preparing documents for posting on FOIA reading rooms; and it is largely FOIA staff who are preparing documents for posting. The responses form the foundation for OGIS Issue Assessment: Methods Agencies Use to Prepare Documents for Posting on Agency Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Websites published in December 2020.

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2016-2018	2018-06	The Archivist of the United States will encourage the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to highlight the issues with proactive disclosure and Section 508 compliance in its report to Congress by recommending that legislation be enacted to clarify agency requirements under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794d, especially as they relate to proactive posting of large numbers of records.	FOIA and ACCESSIBILITY	COMPLETED	OGIS included a recommendation to Congress in our Annual Report for FY 2018: OGIS recommends that Congress pass legislation to provide agencies with sufficient resources to comply with the requirements of both FOIA and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, especially as they relate to proactive posting of large numbers of records. We provided three possible legislative options, not mutually exclusive, that may be pursued.  OGIS continues to observe agencies struggling with balancing the requirements of both statutes, and renewed the recommendation to Congress in our Annual Report for FY 2020 and our Annual Report for FY 2021.
2016-2018	2018-07	The Archivist of the United States will direct the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to examine the use of appropriate performance standards in federal employee appraisal records and work plans to ensure compliance with the requirements of FOIA and OGIS will submit the results of its assessment and any recommendations to Congress and the President in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(h)(5).	FOIA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS	COMPLETED	The 2018 Records Management Self-Assessment Survey (RMSA) included a question about FOIA performance measures. Assessing Freedom of Information Act Compliance through the 2018 National Archives and Records Administration's Records Management Self-Assessment Report shows that nearly half of the agencies do not have FOIA performance measures for non-FOIA professionals. The responses to this question formed the foundation for OGIS Issue Assessment: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Performance Measures for Non-FOIA Professionals published in September 2020. OGIS submitted the assessment results to Congress and the President in 2021 as part of our Annual Report for FY 2020. OGIS recommended four actions for agencies to take.
2018-2020	2020-01	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) will assess information about the FOIA filing process available on agency websites, with the goal of further informing Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) guidance on how agencies may improve online descriptions of the process.	ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	The 2019 Records Management Self-Assessment Survey (RMSA), conducted in early 2020 included a question about the types of information that agencies make available on their FOIA websites to help requesters better understand the FOIA filing process and the records they maintain. The RMSA results are the foundation for an assessment that OGIS launched in January 2021 and will be shared with OIP to inform guidance.

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2018-2020	2020-02	The Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will issue guidance related to the inclusion of records management-related materials and FOIA handbooks on agency websites.	ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	The 2019 Records Management Self-Assessment Survey (RMSA) conducted in early 2020 included a question about the types of information that agencies make available on their FOIA website to help requesters better understand the records that the agencies maintain. The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) will share the results and the assessment related to Recommendation 2020-01 with OIP to help inform guidance.
2018-2020	2020-03	Agencies will work toward the goal of collecting, describing, and giving access to FOIA-released records in one or more central repositories, and on agency websites.	ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	The Office of Information Policy (OIP) worked with 10X, a U.S. government program that funds, supports and develops ideas from federal employees about how technology can improve the public's experience with the government, to examine the feasibility of a centralized search capability that would allow the public to search across all agency FOIA libraries. After completing three phases of investigation, the team determined that further groundwork needs to occur to facilitate a centralized search capability. OIP continues to work towards improving access to FOIA-released records in a centralized way, in particular in an upcoming project to build a "guided requester" feature on FOIA.gov.
2018-2020	2020-04	The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will offer records management training to FOIA officers and FOIA Public Liaisons in federal agencies, and include a FOIA module in records management training courses open to all federal employees.	FOIA TRAINING	IN PROGRESS	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Office of the Chief Records Officer (CRO) for the U.S. Government developed a storyboard that OIP can use for online training in federal records management for FOIA officers and all federal employees. CRO's Records Management Training, available to all federal employees, includes a module (L.1.031) on managing FOIA requests. The module can be downloaded for use in agency learning management systems or on an agency's intranet or website.

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2018-2020	2020-05	The Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will issue guidance requesting agencies to provide annual mandatory FOIA training to all new and current employees and contractors. The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and OIP will review agencies' current FOIA training requirements and content.	FOIA TRAINING	COMPLETED	OIP developed a suite of FOIA resources to train all levels of the federal workforce, including FOIA Training for Federal Employees and FOIA Training for FOIA Professionals modules that can be uploaded into agency learning management systems. OIP also offers a FOIA Infographic, a one-page handout on FOIA basics for all employees new to the federal workforce. The Associate Attorney General emphasized the training in a memo to agency General Counsels and Chief FOIA Officers. To review agencies' FOIA training, OIP asked agencies in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports to describe efforts to ensure proper FOIA training is made available and used by agency personnel, and to inform non-FOIA professionals of their obligations under FOIA.
2018-2020	2020-06	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will assist agencies in developing FOIA and records management briefings for incoming senior leaders following changes in administration or leadership.	FOIA TRAINING	COMPLETED	OGIS and the Office of the Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government developed FOIA Guidance for Political Appointees to help agencies brief new senior leaders. OIP also developed a FOIA Training for Executives module that can be uploaded into agency learning management systems.
2018-2020	2020-07	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will review the FOIA performance measures used in Agency Performance Plans and Reports, encourage agencies to include FOIA in their performance plans and submit the results of their review and any recommendations to Congress and the President.	RAISING THE PROFILE OF FOIA WITHIN AGENCIES	IN PROGRESS	OGIS launched this assessment in January 2021.

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2018-2020	2020-08	The Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will collect information as part of Chief FOIA Officer Reports regarding standard operating procedures (SOPs) for FOIA processing.	RAISING THE PROFILE OF FOIA WITHIN AGENCIES	COMPLETED	OIP asked agencies in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports multiple questions regarding SOPs for the FOIA process. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) reported in Assessing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance through the 2016 National Archives and Records Administration's Records Management Self-Assessment that 77% of respondents to the survey reported having SOPs for FOIA processing, while 12% reported having SOPs for some parts of the process. OGIS and OIP will continue to encourage agencies that do not have SOPs for FOIA processing to establish such procedures.
2018-2020	2020-09	The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will incorporate and further develop the idea of public access to federal records, including through FOIA, as part of its Federal Electronic Records Modernization Initiative (FERMI).	RAISING THE PROFILE OF FOIA WITHIN AGENCIES	COMPLETED	NARA updated its <b>Universal Electronic Records Management (ERM) Requirements</b> in April 2020 to include FOIA. The ERM now requires agencies to manage records in ways that support proactive release under FOIA. The ERM further states that records management should support sufficiency of FOIA searches. The General Services Administration's Federal Acquisition Service, which procures goods and services for the government, now uses the updated ERM. OGIS will continue to monitor the issue.
2018-2020	2020-10	The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will establish liaisons with the Chief Data Officers (CDO) Council to ensure that Council officials understand the importance of federal recordkeeping and FOIA requirements.	RAISING THE PROFILE OF FOIA WITHIN AGENCIES	COMPLETED	The Directors of the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and OIP and the Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government are ex officio members of the <b>CDO Council</b> , and work to ensure that the Council understands federal recordkeeping and FOIA requirements.

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2018-2020	2020-11	The Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will provide guidance to agencies on the use of ediscovery tools to assist agencies in their searches of electronic records in response to FOIA requests.	TECHNOLOGY	IN PROGRESS	Many of the 22 vendors that participated in the February 2022  NexGen FOIA Tech Showcase shared their commercial ediscovery tools for searching for records responsive to FOIA requests. The Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council Technology Committee and the Office of Information Policy (OIP) hosted an Artificial Intelligence 101 Workshop for FOIA in 2020. Agencies continue to report on their CFO Reports efforts to implement e-discovery and other tools. In OIP's Guidance for Further Improvement Based on 2021 CFO Report Review and Assessment, OIP continued to encourage agencies to leverage technology for greater efficiency.
2018-2020	2020-12	Agencies will publicly release FOIA documents on their FOIA websites and portals in open, legible, machine-readable and machine-actionable formats, to the extent feasible.	TECHNOLOGY	COMPLETED	While opportunities exist for additional work on this recommendation, agencies reported in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports on this issue and provided examples of steps taken to post information in open, machine-readable and machine-actionable formats, to the extent feasible. OIP and OGIS will continue to encourage agencies to post documents in open, legible and machine-readable formats.
2018-2020	2020-13	Agencies will review their FOIA-related technological and staffing capabilities within two years to identify the resources needed to respond to current and anticipated future FOIA demands.	TECHNOLOGY	COMPLETED	Agencies reported in their 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports whether they had reviewed their FOIA technology and staffing. The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) noted in our Annual Report for FY 2020 that such a review "would put agency FOIA programs on a firm footing for asking their agency leadership and Congress for more resources." OIP and OGIS will continue to encourage agencies to review FOIA staffing and technology.

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2018-2020	2020-14	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP), will help agencies explore and consider alternative, more efficient ways for requesters to access records about themselves.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	COMPLETED	OIP asked agencies in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports to describe any common categories of first-party requests and whether the agencies have explored establishing non-FOIA access to those records. OGIS published an assessment on Commonly Requested Categories of First- party Records in August 2021 that makes three recommendations, including that agencies explain, in plain language, on FOIA websites the steps requesters should take to obtain access to first-party records.  The 2020-2022 term of the FOIA Advisory Committee made four recommendations — 2022-11, 2022-12, 2022-13, and 2022-14 — that build on this recommendation.
2018-2020	2020-15	Agencies will make commonly requested documents available outside of the FOIA process, including in publicly accessible online databases.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	COMPLETED	While opportunities exist for additional work on this recommendation, the 2020-2022 term of the FOIA Advisory Committee made four recommendations — 2022-11, 2022-12, 2022-13, and 2022-14 — that build on this recommendation. The Committee noted in its Final Report and Recommendations that several agencies have made commonly requested first-person records available outside of FOIA.
2018-2020	2020-16	The Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council will create a committee to research and propose cross-agency grant programs and other FOIA funding sources, create career paths for FOIA professionals, and promote models to align agency resources with agency transparency.	CHIEF FOIA OFFICERS COUNCIL	COMPLETED	The CFO Council established the Committee on Cross-Agency Collaboration and Innovation (COCACI) in February 2021. COCACI meets monthly and is focusing on virtual FOIA office administration; Government Information Specialist (GIS) job series; and technology standardization. While opportunities for more research regarding FOIA funding sources exist, OGIS considers this recommendation completed.
2018-2020	2020-17	The Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council will work with agency leadership to issue an annual memorandum on the importance of FOIA.	CHIEF FOIA OFFICERS COUNCIL	PENDING	
2018-2020	2020-18	The Archivist of the United States will ask the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) to consider a crosscutting project examining how successful agency FOIA programs are in providing access to agency records in electronic and digital form.	OVERSIGHT	PENDING	

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2018-2020	2020-19	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) will ask Congress to engage in regular and robust oversight of FOIA, hold more hearings, establish regular and coordinated communication with agencies around FOIA issues, and strengthen OGIS with clearer authority and expanded resources.	OVERSIGHT	COMPLETED	OGIS recommended in our <b>Annual Report for FY 2020</b> that Congress ask the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to pinpoint systemic and/or specific compliance issues at agencies that Congress could then address in a targeted fashion either through hearings or additional inquiries.  The 2020-2022 term of the FOIA Advisory Committee made six recommendations pertaining to OGIS: 2022-15, 2022-16, 2022-17, 2022-18, 2022-19, and 2022-20.
2018-2020	2020-20	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) will ask Congress to address funding for agency FOIA programs and ensure that agencies have sufficient resources to comply with the FOIA.	OVERSIGHT	COMPLETED	OGIS recommend in our <b>Annual Report for FY 2020</b> that Congress ask the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study of the funding for agency FOIA programs to determine whether agencies have adequate funding to comply with FOIA and to respond to requests in a timely manner, and what additional resources agencies need in order to improve the FOIA process overall.
2018-2020	2020-21	The Archivist of the United States will actively guide ongoing and future federal data strategies to include FOIA and federal recordkeeping policies.	LOOKING TO THE FUTURE	IN PROGRESS	The Chief Records Officer for the U.S Government issued an assessment, Agency Chief Data Officer Coordination with Records Management Programs , in March 2022. Although the assessment does not reference FOIA, there is a crucial relationship between records and data management and FOIA.
2018-2020	2020-22	The Archivist of the United States will promote research into the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve FOIA searches and efficiently process FOIA requests.	LOOKING TO THE FUTURE	IN PROGRESS	The Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government issued a white paper, Cognitive Technologies: Records Management Implications for Internet of Things, Robotic Process Automation, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence , in October 2020. Although the paper does not reference FOIA, there is a crucial relationship between records management and FOIA.
2020-2022	2021-01	The Archivist of the United States will ask Congress to expand public access to federal records in congressional support offices by creating disclosure procedures modeled after FOIA.	ENHANCING ACCESS TO SOME CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS	COMPLETED	The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) delivered the recommendation to the Archivist of the United States after the Committee's vote at its June 10, 2021, meeting. OGIS transmitted the recommendation in letters to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on May 15, 2022.

Committee Term	Recommendation No.	Recommendation Description	Recommendation Category	Status	Action Taken
2020-2022	2022-01	The Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (OIP) should issue guidance to agencies that they use the internationally recognized "Neither Confirm Nor Deny" (NCND) instead of Glomar.	NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-02	Agencies should report annually on agency use of "Neither Confirm Nor Deny"/Glomar responses.	NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-03	Agencies should post on their FOIA websites information for requesters about "Neither Confirm Nor Deny"/Glomar responses	NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-04	A relevant organization should study the use of "Neither Confirm Nor Deny"/Glomar responses.	NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-05	Executive order (EO) 13526 should be amended to require that in cases where information withheld from public release does not contain the markings specified in the governing Executive Order, agencies must add these markings.	CLASSIFIED INFORMATION	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-06	The Archivist of the United States will request that the Inspector General for the Intelligence Community review agencies' compliance with EO 13526 particularly as it related to marking of classified information.	CLASSIFIED INFORMATION	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-07	The Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) will encourage agencies to post on their FOIA websites certain information beyond what is required by law.	ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	OIP will take this recommendation into account when it updates guidance on FOIA webpages. OIP's existing guidance on proactive disclosures encourages agencies to go beyond FOIA's requirements in posting records to their websites. The Attorney General's FOIA Guidelines also emphasize the importance of maximizing efforts to post more records online.
2020-2022	2022-08	The Chief FOIA Officers Council will establish a working group within two years to determine best practices for release of records in native format, including metadata.	TECHNOLOGY	PENDING	

Committee Term	Recommendation No.	Recommendation Description	Recommendation Category	Status	Action Taken
2020-2022	2022-09	The Chief FOIA Officers Council should establish a working group to study and recommend resolutions to challenges between FOIA and 508 compliance.	FOIA AND ACCESSIBILITY	COMPLETED	A working group of the Technology Committee of the Chief FOIA Officers Council examined the intersection of 508 compliance and FOIA (See Recommendation 2018- 04). The working group will continue to work on the challenges in fiscal year 2023.
2020-2022	2022-10	Agencies should endeavor to provide regular and proactive online publication of searchable PDF logs containing certain information in Excel/CSV (comma-separated values) format.	ENHANCING ONLINE ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	In a March 15, 2022, Memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies, the Attorney General issued <b>FOIA guidelines</b> emphasizing the importance of proactive disclosures.
2020-2022	2022-11	The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Information Policy (OIP) will urge agencies to remove from first-person FOIA practice any records that agencies use to determine the individual's eligibility for benefits or affect an individual in proceedings.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	In a March 15, 2022, Memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies, the Attorney General issued FOIA guidelines encouraging agencies to examine whether they have records they would make more readily accessible without requiring individuals to file FOIA requests. Additionally, agencies reported in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports on whether they have explored alternative means of access to first-person information.
2020-2022	2022-12	Agencies should amend any regulations, directives, policies, and guidance to provide individuals, regardless of whether they have legal representation in agency proceedings, access to records about themselves.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	Agencies reported in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports on whether they have explored alternative means of access to first- person information. The Attorney General's FOIA Guidelines also encourage agencies to examine whether they have records they could make more readily accessible without requiring individuals to file FOIA requests.
2020-2022	2022-13	Agencies that receive first- person requests should identify the most commonly requested record and develop a plan for processing such records that leverages technology, and promotes efficiency and good customer service.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	IN PROGRESS	The Attorney General's FOIA Guidelines note that DOJ's Executive Office for Immigration Review changed its handling of requests for records of immigration court proceedings. Additionally, agencies reported in their 2021 Chief FOIA Officer Reports and 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Reports on whether they have explored alternative means of access to first- person information.

Committee Term	Recommendation No.	Recommendation Description	Recommendation Category	Status	Action Taken
2020-2022	2022-14	A comprehensive assessment of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) processes, workforce and technology should be initiated as it relates to A-Files responsive to FOIA requests.	PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO FOIA ACCESS	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-15	Congress should give OGIS the authority to make binding decisions.	REIMAGINING OGIS	DEFERRED	The Acting Archivist of the United States paused action on this recommendation pending review of the outcome of Recommendation 2022-19.
2020-2022	2022-16	Congress should give OGIS the authority to review records in camera.	REIMAGINING OGIS	DEFERRED	The Acting Archivist of the United States paused action on this recommendation pending review of the outcome of Recommendation 2022-19.
2020-2022	2022-17	Congress should create a direct line-item appropriation for OGIS.	REIMAGINING OGIS	DEFERRED	The Acting Archivist of the United States paused action on this recommendation pending review of the outcome of Recommendation 2022-19.
2020-2022	2022-18	Congress should increase OGIS's budget.	REIMAGINING OGIS	DEFERRED	The Acting Archivist of the United States paused action on this recommendation pending review of the outcome of Recommendation 2022-19.
2020-2022	2022-19	The Archivist of the United States should commission a feasibility study, incorporating input from requesters and agencies, to more deeply explore the costs and benefits of recommendations 2022-15 through 2022-18, and refine the proposals to aid Congress in drafting legislation.	REIMAGINING OGIS	PENDING	
2020-2022	2022-20	The Archivist of the United States (AOTUS) should restore OGIS as a direct report to AOTUS.	REIMAGINING OGIS	REJECTED	The Acting Archivist of the United States rejected this recommendation.

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#### SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON **WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000**

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DOD PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Ethics Sentinels

Those of us privileged to serve our Nation, in and out of uniform, in the DoD must be the epitome of American values and ethics. No matter our rank or position, we must be coequal in our devotion to defending our Nation with the highest degree of honor in all we do.

Ethics transcends our three lines of effort. Admired leaders who coach and inspire selfdisciplined teams strengthen readiness and lethality. Trust is the foundation of attracting and strengthening alliances and the confidence of the American people. When implementing business reforms, remember that accountability matters.

The "Ethical Standards for All Hands" I issued last year is enduring guidance. I expect all of us to be ethics sentinels, ensuring we uphold not just minimum legal standards, but the highest degree of honor our Nation and our military are known for around the world. Execute with aggressive initiative while operating in the ethical midfield.

We must all set the example, rejecting any sense of personal entitlement to privilege or benefit, never abusing our position or looking the other way when something is wrong. I have high expectations of you, and I am confident you will deliver. I am proud to serve alongside each and every one of you who maintain the Nation's trust.

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#### SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Ethical Standards for All Hands

Those entrusted by our nation with carrying out violence, those entrusted with the lives of our troops, and those entrusted with enormous sums of taxpayer money must set an honorable example in all we do.

I expect every member of the Department to play the ethical midfield. I need you to be aggressive and show initiative without running the ethical sidelines, where even one misstep will have you out of bounds. I want our focus to be on the essence of ethical conduct: doing what is right at all times, regardless of the circumstances or whether anyone is watching.

To ensure each of us is ready to do what is right, without hesitation, when ethical dilemmas arise, we must train and prepare ourselves and our subordinates. Our prior reflection and our choice to live by an ethical code will reinforce what we stand for, so we remain morally strong especially in the face of adversity.

Through our example and through coaching of all hands, we will ensure ethical standards are maintained. Never forget, our willingness to take the Oath of Office and to accept the associated responsibilities means that even citizens who have never met us trust us to do the right thing, never abusing our position nor looking the other way when we see something wrong.

I am proud to serve alongside you.

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cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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# SEMO OGIS BUDGET NUMBERS 2009 TO 2021 DO NOT COMPORT WITH PUBLISHED NARA PERFORMANCE BUDGETS

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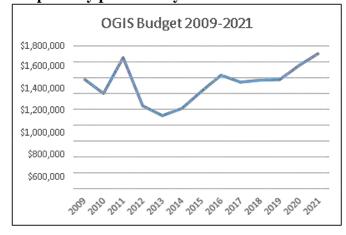
Ms. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Semo, FOIA Advisory Committee:

**Excellent work product by David Cuillier and the Committee**, except that I would have recommended that OGIS be moved directly under Congress, and I will continue to advocate to Congress and others. Also, the Committee appears to have been misled regarding NARA's budget requests for OGIS. Information purportedly provided by Ms. Semo does not comport with public records.

**HOT!** OGIS budget numbers 2009 to 2021 at page 11 do not comport with published NARA Performance Budgets (Performance Budget | National Archives <a href="https://www.archives.gov/about/plans-reports/performance-budget">https://www.archives.gov/about/plans-reports/performance-budget</a>), which show both the current requested and prior year enacted budgets. I took the numbers for my Public Comments, "NARA Please Fund OGIS Part 1" at page 4 directly from NARA's published budgets, which are significantly different and show gross, dramatic, real dollar decreases from 2016- 2021, notwithstanding a 21.8% increase [in inflation] from 2016 to present.

Pls look carefully at NARA budget request numbers; they went DOWN dramatically since 2012/2013. Please remove the statement, "To the National Archives and Records Administration's credit, the OGIS budget has outpaced inflation, from \$1.38 million in 2009 to \$1.71 million in 2021. (Budget numbers provided by Alina Semo, director of the Office of Government Information Services (February 2, 2022). **That is not true. NARA Director did not seek increases consistent with inflation** and OGIS should be moved under Congress. In 2013 with 1.629M 300-400 mediation cases OGIS complained that they did not have enough people. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 included mandatory ADR language which skyrocketed OGIS workload.

#### Purportedly provided by Ms. Semo:



#### True NARA Budget \$ in Thousands Requested:

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FY 2021	\$1,289
FY 2020	\$1,212
FY 2019	\$1,317
FY 2018	\$1,012
FY 2017	\$1,114
FY 2016	\$1,094
FY 2015	\$913
FY 2014	\$1,074
FY 2013	\$1,629
FY 2012	\$1,529

Apart from the grossly inaccurate budget numbers, the rate of inflation since 2009 is 32.2%. The first recorded budget for OGIS was 2010 at \$1.4M. Numbers still do not add up (US CPI Data).

OGIS also has an inherent conflict of interest and will not address requests for ADR of NARA requests, even those that to do not accurately cite the statutory language for OGIS ADR. Ms. Semo has the authority in her Ombuds Report to say whatever she wants. Similarly, when asked pointed questions in the Senate FOIA hearings about what could make FOIA better, Ms. Semo did not once state that her office was underfunded.

OGIS has refused to release budget documents sought under FOIA expedited processing, which are of great interest to the Public, Congress, and this Committee.

To be clear, no entity on the planet can mediate 4,600 cases in a year with three mediators – same number of mediators as 2016 when they received 300 to 400 mediation requests with \$1.6M.

I am including OGIS' Chief Financial Officer, Colleen Murphy (<u>Colleen.Murphy@nara.gov</u>) for immediate clarification by <u>3 PM EST tomorrow</u>, <u>6 April 2022</u>. To the extent that alleged execution exceeds budgetary requests, the FOIA AC paper should show both and not complement the Archivist for something that he did not do when he did opposite. NARA has refused to answer my expedited FOIA requests for past, antecedent budget documents.

Having done finance work for decades years at very high levels, this should only take about ten minutes to resolve.

The FOIA Advisory Committee needs this information before errant citations and statements are approved in its otherwise solid recommendation.

I do not want to diminish an otherwise good recommendation.

If NARA does not provide accurate budget numbers in time for the Committee to re-work the document, I suggest that you withdraw the recommendation until the next meeting and address grossly inadequate budget requests using the numbers above and any additional data provided directly by NARA's CFO.

Pls consider. Thx.

With my deep respect,

Robert Hammond



September 27, 2017

TO:

David S. Ferriero

Archivist of the United States

FROM:

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Inspector General

SUBJECT:

Audit of NARA's FOIA Program

This memorandum transmit the results of our final report, for the *Audit of NARA's FOIA Program* (OIG Audit Report NO. 17-AUD-16). We have incorporated the formal comments provided by your office.

The report contains 15 recommendations aimed at improving NARA's FOIA program. Your office concurred with all recommendations. Based on your September 26, 2017 response to the final draft report, we consider all the recommendations resolved and open. Once your office has fully implemented the recommendations, please submit evidence of completion of agreed upon corrective actions so that recommendations may be closed.

As with all OIG products, we determine what information is publically posted on our website from the attached report. Accountability has stated NARA does not desire any redactions to the posted report.

Consistent with our responsibility under the *Inspector General Act, as amended*, we may provide copies of our report to congressional committees with oversight responsibility over the National Archives and Records Administration.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance NARA extended to us during the audit. Please call me with any questions, or your staff may contact Jewel Butler, Assistant Inspector General of Audits, at (301) 837-3000.



Audit of NARA's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program

September 27, 2017

Audit Report No. 17-AUD-16

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# **Executive Summary**

Audit of NARA's FOIA Program

Audit Report No. 17-AUD-16

September 27, 2017

#### Why Did We Conduct This Audit?

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requires federal agencies to provide the public with access to government information. It is essential that agencies effectively manage their FOIA programs to ensure transparency and that an effective system is in place to respond to requests timely. We performed this audit to determine whether the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) FOIA process was efficient, effective, and complied with current laws and regulations. We also assessed internal controls in place to ensure NARA responded to FOIA requests timely and accurately.

#### What Did We Recommend

NARA needs to give critical attention to strengthening management controls over its FOIA process and providing better oversight and management of FOIA activities to ensure processes and procedures are effective and efficient and result in adherence to statutory requirements for timeliness.

This report includes 15 recommendations intended to strengthen controls over NARA's FOIA Program.

#### What Did We Find?

NARA's FOIA program needs strengthening to ensure it can effectively and efficiently meet its reporting goals and the statutory requirements for timeliness. NARA lacks a centralized FOIA program that has agency-wide responsibility for FOIA compliance and performance, to include developing agency-wide policies and procedures, implementing FOIA initiatives and corrective action plans, and providing training to staff. NARA's current FOIA program is a highly decentralized, with different components providing separate policies and procedures, guidance, responses, and using separate information technology systems that do not interface.

We found management oversight needs improvement; FOIA requests are not processed timely; annual FOIA costs are not adequately supported; FOIA processing systems are not updated or centralized; FOIA staff are not adequately trained; and FOIA policies and procedures are outdated and lack consistency. We attribute these conditions to lack of adequate management controls and the decentralized nature of NARA's FOIA program, which were contributing factors for many of the issues identified.

Without adequate management controls, and proper structuring, NARA's FOIA program will continue to face significant backlogs of over 4,100 FOIA request and an added risk of accruing unnecessary cost related to FOIA litigation expenses. Additionally, NARA will continue to submit unreliable FOIA data to the Department of Justice (DOJ); employees will continue to duplicate efforts which may result in wasted man hours and associated labor cost; and NARA will continue to expend funds to maintain multiple information technology (IT) systems that could be put to better use.

Inspector General

# Background

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides any person the right to submit a written request for access to records or information maintained by the Federal Government. Federal agencies are required to disclose any information requested, unless the records are protected from release under one of nine FOIA statutory exemptions<sup>2</sup> or one of three special law enforcement record exclusions.<sup>3</sup> FOIA mandates that all agencies public information, agency rules, opinions, orders, records, and proceedings be made promptly available to the general public whenever a request is received that reasonably describes the records being sought. Agencies must provide the records requested within 20 working days. In unusual circumstances<sup>4</sup> agencies may extend the time limit by giving written notice to the requester. If the time limit is extended beyond ten working days the agency must provide the requester with the opportunity to narrow the scope of the request or to arrange for an alternative time frame for completion and make their FOIA Public Liaison (FPL)<sup>5</sup> available to assist in the process. FOIA requires agencies to publish guidance in the Federal Register. The guidance must include descriptions of the agency's central and filed organization, and establish the locations, applicable personnel, search fees, and the methods by which the public may obtain information or decisions. Thus, FOIA establishes a core requirement for all agencies to establish and publish rules concerning how and where request for records can be made by the public. FOIA also requires agencies to submit an annual report to the U.S. Attorney General each year. The report should contain detailed statistics on the number of request received and processed, the time taken to respond, outcome of each request, reported backlog, 6 as well as many other vital statistics regarding administration of the FOIA at Federal Departments and Agencies. The basic policy of Congress in enacting FOIA was to establish a "general philosophy of full agency disclosure unless information is exempted under clearly delineated statutory language."7

<sup>5</sup> U.S.C. § 552, As Amended.

<sup>25</sup> U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1)-(9).

<sup>3 5</sup> U.S.C. § 552 (c)(1)-(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> When there is a need to search for and collect records from separate offices; when there is a need to search for, collect and examine a voluminous amount of records; or when there is a need for consultations with another agency or among two or more components within the same agency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FOIA Public Liaisons report to the Chief FOIA Officer and serve as a supervisory official to who a requester can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the component.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.

<sup>7</sup> S. REP. NO. 89-813, at 3 (1965).

#### **Executive Memorandum**

In 2009, President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder issued memoranda on FOIA. The memoranda emphasized that FOIA "should be administered with a clear presumption: in the face of doubt, openness prevails." The President directed agencies to take affirmative steps to make information public and not to wait for requests from the public. The FOIA Guidelines stressed the need for agencies to:

- · Have efficient and effective systems in place for responding to requests.
- Increase proactive disclosures.
- · Improve the use of technology.
- · Reduce backlogs of pending FOIA requests and appeals.
- Improve timeliness in responding to requests.

#### **NARA FOIA Process**

NARA has a decentralized FOIA program.8 NARA's Office of General Counsel (NGC) is responsible for processing public request for access to operational records. 9 NARA's Special Access and FOIA Staff (RD-F) in College Park, Maryland, logs and tracks all FOIA requests for access to archival records 10 of executive branch agencies held at the National Archives facilities in the Washington DC area. Each Research Services field location operates their own FOIA program. FOIA requests are sent to the Archival Directors of each Research Services facility where the records are located. Presidential records housed at the Presidential Libraries are also subject to FOIA five years after the end of the administration under the Presidential Records Act. Some of these Presidential Libraries also maintain small collections of Federal records which are subject to FOIA. The Presidential Libraries receive and process the initial FOIA request for presidential records. NARA's National Personnel Records Center (AFN-M) located in St. Louis. Missouri is the repository for millions of official military personnel files and other health and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans of all branches of the service during the 20th century. AFN-M also stores permanent Official Personnel Folders (OPFs) and records of dependent and other persons treated at naval medical facilities. AFN-M also receives and processes the initial FOIA request associated with medical records stored in the St. Louis facility.

<sup>8</sup> This includes the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) an independent office within NARA that handles POIA processing of their operational records. This audit did not address OIG's FOIA process

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Records that NARA created or received when carrying out their mission and responsibilities as an executive branch agency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Permanently valuable and historic records of the United States Government that have been transferred to the legal custody of the Archivist of the United States.

Finally, NARA's National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records (AFN-C) located in Valmeyer, Illinois houses temporary OPFs and all employee medical folders and military dependent medical records and military treatment records. AFN-C stores personnel documents that date back to the mid-nineteenth century. The bulk of the records cover the period from 1900 to present. AFN-C also houses the medical records of military family members treated at Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard medical facilities. AFN-C receives and processes the initial FOIA request for all OPF and medical records of separated federal civilian employees. Although NARA has a decentralized initial FOIA request process the FOIA appeal process is centralized. NGC administers and processes all of NARA's FOIA appeals for final adjudication and approval by the Deputy Archivist of the United States.

## Objectives, Scope, Methodology

#### **Objectives**

The overall objective of this audit was to determine whether NARA's FOIA process is efficient, effective, and complies with current laws and regulations; and to assess the internal controls in place over the initial request process to ensure that NARA responded to FOIA requests timely and accurately.

#### Scope and Methodology

To accomplish our audit objectives, we performed audit procedures at NGC and RD-F at Archives II in College Park Maryland, AFN-M and AFN-C in St. Louis Missouri and Valmeyer, Illinois, respectively, National Archives located in St. Louis, Missouri (RL-SL), and the Clinton Presidential Library (LP-WJC) located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The offices were judgmentally selected based on the total number of requests processed annually and the total number of FOIA requests in backlog status. A judgmental sample of 97 FOIA cases were reviewed at the offices visited. Audit results were not projected to the universe. Audit fieldwork was performed from August 2016 to April 2017.

Specifically, we:

- Reviewed applicable legislative history, laws, regulations, and other background information in order to acquire a working knowledge of NARA's FOIA program.
- Identified the key officials responsible for managerial oversight of NARA's decentralized FOIA program at NGC, RD-F, AFN-M, AFN-C, RL-SL, and LP-WJC.
- Interviewed appropriate NARA officials to ascertain the internal controls in place over the FOIA program. Specifically, to determine if standardized internal controls had been implemented for all components.
- Assessed the internal controls identified to determine if the controls were sufficient to
  ensure that FOIA requests were responded to timely and to ensure that components did
  not duplicate their efforts in responding to FOIA request.
- Reviewed internal and external reviews conducted of NARA's decentralized FOIA
  program to evaluate the issues identified and the corrective actions taken to address the
  deficiencies noted.
- Evaluated NARA's annual FOIA report to Department of Justice (DOJ) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2013 through 2015 to document the annual fees collected and the total cost of the FOIA program.

- Reviewed FY 2013 through 2015 FOIA program universe data on the number of FOIA
  cases processed each year and to identify the total number of cases that were in backlog
  status.
- Analyzed NARA's electronic data files to determine the total number of FOIA requests received, appealed, in litigation, or considered backlogged for FY 2013 through 2015.
   The data was used to judgmentally select NARA components for fieldwork testing.
- Interviewed NGC officials to determine how data reported to DOJ is comprised. This
  included an explanation of how NARA calculated annual cost for processing FOIA
  requests and if the annual report included fees collected for both operational and archival
  FOIA requests.
- At each selected NARA component group, we reviewed FOIA notices, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and guidance issued concerning FOIA processing including the collection of FOIA processing fees.
- Interviewed NARA officials to identify FOIA systems being used to process FOIA
  requests and to determine the systems' capabilities, technological tools, and annual cost
  to maintain the various systems.
- Interviewed NARA officials to ascertain whether the components had implemented any new policies and/or procedures to reduce the FOIA backlog.
- Reviewed FOIA cases that were processed, backlogged, under litigation, appealed, and had exemptions applied to test the internal controls identified to ensure that requests were processed timely and adhered to federal laws and regulations. A total of 97 cases were reviewed.
- Reviewed FOIA training schedules, materials, and employees training records and development guides to determine if NARA's FOIA professionals attended regular training.

This performance audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The generally accepted government auditing standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The audit was conducted by Kurt Thompson, Senior Program Auditor.

## Audit Results

NARA's FOIA program is not structured in a manner to effectively and efficiently meet its reporting goals or the statutory requirements for timeliness. NARA lacks a centralized FOIA program that has agency-wide responsibility for FOIA compliance and performance, to include developing agency-wide policies and procedures, implementing FOIA initiatives and corrective action plans, and providing training to staff. NARA's current FOIA process is highly decentralized, with different components providing separate policies and procedures, guidance, responses, and using separate IT systems that do not interface. NARA officials disagreed that decentralization is the cause for processing delays and that policies and procedures are largely controlled by the agencies that own the personnel records. Also, the officials believed that the most significant contributors to the backlog are the increasing number of FOIA requests, the volume of records requested, and the insufficient number of staff to process requests

We found management oversight needs improvement; some FOIA requests are not processed timely; annual FOIA cost are not adequately supported; FOIA processing systems are not updated or centralized; FOIA staff are not adequately trained; and FOIA policies and procedures are outdated and lack consistency. We attribute these conditions to lack of adequate internal and management controls and the decentralized nature of NARA's FOIA program, which were contributing factors for many of the issues identified. As previously stated, NARA officials believed these conditions existed because of a lack of resources. However, it was determined that responsible management officials have not deliberated on the number of FTE, or whether resource needs identified by the Chief FOIA Officer are necessary.

Without adequate internal and management controls, and proper structuring, NARA's FOIA program will continue to face a significant case backlog of over 4, 100 FOIA request and an added risk of accruing unnecessary cost related to FOIA litigation expenses. Additionally, NARA will continue to submit unreliable FOIA data to the Department of Justice (DOJ); employees will continue to duplicate efforts which may result in wasted man hours and associated labor cost; and NARA will continue to expend funds to maintain multiple technological systems that could be put to better use.

## Finding 1. Management Oversight Needs Improvement

Components did not have effective internal controls in place to review the quality of FOIA responses before the issuance of records or to ensure that funds collected were accounted for in a proper manner. This occurred because NARA lacked effective quality control processes. As a result NARA lacks assurance personally identifiable information (PII) or classified information was not released to the general public and all fees collected were accounted for properly.

GAO's Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government stresses that the tone at the top – management's philosophy and operating style – is fundamental to an effective internal control system. It also emphasizes the importance of management performing ongoing monitoring of the design and effectiveness of the internal control system as part of the normal course of operation.<sup>11</sup>

NARA has designated its General Counsel as the Chief FOIA Officer. Along with other responsibilities, the Chief FOIA Officer is also to ensure that FOIA responses are timely, accurate, and complete. Due to the decentralized FOIA process at NARA, the Chief FOIA Officer has almost completely been dependent on five NARA program offices, with a total of 27 components to implement effective internal control systems to ensure compliance with FOIA, and to ensure that the responses to the requests were accurate, timely, and did not include any PII or classified information.

OIG found that at the five components visited, only one had an effective quality control system in place to review the quality of FOIA request responses and to ensure that NARA FOIA professionals did not inadvertently release PII or classified information. Specifically, AFN-M had implemented an effective quality control system that the other components could use as a model. The goal of the quality assurance (QA) program was for continuous improvement through the identification of performance gaps impacting production and customer satisfaction. Under this program, a team of expert technicians and a coach conducted daily reviews of completed work (responses). Discrepancies identified by the reviewers would be returned to the respective manager for validation of the errors. Six percent of all cases completed on a daily basis were subject to a QA review. The QA process was designed to identify errors, ensure standardization of responses, identify training gaps and develop interventions, and to establish quality performance standards (QPS).

The QPS is reflected as a critical element on annual performance plan for technicians. The aggregate review results are periodically reviewed by the learning development staff and

<sup>11</sup> GAO-14-704G, §§ 16.02 to 16.05

managers in order to identify performance gaps and develop interventions to continually improve the quality of the responses to customers.

Although we determined the quality control system in place at AFN-M was effective, we also identified issues with their internal control structure related to the collections of fees. We found that there was no managerial oversight or separation of duties over fees collected. One employee handles all fees mailed into a drop box, and then processes the funds received without supervision or confirmation of the total amount of funds received by a separate employee. As a result, there is no assurance that all of the funds collected were accounted for and actually deposited in NARA's account. Without proper internal controls, employees are given the opportunity to misappropriate funds for personal use and to conceal potential theft by altering the accounting records.

LP-WJC had a quality control system in place to conduct second party reviews of all responses to FOIA requests that included classified records prior to any documents being released to the general public. However, we found the current system in place was ineffective. Specifically, the office did not document and certify whether second party reviews were conducted before documents were released. The system was only designed to review responses that were deemed to contain classified documents, but it did not assess and/or monitor the quality of the responses in order to determine accuracy and/or timeliness of the response. When we informed NARA officials of our concerns, the LP-WJC Supervisory Archivist informed the audit team that second party reviews were being conducted but the technician failed to document and certify that the review was conducted.

RL-SL and RD-F had not implemented any type of quality control system. The two offices did not conduct second party reviews, managerial reviews, or spot checks to ensure that PII or classified information was protected from being released. The two offices also did not conduct any monitoring to assess the quality of the responses. Because the two components did not implement a quality control system there is no assurance PII or classified information was not released.

AFN-C did not have a written and documented quality control system in place. The audit team was informed that a second party review is being conducted by a team member to ensure that PII is not being released to the general public. However, we found that this review was not documented or certified to by the team lead. This internal control was ineffective and we question the accuracy of the second party reviews being conducted.

We found four instances where NARA records may have been improperly redacted and PII could have been released to the general public. In each of the four cases Federal employees' cash awards, salaries, social security numbers, and addresses were clearly visible underneath the

manual redactions. The Assistant Director of the component stated that the PII was only readable because the records were digitized for the audit team's review. After completion of audit fieldwork, the Director of AFN-M stated that the copy provided to OIG was the first generation copy and not the second generation copy that was provided to the requester. The Director also provided OIG with guidance related to how FOIA professionals are to redact PII. The guidance instructed FOIA professionals to retain the second copy of the redacted form and dispose of the first copy with the original marker redactions. However, other guidance provided by the Director instructed the staff to delete PII on a machine copy by using a black felt tip marker and not to release the machine copy to the requester but retain the copy in the medical or personal jacket. Both policies placed emphasis on making a second generation copy before releasing redacted documents to the public. However, the two policies were conflicting concerning whether to dispose of the copy with the original marker redactions. Based on these procedures, NARA did not follow its own policy of disposing of the initial copy, instead, that copy was possibly maintained and provided to the OIG.

NARA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) reported a similar issue related to the redaction process at the National Personnel Records Center in 2009. It was reported that AFN-M had been consistently compromising the privacy of military veterans' personal information by improperly redacting the files released. Specifically, non-releasable information was generally being redacted with only a grease pencil that could easily be removed to show the information beneath. 12 DOJ OIP reported that the use of black pens and red tape to manually redact documents are a thing of the past and efforts should be made for decentralized agencies to universally employ technology to process request. NARA was already aware that manually redacting PII was flawed and senior management still did not ensure that components implemented effective quality control measures. After the completion of the audit fieldwork the Director of AFN-M stated that changes in redactions of PII were implemented immediately in 2009 and have been re-enforced multiple times. GAO's Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government also emphasize that management is to monitor the internal control system on an ongoing basis. Monitoring is built into the entity's operations, performed continually, and responsive to change. Management also performs monitoring of the design and operating effectiveness of the internal control system to include regular management and supervisory activities, comparisons, reconciliations and other routine actions that may include assessing components performance with FOIA compliance, conducting spot checks, and establish and reviewing metrics. 13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> NARA OIG Management Letter #09-12, Redaction Process at the National Personnel Records Center, April 29, 2009

<sup>13</sup> GAO-14-704G, at §§ 16.04, 16.05.

Considering the voluminous amount of archival records subject to FOIA that NARA has in its holdings, <sup>14</sup> management should be diligent in monitoring and implementing internal controls. NARA officials agreed that quality control systems need to be implemented across NARA components tasked with responding to FOIA requests. The 27 components need to implement a quality control system to ensure that responses are accurate and all PII and classified information are properly protected.

## Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official:

Recommendation 1: Implement effective internal controls over funds collected include proper segregation of duties and managerial reviews at all components including AFN-M.

### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation and as soon as this deficiency was identified by the OIG Auditor, NPRC implemented a process change to segregate the funds collection and managerial review. This was presented to the auditor before he completed his audit at NPRC. NPRC will incorporate this new process in the latest version of the NPRC directive guiding the operations of the Federal Record Center's Research Room at Archives Drive.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2017

### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

Recommendation 2: Ensure effective and systematic quality control system for components tasked with processing FOIA request to include periodic monitoring.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA will to the extent not already in place, each program office will establish a quality control system for processing FOIA requests that meets the needs of the office. The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic monitoring of FOIA work by components.

Target Completion Date: October 31, 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> NARA reports that there are over 12 billion pages of unique documents are in their holdings.

## OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

## Finding 2. FOIA Requests Not Processed Timely

Some FOIA requests are not processed within statutory timeframes. This occurred because there is a lack of senior management involvement over the decentralized FOIA program employed at NARA. However, as previously mentioned, NARA officials believed that the delays in processing FOIA request were only attributed to insufficient staffing to handle the high volume of request. We found that there were requests that had not been fully processed in over 10 years, and that NARA had the 10 oldest FOIA requests pending across all of the Federal government. <sup>15</sup>. As a result, at the conclusion of FY 16 NARA has maintained a case backlog of 4,157 FOIA request that have yet to be processed. <sup>16</sup> NARA also runs the risk of unnecessary cost related to FOIA litigation expenses.

The Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996<sup>17</sup> generally required Federal agencies to make a determination on a FOIA request within 20 working days. <sup>18</sup> Also, President Bush's Executive Order 13392 instructed agencies to process requests efficiently, achieve measurable process improvements (including the reduction in the backlog of overdue requests), and reform programs that were not producing the appropriate results. <sup>19</sup> Finally, DOJ OIP guidance suggests that agency leadership is critical in reducing FOIA backlogs, improving timeliness, and obtaining any additional resources or personnel needed. <sup>20</sup>

We reviewed a total of 97 FOIA requests at five NARA components and found that NARA does not consistently meet statutory deadlines when processing FOIA requests. For example, two NARA components provided final determinations on FOIA requests within the required 20 business days for only 4 out of the 28 sampled request reviewed, approximately 14%. It took the components an average of 775 days to process the FOIA requests reviewed. This included two sample requests that had not been processed in over 10 years. AFN-M did process the majority of the sampled FOIA requests reviewed within the 20 day statutory deadline. Specifically, AFN-M processed 33 of the 43 FOIA requests reviewed within the required 20 days. However, it took AFN-M an average of 82 days to process the 10 FOIA requests that were not originally processed within the statutory requirements.

<sup>15</sup> The ten oldest cases involved classified information that were pending at other Federal Agencies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> NARA's FY 2015 Annual FOIA Report, February 16, 2016. Backlog numbers in this report were used because the report was issued during the initiation of the audit and covered the scope of the audit. The FY 2016 report was issued at the conclusion of fieldwork.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments, Pub Law No. 104-231, October 2, 1996.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The 20-day time period to respond may be extended in certain circumstances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Executive Order 13392, Improving Agency Disclosure of Information, December 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> DOJ OIP guidance, "Reducing Backlogs and Improving Timeliness, Obtaining Leadership Support", Updated August 15, 2014.

A NARA component also informed requesters that there was over a four year wait to complete processing of FOIA requests that were deemed to be complex and placed in the complex queue. <sup>21</sup> For example, in May 2015, RD-F informed requesters that FOIA requests received in January 2012 were just now being processed.

Public interest groups also conduct evaluations of how Federal Agencies perform their FOIA duties. In FYs 2014 and 2015, the Center for Effective Government published reports concerning a comparative analysis of FOIA programs from the 15 Federal Agencies that consistently received the most FOIA requests, which included NARA. Combined, these 15 agencies received over 90 percent of all FOIA requests during the two FYs being reported. The two reports also identified that NARA struggled with their overall performance in processing FOIA requests. In FY 2014, NARA was one of seven agencies that received an overall failing grade for their FOIA program, with an overall grade of 59%. NARA received an individual FOIA request processing grade of only 48%. In FY 2015 NARA's overall score improved to 71%. However, NARA still received a failing individual grade for processing FOIA requests with a score of only 57%.

The Center for Effective Government recognized that many Federal Agencies struggle to meet the 20 day statutory deadline with few actually meeting this requirement. However, overall compliance with this requirement is much greater across the Federal government than it is at NARA. The average processing days across the government for simple requests were 20.51 days in FY 2014 and 23 days in FY 2015. In comparison, it took NARA an average of 13.6 days to process simple requests in FY 2014 and an average of 26 days in FY 2015. The average processing days for complex requests were 118.7 days in FY 2014 and 121.8 days in FY 2015. For complex requests, it took NARA an average of 965 days in FY 2014 and an average of 1,126 days in FY 2015. While NARA did well in processing simple FOIA requests in 2014, they still exceeded the federal average in 2015. It took NARA more than 8 times longer to process complex requests in FY 2014 and 9 times longer in FY 2015. Also, there is over a four year waiting period for requesters to receive records under FOIA for complex requests in some offices and NARA has the 10 oldest pending FOIA request across all of the Federal government.

When asked about this issue, NARA officials stated that the General Counsel and Chief FOIA Officer completed a business case study in June of 2016 concerning timeliness and the FOIA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> FOIA requests that NARA cannot complete within 20 working days due to complexity, volume, records containing national security information, involving Presidential/Vice Presidential records, or unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances include searching for records from one or more NARA field offices, consulting with other Federal agencies, or referring records to another federal agency for declassification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Center for Effective Government, Making the Grade – Access to Information Scorecard 2015, March 2015 and Center for Effective Government, Making the Grade – Access to Information Scorecard 2014, March 2014

backlog at NARA. The Chief FOIA Officer reported that meeting the 20 day statutorily required timeline is the principle FOIA challenge facing NARA. This challenge is attributed to the need for improved technology and not having enough personnel available to process requests within the statutory timeframe given the large volume of request received. Also, staff work on processing FOIA requests as just one aspect of their duties. According to a NARA official, there was a need to seek additional Full-time equivalents FTE to support FOIA processing agencywide. However, NARA's management has not deliberated on this need or the number of additional FTE's to support FOIA processing across the agency.

Having enough FTEs is vital in processing FOIA requests timely. However, we determined, NARA's overall struggle to meet statutory timeframes was caused by a lack of senior management involvement over the FOIA program. NARA officials disagreed that there was a lack of senior management involvement and at the completion of audit fieldwork provided agendas for NARA's FOIA council meetings held in FY 15 through FY 17. Although, NARA provided documentation that the case study for reducing NARA's backlog was an agenda item, there was no evidence that this topic was discussed with NARA's executive leadership team and senior management. DOJ OIP best practices echo our assertion. DOJ reported that when managers make reducing backlogs and improving timeliness a priority, it increases awareness and accountability across the board. Having leadership support also makes it easier for FOIA managers to obtain any additional necessary resources or personnel. FOIA professionals should meet regularly with leaders in their agencies to update them on progress throughout the year. This regular engagement with agency leaders will help to spread management responsibility for FOIA across the agency and ensure greater accountability. It is also helpful for FOIA professionals to regularly engage any field office personnel whose work impacts FOIA administration. Improving consistency among offices makes managing easier and processing more efficient. 23

NARA's decentralized FOIA program have not adequately implemented these best practice. Specifically, five different NARA program offices, with a total of 27 components, have responsibility of managing and processing FOIA requests with little to no oversight from senior management. The components are responsible for managing their own FOIA processing and tracking requests by relying on many different IT systems and various SOPs. Each component is responsible for prioritizing the responses to the FOIA requests received, including maintaining and implementing FOIA queues for simple and complex requests without any coordination from a central FOIA office. The program offices are also responsible for developing and disseminating guidance on processing FOIA requests to their staff that should include elements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> DOJ OIP Guidance and Suggested Best Practices for Reducing Backlogs and Improving Timeliness, August 15, 2014.

of FOIA, law, and DOJ guidance and best practices. NGC is responsible for processing FOIA requests for operational records and centrally handles all FOIA appeals and litigation.

In accordance with FOIA regulations, NARA has designated the General Counsel as the Chief FOIA Officer. Regulations state that the Chief FOIA Officer is a high level official who has agency-wide responsibility for efficient and appropriate compliance with FOIA, monitors FOIA implementation throughout the agency, and recommends to the head of the agency any adjustments to practices and policies, personnel, and funding as may be necessary to improve implementation of FOIA.<sup>24</sup>

At the five components visited, we interviewed applicable management and reviewed the SOPs to determine if new policies or procedures or corrective action plans were implemented to address the FOIA backlog and issues with timeliness. The officials interviewed were all unaware of any new policies or procedures issued by NARA senior management or NGC which addressed NARA's FOIA backlog and delays in processing request. An RD-F official stated that they were unaware of any new policies and procedures issued by NARA related to addressing the FOIA backlog. The official stated all FOIA policies are authored by NGC, and that the Presidential Libraries and Research Services would be solicited for input. Procedures resulting from policy would be documented in the decentralized units' SOPs. However, there were no new procedures documented in the SOPs at the five components visited. The components also did not establish corrective action plans to address the FOIA backlog. Two of the components made an effort to address their backlog by implementing active management strategies such as RD-F organizing staff so certain FOIA responsibilities were assigned to specific personnel. RD-F also conducted workload analysis to determine the number of FTEs it took to complete a unit of work, and then organized the staff around the required task and setting goals in their operational plan based on the FTE units identified. LP-WJC assigned area-specific teams for processing FOIA requests. The team concept allowed employees to become subject matter experts related to the specific types of records being processed. LP-WJC also moved responsibility of the reference and research room to archives technicians which allowed archivists to spend more time processing FOIA cases instead of being occupied with research room duties. Archive technicians assisted in holdings maintenance of FOIA materials, freeing up archivists to concentrate more of their time on review and redactions.

Without a centralized FOIA program and involvement from senior management, there is no assurance that components are aware of, and are complying with, changing laws and executive orders that address FOIA provisions. This is a major concern given NARA's current decentralized structure because an agency-wide initiative was not issued, nor were there any corrective action plans established to comply with President Obama's executive order to address Agency's growing FOIA backlog and to improve timeliness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> NARA FOIA-Guide and DOJ Chief FOIA Officers Council Inaugural Meeting, July 22, 2016.

NARA reported that in FY 2014 that it received a total of 22,237 FOIA requests with an additional 6,600 requests that were pending (backlogged) at the start of FY 14. NARA processed a total of 19,476 requests with 9,361 requests that remained in backlog status, with a total of 28 appeals still pending at the completion of FY 14.

In FY 2015, NARA received a total of 22,555 FOIA requests with an additional 9,361 requests that were pending (backlogged) at the start of FY 15. NARA processed a total of 23,591 requests with 8,325 requests that remained in backlog status, with 105 appeals still pending at the completion of FY 15.

In FY 2016, the total number of FOIA requests NARA received had more than doubled to 49,966 with an additional 4,396<sup>25</sup> requests remaining in backlogged status.

As previously indicated, the Chief FOIA Officer conducted a case study for reducing the FOIA backlog and issued a draft report with recommendations in June 2016. However, the report was not finalized as of the end of our field work. Recommendations had not been implemented, specific guidance was not issued, and a corrective action plan was not developed to ensure compliance with the executive order that clearly instructed agencies to process requests efficiently, and to achieve measurable process improvements (including the reduction in the backlog of overdue requests). Given the growing number of FOIA request that NARA receives each year and the total number of FOIA requests currently in backlog status, NARA senior management could have been more proactive in implementing a corrective action plan to address the issues identified.

Considering NARA is deemed to be the nation's record keeper of all documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Government, including the office of the Presidents, and holds in trust public records for every day citizens including military records, civilian personnel records, and naturalization records, the agency can expect to receive a substantial amount of FOIA request annually.

## Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official:

**Recommendation 3:** Establish and document clear responsibilities for managing and overseeing the agency's FOIA program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> At the end of FY 2015, NARA reported a backlog of 8,325 requests, but noted that it was cleaning up the FOIA data warehouse because the data was not consistently reflecting all request closures. The change from 8,325 backlogged requests to only 4,396 reflected the cleanup to the data warehouse.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA's Chief FOIA Officer will update NARA 1602 and the FOIA Reference Guide.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

**Recommendation 4:** Finalize the agency-wide internal review and needs analysis of the FOIA program to identify all vulnerabilities and resource needs to effectively manage the FOIA program. If needed seek authority to acquire additional resources needed to improve the timeliness of FOIA responses.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA's Chief FOIA Officer will finalize the internal review, and make appropriate recommendations, including considering the centralization of FOIA management to include developing agency-wide policies and procedures, implementing FOIA initiatives and corrective action plans, and providing training to staff.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. However, NARA still needs to seek the authority to acquire the additional resources that are needed to improve the timeliness of FOIA responses. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above to include seeking authority to acquire additional resources needed to improve the timeliness of FOIA responses.

Recommendation 5: Based on the needs analysis, develop a corrective action plan and strategies for effectively reducing FOIA processing delays and the backlog of FOIA requests.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. Based on the recommendations developed in recommendation 4, the Chief FOIA Officer will develop a corrective action plan to address FOIA processing delays and backlogs.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

**Recommendation 6:** Establish controls for periodic reviews of the corrective action plan to ensure that the plan is effective and is working as intended.

### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. The Chief FOIA Officer will establish controls for the periodic review of the correction action plan.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

### **OIG** Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

## Finding 3. FOIA Costs Reported to DOJ Not Adequately Supported

NARA's FOIA costs reported in its Annual report to DOJ was not fully supported. NARA does not have formal processes in place or the IT capabilities to accurately capture and report annual total cost of its FOIA activities. In addition, each of the selected components reviewed had its own policies and procedures for tracking and reporting FOIA activities. Finally, NARA did not report the reimbursable fees collected by the components for processing FOIA requests. However, NARA reported the time spent to process these requests as part of total annual cost. NARA drastically understated the total annual fees collected which resulted in inaccurate and/or misleading reports to DOJ.

DOJ guidance and federal management cost accounting standards require federal agencies to report on specific categories of FOIA-related costs. Specifically, as part of the annual guidance that it has issued on preparing annual FOIA reports, DOJ requires agencies to report processing costs, litigation-related costs, and fees collected. Percentage of total cost is also reported (Processing Cost/Total amount of fees). <sup>26</sup>

In addition, the federal management cost accounting standards require agencies to report both direct and indirect cost to provide reliable and timely information on the full cost of federal programs. NARA reported it incurred \$6.7 million in cost for managing their FOIA program in FY 2015 and only collected \$502.20 in FOIA fees for the year. The fees represented only .01% of the total FOIA costs.

The numbers reported are not adequately supported. Specifically, the \$6.7 million being reported as annual cost is only supported by a cost estimate tabulated by NGC. NGC issues a data call to the components tasked with processing FOIA requests asking the components to provide an estimate of the total number of FTEs that have FOIA duties and the approximate amount of time that the employees spend processing FOIA requests during the FY. NARA officials at the components were asked to explain how the cost estimates were tabulated and to provide support. We found that NARA's FOIA IT systems do not have time management tracking capabilities to report the actual hours employees spend working on FOIA requests in relationship to their other duties; and the cost estimates were only based on managers estimating the percentage of time each employee spent working on FOIA. Once NARA components

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Department of Justice, Handbook for Agency Annual Freedom of Information Act Reports: Guidance for FOIA Professionals on Proper Tracking and Detailed Instructions for Preparing the Annual Report, Updated February 16, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 4, Managerial Cost Accounting Standards and Concepts (version 12, June 2014).

reported their estimated FOIA processing costs, NGC then aggregated the data. The reported cost estimates lacked adequate support and documentation rendering the data unreliable. This method of reporting hinders the accountability for the total costs incurred by NARA when managing their FOIA program.

The weaknesses in NARA's FOIA IT program have contributed greatly in NARA's Annual FOIA Report to DOJ being unreliable and inefficiently prepared. Nearly every component group used different systems to log and track FOIA requests. These systems also lack cost reporting mechanisms that could simplify the compilation of NARA's Annual FOIA cost Report.

Additionally, we found that the total amount of fees reported by NARA is drastically understated. NARA did not report all required reportable fees collected. NARA only reported the fees collected by NGC related to operational records. They excluded the reimbursable fees that NARA collects from the military branches and other federal agencies for archival records. NARA also excluded FOIA reproduction fees collected by components when providing copies of archival records. Because NARA did not report all required fees, it is reporting fees collected as only.01% of the total cost, which is inaccurate. The estimated total cost reported by NARA represents the cost associated with processing both archival and operational records while the fees being reported only represented collections for processing operational records.

When this issue was brought to a NARA Officials attention, they stated that the reimbursable fees<sup>28</sup> are reported in NARA's Trust Fund. They also stated that reproduction fees are not considered by NARA as FOIA fees. An RD-F official stated that she agreed that NARA is reporting FOIA related cost associated with processing archival FOIA requests for military branches and other federal agencies that compensate NARA. The official was concerned that the Federal agencies and the military branches were reporting the amount paid to NARA as a FOIA cost in their Annual FOIA Report, and when NARA reports their cost estimate, it would be duplicating the total cost being reported by other Federal agencies and military branches which compensate NARA.

We believe that NARA is reporting a FOIA cost that is already being reported by other Federal agencies and military branches and does not report the annual reimbursable fees collected. Reproduction fees<sup>29</sup> associated with completing FOIA requests should also be reported because document duplication is a direct cost that's permitted under DOJ guidance and it is a fee received from the requester related to completing FOIA requests.

According to DOJ, FOIA processing costs include the sum of all costs expended by the agency for processing the initial FOIA request and any administrative appeals, including salaries of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Costs expended by NARA to process a FOIA request on behalf of another Federal Agency, which are refundable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Fees charged to the public by NARA for reproduction of records.

FOIA personnel, overhead, and any other FOIA-related expenses. FOIA fees should include all fees received from a requester for search, review, document duplication, and any other direct cost permitted. FOIA professionals also need to have a mechanism in place to track this information throughout the year.

Due to noted weaknesses above, in NARA's IT systems, there is no assurance that other statistics reported in the Annual FOIA Report are accurate and complete. We found that NARA components use multiple technological systems to process and track FOIA requests that do not interface with NARA's primary reporting system for FOIA request, PMRS. Components are required to extract FOIA data from the various systems, and then send the data to the PMRS contact to be uploaded into the reporting system. This method has the potential to present data integrity issues for NARA. Specifically, there is data integrity risk in processing a large amount of data from multiple systems. For example, there is added risk of processing errors related to data entry and the need for detective controls to ensure that only valid data is entered into the system and that the data is complete before reporting.

NARA's published 2016 Annual FOIA Report acknowledged that errors existed in the statistics that had been reported in the prior fiscal year. NARA's data warehouse did not consistently reflect all request closures and this resulted in a higher number of requests reported as pending at the end of FY 2015. NARA reported a change in the number of request pending at the start of FY 2016. The change from 8,325 to 4,396 reflected the cleanup to the data warehouse and NARA believes that this figure accurately reflects the number of pending requests at the start of FY 2016.

Although NARA identified the errors and cleaned up their data warehouse, there is limited assurance the current method of extracting FOIA statistical data from multiple systems can produce an accurate Annual FOIA Report and the data is truly accurate for reporting purposes. According to DOJ, each agency is ultimately responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its Annual FOIA Report. It is therefore essential for agencies to take steps that will ensure that they are adequately tracking all of the information necessary to complete the Annual FOIA Report sections. Agencies that utilize a tracking or case management system for this purpose are responsible for ensuring that the system they are using can produce an accurate Annual FOIA Report that is in compliance with the law and DOJ guidance. Agencies should also exercise due diligence in testing the systems they are using to produce Annual FOIA Reports and correct any identified deficiencies.

### Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official:

**Recommendation 7:** Clearly define the reporting requirements and report all of the fees collected by NARA offices or exclude NPRC total cost from the total reported cost reported to DOJ.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA's Chief FOIA Officer will exclude the NPRC costs from the total costs of the FOIA program reported to DOJ.

Target Completion Date: March 31, 2018

#### **OIG** Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

Recommendation 8: Implement time management tracking mechanism or processes that could clearly document and report NARA's annual FOIA cost related to FTEs.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. To the extent not already in place, each FOIA program office will implement time management tracking process for reporting NARA's annual FOIA cost related to FTEs, The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic assessments of tracking mechanisms or processes used by the component FOIA programs.

Target Completion Date: October 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

## Finding 4. Processing Systems Not Updated or Centralized

NARA's varying technology processing systems used throughout the agency lack the capabilities that could enhance FOIA processing. This occurred because NARA has not invested in the technological improvements needed to process FOIA request more efficiently. As a result, technology impediments have increased FOIA processing times and limited the efficiency and effectiveness of NARA's FOIA program.

We found that nearly every component group used a different electronic processing system to log and track FOIA requests while some offices have not implemented a system at all. Most of the technology systems lacked off-the shelf redaction programs. The systems did not interface, which prevented case sharing amongst NARA components. There is no coordination between components and employees maybe duplicating their efforts in responding to FOIA requests, which contributes to wasted man hours and associated labor cost. There is also a significant cost in maintaining various technological systems.

In President Obama's FOIA memorandum, agencies were called to use modern technology to inform citizens about what is known and done by their Government. Also, other guidance and best practices suggest that agencies should actively explore using technology to process FOIA requests, and for those agencies using a decentralized process, efforts should be made to ensure that the entire agency utilizes technology to process requests. FOIA processing is a decentralized operation at NARA and almost all components used different technological systems for processing FOIA requests. Currently NARA has multiple systems being used to process FOIA requests across 27 different components. The systems also have various processing capabilities and limitations. For example, RD-F uses the Archival Declassification Review and Redaction System and Unclassified Redaction and Tracking System (ADRRES/URTS), which has a redaction tool included in the software. AFN-M uses the Case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Barack Obama, Presidential Memorandum, "Transparency and Open Government", The White House, January 21, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Peter R, Orszag, Office of Management and Budget, Memorandum 10-06, "Open Government Directive", December 8, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> DOJ OIP Guidance and suggest Best Practices for Improving Transparency, September 1, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> RD-F logs and tracks all FOIA request for access to archival records of executive branch agencies held at NARA facilities in Washington, DC and College Park, MD. Each Research Services field location operate their own program including record processing and access to records by the public. Requesters are asked to submit their written FOIA request to the Archival Director of each facility. 13 Presidential Libraries maintain records and requesters submit written FOIA request to each library. Two record centers, AFN-M and AFN-C maintain military and civilian records and requesters submit written FOIA request to each record center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> NARA's systems for tracking documents undergoing systematic declassification review, as well as documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Management and Reporting System (CMRS), which does not have redaction capabilities. AFN-C uses the Performance Management Reporting System's (PMRS)<sup>35</sup> web application located in Zenworks to capture their FOIA cases. Field locations of Research Services use Microsoft Access to track FOIAs with no redaction capabilities and the Presidential Libraries also use Microsoft Access to track FOIAs and use software REDAX or Highview to redact PII. NGC utilizes FOIA online to track and respond to FOIA requests, in conjunction with a Microsoft Access database. NGC is in the process of ending the use of Microsoft Access as a tracking database and its redactions are accomplished by using URTS or Adobe Acrobat Pro.

NARA could not estimate the total annual cost to maintain the various systems. The OIG requested that NARA officials provide the estimated annual cost as early as April 2017. These estimates were not provided as of the end of audit fieldwork. The various systems also do not interface with each other. Lack of system interface does not allow components to coordinate their efforts when processing duplicate FOIA request. Requesters are directed to send their FOIA request to the facilities in which they believe the records are located and can send multiple request to all 27 components. There is not a central database or a FOIA professional responsible for tracking, managing, and assisting in the coordination of requests involving multiple offices.

When asked about this issue, NARA officials stated that they do not have a centralized database or a FOIA professional in charge of managing or tracking duplicate FOIA request. However, FOIA professionals use NARA's Internal Collaboration Network (ICN) in an effort to coordinate multiple FOIA request submitted to components for the same records. Using an internal social media network may not be a sufficient control to manage and coordinate multiple duplicate request received by components. NARA officials also stated that there is a need for components to duplicate their efforts when responding to a FOIA request because the records requested could be housed at various locations. However, without a centralized database and a FOIA professional coordinating activities, there is no assurance that FOIA professionals are not duplicating their efforts and adequate consistency occurs when responding to requesters by the different components.

The various systems also lacked advanced digital FOIA processing tools to include document search and collection, de-duplication, and automatic screening and redactions Processing FOIA requests without these advanced processing tools have been shown to increase production times and decrease efficiency. As a part of the DOJ's Open Government Plan, DOJ OIP partnered with the Civil Division with support of the Justice Management Division on a digital-FOIA pilot program and reported their findings in March of 2013. DOJ reported that the use of digital

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> PMRS is a data warehouse application that has no data of its own. Rather, it gathers data from 71 NARA sources for the purpose of combining and publishing them through a common user interface.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> The ICN is a place to collaborate on ideas and projects to share information and build relationships across departments.

tools to automate and execute searches for, and de-duplication, of located records significantly improved the speed of these procedures. When compared with conventional methods, the use of these tools will allow FOIA professionals to spend more time on the substantive review of records located for release, as well as allow more time to work on more cases overall.

We found that the processing systems used by NARA did not allow for consistent processing and redaction results across NARA components. NARA officials explained processing FOIA requests can be very labor intensive and time consuming. Redacting PII from records being released to the general public is also a manual task at some of the components visited. FOIA staff are required to physically search and obtain the records, review the records for PII on a page-by-page, line-by-line basis, and then manually redact the PII by using a black felt tip marker. This method of redacting is time consuming and also compromises federal employees' personal information and there is limited assurance that all non-releasable personal information is appropriately removed. The four instances previously mentioned, where NARA records may have been improperly redacted and PII information could have been released is an example of this limited assurance.

The varied processing systems also did not allow for the production of standardized communication, letters, and detailed FOIA statistical reports. The various systems were also unable to track FOIA request that were appealed. All FOIA appeals are handled by NGC and the cases are assigned a different tracking number. The FOIA cases are considered closed at the component groups regardless if it was appealed to NGC. We were informed by the managers at the components that they were unaware if cases have been appealed unless they are contacted by NGC to provide additional information. We also noted that the inability of these systems to electronically exchange data also complicated the process of compiling NARA's annual FOIA report to Congress (see Finding 3).

In 2016, NGC drafted a business case study for reducing FOIA backlogs, which reported that advanced FOIA technology could play an increased role in the processing of FOIA requests. Specifically, there were four basic FOIA functions where sophisticated tools could help improve the work flow: (1) searching for responsive records; (2) identifying information within the records that might be subject to FOIA exemptions; (3) redacting exempt information from the records; and (4) tracking FOIA requests and communicating with FOIA requesters. NARA also lacks the tools to visualize search results in a meaningful fashion that would allow like documents to be reviewed together instead of a list of responsive records in the hundreds of thousands.

There are plans to develop advanced search capabilities into the Electronic Records Archives 2.0 (ERA 2.0), which would include advance redaction and review capabilities, as part of the Digital Processing Environment (DPE). These new tools in ERA 2.0 are the first steps in automating the

process of finding and reviewing records requested under FOIA. However, these tools are still several years from being deployed. Also, a clear path and timeline for DPE tools to replace existing systems to allow for the digitization and processing of paper records in an electronic environment has not yet been established.

Although NGC's draft study report recommended that NARA increase attention and funding for developing these new tools in automating the FOIA process of finding and reviewing records, in which archivists could provide quality review and assurance; and that NARA should expedite the effort to more fully link its facilities electronically with the classified networks run by the military and intelligence agencies to realize increased efficiencies in transmitting information, the draft was never finalized, thus processes for improvements were never implemented. Considering the high volume of FOIA requests received<sup>37</sup> and processed, NARA needs an integrated system of internal and management controls to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their FOIA program.

### Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official:

**Recommendation 9:** Utilize updated processing mechanisms or processes to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the FOIA Program.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. Tools for FOIA processing will be deployed in the ERA 2.0 system. Although ERA 2,0 will go live in FY 18, FOIA related tools are not expected to be deployed until FY 19 or early FY 20.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2019

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

Recommendation 10: Develop an agency wide FOIA technology system or process that would enable coordination between components, provide document management and sharing, and standardized tracking and reporting of FOIA request.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> NARA is among the top 15 federal agencies that consistently receive the most FOIA requests. NARA received 22,337 for request in FY 2014, 22,555 in FY 2015 and increased to 49,966 in FY 2016.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. The Chief FOIA Officer will provide a plan for improving the use of technology for coordinating FOIA requests among the FOIA program offices, including sharing documents, and for ensuring that FOIA requests are accurately tracked and reported.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

## Finding 5. FOIA Staff Not Adequately Trained

NARA's FOIA staff was not adequately trained in FOIA regulations and provisions. This occurred because an agency-wide FOIA training program for FOIA professionals and agency staff has not been implemented. As a result, NARA's FOIA process may lack efficiency and effectiveness in processing FOIA requests.

The Open Government Partnership Second Open Government National Action Plan for the United States of America recommends that all agency employees, not just FOIA personnel, have FOIA training in order to efficiently and effectively respond to FOIA requests. BOJ Office of Information Policy (OIP) guidance directed agencies to take steps to ensure that all of their FOIA professionals attend substantive FOIA training at least once throughout the year. Moreover, it is essential that FOIA training programs cover core substantive aspects of FOIA administration, and application of the law and policy. So

OIP is the government's lead FOIA policy office and has developed a suite of FOIA resources designed to train all levels of the federal workforce<sup>40</sup> to understand their FOIA responsibilities. OIP regularly conducts specialized training sessions, as well as town hall meetings on a wide variety of FOIA related matters and topics each fiscal year. The training OIP provides focus on select FOIA provisions, recent court decisions, and refresher courses on the FOIA reporting requirements and is offered at no charge to federal agencies.

At four of the five NARA components visited, we found that the components had not developed a standardized training program to ensure that staff assigned FOIA processing duties were adequately trained annually as prescribed by DOJ guidance. RD-F was the only component visited with an implemented annual training plan for the unit. An RD-F employee development guide was developed for the staff. Each year a calendar of training and development sessions that are either hosted or recommended by RD-F is distributed to all employees within the unit. The training sessions were determined by supervisor assessment of area of improvements, critical elements, and feedback from the employees. However, additional training and opportunities hosted outside of RD-F or NARA were only communicated to staff on an ad hoc basis in coordination with NARA's Office of Leaning and Development (HL), NGC, and other NARA components. RD-F's training schedule for FY 2016 included several FOIA training

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> The United States Commitment to the Open Government Partnership and Open Government Fact Sheet & DOJ OIP, A New Suite of FOIA Training Resources For All Federal Employees, March 3, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> DOJ OIP Guidance for Further Improvement Based on 2013 Chief FOIA Officer Report Review and Assessment, Updated August 15, 2014.

<sup>40</sup> Agency Senior Executive Officials, program personnel, and FOIA professionals responsible for processing records for disclosure.

webinars and informational sessions concerning FOIA. RD-F had an effective training program that was implemented for their staff. Training opportunities hosted outside of RD-F and NARA were on an ad hoc basis only and the RD-F staff did not attend any formalized DOJ OIP training related to FOIA. Also, RD-F needs to ensure that all of their FOIA staff receive applicable FOIA training annually. Based on the FY 2016 training schedule, all FOIA employees were not required to attend the FOIA webinars and informational sessions. There was limited assurance RD-F FOIA staff actually attended the FOIA training that was presented in FY 2016.

AFN-M provided FOIA training to their staff under their new hire training plan. Under this training plan, core technicians received five hours of training for general job knowledge. Within the same five hours, employees are also trained on FOIA release of information.

LP-WJC did not have a training plan in place for their FOIA staff. Management stated that not every staff person directly works on FOIA, however, most staff indirectly work on FOIA in some capacity. Archivists and senior archivists are the staff that are most directly involved with FOIA. Every new staff person receives a binder with new employee information that includes information on Presidential Records Act (PRA) and FOIA. This binder only consisted of general information from NARA related to the two Acts. We also determined that archivists that process FOIA requests receive the more specific FOIA training. The archivists receive the Guide to the Freedom of Information book as well as links to DOJ/OIP FOIA updates and slides from DOJ, and information from NGC. Some of the archivists also participated in webinars during the past 3 years related to FOIA exemptions. Review of training records for the staff assigned FOIA responsibilities disclosed that many of them have not received any formal DOJ OIP FOIA training since 2012.

RL-SL and AFN-C did not have an official FOIA training program in place at all. Managers stated that training for FOIA professionals tasked with processing FOIA request was basically on-the-job training and the employees have not attended any formalized DOJ or in-house FOIA training in many years.

We found the training received by FOIA professionals at four out of the five judgmentally selected components was inadequate and insufficient. Specifically, FOIA training was not provided annually and prescribed by DOJ guidance. Training was only provided for general awareness of FOIA and did not provide specific details related to FOIA regulations, amendments, use of exemptions, or processing FOIA requests to ensure compliance with FOIA FOIA supervisors and managers at the components also stated that they had either not received any formal FOIA training or had not received any training in several years.

NARA has also recently appointed FOIA Public Liaisons (FPLs) for each component that processes FOIA requests. FPLs serve as supervisory officials that requesters can raise concerns and shall assist in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of status of

requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes and report to the agency's Chief FOIA Officer. FPLs serve as a listening ear for FOIA requesters, and work to resolve FOIA disputes. FPLs are NARA's Office of Government Information Services' (OGIS)<sup>41</sup> first point of contact within an agency when a dispute arises and serve as OGIS' partners in resolving disputes.

We interviewed FPLs at the five components visited and each of the officials stated that they have not received FOIA training in approximately five years. The officials have also not received any skills training related to being appointed to the FPL position. OGIS offers dispute resolution skills training for the FPLs throughout the Federal government. However, NARA FPLs have yet to attend this important training. Without adequate training related to FOIA provisions including laws, regulations, and dispute resolution, NARA FPLs and other FOIA officials cannot effectively carry out their duties. NARA's lack of training is also a contributing factor to FOIA requests not being carried out timely. Low production can occur when employees do not know enough to perform their jobs with confidence. Unskilled employees could also spend considerable time seeking help to perform their jobs to the detriment of the work process, which could also lead to errors and increase the amount of time necessary to complete a FOIA request.

We also found that NARA staff members not assigned FOIA processing duties have also not been trained to better understand their FOIA responsibilities. The 2009 FOIA guidelines emphasizes that FOIA is everyone's responsibility and it is important that all federal employees have access to resources that help them understand their FOIA responsibilities.

## Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management /Responsible Official:

Recommendation 11: Develop and implement a formal agency-wide FOIA training program.

#### Management Response:

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA will include a FOIA module to an agency-wide online training program.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

OGIS is a FOIA resource for public and the government. Congress has charged OGIS with reviewing FOIA policies, procedures, and compliance of federal agencies.

Recommendation 12: Provide FOIA training to all NARA FPLs next fiscal year, if DOJ or OGIS courses are available.

#### Management Response:

NARA concurs with this recommendation. NARA will require all FOIA Public Liaisons to take training in FY 18, to the extent it is offered by DOJ or OGIS

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

Recommendation 13: Require management to certify all employees receive FOIA training.

#### Management Response:

NARA concurs with this recommendation. The Chief FOIA Officer will ensure that a FOIA training module is included as part of a newly developed mandatory, agency-wide training course. The LMS system will provide the certification that the training was completed.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

## Finding 6. Policies and Procedures Outdated and Lack Consistency

NARA's current policies and procedures are outdated and lacked consistency across components. This occurred because NARA senior management did not periodically review and update their FOIA policy, which help to ensure that components complied with applicable laws and regulations. As a result, NARA lacks a consistent guide to oversee components efforts in effectively responding to FOIA requests. There is also limited assurance that component groups are effectively responding to these requests and adhering to all FOIA laws and regulations.

The Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government emphasizes the importance for management to periodically review policies, procedures and related control activities for continued relevance and effectiveness in achieving the entity's objectives and addressing related risk. It also emphasizes the importance to document the policies and procedures to provide a reasonable assurance that activities comply with applicable laws and regulations.<sup>42</sup>

We found that the Chief FOIA Officer has not updated FOIA policies or procedures. NARA also does not have any current agency-wide policies or procedures governing FOIA. NARA officials stated that NARA Directive 1602 and the NARA FOIA Guide provide components with policy guidance on administering FOIA and that procedures that result from policy for each of the decentralized components are documented through the component's SOPs. FOIA policy for NARA is authored by NGC since the General Counsel is the Chief FOIA Officer for the agency. NARA Directive 1602, which provides policy guidance for administering FOIA for NARA, was last updated on July 28, 2003, and other FOIA policies including the FOIA Guide are in draft and have been for a number of years. NARA's plans are to address the FOIA policies and procedures during the current fiscal year. However, as of May 2017, policies and procedures have not been released. The current policies and procedures are still in draft and have not been updated or finalized.

Since NARA last updated their FOIA guidance in July 2003, there have been important changes in FOIA law that have occurred, yet the guidance has not been updated to reflect these changes. Particularly, new FOIA regulations, amendments, Presidential executive orders, and memorandums have been issued. The new regulations and amendments include the Open Government Act of 2007, 43 and Executive Order 13392.44 President Obama also issued two

<sup>42</sup> GAO-14-704G, §§ 12.05.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Open Government Act, Public Law No. 110-175, December 31, 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Executive Order 13392, Improving Agency Disclosure of Information, December 14, 2005.

memorandums in January 2009<sup>45</sup> that focused on increasing the amount of information made public by the government. The Attorney General also issued FOIA guidelines in March 2009 that echoed President Obama's call for increased disclosure of government information.<sup>46</sup>

More recently, Congress passed amendments to FOIA and on June 30, 2016, President Obama signed into law the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. This new act addressed a range of procedural issues, including requiring that agencies establish a minimum of 90 days for requesters to file an administrative appeal and be provided dispute resolution services at various times throughout the FOIA process, amends the use of exemptions, added the new FOIA Council, and two new elements to agency annual FOIA reports.<sup>47</sup>

Without updated and centralized policies and procedures addressing FOIA, NARA lacks an agency wide resource to address commonly encountered problems or issues when components respond to FOIA request; and also lacks consistency when using FOIA exemptions. For example, one component could withhold records under one of the nine FOIA exemptions of mandatory disclosure. However, a different component could release the same or similar records without claiming an exemption and disclose information which would substantially harm national defense, individual privacy interest, business proprietary information, or the efficient operation of government functions.

Separation of responsibilities for establishing FOIA policy by the 27 component groups is also problematic. In order to be consistent, SOPs and guidelines are critical. This is especially important considering NARA's decentralized FOIA operation where searches and reviews are conducted by so many different components and by archivists that may be subject matter experts in the subject area of the documents being requested, but may know little about the FOIA laws and regulations due to limited training received. Updated agency-wide policies and procedures would establish some basic requirements every employee should know before answering a FOIA request.

When this issue was discussed with NARA officials, they agreed that FOIA policies and procedures need to be updated. However, they believe that each component is unique and serves different functions related to NARA and processing of FOIA requests. They believe each component needs the latitude to implement SOPs to effectively manage their FOIA case logs. Written centralized policies and procedures are important for consistency and continuity between components. The centralized policies and procedures are also important because they increase the likelihood that, when organizational changes occur, institutional knowledge is shared with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Presidential Memorandum, Transparency and Open Government, January 21, 2009 and Presidential Memorandum, Freedom of Information Act, January 21, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Attorney General Eric Holder, Comprehensive FOIA guidelines, March 19, 2009.

<sup>47</sup> FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Public Law No. 114-185.

new staff. These policies would also increase the efficiency and effectiveness of components responding to FOIA requests and provide coordination between components and clear guidance to consistently apply FOIA provisions.

### Recommendations

We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official:

**Recommendation 14:** Oversee the development of updated agency-wide FOIA guidelines that include procedures for processing complex requests, multiple office requests, applying exemptions, and expediting processes.

### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. The Chief FOIA Officer will update NARA 1602.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

Recommendation 15: To the extent necessary, require each NARA component to develop a plan for processing FOIA requests that conforms with and implements the updated FOIA guidelines and ensure periodic updates of FOIA policies and procedures to incorporate any new changes in laws and regulations.

#### Management Response

NARA concurs with this recommendation. Each NARA FOIA program office will review its processing guides, in coordination with the updating of NARA 1602, and determine whether any updates are necessary. The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic reviews of processing guides

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### OIG Analysis

We consider NARA's proposed actions responsive to our report recommendation. This recommendation will remain open and resolved, pending completion of the corrective actions identified above.

# Appendix A - Acronyms

ADRRESS Archival Declassification Review and Redaction System

AFN-C Civilian Record Center AFN-M Military Personal Records

CMRS Case Management and Reporting System

DPE Digital Processing Environment

DOJ Department of Justice

ERA 2.0 Electronic Records Archives 2.0 FOIA Freedom of Information Act

FPL FOIA Public Liaisons FTE Full-Time Equivalent

FY Fiscal Year

GAO The Government Accountability Office's HL Office of Leaning and Development ICN Internal Collaboration Network

IT Information Technology LP-WJC William J Clinton Library

NARA National Archives and Records Administration

NGC Office of General Counsel

OGIS Office of Government Information Services

OIG Office of Inspector General
OPF Official Personnel Folders
OIP Office of Information Policy

PII Personally Identifiable Information

PMRS Performance Management Reporting System

PRA Presidential Records Act QA Quality Assurance

QPS Quality Performance Standards
RD-F Special Access/FOIA Staff
RL-SL Archival Operations – St. Louis
SOPs Standard Operating Procedures

URTS Unclassified Redaction and Tracking System

# Appendix B - Management Response



Date:

SEP 26 2017

To:

James Springs, Inspector General

From:

David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States

Subject:

Management's Response to OIG Report 17-AUD-16, Audit of NARA's FOIA

Program

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this final report. We greatly appreciate your willingness to meet on several occasions and to further clarify language in the report in response to our input.

We concur with most of the conclusions in your report. You correctly point out that NARA has a significant FOIA backlog of over 4,000 cases in certain archival programs, some of which are nearly 20 years old. You also identified several other areas in need of improvement, including updating the NARA FOIA Directive and the need to provide better accounting of our annual FOIA costs and the collection of fees in certain locations.

As you know, we do not agree that the NARA FOIA program should be operationally centralized, given the unique requirements for how NARA generally manages access to records under the Federal Records Act, the Presidential Records Act, and for military and civilian personnel records at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), where FOIA is only one of multiple ways in which we provide access to records. We do, however, agree that we should consider implementing centralized management of FOIA compliance and performance, to include developing agency-wide policies and procedures, implementing FOIA initiatives and corrective action plans, and providing

NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK. MD 20740-6001 www.archives.gov training to staff. This will be part of the review completed in response to Recommendation 4.

We also do not agree with the statements in the report that there is "a lack of senior management involvement over the FOIA program." Our Chief FOIA Officer is the General Counsel, who serves on the Executive Leadership Team and the Management Team and who also meets with me and the Deputy Archivist on a monthly basis to discuss FOIA and other programs. However, I have charged the Chief FOIA Officer with developing a plan to increase his active oversight of the agency's FOIA programs.

It is also important to note that there is no basis to believe that the NPRC actually improperly redacted and released any PII in the examples cited in the report. As we have already explained, the four copies that were shared with the OIG, in which redacted information was visible, were not the copies that were released to the requesters, which would have been further redacted to ensure against any such release of PII. We agree, however, that NPRC's policies need to be clarified with respect to how it maintains records of what was provided to the requester.

We concur with the 15 recommendations in this audit, and in response, the attachment provides a summary of our proposed actions. As each recommendation is satisfied, we will provide documentation to your office. If you have questions about this action plan, please contact Kimm Richards at kimm.richards@nara.gov or by phone at 301-837-1668.

DAVID S. FERRIERO

Archivist of the United States

Attachment

### Action Plan Response to OIG Report: 17-AUD-16, Audit of NARA's FOIA Program

Recommendation 1: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official implement effective internal controls over funds collected, to include proper segregation of duties and managerial reviews at all components including AFN-M.

**Planned Action:** As soon as this deficiency was identified by the OIG Auditor, NPRC implemented a process change to segregate the funds collection and managerial review. This was presented to the auditor before he completed his audit at NPRC. NPRC will incorporate this new process in the latest version of the NPRC directive guiding the operations of the Federal Record Center's Research Room at Archives Drive.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2017

**Recommendation 2:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official ensure effective and systematic quality control system for components tasked with processing FOIA request to include periodic monitoring.

**Planned Action**: To the extent not already in place, each program office will establish a quality control system for processing FOIA requests that meets the needs of the office. The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic monitoring of FOIA work by components.

Target Completion Date: October 31, 2018

<u>Recommendation 3</u>: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official establish and document clear responsibilities for managing and overseeing the agency's FOIA program.

Planned Action: The Chief FOIA Officer will update NARA 1602 and the FOIA Reference Guide.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Recommendation 4: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official finalize the agency-wide internal review and needs analysis of the FOIA program to identify all vulnerabilities and resource needs to effectively manage the FOIA program. If needed seek authority to acquire additional resources needed to improve the timeliness of FOIA responses.

**Planned Action**: The Chief FOIA Officer will finalize the internal review, and make appropriate recommendations, including considering the centralization of FOIA management to include developing agency-wide policies and procedures, implementing FOIA initiatives and corrective action plans, and providing training to staff.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Recommendation 5: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official, based on the needs analysis, develop a corrective action plan and strategies for effectively reducing FOIA processing delays and the backlog of FOIA requests.

**Planned Action**: Based on the recommendations developed in recommendation 4, the Chief FOIA Officer will develop a corrective action plan to address FOIA processing delays and backlogs.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

**Recommendation 6:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official establish controls for periodic reviews of the corrective action plan to ensure that the plan is effective and is working as intended.

Planned Action: The Chief FOIA Officer will establish controls for the periodic review of the corrective action plan.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Recommendation 7: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official clearly define the reporting requirements and report all of the fees collected by NARA offices or exclude NPRC total cost from the total reported cost reported to DOJ.

Planned Action: The Chief FOIA Officer will exclude the NPRC costs from the total costs of the FOIA program reported to DOJ.

Target Completion Date: March 31, 2018

Recommendation 8: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official implement time management tracking mechanism or processes that could clearly document and report NARA's annual FOIA cost related to FTEs.

Planned Action: To the extent not already in place, each FOIA program office will implement a time management tracking process for reporting NARA's annual FOIA cost related to FTEs. The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic

assessments of tracking mechanisms or processes used by the component FOIA programs.

Target Completion Date: October 31, 2018

**Recommendation 9:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official utilize updated processing mechanisms or processes to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the FOIA Program.

**Planned Action:** Tools for FOIA processing will be deployed in the ERA 2.0 system. Although ERA 2.0 will go live in FY18, FOIA related tools are not expected to be deployed until FY19 or early FY20.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2019

**Recommendation 10:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official develop an agency wide FOIA technology system or process that would enable coordination between components, provide document management and sharing, and standardized tracking and reporting of FOIA requests.

**Planned Action:** The Chief FOIA Officer will provide a plan for improving the use of technology for coordinating FOIA requests among the FOIA program offices, including sharing documents, and for ensuring that FOIA requests are accurately tracked and reported.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

**Recommendation 11:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official develop and implement a formal agency-wide FOIA training program.

**Planned Action:** NARA will include a FOIA module to an agency-wide online training program.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

<u>Recommendation 12</u>: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official provide FOIA training to all NARA FPLs next fiscal year, if DOJ or OGIS courses are available.

**Planned Action:** NARA will require all FOIA Public Liaisons to take training in FY18, to the extent it is offered by DOJ or OGIS.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Recommendation 13: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official require management to certify all employees receive FOIA training.

**Planned Action:** The Chief FOIA Officer will ensure that a FOIA training module is included as part of a newly developed mandatory, agency-wide training course. The LMS system will provide the certification that the training was completed.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

**Recommendation 14:** We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official oversee the development of updated agency-wide FOIA guidelines that include procedures for processing complex requests, multiple office requests, applying exemptions, and expediting processes.

Planned Action: The Chief FOIA Officer will update NARA 1602.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Recommendation 15: We recommend NARA Senior Management/Responsible Official to the extent necessary, require each NARA component to develop a plan for processing FOIA requests that conforms with and implements the updated FOIA guidelines and ensure periodic updates of FOIA policies and procedures to incorporate any new changes in laws and regulations.

**Planned Action:** Each NARA FOIA program office will review its processing guides, in coordination with the updating of NARA 1602, and determine whether any updates are necessary. The Chief FOIA Officer will also develop a means to conduct periodic reviews of processing guides.

Target Completion Date: December 31, 2018

#### Appendix C - Report Distribution List

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A Case for Contemporaneous
Posting of FOLA Processing
Logs

PUBLIC COMMENT June 14, 2022

by Robert Hammond foiacompliance@gmail.com

Copy to: Senate Judiciary, House Oversight, Vanita Gupta (DOJ), Debra Wall (NARA) whistleblower@judiciary-rep.senate.gov

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#### **Hyperlinked Outline**

- Preface Why this matters
- Email, Subject: NARA FY 22 FOIA Data Stripped from FOIA.gov?? RE: A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA Processing Logs.
- Initial 5.24.2022 NARA 136 Estimated Completion Date (ECD) Cases of NARA Cited 448 total
- 191 Hammond NARA FOIA Requests ECDs (per NARA 6.7.2022, not validated)
- 257 Hammond NARA Appeals ECDs (per NARA, 6.7.2022 not validated)
- FOIA.gov "No data" Response to NARA FY 2022 Q1 & Q2 Data Queries

#### **Preface – Why this matters.**

This addresses the FOIA Advisory Tech Committee Recommendation #2 requiring proactive posting of FOIA Logs and Office of Government Information Services Advisory Opinion No. 2020-01: Agencies Must Provide Estimated Dates of Completion Upon Request. [archives.gov/ogis/advisory-opinions/2020-01-agencies-must-provide-edcs].

Many of my FOIA requests and appeals seek records relating to OGIS budgets, NARA omissions of OGIS ADR rights in adverse determinations, allocation/potential misallocation of funds to unapproved FY 2022 budget requests during FY 2022 continuing resolution (e.g., "A program increase of \$20 million and 144 FTEs," while OGIS budgets have declined and are ten to twenty-fold underfunded).

#### This presentation also addresses:

- Apparent NARA False FOIA reporting of my FY 2021 Requests for which NARA provided status on June 7, 2022 that are missing from NARA's FY 2021 Annual FOIA Report raw data (e.g., NGC-675, NGC-698, NGC-744, NGC-764, NGC-779, NGC-822, NGC-824), and NO FOIA raw data for FY 2022 open requests or appeals (see archives.gov/files/foia/reports/nara-foia-raw-date-fy21.xlsx).
- NARA's unexplained first and second quarterly FOIA data "missing" from FOIA.gov, which potentially implicates FY 22 false quarterly FOIA reporting. [Ms. Gupta, Ms. Wall pls take note.]

- NARA's inexplicable initial release of status and estimated completion dates to only 136 of my 448 FOIA requests and appeals (448 # is according to NARA). [The content of the missing FOIA requests and appeals is also very concerning.]
- NARA's potential failure to preserve records subject to my FOIA requests & appeals despite explicit notifications in my FOIA requests including electronic records.
- NARA June 7, 2022 status stating I withdrew FOIA requests NARA- NGC-2022-000178, NARA-NGC-2022-000184, NARA-NGC-2022-000185, and NARA-NGC-2022-000187, when I did not do so and they are shown as open in FOIAonline.gov.
- NARA's disparate categorization of FOIA requests seeking records to ascertain
  whether (randomly selected) NARA leadership engaged in potential Hatch Act
  violations. (I have no knowledge of violations and am not making any allegations.) For
  example, NARA inexplicably and improperly classified 8 FOIA requests below as
  "complex," while 13 identical requests for records of others were not:
  - o Wright NARA-NGC-2022-000200
  - o Hamilton NARA-NGC-2022-000199
  - o Steidel Wall NARA-NGC-2022-000198
  - o Murphy NARA-NGC-2022-000197
  - o Trainer NARA-NGC-2022-000196
  - o Stanwich NARA-NGC-2022-000194
  - o Semo NARA-NGC-2022-000193
  - o Findlater NARA-NGC-2022-000192

- Errant NARA FOIA status stating that I withdrew 3 requests related to Ferrierio and 1 related to Murphy when I did not do so and where they are shown as open in FOIAonline.gov. (NARA-NGC-2022-000178, 184, 185, 187)
- Whether individuals whose Skype texts and emails I sought deleted such records after my FOIA requests seeking those records.

**NOTE.** Hatch Act violation penalties are generally a slap on the wrist and "don't do it again" (unless one is seeking Presidential appointment subject to Senate confirmation). Whereas destruction of records during an administrative proceeding may be very serious.

<u>So</u>, if I were someone who "accidentally" deleted emails and Skype texts after receiving Hammond's FOIA requests seeking them, I would immediately notify NARA's OIG (Bret Baker), and ask NARA's Chief Information Officer (Swarnali Haldar) to recover them.

[NARA is required to have preserved the records anyway, including applicable deleted Skype texts and emails in your Outlook "trash" deleted folders (per my individual expedited FOIA requests seeking them. But I would not risk my career on someone else's action/inaction.]

**NOTE.** There are nine open DOJ OIP FOIA compliance inquiries associated with this presentation, with copies to Vanita Gupta. Also, NARA's impeccable IG and OIG Hotline personnel were provided a draft for review prior to finalizing.

# Email, Subject: NARA FY 22 FOIA Data Stripped from FOIA.gov?? RE: A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA Processing Logs.

#### FOIAcompliance@gmail.com

**From:** foiacompliance@gmail.com

Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:02 PM

**To:** 'FOIA Advisory Committee'; alina.semo@nara.gov; kirsten.mitchell@nara.gov;

martha.murphy@nara.gov; debra.wall@nara.gov; Vanita.Gupta19@usdoj.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov;

'FOIA'

**Cc:** 'Brett Baker'; swarnali.haldar@nara.gov

**Subject:** NARA FY 22 FOIA Data Stripped from FOIA.gov?? RE: A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA

Processing Logs. Second Request for NARA Estimated Completion Dates and Status to 348 Requests

and Appeals.

Attachments: foia-received-processed-and-backlogged-foia-requests DOJ FY 22 Q1 & 2.csv; Web capture\_

8-6-2022\_195221\_www.foia.gov. NARA FY 22 Q1.jpeg; Web capture\_8-6-2022\_195523\_www.foia.gov.

NARA FY 22 Q2.jpeg

**Importance:** High

Ms. Gupta, Ms. Wall, All,

After complaining for some time about potential NARA false FOIA reporting (per below for example) and material inaccuracy of FOIA.gov data, I attempted to preserve NARA's FY 2022 Quarterly FOIA Report data documented in FOIA.gov.

My search results from FOIA.gov for the first quarter and separate search for the second quarter NARA data yielded the response: "No data meets your search criteria." Pls see attached.

I ran a similar query for DOJ to ensure that it wasn't a bug in FOIA.gov, which returned full results for DOJ. Pls see attached.

#### **ACTION.**

Ms. Wall and Ms. Gupta,

Please respond prior to the 9 June 2022 FOIA Advisory Committee meeting regarding the missing NARA FOIA.gov data. There may be an immediately apparent reasonable explanation; else DOJ should preserve all NARA FOIA.gov FY 22 data submissions/deletions and commence an audit.

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Separately, I have asked NARA's OIG to investigate "missing data" in NARA's initial response to my request for estimated completion dates to my FOIA requests and appeals, even where I provided hundreds of initial FOIAonline case numbers, and to investigate potential false FOIA reporting based on my records. Also, any manipulation or alteration of data following my FOIA request for NARA's year-to-date FY 22 "Operational" FOIA processing records would be a very serious matter. It is not clear why NARA cannot give me the FY 21 FOIA processing log until June 2023 (when NARA's FY 17 FOIA processing log is promised for this month) or why NARA has not given me an estimated completion date for NARA's FY 22 year-to-date FOIA processing log.

Additionally, any deletion of records or failure to preserve records subject to my FOIA requests may be a very serious matter. Even where NARA states that it will not provide records until 2024 (as is the case for most ECDs where NARA has provided them), NARA's Acting Archivist, FOIA Officer, and Chief Information Officer are required to preserve records, including specifically identified electronic records. [It takes less than ten minutes for information technology personnel to construct and run queries that I have identified by email account and key words, for example.]

Again, there may be immediately apparent reasonable explanations. More to follow.

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#### With my deep respect,

#### Robert Hammond

From: foiacompliance@gmail.com <foiacompliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:03 AM

**To:** 'FOIA Advisory Committee' <foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov; alina.semo@nara.gov; kirsten.mitchell@nara.gov; martha.murphy@nara.gov

**Cc:** debra.wall@nara.gov; Vanita.Gupta19@usdoj.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; 'FOIA' <foia@nara.gov> **Subject:** RE: A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA Processing Logs. Second Request for NARA Estimated Completion Dates and Status to 348 Requests and Appeals.

#### All,

NARA has provided some additional estimated completion dates, though without the key fields I requested per "Posting FOIA Logs. Tech Committee Recommendation #2" and NARA states it is uncertain as to the completeness of the data. I have not yet reviewed the data. [Nevertheless, thanks for providing some supplemental information.]

I spot checked a few of my FY 2021 FOIA requests with NARA case numbers against the FY 2021 NARA FOIA raw data accompanying its FY 2021 annual FOIA report and **NONE** are included. This highlights the need for near-term, mandatory posting of FOIA processing logs not less than quarterly in whatever format the agency is initially able to comply.

Further, I submitted three distinct expedited FOIA requests seeking NARA's FY 2017, 2021 and 2022 (year-to-date) "Operational Records" FOIA processing logs as described in your recommendation. My basis for expedited processing is to have records for the FOIA Advisory Committee meeting(s), citing:

- 1) ... widespread and exceptional media interest and the information sought involves possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence.
- 2) Information is urgently needed to inform the public concerning some actual or alleged government activity/malfeasance.
- 3) NARA may be engaging in massive false FOIA reporting.

While NARA states that it can give me the FY 17 log by June 28, 2022, NARA's estimated completion date for the 2021 FOIA processing log is June 2023 and NARA has not provided an ECD for the FY 2022 log. I will accept logs in their current format. [In general NARA has denied expedited processing to all my requests without amplifying explanation and has failed to process my expedited appeals of those denials and disparate "complex queue" categorizations.].

Gary Stern (NARA FOIA Officer and FOIA Public Liaison) and Debra Wall (Acting Archivist and Appellate Authority are copied here as is Ms. Gupta (DOJ) regarding the inaccuracy of FOIA.gov data.

#### **SUMMARY.**

NARA's quarterly and annual FOIA reporting appears materially inaccurate, as does the data in FOIA.gov.

NARA is refusing to timely address expedited FOIA requests and appeals (nearly all of mine are expedited).

NARA states that it cannot provide me the FY 2021 FOIA processing log for over a year, which appears to contravene the intent of the Committee's recommendation, "Posting FOIA Logs. Tech Committee Recommendation #2." (My FOIA requests state that I will accept data in the current format if it does not comport with the fields cited by the Committee.)

NARA has not provided any ECD for its year-to-date FY 2022 FOIA processing log.

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New subject.

I advised DOJ (Bobby and Ms. Gupta) of my intent to submit more than one thousand compliance inquiries documenting incontrovertible false FOIA reporting and other alleged violations of FOIA laws, regulations, and policies. I asked for a response as to resources to process these complaints (per statute). I am willing to work with DOJ OIP as to timing if they are ramping up via new hiring or contractor support. DOJ OIP purports in its annual reports to handle approximately twenty compliance inquiries per year.

I have been noting for the past two years that DOJ OIP and OGIS are grossly underfunded for their compliance missions.

I am seeking at the June 9, 2022 meeting one-word answers as to the level of FY 2023 funding that DOJ OIP and OGIS each need to effectively accomplish their statutory missions.

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With my deep respect,

Robert Hammond

From: foiacompliance@gmail.com <foiacompliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 2:12 PM

**To:** 'FOIA Advisory Committee' < <a href="mailto:foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov">foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov</a>>; <a href="mailto:alina.semo@nara.gov">alina.semo@nara.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:kirsten.mitchell@nara.gov">kirsten.mitchell@nara.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:mara.gov">martha.murphv@nara.gov</a>

Cc: debra.wall@nara.gov; Vanita.Gupta19@usdoj.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; 'FOIA' <foia@nara.gov>

**Subject:** A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA Processing Logs. Second Request for NARA Estimated Completion Dates and Status to 348 Requests and Appeals.

FOIA Advisory Committee Members,

I previously withdrew posting public comments regarding "A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of Agency

Logs. NARA ..." to allow NARA additional time to respond. [I stand by that public comment.] Having received no response from NARA, I prepared a comprehensive spreadsheet with multiple workbooks documenting my electronic submission of <u>348</u> FOIA requests and appeals to NARA as of May 13, 2022, of which NARA has only provided Estimated Completion Dates and purported status to <u>136</u>.

I also filed new expedited FOIA requests seeking NARA's applicable FY 2021 and FY 2022 FOIA processing logs, along with a request seeking NARA's FOIA Instruction and Standard Operating Procedures (as cited in NARA's 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Report) to ascertain if any of the "missing FOIA requests and appeals" also indicate inaccurate FOIA reporting. Absent NARA providing contemporaneous FOIA logs, I will not be able to compare my FOIA requests and appeals to reported NARA data until the FY 2022 Annual FOIA reports raw data is posted a year from now.

I believe that the Committee's recommendation should require agencies to post their FOIA processing logs (not encourage) and that the logs must also contain appeals data. DOJ OIP should issue guidance requiring posting of FOIA Logs not less than quarterly.

[Owing to anomalies in FOIAonline data & manual reconciliation my number of requests and appeals to NARA (348) may be off by one or two but the magnitude of the discrepancy is massive and currently unexplained.]

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I believe that the most significant issue confronting FOIA is a complete lack of FOIA compliance by DOJ OIP and NARA's OGIS, due to a lack of funding and failure to seek adequate funding in annual budgets.

With my deep respect and great appreciation for your excellent work,

#### Robert Hammond

From: Robert Hammond

Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:25 PM

To: debra.wall@nara.gov; Vanita.Gupta19@usdoj.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; 'FOIA' <foia@nara.gov>

Cc: FOIAcompliance@gmail.com

**Subject:** Second Request for NARA Estimated Completion Dates and Status to 348 Requests and Appeals. A Case for Contemporaneous Posting of FOIA Processing Logs per FOIA Advisory Committee Recommendation.

[Ms. Gupta, Associate Attorney General & Mr. Talebian, please take note as to potential massively inaccurate quarterly and annual FOIA reporting and inaccuracies in FOIA.gov.]

Ms. Wall (Acting Archivist and Appellate Authority) and Mr. Stern (NARA FOIA Officer and NARA FOIA Public Liaison):

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF). NARA has provided Estimated Completion Dates for only 136 of my 348 FOIA requests and appeals submitted through May 13, 2022. [I have submitted additional FOIA requests since then but for clarity am keeping the portfolio the same submissions through May 13, 2022,]. Such "anomalies" may indicate massive inaccurate FOIA reporting in quarterly and annual FOIA reports, which impacts the validity of data in DOJ's FOIA .gov. [Ms. Wall, Ms. Gupta, pls take note.]. Additionally, the content of the apparent "missing FOIA requests and appeals" is also disturbing.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF 348 REQUESTS AND APPEALS.**

See attached MS. Excel Spreadsheet, "NARA FOIA Requests and Appeals vs Reported v3."

On May 13, 2022, I sought status and Estimated Completion Dates for my FOIA requests and appeals submitted to NARA. I provided you with 266 case numbers linked to my FOIAonline account as a representative sample. By unsigned email of May 24, 2022 NARA provided incomplete ECDs (MMYYY) rather than [full] dates, and complete status to only **136** requests and appeals.

A search of my records and FOIA online shows that I submitted <u>348</u> FOIA requests and appeals to NARA as follows:

<u>276</u> via FOIAonline (search Robert Hammond + NARA) of which the afore mentioned <u>266</u> are linked to my account. Five FOIA requests that I submitted via MUCKrock.com are among the additional ten, but the dates recorded in FOIAonline are later than the MUCKrock.com submission dates. One Muckrock.com FOIA request does not have a tracking number.

**1** FOIA request submitted to NARA via Muckrock.com for which there is no tracking number

46 different FOIA requests and 25 different appeals sent to garym.stern@nara.gov and/or foia@nara.gov, and/or debra.wall@nara.gov between December 2016 and December 19, 2021 per NARA posted FOIA guidelines and appeal submission procedures cited in NARA FOIA request responses. FOIAonline was not functioning properly, thus I properly sent the requests and appeals directly to NARA by email.

My understanding is that FOIAonlilne is the official

I am concerned about not having received status and ECDs to all my FOIA requests and appeals. I am therefore providing you additional records documenting appropriate electronic submission of these requests and appeals submitted to NARA in accordance with NARA guidelines. Additionally, the content/subject of the apparent "missing FOIA requests and appeals" is also disturbing.

#### **ACTION SOUGHT.**

- Please promptly provide me for all FOIA request and appeals from Robert Hammond the status and initial estimated completion date (ESD) for this matter along with contemporaneous adjusted ESDs as they change. See Office of Government Information Services Advisory Opinion No. 2020-01:
   Agencies Must Provide Estimated Dates of Completion Upon Request\_
   https://www.archives.gov/ogis/advisory-opinions/2020-01-agencies-must-provide-edcs
- Status must include:
  - 1. Tracking number of the request or appeal.
  - 2. Date of the request or appeal received in FOIAonline.gov
  - 3. Date of request or appeal received as recorded in NARA's FOIA tracking system or FOIA log.
  - 4. Name of the requester or appellee as recorded in NARA's FOIA tracking system or FOIA log.

- 5. Estimated completion date (YYYYMMDD)
- 6. Subject matter of the request or appeal.
- 7. Status of the request or appeal (pending, closed, etc.).
- 8. For requests or appeals that have been closed, the date closed and the result of the FOIA request (granted, granted in part, denied, withdrawn, etc.).
- Failure to provide status and ECDs may be a violation of the FOIA, the Administrative Procedures Act and NARA's OGIS policy.
- Promptly respond to my two additional new FOIA requests via Muckrock.com NARA-NGC-2022-001252 and NARA-NGC-2022-001272 seeking NARA's FY 2021 and FY 2022 FOIA requests and appeals processing logs, respectively. I am seeking expedited processing of these two FOIA requests to address at the June 9, 2022 FOIA Advisory Committee's recommendation for posting FOIA logs (along with identifying potential massive "error" in NARA quarterly and annual FOIA reporting supporting the need for posting FOA processing logs.).
- Please respond to my additional expedited FOIA request via Muckrock.com (no NARA case number identified yet) seeking NARA's current FOIA Regulation and NARA's FOIA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for operational records FOIA requests (FOIAonline identifies NARA Operational Records), as cited in NARA's 2022 Chief FOIA Officer Report.

With my deep respect,

Robert Hammond

					Number in Complex	Number in	EST	
			Open/	Closed	Case	Appeal	Complete	
	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Date	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
1	NARA-NGC-2021-000048	NGC21-032	Closed	1/8/2021				
2	NARA-NGC-2021-001018	NGC21-546	Open		260		Nov-23	
3	NARA-NGC-2021-001019	NGC21-547	Open		261		Nov-23	
4	NARA-NGC-2021-001020	NGC21-548	Open		262		Nov-23	
5	NARA-NGC-2021-001212	NGC21-675	Closed	8/25/2021				
6	NARA-NGC-2021-001247	NGC21-698	Closed	8/25/2021				
7	NARA-NGC-2021-001322	NGC21-744	Closed	9/23/2021				
8	NARA-NGC-2021-001329	NGC21-748	Closed	9/30/2021				
9	NARA-NGC-2021-001345	NGC21-755	Open		278		Dec-23	
10	NARA-NGC-2021-001350	NGC21-757	Open		279		Dec-23	
11	NARA-NGC-2021-001359	NGC21-764	Closed	10/1/2021				
12	NARA-NGC-2021-001376	NGC21-050A	Closed	9/22/2021				Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC-2021- 001247)
13	NARA-NGC-2021-001380	NGC21-779	Closed	10/1/2021				
14	NARA-NGC-2021-001381	NGC21-780	Closed	10/6/2021				
15	NARA-NGC-2021-001443	NGC21-820	Closed	10/7/2021				
16	NARA-NGC-2021-001444	NGC21-822	Closed	10/22/2021				
17	NARA-NGC-2021-001445	NGC21-821	Closed	9/29/2021				
18	NARA-NGC-2021-001446	NGC21-823	Closed	10/22/2021				
19	NARA-NGC-2021-001447	NGC21-824	Closed	10/22/2021				
20	NARA-NGC-2021-001455		Withdraw	/n				
21	NARA-NGC-2021-001456	NGC21-052A	Closed	9/24/2021				Appeal NGC21-744 (NARA-NGC-2021- 001322)
22	NARA-NGC-2021-001485	NGC21-054A	Closed	10/5/2021				Appeal NGC21-821 (NARA-NGC-2021- 001445)
23	NARA-NGC-2022-000014	NGC22-003A	Open			99	Jan-24	Appeal NGC21-779 (NARA-NGC-2021- 001380)
24	NARA-NGC-2022-000023	NGC22-004A	Open			100	Jan-24	Appeal NGC21-780 (NARA-NGC-2021- 001381)

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			Open/	Closed	Case	Appeal	Complete	
	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Date	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
25								Appeal NGC21-748 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000027	NGC22-005A	Open			101	Jan-24	001329)
26	NARA-NGC-2022-000028	NGC22-013	Open		293		Jan-24	
27	NARA-NGC-2022-000030							Appeal NGC21-820 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NAKA-NGC-2022-000050	NGC22-006A	Open			102	Feb-24	001443)
28	NARA-NGC-2022-000032	NGC22-015	Open		292		Jan-24	
29								Appeal NGC21-779 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000034	NGC22-015A	Open			108	Feb-24	001380)
30								Appeal NGC21-764 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000035	NGC22-016A	Open			109	Feb-24	001359)
31								Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000036	NGC22-019A	Open			112	Mar-24	001247)
32	NADA NGC 2022 000027							Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000037	NGC22-017A	Open			110	Mar-24	001212)
33								Appeal NGC21-032 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000038	NGC22-018A	Open			111	Mar-24	000048)
34	NARA-NGC-2022-000039	NGC22-018	Open		293		Jan-24	
35	NADA NGC 2022 000000							Appeal NGC21-822 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000088	NGC22-012A	Open			106		001444)
36	NARA-NGC-2022-000093	NGC22-045	Open		300		Jan-24	
37	NADA NGC 2022 202446							Appeal NGC21-823 (NARA-NGC-2021-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000116	NGC22-014 A	Open			107	Feb-24	001446)
38	NARA-NGC-2022-000155	NGC22-098	Closed	11/18/2021				
39	NARA-NGC-2022-000156	NGC22-099	Open		313		Feb-24	
40	NARA-NGC-2022-000157	NGC22-099	Open		313		Feb-24	
41	NARA-NGC-2022-000158	NGC22-099	Open		313		Feb-24	
42	NARA-NGC-2022-000159	NGC22-099	Open		313		Feb-24	
43	NARA-NGC-2022-000163	NGC22-100	Open		314		Feb-24	
44	NARA-NGC-2022-000164	NGC22-100	Open		314		Feb-24	
45	NARA-NGC-2022-000165	NGC22-100	Open	1	314		Feb-24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Date	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
46	NARA-NGC-2022-000168	NGC22-021A	Closed	12/3/2021	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
47	NARA-NGC-2022-000169	NGC22-021A	Closed	12/8/2021				
47	NARA-NGC-2022-000169 NARA-NGC-2022-000170	NGC22-022A	Closed	12/8/2021				
48	NARA-NGC-2022-000170 NARA-NGC-2022-000171	NGC22-023A	Closed	12/8/2021				
		NGC22-024A	Open	12/6/2021				Currently Working
50	NARA-NGC-2022-000172	NGC22-025A NGC22-026A	•					Currently working
51	NARA-NGC-2022-000173		Open	12/0/2021		110	A 2.4	Currently working
52	NARA-NGC-2022-000174	NGC22-027A	Closed	12/8/2021		116	Apr-24	
53	NARA-NGC-2022-000175	NGC22-028A	Closed	12/8/2021	245		F.I. 24	
54	NARA-NGC-2022-000177	NGC22-102	Open		315		Feb-24	
55	NARA-NGC-2022-000178	NCC22 402	Withdraw	n T	246		F.I. 24	
56	NARA-NGC-2022-000179	NGC22-103	Open		316		Feb-24	
57	NARA-NGC-2022-000180	NGC22-102	Open		315		Feb-24	
58	NARA-NGC-2022-000181	NGC22-103	Open		316		Feb-24	
59	NARA-NGC-2022-000182	NGC22-104	Open		317		Mar-24	
60	NARA-NGC-2022-000183	NGC22-104	Open		317		Mar-24	
61	NARA-NGC-2022-000184		Withdraw					
62	NARA-NGC-2022-000185		Withdraw					
63	NARA-NGC-2022-000187		Withdraw	n				
64	NARA-NGC-2022-000190	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
65	NARA-NGC-2022-000191	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
66	NARA-NGC-2022-000192	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
67	NARA-NGC-2022-000193	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
68	NARA-NGC-2022-000194	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
69	NARA-NGC-2022-000195	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
70	NARA-NGC-2022-000196	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
71	NARA-NGC-2022-000197	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
72	NARA-NGC-2022-000198	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
73	NARA-NGC-2022-000199	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
74	NARA-NGC-2022-000200	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
75	NARA-NGC-2022-000201	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	

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			Open/	Closed	Case	Appeal	Complete	
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76	NARA-NGC-2022-000202	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
77	NARA-NGC-2022-000203	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
78	NARA-NGC-2022-000205	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
79	NARA-NGC-2022-000206	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
80	NARA-NGC-2022-000207	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
81	NARA-NGC-2022-000208	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
82	NARA-NGC-2022-000209	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
83	NARA-NGC-2022-000210	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
84	NARA-NGC-2022-000211	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
85	NARA-NGC-2022-000212	NGC22-105	Open		318		Mar-24	
86	NARA-NGC-2022-000216	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
87	NARA-NGC-2022-000217	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
88	NARA-NGC-2022-000218	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
89	NARA-NGC-2022-000219	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
90	NARA-NGC-2022-000220	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
91	NARA-NGC-2022-000221	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
92	NARA-NGC-2022-000222	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
93	NARA-NGC-2022-000223	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
94	NARA-NGC-2022-000224	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
95	NARA-NGC-2022-000225	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
96	NARA-NGC-2022-000226	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
97	NARA-NGC-2022-000227	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
98	NARA-NGC-2022-000228	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
99	NARA-NGC-2022-000229	NGC22-106	Open		319	_	Mar-24	
100	NARA-NGC-2022-000230	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
101	NARA-NGC-2022-000232	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
102	NARA-NGC-2022-000233	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
103	NARA-NGC-2022-000234	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
104	NARA-NGC-2022-000235	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
105	NARA-NGC-2022-000236	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	

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			Open/	Closed	Case	Appeal	Complete	
	<b>FOIAonline</b>	FOIA Log	Closed	Date	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
106	NARA-NGC-2022-000237	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
107	NARA-NGC-2022-000238	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
108	NARA-NGC-2022-000239	NGC22-106	Open		319		Mar-24	
109	NARA-NGC-2022-000241	NGC22-107	Open		320		Apr-24	
110								Appeal NARA-NGC-2022-000204. The
	NARA-NGC-2022-000256							deletion of FOIAonline and forwarded
			Improper					to OIG
111								Appeal NARA-NGC-2022-000204. The
	NARA-NGC-2022-000257							deletion of FOIAonline and forwarded
			Improper					to OIG
112	NARA-NGC-2022-000270	NGC22-114	Open		322		Apr-24	
113	NARA-NGC-2022-000276	NGC22-031A	Open			118	Apr-24	
114	NARA-NGC-2022-000277	NGC22-114	Open		322		Apr-24	
115	NARA-NGC-2022-000281	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
116	NARA-NGC-2022-000282	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
117	NARA-NGC-2022-000283	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
118	NARA-NGC-2022-000284	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
119	NARA-NGC-2022-000285	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
120	NARA-NGC-2022-000286	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
121	NADA NCC 2022 000207							Duplicate of NARA-NGC-2022-000286-
	NARA-NGC-2022-000287		Open					Allison Olson Perf Standards
122	NARA-NGC-2022-000288	NGC22-121	Closed					
123	NARA-NGC-2022-000289	NGC22-204	Closed		351		Jun-24	
124	NARA-NGC-2022-000290	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
125	NARA-NGC-2022-000291	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
126	NARA-NGC-2022-000293	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
127	NARA-NGC-2022-000297	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
128	NARA-NGC-2022-000298	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
129	NARA-NGC-2022-000299	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
130	NARA-NGC-2022-000300	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Date	Queue	Queue	Time	Notes
131	NARA-NGC-2022-000301	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
132	NARA-NGC-2022-000302	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
133	NARA-NGC-2022-000303	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
134	NARA-NGC-2022-000305	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
135	NARA-NGC-2022-000306	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	
136	NARA-NGC-2022-000307	NGC22-204	Open		351		Jun-24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
1	NARA-NGC-2021-	_	_	10/16/2020	DON records requesting deviation	1/8/2021			
	000048				from GRS for FOIA/PA rec retention				
2	NARA-NGC-2021-0	NGC21-133	Closed	12/8/2020	OGIS email found in DOJ responsive records referall from DOJ	1/7/2021			
3	NARA-NGC-2021- 001018	NGC21-546	Open	6/8/2021	Unauthorized Disposition Case file UD-2021-0019 (DHA)		260	11/23/23	
4	NARA-NGC-2021- 001019	NGC21-547	Open	6/8/2021	Unauthorized Disposition Case file UD- 2021-0020 (DHA)		261	11/23/23	
5	NARA-NGC-2021- 001020	NGC21-548	Open	6/8/2021	Unauthorized Disposition Case file UD-2021-0018 (DHA)		262	11/23/23	
6	NARA-NGC-2021- 001212	NGC21-675	Closed	7/30/2021	Performance Plans for OGIS employees 2019 to present	8/25/2021			
7	NARA-NGC-2021- 001247	NGC21-698	Closed	8/9/2021	NARA employee Performance Plans 2019 to present	8/25/2021			
8	NARA-NGC-2021- 001322	NGC21-744	Closed	8/27/2021	Position Description for NARA employee	9/23/2021			
	NARA-NGC-2021- 001329	NGC21-748	Closed	8/30/2021	GS level, step, and salary infor for NARA employee	9/30/2021			
10	NARA-NGC-2021- 001345	NGC21-755	Open	8/31/2021	Chief FOIA Officer Council Records and emails re 4/29/21 meeting		278	12/23/23	
11	NARA-NGC-2021- 001350	NGC21-757	Open	9/1/2021	OGIS request logs and backlog records FY 2019 and 2020		279	12/23/23	
12	NARA-NGC-2021- 001358	NGC21-763	Open	9/2/2021	Chief FOIA Officers Council Meeting Transcripts		280	12/23/23	
13	NARA-NGC-2021- 001359	NGC21-764	Closed	9/2/2021	Performance Plans for NARA employee 2019-2021	10/1/2021			
14	NARA-NGC-2021- 001380	NGC21-779	Closed	9/8/2021	Performance Plans for NARA employee 2019-2021	10/1/2021			
15	NARA-NGC-2021- 001381	NGC21-780	Closed	9/8/2021	NARA employee awards and citations Jan. 1, 2017 to present	10/6/2021			
16	NARA-NGC-2021- 001443	NGC21-820	Closed	9/23/2021	OGIS Budget Submissions FY 2020- 2022	10/7/2021			

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
17	NARA-NGC-2021- 001444	NGC21-822	Closed	9/23/2021	Transcript of Chief FOIA Officers Council meeting	10/22/2021			
18	NARA-NGC-2021- 001445	NGC21-821	Closed	9/23/2021	Copy of 5 USC 571-574	9/29/2021			
19	NARA-NGC-2021- 001446	NGC21-823	Closed	9/23/2021	OGIS records re Response Letters prior to October 1, 2016 re no consent to post required	10/22/2021			
20	NARA-NGC-2021- 001447	NGC21-824	Closed	9/23/2021	OGIS mediation webpage prior to May 23, 2017	10/22/2021			
21	NARA-NGC-2021- 001455		Withdr awn						
22	NARA-NGC-2022- 000028	NGC22-013	Open	10/7/2021	OGIS language NGC Final Determination Letters		293	1/24/24	
23	NARA-NGC-2022- 000032	NGC22-015	Open	10/8/2021	OGIS budget execution records FY 2016-FY2021		292	1/24/24	
24	NARA-NGC-2022- 000039	NGC22-018	Open	10/12/2021	NGC Adverse Determination Letters FY 2016-FY2021		293	1/24/24	
25	NARA-NGC-2022- 000093	NGC22-045	Open	10/25/2021	Records re Archivist's Task Force on Racism Town Hall 5.11.21		300	1/24/24	
26	NARA-NGC-2022- 000155	NGC22-098	Closed	11/4/2021	An unredacted copy of the file "Binder3_Redacted," dealing with Navy Records Schedules The released record "Binder3_Redacted.pdf" contains unlawful (b)(6) redactions of federal employees.	11/18/2021			

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			Open/	Date		Closed	Number in Complex	EST Complete	
	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
27	NARA-NGC-2022- 000156	NGC22-099	Open	11/4/2021	OGIS records from October 1, 2018 thru December 25, 2018 associated with the November 2, 2018 "Dispute Resolution Skills for FOIA Professionals" training session at the OGIS offices in downtown Washington, DC.		313	2/24/24	
28	NARA-NGC-2022- 000157	NGC22-099	Open	11/4/2021	OGIS Records from April 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2018 associated with the May 8, 2018 "Dispute Resolution Skills for FOIA Professionals" training session.		313	2/24/24	
29	NARA-NGC-2022- 000158	NGC22-099	Open	11/4/2021	OGIS Records from October 1, 2017 through December 20, 2017 associated with the November 16, 2017 "Dispute Resolution Skills for FOIA Professionals" training session.		313	2/24/24	
30	NARA-NGC-2022- 000159	NGC22-099	Open	11/4/2021	OGIS Records from March 1, 2017 through May 30, 20, 2017 (sic)associated with the April 18, 2017 "Dispute Resolution Skills for FOIA Professionals" training session.		313	2/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue		Notes
31	NARA-NGC-2022- 000163	NGC22-100	Open	11/5/2021	OGIS Records from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 of all mediation/dispute resolution cases that OGIS classified as complex/placed in a complex processing queue. (To include OGIS case tracking records, logs, spreadsheets, correspondence to requesters informing them their request in the complex queue, OGIS procedures for classifying requests as complex.)		314	2/24/24	
32	NARA-NGC-2022- 000164	NGC22-100	Open	11/5/2021	OGIS Records from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021 of all mediation/dispute resolution cases that OGIS classified as complex/placed in a complex processing queue. To include same as above.		314	2/24/24	
33	NARA-NGC-2022- 000165	NGC22-100	Open	11/5/2021	Records from 7 October 2021 to 15 October 2021 related to the NARA decision to deny expedited processing for this subject case, FOIAonline NARA- NGC-2022-000028 (NGC22-013). Records would include: emails and other correspondence within the NARA FOIA Office, within NARA Media or Public Affairs Office, between NARA FOIA Office and any other office, and reviews of request and decision to deny.		314	2/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
34	NARA-NGC-2022- 000177	NGC22-102	Open	11/5/2021	All emails to or from CFO Colleen Murphy (with attachment and metadata) from 1/21/2021 to 9/30/2021 with the words "equity" or 'inclusion" or "diversity" or "social justice " or "racism" or "George Floyd" or "Donald Trump," or "Joe Biden." Corrected date & added or "underserved" or "Executive Order 13958" or "E.O. 13958" or "Executive Order 13985" or "E.O. 13985"		315	2/24/24	
35	NARA-NGC-2022- 000178		Withdr awn		All emails to or from CFO Colleen Murphy (with attachment and metadata) from 1/21/2021 to 9/30/2021 with the words "equity" or 'inclusion" or "diversity" or "social justice " or "racism" or "George Floyd" or "Donald Trump," or "Joe Biden." Withdrawn on 11/5/21				
36	NARA-NGC-2022- 000179	NGC22-103	Open	11/5/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) to or from <b>Colleen Murph</b> y to the Office of Management and Budget "@omb" from 1/21/2021 to 9/30/2021.		316	2/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Open/ Closed	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
37	NARA-NGC-2022- 000180			11/5/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) to or from <b>Colleen Murphy</b> citing the words: "equity" or "inclusion" or "diversity" or "social justice " or "racism" or "George Floyd" or "Donald Trump," or "Joe Biden," or "underserved" or "Executive Order 13958" or "E.O. 13958" or "Executive Order 13985" or "E.O. 13985" from 10/1/2020 to 1/20/2021.		315	2/24/24	
38	NARA-NGC-2022- 000181	NGC22-103	Open	11/5/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) to or from <b>Colleen Murphy</b> to the Office of Management and Budget "@omb" from 10/1/2020 to 1/20/2021.		316	2/24/24	
39	NARA-NGC-2022- 000182	NGC22-104	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) to or from <b>Swarnali Haldar</b> citing the words: "equity" or 'inclusion" or "diversity" or "social justice " or "racism" or "racial" or "George Floyd" or "Donald Trump," or "Joe Biden," or "underserved" or "Executive Or der 13958" or "E.O. 13958" or "Executive Order 13985" or "E.O. 13985" from 1/21/2021 to 9/30/2021.		317	3/25/24	

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		FOIA Log		Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
40	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-104	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and		317	3/25/24	
	000183				metadata) to or from Swarnali Haldar				
					citing the words: "equity" or				
					'inclusion" or "diversity" or "social				
					justice " or "racism" or "racial" or				
					"George Floyd" or "Donald Trump," or				
					"Joe Biden," or "underserved" or				
					"Executive Order 13958" or "E.O.				
					13958" or "Executive Order 13985" or				
					"E.O. 13985" from 10/1/2020 to				
					1/20/2021.				
41	NARA-NGC-2022-		Withdr		All emails (with attachment and				
	000184		awn		metadata) from <b>David S. Ferriero</b>				
					including the words "Joe Biden" or,				
					"Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump"				
					or "Trump" (capitalized without the				
					word President preceding "Trump"				
					from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
					Withdrawn on 11/8/21				
42	NARA-NGC-2022-		Withdr		All emails (with attachment and				
	000185		awn		metadata) from <b>David S. Ferriero</b> to				
					Swarnali Haldar including the words				
					"Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or				
					"Donald Trump" or "Trump"				
					(capitalized without the word				
					President preceding "Trump" from				
					1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
					Withdrawn on 11/8/21				

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43	NARA-NGC-2022-		Withdr		All emails (with attachment and				
	000187		awn		metadata) from <b>David S. Ferrier</b> o to				
					Valorie Findlater including the words				
					"Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or				
					"Donald Trump" or "Trump"				
					(capitalized without the word				
					President preceding "Trump") from				
					1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
					Withdrawn on 11/8/21				
44	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and		318	3/25/24	
	000190				metadata) sent by <b>David Ferriero</b>				
					including the words "Joe Biden" or				
					"Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump"				
					or "Trump" (capitalized without the				
					word President preceding "Trump")				
					from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
45	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and		318	3/25/24	
	000191				metadata) sent by <b>Swarnali Halda</b> r				
					including the words "Joe Biden" or				
					"Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump"				
					or "Trump" (capitalized without the				
					word President preceding "Trump")				
					from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
46	NARA-NGC-2022- 000192	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Valorie Findlater</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
47	NARA-NGC-2022- 000193	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Alina Semo</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the work President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
48	NARA-NGC-2022- 000194	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Maria Stanwich</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the work President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
49	NARA-NGC-2022- 000195	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>William Bosanko</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
50	NARA-NGC-2022- 000196	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Jay Trainer</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
51	NARA-NGC-2022- 000197	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Colleen Murphy</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
52	NARA-NGC-2022- 000198	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Debra Wall</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
53	NARA-NGC-2022- 000199	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>John Hamilton</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
54	NARA-NGC-2022- 000200	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Pamela Wright</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
55	NARA-NGC-2022- 000201	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Ann Cummings</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
56	NARA-NGC-2022- 000202	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>John Valceanu</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
57	NARA-NGC-2022- 000203	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Tasha For</b> d including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	

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58	NARA-NGC-2022- 000205	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Megan (Meg) Phillips</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
59	NARA-NGC-2022- 000206	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Erica Pearson</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
60	NARA-NGC-2022- 000207	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Gordon G. Everett</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
61	NARA-NGC-2022- 000208	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Allison Olson</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump)" from 1/1/2020 through 113/2020.		318	3/25/24	

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62	NARA-NGC-2022- 000209	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Terri Garner</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trum") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
63	NARA-NGC-2022- 000210	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>LaVerne Fields</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
64	NARA-NGC-2022- 000211	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Stephanie D. Bogan</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	
65	NARA-NGC-2022- 000212	NGC22-105	Open	11/8/2021	All emails (with attachment and metadata) sent by <b>Gary M. Stern</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		318	3/25/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
66	NARA-NGC-2022- 000216			11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>David S. Ferriero</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
67	NARA-NGC-2022- 000217	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Swarnali Haldar</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
68	NARA-NGC-2022- 000218	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Valorie Findlater</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
69	NARA-NGC-2022- 000219	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Alina Semo</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	

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70	NARA-NGC-2022- 000220	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Maria Stanwich</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
71	NARA-NGC-2022- 000221	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skyp</b> e communications sent by or received by <b>William J. Bosank</b> o including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
72	NARA-NGC-2022- 000222	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Jay Trainer</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
73	NARA-NGC-2022- 000223	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Colleen Murphy</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	

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74	NARA-NGC-2022- 000224	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All Skype communications sent by or received by this Debra Wall including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
75	NARA-NGC-2022- 000225	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skyp</b> e communications sent by or received by <b>John Hamilto</b> n including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
76	NARA-NGC-2022- 000226	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skyp</b> e communications sent by or received by <b>Pamela Wrigh</b> t including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
77	NARA-NGC-2022- 000227	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Lawrence Brewer</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	

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78	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skyp</b> e communications sent by or		319	3/25/24	
	000228				received by <b>Ann Cumming</b> s including				
					the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie				
					Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or				
					"Trump" (capitalized without the work				
					President preceding "Trump" from				
					1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
79	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skyp</b> e communications sent by or		319	3/25/24	
	000229				received by <b>John Valcean</b> u including				
					the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie				
					Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or				
					"Trump" (capitalized without the word				
					President preceding "Trump") from				
					1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
80	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	Al <b>l Skyp</b> e communications sent by or		319	3/25/24	
	000230				received by <b>Tasha For</b> d including the				
					words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders"				
					or "Donald Trump" or "Trump"				
					(capitalized without the word				
					President preceding "Trump") from				
					1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				
81	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or		319	3/25/24	
	000232				received by Megan (Meg) Phillips				
					including the words "Joe Biden" or				
					"Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump"				
					or "Trump" (capitalized without the				
					word President preceding "Trump")				
					from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.				

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82	NARA-NGC-2022- 000233	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Erica Pearson</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
83	NARA-NGC-2022- 000234	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Gordon G. Everett</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the work President preceding "Trump" from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
84	NARA-NGC-2022- 000235	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All Skype communications sent by or received by <b>Allison Olson</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the work President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
85	NARA-NGC-2022- 000236	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Terri Garner</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	

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86	NARA-NGC-2022- 000237	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>LaVerne Fields</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
87	NARA-NGC-2022- 000238	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Stephanie D. Bogan</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump") from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
88	NARA-NGC-2022- 000239	NGC22-106	Open	11/8/2021	All <b>Skype</b> communications sent by or received by <b>Gary M. Stern</b> including the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the work President preceding "Trump" from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/2020.		319	3/25/24	
89	NARA-NGC-2022- 000241	NGC22-107	Open	11/9/2021	For the Chief FOIA Officers Council meeting of April 29, 2021, an unredacted listing of ALL registered participants including their email addresses.		320	4/24/24	

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90	NARA-2022-		Improp						Appeal NARA-
	000256		er						NGC-2022-
									000204. The
									deletion of
									FOIAonline
									and forwarded
									to OIG
91	NARA-2022-		Improp						Appeal NARA-
	000257		er						NGC-2022-
									000204. The
									deletion of
									FOIAonline
									and forwarded
									to OIG
92	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-114	Open	11/17/2021	Chats for Chief FOIA Officers Council		322	4/24/24	
	000270				Meeting Nov. 17, 2021.				
93	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-114	Open	11/17/2021	Registered participants Chief FOIA		322	4/24/24	
	000277				Officers Council Meeting Nov. 17,				
					2021				
94	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Martha		351	6/24/24	
	000281				Murphy 2019-present				
95	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Sheila		351	6/24/24	
	000282				Portonova 2019-present				
96	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Carrie		351	6/24/24	
	000283			11/10/205:	McGuire 2019-present			6/04/06	
97	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Teresa Brady		351	6/24/24	
	000284	NCC22 227	0.	44/40/2026	2019-present		254	C /2 4 /2 4	
98	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standard Dwaine Bacon		351	6/24/24	
	000285		1		2019-present				

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99	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Allison		351	6/24/24	
L	000286				McGuire Olson 2019-present				
100	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Allison				Duplicate of
	000287				McGuire Olson 2019-present				NARA-NGC-
									2022-000286-
									Allison Olson
									Perf Standards
101	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards Debra Wall		351		
	000288				2019-present				
102	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-121	Closed	11/19/2021	Performance Standards of David				
	000289				Ferriero 2019-present				
103	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards of William		351	6/24/24	
	000290				Bosanko 2019-present				
104	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards of Jodi Foor		351	6/24/24	
	000291				2019-present				
105	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards of Susan		351	6/24/24	
	000293				Gillett 2019-present				
106	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-122	Open	11/19/2021	NARA 22-U.A. DAVID S. FERRIERO		334	5/24/24	
	000294				Awards				
107	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-123	Open	11/19/2021	NARA 22-U.B. DAVID S. FERRIERO		334	5/24/24	
	000295				Present Grade and Salary				
108	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for John		351	6/24/24	
	000297				Hamilton 2019-present				
109	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Jay Trainer		351	6/24/24	
	000298				2019-present				
110	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Lawrence		351	6/24/24	
	000299				Brewer 2019-present				
111	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Swarnali		351	6/24/24	
	000300				Haldar 2019-present				
112	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Colleen		351	6/24/24	
	000301				Murphy 2019-present				

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113	NARA-NGC-2022- 000302	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Valorie Findlater 2019-present		351	6/24/24	
114	NARA-NGC-2022- 000303	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Tasha Ford 2019-present		351	6/24/24	
115	NARA-NGC-2022- 000304	OIG	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for OIG Brett Baker 2019 -present				Brett Baker Performance Plan - Export?
116	NARA-NGC-2022- 000305	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Erica Pearson 2019-present		351	6/24/24	
117	NARA-NGC-2022- 000306	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for La Verne Fields 2019-present		351	6/24/24	
118	NARA-NGC-2022- 000307	NGC22-204	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for Stephanie Bogan 2019-present		351	6/24/24	
119	NARA-NGC-2022- 000313	NGC22-124	Open	11/22/2021	For all FOIA requests and appeals that I have submitted to NARA via FOIAonline.gov, I am seeking that all FOIAonline records be made fully visible to the public and accessible in their entirety by the public. The "Description Available to the Public" field in FOIAonline be set to yes and that all records be released to and viewable in the application by the general Public. The release type must be set to "Unredacted – Releasable to the General Public: Will be available to the general Public: Will be available to the General Public: Will be available to the general public."		336	5/24/24	

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120	NARA-NGC-2022- 000368	NGC22-145	Open	12/6/2021	Records, including emails, re his complaint of unauthorized destruction by OGIS of Chief FOIA Officers Council meeting records (YouTube chats) filed Dec. 1_2021. Complaint closed by NARA.		340	5/24/24	
121	NARA-NGC-2022- 000369	NGC22-146	Open	12/6/2021	All case records, emails, and records of communication with NARA, DOD or Defense Health Agency and responses thereto regarding unauthorized disposition case <b>UD-2021-0019</b> from the time NARA received the complaint from June 9, 2021 to December 4, 2021.		341	5/24/24	
122	NARA-NGC-2022- 000370	NGC22-147	Open	12/6/2021	All case records, emails, and records of communication with NARA, DOD or Defense Health Agency and responses thereto regarding unauthorized disposition case <b>UD-2021-0018</b> from the time NARA received the complaint from June 9, 2021 to December 4, 2021.		333	5/24/24	
123	NARA-NGC-2022- 000371	NGC22-148	Open	12/6/2021	All case records, emails, and records of communication with NARA, DOD or Defense Health Agency and responses thereto regarding unauthorized disposition case <b>UD-2021-0020</b> from June 9, 2021 to December 4, 2021.		334	5/24/24	

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124	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-149	Open	12/6/2021	All case records, emails, and records of		335	5/24/24	
	000372				communication with NARA and DOD				
					and				
					responses thereto regarding				
					unauthorized disposition case. <b>UD-</b>				
					<b>2021-0004</b> October				
					17, 2020 to December 4, 2021.				
125	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-155	Open	12/7/2021	Case file & communications re UD-		336	5/24/24	
	000380				2021-0017 (DOD)				
126	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-156	Open	12/7/2021	Case record & corresp re UD-2022-		337	5/24/24	
	000381				0008 Oct. 21-Dec 7_2021				
127	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-162	Open	12/8/2021	All records of any kind and in any		338	5/24/24	
	000386				format from November 5, 2021 to				
					present related the NARA decision to				
					deny expedited processing for NGC22-				
					023A, appeal of FOIA request NGC21-				
					744 (Alina Semo's position				
					description.)				
128	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-163	Open	12/8/2021	All case records, emails, and records of		339	5/24/24	
	000387				communication with NARA and DOD				
					and responses thereto regarding				
					unauthorized disposition case <b>UD</b> -				
					<b>2022-0006,</b> April 17, 2021 through				
			-		December 7, 2021.			- / /	
129	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-164	Open	12/8/2021	All case records, emails, and records of		340	5/24/24	
	000388				communication with NARA and DOD				
					and responses thereto regarding				
					unauthorized disposition case <b>UD</b> -				
					<b>2021-0033,</b> May 22, 2021 through				
					December 7, 2021.				

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130	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-165	Open	12/8/2021	All case records, emails, and records of		341	5/24/24	
	000389				communication with NARA and DOD				
					and responses thereto regarding				
					unauthorized disposition case <b>UD</b> -				
					<b>2022-0007</b> , August 26, 2021 thru				
					December 8, 2021.				

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131	NARA-NGC-2022-		Open	12/8/2021	All records in NARA's FOIA case file		342	5/24/24	
	000400				NGC22-013 [NARA-NGC-2022-				
					000028] (still open) from Oct. 7, 2021				
					to Dec. 12, 2021 to include: all records				
					of any searches performed, any				
					records forwarding request,				
					correspondence route sheets, Internal				
					notes, action officer notes, incoming				
					emails from				
					perseverance2012@aol.com with				
					embedded attachments,				
					FOIAonline.gov records, including				
					those not visible to the public See				
					FOIAonline_Agency_User_Guide,				
					Printouts if all FOIAonline processing				
					actions and files, Unredacted emails				
					and other correspondence of SUSAN				
					GILLETT, unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence of Gary M. Stern,				
					unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence within the NARA FOIA				
					Office, Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence within the NARA				
					Media or Public Affairs Office or				
					similar office by any other name,				
					unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence between the NARA				
					FOIA Office with any other office,				

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
132	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-172	Open	12/13/2022	All records in case file NGC22-101		343	5/24/24	
	000402				[NARA-NGC-2022-000165] including:				
					All records of any searches performed;				
					any records forwarding of the				
					request;Ccrrespondence route sheets;				
					internal notes; action Officer notes;				
					incoming emails from				
					perseverance2012@aol.com with				
					embedded attachments;				
					FOIAonline.gov records, including				
					those not visible to the public See				
					FOIAonline_Agency_User_Guide;				
					Printouts if all FOIAonline processing				
					actions and files; Unredacted emails				
					and other correspondence of Jodi				
					Foor; Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence of Susan Gillett;				
					Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence of Gary M. Stern;				
					Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence within the NARA FOIA				
					Office; Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence within the NARA				
					Media or Public Affairs Office or				
					similar office by any other name;				
					Unredacted emails and other				
					correspondence between the NARA				
					FOIA Office with any other office,				
133	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-182	Open	12/16/2022	OGIS records re classification of		345	5/24/24	
	000416				mediation requests as complex.				
134	NARA-NGC-2022-		Open	12/17/2021	Test - Improper				
	000483								

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Complex Case Queue	Complete Time	Notes
135	NARA-NGC-2022-	<u> </u>	Open	12/17/2021	NARA 22-U.N Unredacted Records	Date	354	6/24/24	Notes
	000511	110022 233	Орен	12,17,2021	of NARA-NGC-2021-000248			0,21,21	
136	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-234	Open	12/20/2021	NARA 22-U.O. FOIAonline		355	6/24/24	
	000524		'	' '	Modification Records to 20211218				
137	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-235	Open	12/20/2021	NARA 22-P.A. Deleted Trump, Biden,		356	6/24/24	
	000525				Sanders Emails by Archivist of the				
					United States				
					David S. Ferriero				
					david.ferriero@nara.gov				
138	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-235	Open	12/20/2021	NARA 22-P.A. Deleted Trump, Biden,		356	6/24/24	
	000526				Sanders Emails by Swarnali Haldar				
					swarnali.haldar@nara.gov				
139	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-235	Open	12/20/2021	NARA 22-P.A.A Deleted Trump, Biden,		356	6/24/24	
	000527				Sanders Emails. Ferriero				
140	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-322	Open	2/18/2022	NARA 22-U.R. OGIS Chief FOIA		377	6/24/24	
	000788				Officer's meeting 2 Feb 2022 Records.				
141	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-390	Open	3/4/2022	NARA 22-U.Q. Ombudsman Twitter		395	7/25/24	
	000835				Followers				
142	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-385	Open	3/9/2022	NARA 22-U.S. DOD False Reporting		393	7/25/24	
	000876				March 3, 2022 Public Comments				
143	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-445	Open	4/11/2022	NARA 22-U.U. 7 April 2022 FOIA		398	8/25/24	
	001034				Advisory Committee Meeting Records				
144	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-446	Open	4/11/2022	Request NARA 22-U.T. OGIS FY 2009 -		399	8/25/24	
	001035				2021 Budget Submissions & Execution				
					Records Cited by Ms. Semo in FOIA				
					Advisory Committee				
145	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-467	Open	4/18/2022	NARA 22-U.V. Public Comment,		403	8/25/24	
	001081				"Response to Archivist Re: Equity - The				
					Uncommon Man"				]

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
146	NARA-NGC-2022- 001163	NGC22-516	Open	5/5/2022	NARA 22-U.W. Public Comments to 5.5.2022 FOIA Advisory Committee. "Senate 3.22.2022 FOIA Hearing - DOJ's Lack of Enforcement + Malfeasance + Open the Government Statement for the Record"		414	8/25/24	
147	NARA-NGC-2022- 001173	NGC22-544	Open	5/10/2022	Expedited OGIS Budget/Spending Numbers Provided by Alina Semo to OGIS		535		Due Date 6/8/2022
148	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Alina Semo that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.D.A)		356	6/24/24	
149	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Maria Stanwich that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.E.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
150	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by William Bosanko that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.F.A)		356	6/24/24	
151	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Jay Trainer that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.G.A)		356	6/24/24	
152	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Martha Murphy that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.H.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
153	Not in FOIAonline	)	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Debra Steidel Wall</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.I.A)		356	6/24/24	
154	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by John Hamilton that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.J.A)		356	6/24/24	
155	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Pam Wright that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.K.A)		356	6/24/24	

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		<b>5014</b> Local		Date		Closed	Number in Complex	EST Complete	
156	FOIAonline Not in FOIAonline	FOIA Log NGC22-235	Open	Recieved 12/18/2021	Records Request  All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by  Lawrence Brewer that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.L.A)	Date	Case Queue 356	Time 6/24/24	Notes
157	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Ann Cummings that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.M.A)		356	6/24/24	
158	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by John Valceanu that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.N.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Open/ Closed	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
159	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Tasha Ford</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.O.A)		356	6/24/24	
160	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/18/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Meg Phillips that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.R.A)		356	6/24/24	
161	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Erica Pearson that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.S.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
162	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Gordon Everett</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.T.A)		356	6/24/24	
163	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Alison Olson</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.U.A)		356	6/24/24	
164	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Garner</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.V.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
165	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Fields</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.W.A)		356	6/24/24	
166	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Stephanie Bogan that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.X.A)		356	6/24/24	
167	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-235	Open	12/19/2021	All emails from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Gary Stern</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-P.Y.A)		356	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Open/ Closed	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
168	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Swarnali Haldar</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.B.A)		357	6/24/24	
169	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Valorie Findlater</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.C.A)		357	6/24/24	
170	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Alina Semo</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.D.A)		357	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Open/ Closed	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
171	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Maria Stanwich</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.E.A)		357	6/24/24	
172	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>William Bosanko</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.F.A)		357	6/24/24	
173	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Jay Trainer that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.G.A)		357	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
174	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Martha Murphy</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.H.A)		357	6/24/24	
175	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Debra Steidel Wall</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.I.A)		357	6/24/24	
176	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>John Hamilton</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.J.A)		357	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Open/	Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
177	Not in FOIAonline			12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Pam Wright</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.K.A)		357	6/24/24	
178	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Lawrence Brewer that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.L.A)		357	6/24/24	
179	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Ann Cummings</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.M.A)		357	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
180	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>John Valceanu</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.N.A)		357	6/24/24	
181	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Tasha Ford</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.O.A)		357	6/24/24	
182	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Meg Phillips</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.R.A)		357	6/24/24	

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Date Recieved	Records Request	Closed Date	Number in Complex Case Queue	EST Complete Time	Notes
183	Not in FOIAonline	•		12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by Erica Pearson that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.S.A)	Dutc	357	6/24/24	Notes
184	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Gordon Everett</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.T.A)		357	6/24/24	
185	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communiciations from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Alison Olson</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.U.A)		357	6/24/24	

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			Open/	Date		Closed	Number in Complex	EST Complete	
	FOIAonline	FOIA Log		Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
186	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Garner</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA		357	6/24/24	
187	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	22-Q.V.A) All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Fields</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.W.A)		357	6/24/24	
188	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Stephanie Bogan</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.X.A)		357	6/24/24	

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			Open/	Date		Closed	Number in Complex	EST Complete	
	<b>FOIAonline</b>	FOIA Log	Closed	Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
189	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-236	Open	12/19/2021	All Skype communications from 1/1/2020 through 11/3/21 deleted during the timeframe from 11/6/21 to 12/18/21 by <b>Gary Stern</b> that include the words "Joe Biden" or "Bernie Sanders" or "Donald Trump" or "Trump" (capitalized without the word President preceding "Trump". (NARA 22-Q.Y.A)		357	6/24/24	
190	NARA-NGC-2022-0	NGC22-572	Open	5/31/2022	NARA's FY 2017 FOIA Operational Records FOIA Requests and Appeals FOIA Processing Logs. I will accept the Logs with their current data. Apart from the FOIA Advisory Committee recommendation that agencies should proactively post their FOIA logs, the logs exist in any event and are subject to prompt release under the FOIA. 3. I am also seeking a copy of this FOIA Request, which is an Agency record that exists and is in the Agency's possession at the time of my FOIA request. This record is a responsive record integral to my Request. Release of the Agency's copy is not optional.				This case is due June 28, 2022

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	FOIAonline	FOIA Log	Closed	Recieved	Records Request	Date	Case Queue	Time	Notes
191	NARA-NGC-2022-0	NGC22-571	Open	5/31/2022	NARA's FY 2021 FOIA Operational Records FOIA Requests and Appeals FOIA Processing Logs. I will accept the Logs with their current data. Apart from the FOIA Advisory Committee recommendation that agencies should proactively post their FOIA logs, the logs exist in any event and are subject				This case is due June 28, 2023
					to prompt release under the FOIA. 3. I am also seeking a copy of this FOIA Request, which is an Agency record that exists and is in the Agency's possession at the time of my FOIA request. This record is a responsive record integral to my Request. Release of the Agency's copy is not optional.				

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1		NGC21-22A	Closed	1/8/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 032	1/26/2021			
2		NGC21-023A	Closed	1/8/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 033	4/20/2021			
3	NARA-NGC-2021- 001376	NGC21-050A	Closed	9/7/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 698	9/22/2021			Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001247)
4	NARA-NGC-2021- 001455	Withdrawn		9/23/2021	Appeal of NARA 21-D Alina Semo Performance Standards, NARA- NGC-2021-001322. Withdrawn				
5	NARA-NGC-2021- 001456	NGC21-052A	Closed	8/23/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 744	9/24/2021			Appeal NGC21-744 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001322)
6	NARA-NGC-2021- 001485	NGC21-054A	Closed	8/29/2022	Appeal of NGC21- 821	10/5/2021			Appeal NGC21-821 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001445)
7	NARA-NGC-2022- 000014	NGC22-003A	Open	10/4/2021	Appeal re appeal rights language in NGC21-779		99	1/24/23	Appeal NGC21-779 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001380)
8	NARA-NGC-2022- 000023	NGC22-004A	Open	10/6/2021	Appreal of NGC21- 780		100	1/24/23	Appeal NGC21-780 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001381)
9	NARA-NGC-2022- 000027	NGC22-005A	Open	10/7/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 748		101	1/24/23	Appeal NGC21-748 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001329)
10	NARA-NGC-2022- 000030	NGC22-006A	Open	10/8/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 820		102	2/24/23	Appeal NGC21-820 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001443)
11	NARA-NGC-2022- 000427	NGC22-006A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001443 (NGC21- 820).		102		Appeal NARA-NGC-2021-001443 Expedited Processing -Duplicate of NARA-NGC-2021-001443

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12	NARA-NGC-2022- 000088	NGC22-012A	Open	10/22/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 822		106	2/24/23	Appeal NGC21-822 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001444)
13	NARA-NGC-2022- 000428	NGC22-012A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001444 (NGC21- 822).		106		Appeal NARA-NGC-2021-001444 Expedited Processing - Dupliate of NARA-NGC-2022-000088
14	NARA-NGC-2022- 000116	NGC22-014 A	Open	10/29/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 823		107	2/24/23	Appeal NGC21-823 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001446)
15	NARA-NGC-2022- 000430	NGC22-014A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001446 (NGC21- 823).		107		Appeal NARA-NGC-2021-001446 Expedited Processing - NARA- NGC-2021-000116
16	NARA-NGC-2022- 000034	NGC22-015A	Open	10/12/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 779		108	2/24/23	Appeal NGC21-779 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001380)
17	NARA-NGC-2022- 000035	NGC22-016A	Open	10/12/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 764		109	2/24/23	Appeal NGC21-764 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001359)
18	NARA-NGC-2022- 000037	NGC22-017A	Open	10/12/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 675		110	3/24/23	Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001212)
19	NARA-NGC-2022- 000038	NGC22-018A	Open	10/12/2021	Appeal of NGC22- 032		111	3/24/23	Appeal NGC21-032 (NARA-NGC- 2021-000048)
20	NARA-NGC-2022- 000036	NGC22-019A	Open	10/12/2021	Appeal of NGC21- 698		112	3/24/23	Appeal NGC21-698 (NARA-NGC- 2021-001247)
21	NARA-NGC-2022- 000168	NGC22-021A	Closed	11/5/2021	Appeal of denial of expedited processing for NGC 21-675 [NARA-NGC-2021-001212] request for Alina Semo Performance Plans. Appeal was due on 11/4/2021 and may be untimely.	12/3/2021			

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22	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-021A	Closed	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal	12/3/2021		1
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23	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-022A	Closed	11/5/2021	· '	12/8/2021		
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					2021-001322]			
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					Semo position			
25	NARA-NGC-2022-		Open	12/16/2021	<b>Duplicate Appeal of</b>	12/3/2021		
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					2021-001322			
					(NGC21-744).			
26	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-024A	Closed	11/5/2021		12/8/2021		
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27	NARA-NGC-2022-		Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal	12/8/2021		
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28	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-025A	Closed	11/5/2021		5/25/2022		
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					processing for NGC			
					21-755 [NARA-NGC-			
					2021-001345]			
					request for records			
					of Chief FOIA			
					Officers Council			
					meeting on			
					4/29/2021.			
29	NARA-NGC-2022-		Open	12/16/2021	Duplicate of NARA-			
	000424				NGC-2022-000424:			
					Expedited appeal			
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					001345 (NGC21-			
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30	NARA-NGC-2022-	NGC22-026A	Closed	11/5/2021	Appeal of denial of	5/25/2022	3/24/23	
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					processing for NGC			
					21-757 [NARA-NGC-			
					2021-001350]			
					request for OGIS			
					2019 & 2020 Case			
					Backlog Records &			
					Procedures.			

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31	NARA-NGC-2022- 000425		Open	12/16/2021	Duplicate of NARA-NGC-2022-000173: Appealed the				
					Appeal Decision: Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021-				
					001350 (NGC21- 757).				
32	NARA-NGC-2022- 000426		Open	12/16/2021	Duplicate of NARA-NGC-2022-000174:	12/7/2021			
					Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001359 (NGC21-				
33	NARA-NGC-2022- 000174	NGC22-027A	Closed	11/5/2021	expedited processing for NGC 21-764 [NARA-NGC-	12/8/2021			
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34	NARA-NGC-2022- 000175	NGC22-028A	Closed	11/5/2021	Appeal of denial of expedited processing for NGC 21-779 [NARA-NGC-2021-001380] request for Carrie McGuire (OGIS) performance standards.	12/8/2021			

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35	NARA-NGC-2022- 000276	NGC22-031A	Open	11/18/2021	Appeal of NGC22- 098 Navy Records Schedules. Jodi Foor gave full grant.	118	4/24/23	
	NARA-NGC-2022- 000367	NGC22-032A	Open	12/6/2021	Appeal of denial of expedited processing for NARA-NGC-2022-000270, NGC22-114 re chats at Ch FOIA Officers Meeting. This case is still open.	117	4/24/23	
37	NARA-NGC-2022- 000485	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of_ NARA 22-Q.J. NARA-NGC-2022- 000225	121	4/24/23	
	NARA-NGC-2022- 000488	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.S. NARA- NGC-2022-000233	121	4/24/23	
39	NARA-NGC-2022- 000489	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.V. NARA- NGC-2022-000236	121	4/24/23	
40	NARA-NGC-2022- 000490	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-R.A NARA- NGC-2022-000241	121	4/24/23	
	NARA-NGC-2022- 000491	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-S. NARA- NGC-2022-000270	121	4/24/23	

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42	NARA-NGC-2022- 000494	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.I. NARA- NGC-2022-000288	121	4/24/23
43	NARA-NGC-2022- 000495	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.J. NARA- NGC-2022-000289	121	4/24/23
44	NARA-NGC-2022- 000496	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.K. NARA- NGC-2022-000290	121	4/24/23
45	NARA-NGC-2022- 000498	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.L. NARA- NGC-2022-000291	121	4/24/23
46	NARA-NGC-2022- 000500	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.B. NARA- NGC-2022-000295	121	4/24/23
47	NARA-NGC-2022- 000504	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.X. NARA- NGC-2022-000306	121	4/24/23
48	NARA-NGC-2022- 000505	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.Y. NARA- NGC-2022-000307	121	4/24/23
49	NARA-NGC-2022- 000506	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-V.A. NARA- NGC-2022-000313	121	4/24/23

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51	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-L.A NARA- NGC-2022-000386	121	4/24/23
52	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-M.B NARA- NGC-2022-000402	121	4/24/23
53	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-Q.K NARA- NGC-2022-000226	121	4/24/23
54	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.L. NARA- NGC-2022-000227	121	4/24/23
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57	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.M. NARA-NGC-2022- 000228	121	4/24/23

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58	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.R. NARA- NGC-2022-000232	121	4/24/23	
59	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.T. NARA- NGC-2022-000234	121	4/24/23	
60	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.U. NARA- NGC-2022-000235	121	4/24/23	
61	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-Q.W. NARA-NGC-2022- 000237	121	4/24/23	
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72	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.C. NARA- NGC-2022-000282	121	4/24/23
73	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.D. NARA- NGC-2022-000283	121	4/24/23

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77	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.F. NARA- NGC-2022-000285	121	4/24/23	
78	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.F. NARA- NGC-2022-000286	121	4/24/23	
79	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.G. NARA- NGC-2022-000287	121	4/24/23	
80	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.M. NARA- NGC-2022-000293	121	4/24/23	
81	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.Q. NARA- NGC-2022-000300	121	4/24/23	

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83	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.U. NARA- NGC-2022-000303	121	4/24/23	
84	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.V. NARA- NGC-2022-000304	121	4/24/23	
85	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-T.W. NARA- NGC-2022-000305	121	4/24/23	
86	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.C. NARA- NGC-2022-000368.	121	4/24/23	
87	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.D. NARA- NGC-2022-000369	121	4/24/23	
88	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.H. NARA- NGC-2022-000380	121	4/24/23	
89	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.I. NARA- NGC-2022-000381	121	4/24/23	

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92	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-037A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.L NARA- NGC-2022-000389	121	4/24/23
93	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-040A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.E. (NARA-NGC-2022- 000370	124	5/25/23
94	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-040A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.F. (NARA- NGC_2022-000371)	124	5/25/23
95	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-040A	Open	12/17/2022	Expedited Appeal of NARA 22-U.G. (NARA-NGC-2022- 000372).	124	5/25/23
96	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-041A	Open	12/17/2022	Appeal NGC21-133 Holdings	125	5/25/23
97	NARA-NGC-2022- 000513	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Classifcation appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001020 (NGC21-548 ).	126	5/25/23
98	NARA-NGC-2022- 000514	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Classification appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001212 (NGC21-675 ).	126	5/25/23

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101	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	NGC-2021-001345 Complex Categorization of NARA 21-I, NARA- NGC-2021-001350	126	5/25/23
102	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 21-M, NARA- NGC-2021-001358	126	5/25/23
103	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 21-M, NARA- NGC-2021-001381	126	5/25/23
104	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 21-N., NARA- NGC-2021-001443	126	5/25/23
105	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 21-R., NARA- NGC-2021-001447	126	5/25/23
106	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-A., NARA- NGC-2022-000028	126	5/25/23

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108	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-C., NARA- NGC-2022-000039	126	5/25/23
109	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-D., NARA- NGC-2022-000093	126	5/25/23
110	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-G, NARA- NGC-2022-000157	126	5/25/23
111	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-H, NARA- NGC-2022-000158	126	5/25/23
112	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-J OGIS cases	126	5/25/23
113	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-J., NARA- NGC-2022-000163 v3	126	5/25/23
114	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-J., NARA- NGC-2022-000163	126	5/25/23

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117	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-M.B, NARA- NGC-2022-00016 NARA-NGC-2022- 000402	126	5/25/23	
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119	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-N.B., NARA-NGC-2022- 000180	126	5/25/23	
120	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-N.C., NARA NGC-2022-000179	126	5/25/23	

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122	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-N.E, NARA- NGC-2022-000182	126	5/25/23	
123	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-N.E, NARA- NGC-2022-000183	126	5/25/23	
124	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.C., NARA- NGC-2022-000192	126	5/25/23	
125	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.D, NARA- NGC-2022-000193 v2	126	5/25/23	
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129	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.G, NARA- NGC-2022-000196	126	5/25/23	
130	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.H, NARA- NGC-2022-000197	126	5/25/23	
131	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.I, NARA- NGC-2022-000198	126	5/25/23	
132	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-P.J., NARA- NGC-2022-000199	126	5/25/23	
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136	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.A., NARA- NGC-2022-000277	126	5/25/23	
137	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.B., NARA- NGC-2022-000281	126	5/25/23	
138	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.C., NARA- NGC-2022-000282 v2	126	5/25/23	
139	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.C., NARA- NGC-2022-000282	126	5/25/23	
140	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.D., NARA- NGC-2022-000283	126	5/25/23	

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143	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.F., NARA- NGC-2022-000286	126	5/25/23	
144	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.I., NARA- NGC-2022-000288	126	5/25/23	
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146	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.K., NARA- NGC-2022-000290	126	5/25/23	

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147	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.N., NARA- NGC-2022-000297	126	5/25/23	
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149	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.Q., NARA NGC-2022-000300 v2	126	5/25/23	
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156	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-T.Y., NARA- NGC-2022-000307	·	126	5/25/23	
157	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.C., NARA NGC-2022-000368	·	126	5/25/23	
158	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.D., NARA-NGC-2022- 000369 v2		126	5/25/23	

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162	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.H., NARA-NGC-2022- 000380	126	5/25/23	
163	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.I, NARA- NGC-2022-000381	126	5/25/23	
164	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.J., NARA- NGC-2022-000387	126	5/25/23	
165	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-U.K., NARA NGC-2022-000388	126	5/25/23	

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168	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA 22-UF, NARA- NGC-2022-000371	1	26	5/25/23	
169	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA-NGC-2021- 000248	1	.26	5/25/23	
170	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA-NGC-2022- 000093, NARA-NGC- 2022-000156	1	26	5/25/23	
171	Not in FOIAonline	NGC22-042A	Open	12/17/2021	Complex Categorization of NARA-NGC-2022- 000158, NARA-NGC- 2022-000159	1	26	5/25/23	
172	NARA-NGC-2022- 000304	OIG	Open	11/19/2021	Performance Standards for OIG Brett Baker 2019 - present				Brett Baker Performance Plan

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173	NARA-NGC-2022-	OIG	Open	12/15/2021	Appeal of NARA-		Appeal NARA-NGC-2022-000304
	000415				NGC-2022-000304		Expedited Process (has not been
					re Brett Baker		adjudicated yet)
					Performance		
					Standards.		
174	NARA-NGC-2022-	<b>FOIA Request</b>		12/16/2021	Improper Expedited		
	000443	Withdrawn			appeal NARA-NGC-		
					2022-000178		
					(Withdrawn).		
175	NARA-NGC-2022-	FOIA Request		12/16/2021	Improper Expedited	+	
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					2022-000184		
					(Withdrawn).		
176	NARA-NGC-2022-	FOIA Request		12/16/2021	Improper Expedited		
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					2022-000185		
					(Withdrawn).		
177	NARA-NGC-2022-	FOIA Request		12/16/2021	Improper Expedited		
	000452	Withdrawn			appeal NARA-NGC-		
					2022-000187		
					(Withdrawn).		
178	NARA-NGC-2022-	OIG		11/22/2021	Appeal of NARA OIG		Sent to OIG 12/15/21
	000314				FOIA 22-04		

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179	NARA-NGC-2022- 000315	OIG		11/22/2021	Appears to be duplicative of NARA-NGC-2022-000314 and challenges removal of initial request from FOIA online and referral to OIG.			Sent to OIG 12/16/21
180	NARA-NGC-2022- 000316	OIG		11/22/2021	Appeal of NARA OIG FOIA 22-03			Sent to OIG 12/16/21
181	NARA-NGC-2022- 000417	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 21-A. NARA- NGC-2021-001018 (NGC21-546).	139	7/25/23	
182	NARA-NGC-2022- 000418	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001019 (NGC21- 547).	139	7/25/23	
183	NARA-NGC-2022- 000419	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001020 (NGC21- 548).	139	7/25/23	
184	NARA-NGC-2022- 000421	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001247 (NGC21- 678).	139	7/25/23	
185	NARA-NGC-2022- 000429	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001445 (NGC21- 821).	139	7/25/23	

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186			Open Open		Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2021- 001447 (NGC21- 824). Expedited appeal of	139	7/25/23	
	000432				NARA 22-A. NARA- NGC-2022-000028 (NGC22-013).			
188	NARA-NGC-2022- 000433	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 21-N NARA- NGC-2022-000032 (NGC22-015).	139	7/25/23	
189	NARA-NGC-2022- 000434	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-C NARA- NGC-2022-000039 (NGC22-018).	139	7/25/23	
190	NARA-NGC-2022- 000435	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal of NARA 22-D NARA- NGC-2022-000093 (NGC22-045).	139	7/25/23	
191	NARA-NGC-2022- 000436		Open		Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000155 (NGC22- 098).	139	7/25/23	
192	NARA-NGC-2022- 000437	NGC22-056Ā	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000156 (NGC22- 099).	139	7/25/23	

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193	NARA-NGC-2022- 000438	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000157 (NGC22- 099).	13	9 7	/25/23
194	NARA-NGC-2022- 000439	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000158 (NGC22- 099).	13	9 7	/25/23
195	NARA-NGC-2022- 000440	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000159 (NGC22- 099).	13	9 7	/25/23
196	NARA-NGC-2022- 000441	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000164 (NGC22- 100).	13	9 7	/25/23
197	NARA-NGC-2022- 000442	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000165 (NGC22- 101).	13	9 7	/25/23
198	NARA-NGC-2022- 000444	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000177 (NGC22- 102).	13	9 7	/25/23
199	NARA-NGC-2022- 000445	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000179 (NGC22- 103).	13	9 7	/25/23
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203	NARA-NGC-2022- 000449	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000183 (NGC22- 104).	139	7/25/23	
204	NARA-NGC-2022- 000453	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000190 (NGC22- 105).	139	7/25/23	
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207	NARA-NGC-2022- 000456	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000193 (NGC22- 105).	139	7/25/23	
208	NARA-NGC-2022- 000457	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000194 (NGC22- 105).	139	7/25/23	

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219	NARA-NGC-2022- 000468	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000206 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	
220	NARA-NGC-2022- 000469	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000207 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	
221	NARA-NGC-2022- 000470	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000208 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	
222	NARA-NGC-2022- 000471	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000209 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	
223	NARA-NGC-2022- 000472	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000210 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	
224	NARA-NGC-2022- 000473	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000211 (NGC22- 105).	1	39	7/25/23	

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226	NARA-NGC-2022- 000475	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000216 (NGC22- 106).	1	39	7/25/23	
227	NARA-NGC-2022- 000476	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000217 (NGC22- 106).	1	39	7/25/23	
228	NARA-NGC-2022- 000477	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000218 (NGC22- 106).	1	39	7/25/23	
229	NARA-NGC-2022- 000478	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000219 (NGC22- 106).	1	39	7/25/23	
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234	NARA-NGC-2022- 000484	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000224 (NGC22- 106).	:	139	7/25/23	
235	NARA-NGC-2022- 000486	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000229 (NGC22- 106).		139	7/25/23	
236	NARA-NGC-2022- 000487	NGC22-056A	Open	12/16/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000230 (NGC22- 106).		139	7/25/23	
237	NARA-NGC-2022- 000492	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Duplicate of Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000270 (NGC22- 114).		139	7/25/23	
238	NARA-NGC-2022- 000493	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000277 (NGC22- 114).		139	7/25/23	
239	NARA-NGC-2022- 000497	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal but for William Bosanko's Performance Standards and not for David Ferriero's Performance Standards		139	7/25/23	

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240	NARA-NGC-2022- 000499		·		Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000294 (NGC22- 122).	139	7/25/23	
241	NARA-NGC-2022- 000501	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000297 (NGC22- 204).	139	7/25/23	
242	NARA-NGC-2022- 000502	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000298 (NGC22- 204).	139	7/25/23	
243	NARA-NGC-2022- 000503	NGC22-056A	Open	12/17/2021	Expedited appeal NARA-NGC-2022- 000299 (NGC22- 204).	139	7/25/23	
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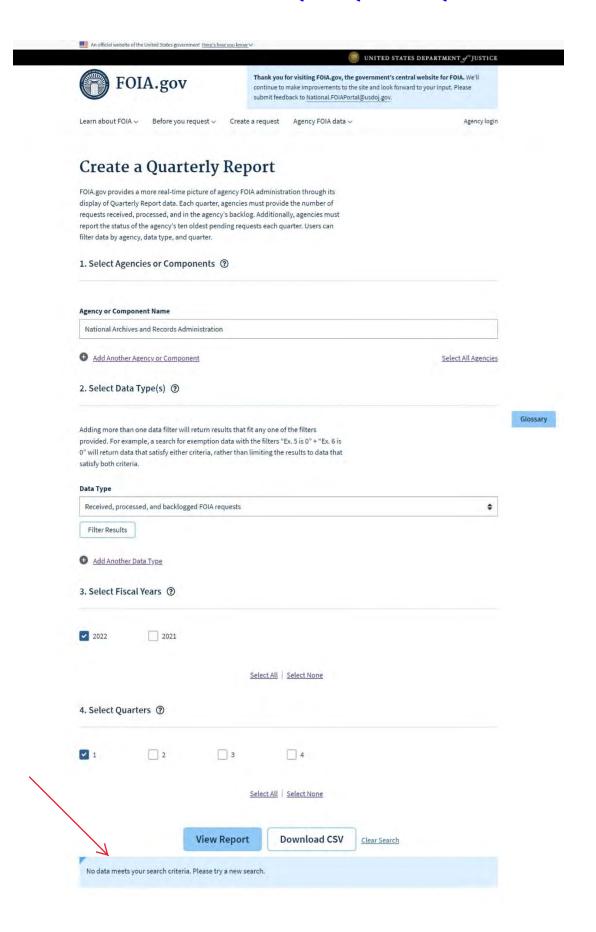
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