



**Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Inspector General
Washington, DC 20420**

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Dear Mr. Mulvey:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 1, 2018, in which you asked for all communication between VA Office of Privacy and Rec Mgmt, Office of FOIA Svcs, OGC, and OIG concerning audit, investigation, evaluation, or inquiry into non-career officials FOIA process.

Your request was referred to this office for direct reply and was received on August 3, 2018. We assigned FOIA Tracking Number 18-00542-FOIA to your request. Please refer to this number whenever communicating with VA about your request. We are only responding on behalf of the VA OIG and not other any of the other Federal entities listed in your request.

Please be advised that no responsive records pertaining to your request were found.

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

You may appeal the determination made in this response to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Office of Counselor (50C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by email to: VAOIGFOIA-Appeals@va.gov, or by fax to: (202) 495-5859. If you should choose to make an appeal, your appeal must be sent no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the date of this letter. Your appeal must include the assigned FOIA Tracking Number and any reason(s) why you believe the response was in error. If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response. The appeal should be marked, or subject-titled, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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