



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
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In Reply Refer To: 024A  
OGC Case # 26510  
OGC Case # 26513

Mr. Scott Hodes  
P.O. Box 42002  
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Dear Mr. Hodes:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your February 13 and February 14, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals received in our office via email.

- Case # 26510 concerns the OS&LE Decision dated January 30, 2012 –  
*Re: oversight records.*
- Case # 26513 concerns the OS&LE Decision dated January 19, 2012 –  
*Re: standards, qualifications, certifications that OSLE/LETC Special Agents, etc, must possess to be appointed to or maintain their position.*

We are in the process of obtaining relevant records **and/or** information concerning your appeals. Once that information is received from the facility that denied your initial request, your appeal will be assigned to a FOIA attorney within our office. Please be aware that all appeals to our office are handled on a first-in/first-out basis. Given the variant circumstances that affect the length of time required to respond to each appeal, including the number and size of documents requested, the need to retrieve those records, the complexity of the legal issues involved, and the current workload (workload that includes both FOIA and non-FOIA assignments) of the responsible attorney, it is difficult to determine precisely when a decision will be rendered in a particular case. Currently, we are unable to offer an estimate as to when your appeals will be completed.

We will however notify you in writing once final determinations are made on your appeals.

While we process your appeals, if you have any questions about these matters, please call Tracy Knight (Program Specialist) at (202) 461-7743. We appreciate your patience while we process your appeals.

Sincerely yours,

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FOIA/Privacy Act Decision Team