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 OGC Case # 30368
 0GC Case # 30377

 OGC Case # 30382
 0GC Case # 30382

Mr. Scott Hodes P.O. Box 42002 Washington, DC 20015

Dear Mr. Hodes:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals dated January 16, 2013.

- > Case # 30368 concerns the OS&LE Decision dated November 27, 2012.
- > Case # 30377 concerns the OS&LE Decision dated December 5, 2012.
- Case # 30382 concerns the OS&LE Decision dated December 7, 2012.

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 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,

T. Knight

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