

From: [FOIA Status](#)
To: [Merrite Johnson](#)
Subject: RE: FOIA Status Update Request - F-2017-05062 - Reassignment of Case Officer
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:31:46 PM

Ms. Johnson,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2017-05062.

The Department of State is taking significant steps to improve its responsiveness to the public and has undertaken a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) surge project to reduce its 10,600 backlog of cases in the coming months. Your request is being processed as part of this project. In order to further the core FOIA goals of transparency and accountability, the State Department is committing more resources and personnel to clear the backlog of requests, while still maintaining the highest standards of quality.

If you have further concerns or any questions regarding any FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

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From: Merrite Johnson [mailto:mjohnson@globaljusticecenter.net]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 2:11 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: FOIA Status Update Request - F-2017-05062 - Reassignment of Case Officer

Good afternoon,

I'm following up once again as to whether the Global Justice Center's case F-2017-05062 has been reassigned to a new case officer. I've already received an update specifically related to our appeal on segment DRL-0001, but have not yet been informed who in your department is now managing our case as a whole. If you can provide some insight on this or direct me to the appropriate party I would greatly appreciate it.

Please give me a call at 212-725-6530 x207 if I can be of any assistance in this.

Thanks very much,

Merrite

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From: Merrite Johnson

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:07 AM

To: 'FOIA Status'

Subject: RE: FOIA Appeal Status Update Request - F-2017-05062, Segment DRL-0001

Thank you very much for following up regarding the estimated timeline for our appeal on segment DRL-0001.

Alison Stites informed me last week that she is no longer the case officer for our entire case F-2017-05062 (as a reminder, the search pertains to more than one State Dept. bureau and so has been broken up into multiple segments), so if you have any updates as to whether the case as a whole has been reassigned yet to another officer, I would so appreciate an update on that as well.

Feel free to call me at 212-725-6530, ext. 207 with any questions.

Best,
Merrite

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From: FOIA Status [<mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov>]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 2:02 PM

To: Merrite Johnson

Subject: RE: FOIA Appeal Status Update Request - F-2017-05062, Segment DRL-0001

Ms. Johnson,

This is in response to your email below concerning the status of your pending appeal in FOIA Case Control number F-2017-05062.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' Appeals Officer has advised that this appeal is in process and has a June 2018 estimated date of completion. Please note that EDCs are subject to change and are "strictly" estimates. They are not intended to be used as "actual" dates of completion due to various extenuating factors, which may or may not include coordination with other Agencies during the process (referrals, concurrences, etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at [\(202\) 261-8484](tel:202-261-8484), or fax us at [\(202\) 261-8579](tel:202-261-8579) or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

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From: Merrite Johnson [<mailto:mjohnson@globaljusticecenter.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Stites, Y. Alison <StitesYA@state.gov>
Subject: FOIA Appeal Status Update Request - F-2017-05062, Segment DRL-0001

Dear Ms. Stites,

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing to you as our assigned FOIA case manager regarding the status of our appeal for documents withheld in Segment DRL-0001 of case F-2017-05062. We received a confirmation letter dated December 21st (attached) but have failed to receive an official response to the appeal within the mandated 20 working days. Please advise as to when we can expect to receive a determination on our appeal.

Thank you,
Merrite

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