

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

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Sent via email to: 134786-04839461@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 12, 2022, in which you asked for the status of your original October 1, 2022 request for the following:

"Records including but not limited to emails, agreements, correspondence, leases, licenses, planning documents, minutes, vendor data, contractor data, grant data, applications, financial transactions, minutes and logs - regarding an entity named "WLA VA BUILDING 300"."

Your request was received in this office on December 12, 2022, and we assigned it FOIA Tracking Number 23-00012-FOIA. Please refer to this number whenever communicating with VA OIG about your request.

We do not maintain the records that you are seeking, nor did we process your original October 12, 2022 FOIA request. We contacted the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System FOIA OFFICER to determine whether he processed your original request. It appears that he responded to your original October 1, 2022, request on November 10, 2022. Therefore, this request will be closed without any further action taken by this FOIA Office.

As a courtesy we have enclosed a copy of the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System's final response to your original October 1, 2022.

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) 495-5867. 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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