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Dear Mr. Fernandes:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). As you are aware, Congress created OGIS to serve as the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ombudsman. We assist the public and federal agencies by helping them resolve their FOIA disputes, and by addressing their questions and concerns about the FOIA process.

We understand that you seek assistance obtaining the status of a FOIA administrative appeal you submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We contacted the agency on your behalf regarding this matter. DHS FOIA officials informed us that they have no record of having received an appeal related to FOIA request no. 2021-HQFO-01194. If you can provide OGIS with a copy of your appeal (including any documentation that it was received by the agency), we would be glad to contact DHS's FOIA office again on your behalf. Please note, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, at present we can only receive and respond to inquiries via email and encourage you to send materials as PDF attachments to <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> should you need further assistance from our office.

Although this may not be the outcome you anticipated, we hope you find this information useful. At this time, we will take no further action. If you have questions or concerns that we have not addressed, please contact us again.

Best regards, The OGIS Staff