

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 11:32 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: F-2018-00062 - request for (numerous IG documents) --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

(b)(3)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
=====

[Redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) OIG has finally moved some documents into the shared area that [Redacted] created for their response to our 29 March 2018 search action in TIER (2018-01254). I've done a quick run through the documents that OIG has provided to date, and there are some issues to address:

1. After more than 5 months, and numerous requests for extensions, we only have access to about [Redacted] of an estimated [Redacted] potentially responsive documents, and the documents that we have are all pre-treated (not consistently, correctly, or completely). OIG will still need to provide clean copies or we will have to fix each of the documents before we can import them into the case.
2. In comparing the documents provided with the specifics of the request, I've already identified several items that I don't believe fall within the scope of the request. OIG has already taken the time to treat these documents that will, most likely, be going nowhere.
3. It appears that there are email attachments included in the responsive information, that are separated from the "parent" emails without reference to where they need to be re-attached for processing.

(b)(3)

(U//~~FOUO~~) At this point, it appears that OIG will be asking for additional extensions so that they can review responsive documents before we have access to them. Given what I've seen to date, the approach they have chosen is causing serious delays in getting this request processed, while adding very little of real value to the requisite document reviews. Much of what we have in the shared area now (after more than 5 months) could have been treated (correctly) by IRRG and possibly even forwarded for OGA consult in many cases.

(U//~~FOUO~~) While it may make no difference regarding OIG's ability to respond in a timely manner, I am not inclined to offer further extensions on this action. It is apparent now that OIG's approach to this case is not, by any means, the most expedient way to get the documents processed. Knowing that, I think it behooves us to let the existing suspense date stand, to indicate, at least, that we (IRRG) are not, in effect, condoning and enabling unwarranted delays in processing this request. At this point, this one needs to show up on their books as 'overdue.'

[Redacted]

(b)(3)

=====
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~