



Freedom of Information Act Services
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September 26, 2018

Case No. 18-0351-FOIA
Received Date: September 26, 2018

Ms. Alison Abritis
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Dear Ms. Abritis:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by this office on the date above. Your request has been assigned a case number based on its receipt in this office. Your request, which is summarized below, sought records regarding:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request the following records: 1. Any Correspondence between the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) and officials at Duke University during the month of March 2018.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 5.35 (c) your request falls under “unusual circumstances” in that the records you seek are maintained outside of this office and our staff has not yet searched for and collected the responsive records from the office most likely to maintain the records. The actual processing time will depend on the complexity of your request and whether sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive search, and/or consultation with other U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) components involved.

You can learn more about the FOIA and the HHS FOI regulations at the following web address: <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foia-resources> and <http://www.hhs.gov/foia/45cfr5.html/>.

The FOIA and HHS FOI regulations allow agencies to recover part of the costs of processing FOIA requests. There may be a charge for these records. If you have been classified as a: Category I Requester (commercial use requesters), you will be charged for duplication, search time, and review time; Category II Requestor (news media, educational, or scientific requesters) you will be charged for duplication only after the first 100 pages; and Category III Requester (all other), you will be charged for duplication (after the first 100 pages), and search (after the first two hours). For more information see <http://www.hhs.gov/foia/fees/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please call (202) 260-6933 or write to us at the address above.

Sincerely,



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