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Washington, D.C. 20520

Case Number: 201004163

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated July 30, 2010. Specifically this letter addresses your appeal of our denial of expeditious processing which was dated September 29, 2010.

We have considered your appeal of the denial of expeditious processing. Our published regulations regarding expedition, 22 C.F.R. 171.12(b), require a specific showing of a compelling need. **Expeditious processing is granted only in the following situations:**

- (1) Imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual;
- (2) Urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity and the information is urgently needed in that a particular value of the information would be lost if not disseminated quickly;
- (3) Substantial humanitarian reasons; and
- (4) Loss of substantial due process rights.

Your request and appeal do not meet any of the established criteria.

Regrettably, I must advise that you have not provided adequate justification for expedition and I must uphold the decision to deny expeditious processing. However, you may be assured that we will make every effort to process your request in as timely a manner as possible.

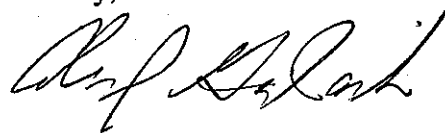
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We are pleased to be of service to you.

Sincerely,



Alex Galovich, Co-Director
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