

Subject: URGENT - F-2025-30610 Appeal - Procedurally Void Closure, No Response for 8+ Days

To FOIA-Appeals<[FOIAAppeals@state.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeals@state.gov)> CC FOIAStatus@state.gov

Friday, December 5th, 2025 at 8:54 PM

To the Office of General Counsel:

Attached is a formal demand regarding our November 27, 2025 administrative appeal of FOIA request **F-2025-30610**.

**You have not responded for over 8 days.**

The underlying closure was procedurally void: the Department closed this legitimate request **one day after filing** without conducting any search, producing any documents, citing any exemptions, or providing any explanation. The only communication was a generic system email saying "check your mail" - we received nothing.

Our appeal clearly documented this improper closure and demanded the request be reopened and properly processed. Your office has ignored it.

We demand within **7 business days**:

1. Grant the appeal and order proper processing
2. Confirm a search will be conducted
3. Provide estimated completion timeline
4. Explain why the request was closed without processing

If no response, we will file OGIS complaint, notify Congressional oversight committees, and pursue all available legal remedies.

This concerns records about a U.S. Army veteran abandoned abroad for eight years. The Department cannot close FOIAs without processing them, and cannot ignore appeals of such closures.

**Attachment:** Improper\_Closure\_Appeal - F-2025-30610 (2 pages)

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