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Good afternoon Ms./Mr. O'Donnell,

I am writing to inquire as to the estimated time that my FOIA request, HQ-2024-01160-F, might be concluded. I realize that it is less than two weeks since the request was submitted. However, given that the original complaint (23-0160-C) was submitted to the DOE OIG over a year ago, I am curious to know how much longer I will have to wait for the results of the complaint investigation.

In addition, I have asked the DOE OIG, three times, for the date of closure of the investigation and the reason why I, the complainant, was not notified of its closure at the time of closure. The DOE OIG refused to answer those two simple questions citing unspecified "Privacy Act Restrictions." The Privacy Act provides protection to individuals by ensuring that personal information collected by Federal agencies is limited to that which is legally authorized and necessary and is maintained in a manner which precludes unwarranted intrusions upon individual privacy. Please explain why answers to these two questions would violate the Privacy Act?

I am hoping that the DOE FOIA Office will prove to be more forthcoming than the DOE OIG. Perhaps you could provide the answers to those two simple questions?

Thank you in anticipation.

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