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OGC Case #: 162064

September 19, 2022

Mr. Michael Ding  
American First Legal Foundation  
611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231  
Washington, DC 20003

**Re: FOIA Tracking No: 22-07702-F**

Dear Mr. Ding:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your September 16, 2022, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal. Your appeal was received in this office on September 19, 2022. You are appealing the August 10, 2022, decision by the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

We are in the process of obtaining relevant records and/or information concerning your appeal. Once that information is received from the facility that denied your initial request, your appeal will be assigned to a FOIA attorney within our office. Please be aware that all appeals to our office are processed in the order in which they are received (i.e., on a first-in/first-out basis.) Given the variant circumstances that affect the length of time required to respond to each appeal, including the number and size of documents requested, the need to retrieve those records, the complexity of the legal issues involved, and the current workload of the responsible attorney, it is difficult to determine precisely when a decision will be rendered in a particular case. Currently, we are unable to offer an estimate as to when your appeal will be completed.

We will issue you a final determination in writing once a decision is made on your appeal. We appreciate your patience while we process your appeal.

Sincerely,

Michelle Jackson, MSL, RHIA, CIPP/US  
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