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Subject: RE: HQ-2024-01615-F; FOIA request status
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I do not think the new administration will look to kindly at the failure to respond to this simple FOIA request.

Secretary Granholm will not care as she will be out of a job. However, others may want to reconsider, as these emails will continue after January 20.

Sincerely,

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Importance: High

Dear DOE FOIA Office Staff and Secretary Granholm,

On April 2 and 5, 2024, I submitted a FOIA request for May 1999 letters between Senator Feinstein and Secretary Richardson. See attached emails.

On May 13, 2024. Ms. Lela Addison of your office indicated that response to FOIA HQ-2024-01615-F was in the final review stage and should be emailed to me *“by the end of this week.”* See attached email.

On July 22, 2024, Mr. Craig Greenberg of your office indicated that response to FOIA HQ-2024-01615-F would be sent *“either later this week or early next week.”* See attached email.

On August 29, 2024. Mr. Timothy Farrell of your office indicated that response to FOIA HQ-2024-01615-F was *“in the final review stage.”* He further stated that *“modifications to redactions”* were identified requiring additional review. See attached email.

At this point communication from the FOIA Office became confusing.

On August 29, 2024, the same day as the email from Mr. Timothy Farrell, Mr. Craig Greenberg also emailed to say,

“The redactions on the responsive records for your request have completed almost all of the necessary review and are being prepared for the final release approval. We hope to have that approval finalized within the next couple of

weeks to be able to send you a final response letter with responsive records.”
See attached email.

Note that the text does not refer to a specific FOIA number. At the time, I had not realized that the subject line of the email referred to a different FOIA request, related to falsification of waste shipping records, namely FOIA HQ-2024-01160-F. I assumed at the time that Mr. Greenberg's response related to FOIA HQ-2024-01615-F. Is this correct? Or was it really related to FOIA HQ-2024-01160-F? Either way I still have not received a response to either FOIAs.

On October 20, 2024, I again replied to Mr. Greenberg's August 29, 2024, mis-titled email, and inquired as to the status of FOIA HQ-2024-01615-F. See attached email. Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Farrell ignored my inquiry, and I have yet to receive any response.

This FOIA request HQ-2024-01615-F is relatively simple, compared to FOIA request HQ-2024-01160-F. However, after seven months of apologies and empty promises, I have yet to see two simple letters that were the FOIA request. So, my question to you Secretary Granholm (assuming that your personal staff have forwarded this email on to you), does the performance of your FOIA Office fill you with pride or with shame? Will I receive another apology or another empty promise or neither?

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