



RE: 2020-IGPA-[REDACTED], FOIA/PA Final Response DHS-OIG

From Frierson, Naki (Van Hollen) <Naki_Frierson@vanhollen.senate.gov>

Date Mon 7/20/2020 3:54 PM

To [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing this update.

Like you, the Senator is deeply concerned about the length of time that has passed. I will share this update with him and will be in touch with any updates that we receive.

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Subject: FW: 2020-IGPA-[REDACTED], FOIA/PA Final Response DHS-OIG

Dear Ms. Frierson,

I received this response from DHS-OIG stating they would not answer the FOIA request into their investigation of US Secret Service Special Agent Ellen Ripperger, and the possible destruction of my polygraph audio, because the DHS OIG investigation was “ongoing”.

Recall Senator Van Hollen received correspondence on August 19, 2019 from DHS OIG stating DHS OIG was “close to completing its investigative work.” Depending on the definition of “close”, it would seem unlikely given DHS-OIG’s response to Senator Van Hollen

this investigation is in fact still open, unless gross misconduct has occurred at the United States Secret Service. I think it is much more likely this is simply pretext to refuse from answering the inquiry, which will be embarrassing the government.

I am going to appeal this decision, but I would like to request Senator Van Hollen ask DHS OIG why this investigation is still ongoing when he was told a year ago DHS OIG was close to completing its investigative work.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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From: [FOIA OIG](#)

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG). Attached please find DHS-OIG's final response of the above-referenced FOIA/PA request.

Sincerely,
FOIA/DHS-OIG