

SEP 23 2002

Mr. Joe Trow

Exemption 6

Dear Mr. Trow:

This responds to your September 1, 2002 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal (FOIA 2002-221) which was received in this Office on September 9, 2001. Your FOIA appeal pertains to the issue that you have not received a final response to the July 19, 2002, FOIA request that you and Mr. Gary A. Baden jointly submitted to the Office of the Secretary (OS). In your FOIA request, you sought

Certified copies of correspondence from the Secretary(s) of Interior to the Office of (1.) The President of the U.S. Senate, (2.) The Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and (3.) The Office of the Director of the Federal Register regarding the referenced statute. The correspondence occurred during the year from 12 October 1976 through 11 October 1977.

Public Law 90-542 created the "National Wild Scenic Rivers System." By letter of August 28, 2002, OS advised that it was working on your FOIA request, and that a response may be expected shortly.

Upon receipt of your FOIA request, the Department contacted OS concerning the issue of your appeal. By letter of September 18, 2002, OS issued its final response to your FOIA request. In its response letter, OS advised that it has completed its file search; however, "no records responsive to your request were found." The OS furnished you with your appeal rights as they pertain to the "no records" finding.

Considering the above, the issue of your appeal "non-response," upon which your appeal was based has now been resolved. Accordingly, the Department is closing its file on your appeal (FOIA 2002-221).

Enclosed is a brief discussion of case law pertaining to the issue of adequacy of search.

Sincerely,

/s/ William W. Wolf

William W. Wolf
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Enclosure

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