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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Sept. 22, 2020

Re: Appeal of FOIA Request OIG 20-006 and Response

This is the Peace Corps' Office of Inspector General (OIG) response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal received by our office on August 11, 2020. Specifically, you are appealing the following:

1. Denial of, "...a copy of the listing of Inspector General investigations closed during Calendar Years 2018 and 2019. I anticipate this list would contain at minimum the case number, the date opened and closed, the subject matter of the investigation, and the investigation category". (Request OIG 20-006).

After careful review, I have determined that the response to your request was proper, and I find no basis for disagreeing with the initial determination made by the FOIA Officer. FOIA requests do not require Federal agencies to create new records. More specifically, Federal courts have upheld that a FOIA request for a listing of a database's contents which seeks information about such contents requires the creation of a new record if an agency has not previously created and retained the requested listing. The OIG has not created or maintained a listing of Inspector General investigations closed during calendar years 2018 and 2019 containing the elements highlighted within your request. Distinct from the FOIA request you have made, we are providing a simple listing (with redactions as noted) containing the investigations closed for the requested calendar years, but such a list does not contain all of the specific elements you requested.

This is the final decision of the Peace Corps on this FOIA appeal. If you disagree with this decision, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601

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Sincerely,

Kathy A. Buller Inspector General













