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Re: Appeal No. 05-2411

Dear Mr. Hurst:

This responds to your letter dated August 15, 2005, regarding the status of your administrative appeal from the action of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Your appeal is still within our current backlog, awaiting background information from the BOP necessary to process your appeal. The delay in adjudicating appeals under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act is primarily caused by the large volume of appeals received by the Department of Justice and the particularized and individual review each appeal receives. Upon receipt of the requested information from the BOP, your appeal will be assigned to a staff member of this Office, and completed as quickly thereafter as possible.

I hope this information is of assistance to you, and again, request your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Jones

Chief, Administrative Staff

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