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### IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

#### A. Exemption 3 Statutes Relied Upon to Withhold Information

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied Upon Per Component
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### V. FOIA REQUESTS

#### A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Requests

	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year
VETS-FOIA	2	40	42
VETS Region I	3	15	17
VETS Region II	3	19	18
VETS Region III	1	15	16
VETS Region IV	1	18	18
VETS Region V	0	15	15
VETS Region VI	2	22	23
Agency Overall	12	144	149

#### B.(1) Disposition of FOIA Requests - All Processed Requests

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Total Number of Times  
Relied Upon by Agency

Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
0
1
4
0
1
0
1
7

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	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants/ Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions						
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not
VETS-FOIA	4	17	0	13	0	0	0	0	1	
VETS Region I	0	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VETS Region II	0	10	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	
VETS Region III	7	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
VETS Region IV	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
VETS Region V	4	8	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
VETS Region VI	0	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Agency Overall	16	93	6	15	2	4	3	0	1	

B.(2) Disposition of FOIA Requests - "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from

Component
VETS Region I
VETS Region II

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Exemptions			Total
Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in chart below	
1	5	1	42
0	0	0	17
0	0	1	18
0	0	1	16
0	0	0	18
0	0	0	15
0	0	0	23
1	5	3	149

n Section V, B(1) Chart

Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	Total
	0
Requester became unresponsive, therefore request closed. - 1	1

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VETS Region III
VETS Region IV
VETS Region V
VETS Region VI
VETS-FOIA
Agency Overall

B(3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - Number of Times Exemptions Applied

	Ex.1	Ex.2	Ex.3	Ex.4	Ex.5	Ex.6	Ex.7(A)	Ex.7(B)	Ex.7(C)	Ex.7(D)
VETS-FOIA	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	1	1	2	8	1	1	1	13	10
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0	9	1	3	0	8	2
VETS Region III	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	1	12	10	11	0	0	15
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	4
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	1	15	11
Agency Overall	0	1	2	4	56	30	18	3	42	44

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

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Reassigned to VETS National Office for action - 1	1
	0
	0
	0
Not Currently available - 1	1
	3

Ex.7(E)	Ex.7(F)	Ex.8	Ex.9
0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
15	1	0	0

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### A. Processed Requests - Response Time for All Processed Perfected Requests

	Simple					Complex				
	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
VETS N. O.	18	20.0	23.6	14	99	22	20.5	33.2	2	100
VETS Region I	11	20.0	19.2	7	25	5	19.0	18.6	9	27
VETS Region II	0					18	26.0	28.7	2	88
VETS Region III	2	3.0	3.0	2	4	14	6.0	6.2	1	15
VETS Region IV	1	3.0	3.0	3	3	16	10.0	11.1	6	20
VETS Region V	15	10.0	9.5	1	20	0				
VETS Region VI	0					22	14.5	14.9	6	30
Agency Overall	47	17.0	16.7	1	99	97	15.0	19.9	1	100

	Simple					Complex				
	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
VETS N. O.	5	19.0	35.4	17	99	14	38.0	45.4	15	100
VETS Region I	10	20.0	19.0	7	25	3	22.0	19.3	9	27
VETS Region II	0					10	28.5	36.5	19	88
VETS Region III	1	4.0	4.0	4	4	12	6.0	6.3	1	15

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Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
2	15.5	15.5	7	24
0				
0				
0				
1	9.0	9.0	9	9
0				
1	19.0	19.0	19	19
4	14.0	14.8	7	24

B. Processed Requests - Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted

Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
2	15.5	15.5	7	24
0				
0				
0				



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	Simple					Complex				
	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
VETS Region IV	0					16	10.0	11.1	6	20
VETS Region V	12	11.0	9.5	1	20	0				
VETS Region VI	0					21	15.0	15.1	6	30
Agency Overall	28	17.0	17.3	1	99	76	15.5	21.4	1	100

C. Processed Requests - Response Time in Day Increments

Simple Requests

Agency	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days
VETS-FOIA	15	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region III	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region V	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	42	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
1	9.0	9.0	9	9
0				
1	19.0	19.0	19	19
4	14.0	14.8	7	24

201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	18
0	0	0	12
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	2
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	15
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	48



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201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	22
0	0	0	5
0	0	0	18
0	0	0	14
0	0	0	16
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	22
0	0	0	97

201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	2
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	4

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### D. Pending Requests - All Pending Perfected Requests

	Simple			Complex			Expedited Proce	
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days
VETS N. O.	0			0			0	
VETS Region I	1	3.0	3.0	0			0	
VETS Region II	0			4	27.5	48.5	0	
VETS Region III	0			0			0	
VETS Region IV	0			1	5.0	5.0	0	
VETS Region V	0			0			0	
VETS Region VI	0			1	2.0	2.0	0	
Agency Overall	1	3.0	3.0	6	8.0	33.5	0	

### E. Pending Requests - Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
VETS N. O.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I							

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Average Number of Days

3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
0	0	0
		09/28/2015 3

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VETS Region II							09/27/2015 3
VETS Region III							
VETS Region IV							
VETS Region V							
VETS Region VI							

	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
Agency Overall	0	0	0	09/29/2015 2 787815	09/28/2015 3 787671	09/27/2015 3 787674	09/24/2015 5 787382

**VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER**

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	2	0	23.5	23.5

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09/15/2015 11	07/30/2015 40	03/10/2015 140
		09/24/2015 5
		09/29/2015 2

3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
09/15/2015 11 786761	07/30/2015 40 783188	03/10/2015 140 771821

Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
0



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VETS Region I	0	1	1.0	1.0
VETS Region II	0	1	6.0	6.0
VETS Region III	0	0		
VETS Region IV	0	1	9.0	9.0
VETS Region V	0	0		
VETS Region VI	0	0		
Agency Overall	2	3	9.0	12.6

B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	6	4	36.5
VETS Region I	0	0	
VETS Region II	0	0	
VETS Region III	1	0	18
VETS Region IV	0	0	
VETS Region V	0	0	
VETS Region VI	0	1	20
Agency Overall	7	5	31.5

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0
3

Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
56.4
18
20
50.2

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**X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS**

	<b>Total Amount of Fees Collected</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Costs**</b>
VETS-FOIA	660	
VETS Region I	99.61	
VETS Region II	1421.05	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	
VETS Region V	125.8	
VETS Region VI	2638.05	
Agency Overall	4944.51	

**XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS**

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year**</b>
VETS-FOIA	0	
VETS Region I	0	
VETS Region II	0	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	

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VETS Region V	0	
VETS Region VI	0	
Agency Overall	0	

B. Consultations on FOIA Requests - Received, Processed, and Pending Consultations

	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at Your Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Processed</u> by Your Agency During the Fiscal Year
VETS-FOIA	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	1	1
VETS Region V	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	1	1

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests - Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending a

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Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at Your Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

t Your Agency

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	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
VETS-FOIA							
VETS Region I							
VETS Region II							
VETS Region III							
VETS Region IV							
VETS Region V							
VETS Region VI							

	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
Agency Overall							

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report - Requests Received, Prozesse

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3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

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	Number of Requests Received		Number of Requests Processed	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
VETS-FOIA	30	40	51	4
VETS Region I	13	15	12	1
VETS Region II	18	19	15	1
VETS Region III	20	15	20	1
VETS Region IV	15	18	14	1
VETS Region V	19	15	20	1
VETS Region VI	23	22	22	2
Agency Overall	138	144	154	14

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report
VETS-FOIA	0
VETS Region I	0
VETS Region II	0
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	0
VETS Region V	0
VETS Region VI	0
Agency Overall	0



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	<b>Fee Information During the Year Fee Billed</b>
VETS-FOIA	660
VETS Region I	346.19
VETS Region II	1967.35
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	0
VETS Region V	125.8
VETS Region VI	2801.35
Agency Overall	5900.69

Fee Collected
660
99.61
1421.05
0
0
125.8
2638.05
4944.51

\*\*Data is not captured in SIMS FOIA.