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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	0	21	20
VETS Region I	1	18	17
VETS Region II	4	16	18
VETS Region III	0	22	22
VETS Region IV	1	24	23
VETS Region V	0	17	16
VETS Region VI	1	23	22
Agency Overall	7	141	138

#### 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
1
2
2
0
2
1
2
10

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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				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Other
VETS-FOIA	3	8	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	10	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0
VETS Region III	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
VETS Region IV	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
VETS Region V	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	14	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	16	89	4	10	0	4	3	0	2	0

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	0	2	20
0	1	0	17
0	1	0	18
3	0	0	22
0	1	1	23
0	0	0	16
0	0	0	22
4	3	3	138

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
	0

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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	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	0	0	6	14	0	1	0	15	3
VETS Region II	0	1	0	0	10	5	1	0	8	0
VETS Region III	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	7
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	2	18	19	5	0	9	11
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	7	6
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	13	2	1	0	12	6
Agency Overall	0	1	0	8	57	38	9	0	52	33

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

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	0
The requestor failed to respond to attempts to modify her request or approve processing fees greater than \$25.00. - 1	1
	0
	0
Administrative Closed Out - 1 An OASAM Action - 1	2
	3

Ex.7(E)	Ex.7(F)	Ex.8	Ex.9
0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
11	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.	0					18	19.5	23.6	1	71
VETS Region I	12	20.0	21.3	19	32	4	14.5	25.5	3	70
VETS Region II	0					18	20.0	28.2	1	181
VETS Region III	3	6.0	7.0	5	10	19	5.0	5.8	2	13
VETS Region IV	0					22	14.0	14.2	6	24
VETS Region V	15	9.0	10.2	2	27	0				
VETS Region VI	0					21	17.0	15.1	5	26
Agency Overall	30	15.0	14.3	2	32	102	13.0	17.4	1	181

	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.	0					10	24.0	27.4	8	47
VETS Region I	12	20.0	21.3	19	32	3	18.0	33.0	11	70
VETS Region II	0					10	24.5	37.2	4	181
VETS Region III	1	6.0	6.0	6	6	17	6.0	6.1	2	13

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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	11.0	11.0	9	13
0				
0				
0				
1	19.0	19.0	19	19
0				
0				
3	13.0	13.7	9	19

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
1	13.0	13.0	13	13
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	19.0	19.0	19	19
0				
0				
2	16.0	16.0	13	19

201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	13
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	3
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	16
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	32



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201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	18
0	0	0	4
0	0	0	18
0	0	0	19
0	0	0	22
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	22
0	0	0	103

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	0
0	0	0	3

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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			1	8.0	8.0	0	
VETS Region I	2	18.0	18.0	0			0	
VETS Region II	0			2	51.5	51.5	0	
VETS Region III	0			0			0	
VETS Region IV	0			2	7.5	7.5	0	
VETS Region V	1	8.0	8.0	0			0	
VETS Region VI	0			2	6.0	6.0	0	
Agency Overall	3	17.0	14.7	7	8.0	19.7	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.							
VETS Region I							

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Average Number of Days

3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
		09/21/2016 8
	09/07/2016 17	09/02/2016 19

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VETS Region II							
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	09/26/2016 5 815546	09/23/2016 6 814630	09/22/2016 7 814523	09/21/2016 8 814449	09/21/2016 8 814452	09/19/2016 9 814291	09/15/2016 11 814126

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

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

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	09/15/2016 11	05/22/2016 92
	09/23/2016 6	09/19/2016 9
		09/21/2016 8
	09/26/2016 5	09/22/2016 7

3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
09/07/2016 17 813494	09/02/2016 19 813285	05/22/2016 92 805135



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	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	2	1	18.0	18.0
VETS Region I	0	0		
VETS Region II	0	0		
VETS Region III	0	0		
VETS Region IV	0	0		
VETS Region V	0	0		
VETS Region VI	0	0		
Agency Overall	2	1	18.0	18.0

B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	7	1	13.5
VETS Region I	2	0	6
VETS Region II	0	0	
VETS Region III	0	0	
VETS Region IV	0	0	
VETS Region V	0	2	11.5

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Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
16.1
6
11.5

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VETS Region VI	0	0	
Agency Overall	9	3	10.5

**X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS**

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs**
VETS-FOIA	0	
VETS Region I	0	
VETS Region II	1069.7	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	
VETS Region V	0	
VETS Region VI	2512.55	
Agency Overall	3582.25	

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

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

Agency Name	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year**
VETS-FOIA	0	

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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	

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	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0	0

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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

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VETS Region VI	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	0	0

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

	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, Processe

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t Your Agency

3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

d, and Backlogged



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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	40	21	42	2
VETS Region I	15	18	17	1
VETS Region II	19	16	18	1
VETS Region III	15	22	16	2
VETS Region IV	18	24	18	2
VETS Region V	15	17	15	1
VETS Region VI	22	23	23	2
Agency Overall	144	141	149	13

	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	0
VETS Region I	0
VETS Region II	1626.1
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	0
VETS Region V	27.44
VETS Region VI	1934.15
Agency Overall	3587.69

Fee Collected	
	0
	0
	1069.7
	0
	0
	0
	2512.55
	3582.25

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