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Washington DC 20420

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Mr. Clay M. Goode, Paralegal
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Goode:

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request # 19-03821-F

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 28, 2019, to the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) seeking all records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by your agency for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any political appointee. Payments or reimbursements include any payments associated with travel (including the travel or any staff or security detail assigned to a political appointee), long-term housing, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for government employees and/or their spouses, lodging, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government charge cards or travel cards, or any other reimbursable expenses. The time frame of the request is from December 21, 2018, through January 25, 2019.

In conducting our search, no records were located. Therefore, this is a no records response to your request.

This concludes our office's response to your request. In accordance with 43 CFR 2.28 (a) (1), you may appeal this denial to:

General Counsel (024)
Department of Veteran Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA's implementing FOIA regulation as 38 CFR § 1.559, your appeal must be posted marked no later than 60 days from the date of this letter.

We appreciate your interest in the Department of Veteran Affairs. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Anita Major at (202) 461-7440.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson
Chief of Staff