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Dear Mr. Margolis,

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeals, (October, 6 2011, November 22, 2011, and March 8, 2012) to the U.S. Coast Guard.

We are combining those appeals and the information regarding FOIA 2011-3960 has been assigned Case Number A2012-004. The Coast Guard continues to confront a backlog of appeals. A small staff, coupled with the necessity of complying with new mandates regarding information security and privacy issues, impedes our ability to answer your appeal more expeditiously. It remains our policy to process appeals in the order in which we receive them; to do otherwise would be unfair to all requesters. All appeals require thorough research and analysis prior to final action. In addition, they are reviewed at high levels to ensure the appropriate decision is made. These are time-intensive, but necessary, procedures.

Given the considerations discussed above, we cannot accurately estimate when your appeal will be decided. However, please be assured we are making conscientious efforts to provide you with a decision as soon as possible.

In the event future correspondence regarding your appeal is required, please reference Case Number A2012-004 and send it to:

COMMANDANT (CG-611)
US COAST GUARD
ATTN FOIA/PA OFFICER
2100 2ND SW STOP 7101
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gaston Brewer", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

GASTON BREWER
Acting, Freedom of Information Act Officer
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction