



Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

February 1, 2011

Mr. Erich Vieth
4035 Flora Place
St. Louis, MO 63110

Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 11-0367**

Dear Mr. Veith:

This acknowledges receipt of your January 23, 2011, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in which you seek access to and copies of all records dated on or after January 1, 2006 concerning "Erich Vieth" (full name "Erich Vincent Veith") in the possession of the Department of Homeland. Your request was received in this office on January 24, 2011.

An individual's request for information pertaining to him/her is processed under both the FOIA and the PA to afford maximum access to records. Because you have asked for copies of records about yourself, we must verify your identity to ensure that your personal information is not released to anyone other than you. The DHS regulations, 6 CFR Part 5 § 5.21(d), require verification of your identity, including your full name, current address and date and place of birth. In addition, your request must be made in writing, must contain your signature, and should either be notarized or contain a statement made under penalty of perjury as permitted by 28 U.S.C. 1746. Because you have not provided this documentation, your request is not a proper FOIA/PA request, and we are unable to initiate searching for responsive records.

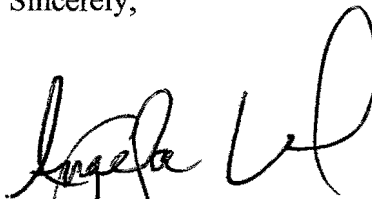
Furthermore, DHS does not maintain a central index of records about individuals. For this reason, § 5.21(b) of the DHS Privacy Act regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search of appropriate systems of records can find them with a reasonable amount of effort. In addition to the information that you provided, this description should include, the type of record you are seeking, the DHS component you believe created and/or controls the records, the precipitating event that you believe warranted the creation of records and the time period that you believe the records or files were created and compiled.

If we do not receive your revised request within 30 business days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you no longer require the information requested, and your request will be administratively closed.

This is not a denial of your request. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at telephone number, 866-431-0486, or 703-235-0790 and refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 11-0367**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Angela Washington
Acting Disclosure & FOIA Operations Manager