

Office of the Director of National Intelligence Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)  
Backlog Reduction Plan for FY 2009

1. Since its standup in April 2005, the ODNI FOIA Program has grown in size and scope. There were 50 cases pending at the end of FY 2007. A total of 88 new cases were opened in 2008. ODNI closed 75 cases during the year, leaving a backlog of 63 cases as of the end FY 2008.
2. In the past three years, ODNI has made significant progress in establishing its FOIA Program. FOIA Regulations were published in August 2007. An ODNI Instruction for FOIA was issued in January 2008. There are two staff members dedicated full time solely to the ODNI FOIA work. In 2008, ODNI acquired software for FOIA tracking and redaction.
3. While it is difficult for ODNI to forecast how many cases will be received in the next year, the agency will continue to review processes to find ways to reduce the backlog. Our primary focus at this time is to complete the processing of our oldest requests first.