

From: William Dean
To: Lisamarie Jarriel
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Subject: Re: G20050154

looks ok to me. We ask the offices to send such requests to the EDO Extension Request email box so that they can be appropriately processed. I will forward this to the EDO extension request box for you. Consider the request granted.

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>>> Lisamarie Jarriel 03/10/05 06:58PM >>>
Bill,

OE is requesting an extension on the subject Green Ticket re: Mr. Lochbaum's concerns relative to the length of time it has taken the agency to close a particular discrimination allegation. This Green Ticket was received on Friday, March 4, with an original due date of Monday, March 14. OE is requesting the due date be revised to March 29.

Although the RIC and my participation as a panel chair certainly complicated our ability to meet the original due date, that is not the reason we are requesting an extension. We do not believe responding to Mr. Lochbaum **before** responding to the allegor on this case is appropriate. Our response to the allegor is expected March 30. As you may be aware, this investigation was unique with regard to the significance of the issues raised and the dozens of interviews required. And in fact, Ellis and Luis are scheduled to be briefed on the results of this allegation on March 28, and Commissioner Merrifield and other Commissioners' staff will be briefed on the 29th, prior to issuance of the closure letter.

The slight postponement OE is requesting will result in a more responsive letter, while ensuring we are not providing any information concerning the extent of our efforts to investigate this matter to someone other than the allegor, before they, themselves receive the information from us.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to address them.

Thank you,

LL Jarriel
Agency Allegations Advisor

CC: EDO Extension Request; Frank Congel

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