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Dear Mr. Meyer:

By letter dated March 11, 2003, I confirmed my receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated February 13, 2003, that you sent to Ms. Linda Selinger of my staff. You are seeking documents relating to the "final information quality guidelines required to be established by each federal agency pursuant to The Data Quality Act . . . and the Office of Management and Budget's Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies . . ."

In my letter, I explained to you that a document search would be conducted at the Corps' Headquarters for the agency records that you are seeking, and that upon its completion, I would make my final reply to you. The document search has now been completed but no records were located that satisfied your FOIA request. I have been advised that the Corps has not prepared the Information Quality Guidelines that you are seeking. The Corps has been instructed not to proceed until it receives final guidance from the Department of Defense and from the Army, and that guidance has not yet been received.

Therefore, please be advised of your right to appeal my "no records" determination to the Secretary of the Army (ATTN: General Counsel). You must send your appeal in sufficient time to reach the Secretary of the Army no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. The envelope containing the appeal should bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and should be sent to me at the address depicted in the above letterhead.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Frenette  
Counsel