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Ms. Aniela Szymanski  
Veterans Education Success  
1250 H Street, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Number **20-03205-F**

Dear Ms. Szymanski,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated January 7, 2020, in which you are seeking:

- All communications and documents the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) possesses regarding any meetings, written interactions, emails, or other correspondence between VA and the University of Phoenix (UOP) or its owners Apollo Global Management, The Vistria Group, or any other owner or representative acting on behalf of UOP or its owners between January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020.
- Specifically, we are looking for records of communications and interactions pertaining to any actual or potential adverse actions (such as sanctions, suspensions, fines, preliminary findings from the FTC) by the VA or any other federal agency, as well as any discussions regarding UOP's eligibility for VA educational benefit programs. This includes interactions and communications with VA's Office of General Counsel.

The FOIA Service received your request on January 8, 2020, and assigned it FOIA tracking number **20-03205-F**. Please refer to this number when communicating with the VA about this request.

The records you requested, if they exist, would be maintained at the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Education Service and the Office of General Counsel (OGC). Therefore, we are redirecting your request to this office for a file search and a direct response to you. If you wish to know the status of your request, please contact them directly at the following address:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Attention: Ms. Cheryl Amitay  
VBA, Education Service  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
Email: [22FOIA.VBACO@va.gov](mailto:22FOIA.VBACO@va.gov)  
Phone: (202) 632-8907  
Fax: (202) 275-2636

Questions regarding the status of your request should be directed to Ms. Amitay.

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Attention: M. Renee Baxter  
OGC, (026H) VACO  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
Email: [ogcfoiarequests@va.gov](mailto:ogcfoiarequests@va.gov)  
Phone: (202) 461-7860  
Fax: (202) 273-9299

Questions regarding the status of your request should be directed to Ms. Baxter.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Jacqueline Short, of my staff at 202-632-7426.

Sincerely,

  
for Ms. Doloras Johnson

Director, VACO FOIA Service  
Quality, Performance, and Risk (QPR)  
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)