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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

No. 20-2420

MIKE STEEN, PETITIONER,

V.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, RESPONDENT.

Before GREENBERG, *Judge*.

**O R D E R**

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),*
*this action may not be cited as precedent.*

On April 6, 2020, Mike Steen petitioned the Court for extraordinary relief in the nature of a writ of mandamus. He asks the Court to compel the St. Louis, Missouri, Regional Office (RO) to forward petitioner's counsel a copy of the petitioner's claims file.

The petitioner provided evidence that, on February 8, 2019, his counsel faxed a Release of Information Form, to the Janesville, Wisconsin, Evidence Intake Center, requesting a copy of the petitioner's claims file. Another request for the petitioner's claims file was faxed to VA in June 2019. In June 2019, VA acknowledged the petitioner's counsel's February 2019 and June 2019 requests to forward the petitioner's claims file, but did not send the claims file. In November 2019, the petitioner's counsel again requested the claims file. Petitioner alleges that his counsel still has not received the claims file.

Based on the facts alleged, a response from the Secretary is warranted. It is

ORDERED that within 14 days of the date of this order the Secretary respond to the petition and provide the status of the petitioner's counsel's request for a copy of the petitioner's claims file.

DATED: April 17, 2020 BY THE COURT:



WILLIAM S. GREENBERG
Judge

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