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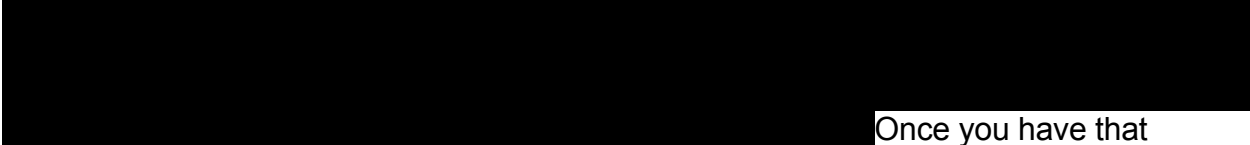
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Subject: RE: Need advice about how to handle ex parte communication

 Once you have that figured out, the communication you describe would be a prohibited ex parte communication. I don't think you can send the information directly to the AO. But you can avoid a prohibited ex parte communication by contacting the Appeals officer and letting him/her know you have information relevant to the matter he/she is considering and suggesting the AO set up a meeting with the taxpayer. Then the information can be disclosed and the taxpayer would have an opportunity to refute it. ... Let me know if this does not answer your question.