



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Criminal Division

*Office of Enforcement Operations*

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

**VIA Electronic Mail**

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Request No. CRM-301677502  
Subject: National School Board Association  
and Garland Memorandum

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated October 7, 2021, seeking records maintained by the Criminal Division. Your request was received in this Office on October 7, 2021. The request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

- Your request has been received by the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Unit and we are searching the section(s) most likely to maintain responsive records.
- Because your request presents “unusual circumstances” (See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii)), we are extending the time limit to respond to your request an additional ten days as provided by the statute.
- We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees.
- We have not yet made a decision on your request for preferred fee status. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees.
- Your request for expedited treatment has been:
  - Granted. Accordingly, your request has been assigned to a Government Information Specialist in this Office and we will respond to your request as soon as practicable.
  - Denied. You have not established that your request fits within any of the four U.S. Department of Justice standards for expedited treatment. If you are not satisfied with the

Criminal Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiastar.doj.gov>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Please be advised that due to necessary operational changes as a result of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there may be some delay in the processing of your request. I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at (202) 616-0307, by email at [crm.foia@usdoj.gov](mailto:crm.foia@usdoj.gov), or by mail at the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 803, Keeney Building, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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