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Allan Blutstein <ablutstein@arsquared.org> To: specialaccess_foia@nara.gov

Fri, Mar 25, 2016 at 1:37 PM

Please accept this email as a FOIA request for access to the records listed below concerning Judge Merrick B. Garland, a former Department of Justice employee who was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court on March 16, 2016. Please note that all of the requested records derive from **Record Group (RG) 60, Entry A1 1098, Box 95**. For your convenience, I have included hyperlinks to NARA's catalog, which identify the "Variant Control Numbers."

- 1. Garland/White Coffar Crime, Identifier 3932039
- 2. Garland/Telephone logs, Identifier 3932038
- 3. Garland/Suits Against the AG, Identifier 3932036
- 4. Garland/ABA Task Force, Identifier 3932017
- AG trips and Speeches/Garland, Identifier 3932018
- Garland/Administrative Penalties, Identifier 3932019
- Antitrust-general/Garland, Identifier 3932020
- 8. Garland/Australia, Identifier 3932021
- 9. Garland/Blumenthal Investigation, Identifier 3932022
- 10. Garland/Census Case, Identifier 393023
- 11. Garland/Cincinnati, Identifier 3932024
- 12. Garland, general/General, Identifier, 3932025
- Garland/Federal Legal Council, Identifier 3932026
- 14. Garland/IBM, Identifier 3932027
- 15. Garland/INS, Identifier 3932028
- 16. Ku Klux Klan, Identifier 3932030
- 17. Garland/Kissinger case, Identifier 3932029
- 18. Ku Klux Klan [2], Identifier 3932031
- 19. Garland/Miscellaneous, Identifier 3932032
- 20. Garland/Newsman Subpoenas, Identifier 3932033
- 21. Olympics. Identifier 3932634
- 22. Garland/Open Trials, Identifier 3932035; and
- 23. Tax--general/Garland, Identifier 3932037.

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AR2 further requests a waiver of all applicable fees associated with this request. Disclosure of the requested records would contribute significantly to the public understanding of the qualifications of a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court — a significant public interest, to be sure. AR2 has no commercial interest in the requested records; it intends to use them to educate the public about Judge Garfand's activities at the Department of Justice.

To minimize the agency's burden, AR2 is willing to accept records in electronic format and/or double-sided copies. If a certain records can be released sooner than others, please release those records first and the remaining records on a rolling basis as circumstances permit.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

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Fri, Mar 25, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Please accept this email as a request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to the following records concerning Merrick B. Garland, a former Department of Justice employee and current nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court:

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"Enclosure Files of Assistant Altorney General Merrick B. Garland." RG No. 60, Stack Area 131, Row 23, Compartment 26, Shelf 5 Record Identification: UD-11W/E. 475; Accession 60-97-0751, FRC Boxes 1-3.

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Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely.
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On behalf of America Rising Squared, please accept this email as a request for access to the "Files of Associate Deputy Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, 4/1/1994 - 4/30/1997." To facilitate the agency's search, I note the following reference information from NARA's online datalog:

ARC Identifier: 8001832

HMS/MLR Entry Number: UD-13W 20

Records Center Transfer Number(s): W060-97-0783.

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Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. Please note that I manually submitted a hard copy FOIA request for the same records today at the agency's College Park location; however, space did not permit me to address fee issues.

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