Dear Dr. Sekulow:

This is in reference to your letter directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in which you requested expedited processing for the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Pursuant to the Department of Justice (DOJ) standards permitting expedited processing, expedited processing can only be granted when it is determined that a FOIPA request involves one or more of the below categories.

You have requested expedited processing according to:

☐ 28 C.F.R. §16.5(e)(1)(i): "Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual."

☐ 28 C.F.R. §16.5(e)(1)(ii): "An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information."


☑ 28 C.F.R. §16.5(e)(1)(iv): "A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence."

Upon further review of the request, it was determined that you provided enough information concerning 28 C.F.R. §16.5(e)(1)(iv); therefore, your request is approved.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us.

The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foiapquestions@ic.fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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