

EXHIBIT THREE



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Ms. Villanueva,

Thank you for your April 18th response to America First Legal Foundation's FOIA request (FOIA-2022-00973). In your April 18th response, your office stated that the Office of Information Policy would need additional time to process AFL's request because the records require a search in another office and assigned AFL's request to the complex track. AFL's March 25th request provided a narrow set of custodians, requested documents that contained only two search terms, and provided a short time frame of February 1, 2022, to the date the request is processed for responsive documents.

Can the Department please provide additional clarity explaining why AFL's request should be placed in the complex track? The custodians who are likely to hold responsive records are all located in offices for which the Office of Information Policy has control of the custodians' records. AFL provided a limited timeframe and only requested records containing two search terms. The narrow nature of the request should not trigger "unusual circumstances" and should not be placed in the Office of Information Policy's complex track.

AFL would be happy to participate in a phone call with your office to discuss its request.

Sincerely,
Tyler Sanderson
America First Legal Foundation