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**Subject:** FOI/PA Request  
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**Attachments:** [2018-10-22 Email LCAC to DEA re FOIA Req.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in reference to a FOI/PA request my colleague Andrew Strenio sent to this address on October 22, 2018 pertaining to the following subjects: Edgar García; Marc Snarr; Gabriel Rhones; Roger Wiggins; and Baltazar García. A copy of the correspondence is attached.

On May 14, 2019, my colleague Maya George called your agency at (202) 307-7596 and left a voicemail regarding this request. Her call was not returned. On June 29, 2019, I followed up by email to this address. In my correspondence, I included a Certification of Identity signed by Edgar García on June 7, 2019 and a copy of Mr. Rhones's death certificate, asking that the DEA allow me to supplement the October 22, 2018 request with these materials.

I received a call from Yvette Davis, a DEA employee, on July 2, 2019. Ms. Davis stated that she never received the October 22, 2018 request and asked me to resend it. Ms. Davis further stated that the DEA has already provided the available records pertaining to the subjects of this request. As described in the October 22, 2018 request, our office initially requested records pertaining these subjects between 2014 and 2017. However, I ask that the DEA review and respond to the October 22, 2018 request without reference to the agency's previous determinations.

As discussed with Ms. Davis, our office anticipates appealing the DEA's determination to withhold and redact records pertaining to these subjects. In order to do so within the applicable ninety-day (90) period, we submitted a new request for records on October 22, 2018. Please note that requesters are permitted to resend an agency identical requests in order to bring a timely suit to compel the disclosure of records. *Spannaus v. Dep't of Justice*, 824 F.2d 52, 61 (D.D.C. 1987).

Please confirm receipt of the request dated October 22, 2018, which is contained in the attached document. Additionally, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(ii)(1), please make a determination regarding our request for expedited processing within ten (10) business days.

Thank you very much, as always, for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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