



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Requester,

RE: Atrocities Prevention Board minutes

This is in response to your request dated 1/6/14. We have assigned Case Control Number F-2014-00136 and will begin the processing of your request based upon the information provided in your communication.

The cut-off date is the date the search is initiated unless you have provided a specific timeframe.

We have considered your request for a fee waiver. Based upon the information provided in your letter, your request for a fee waiver has been granted; therefore, your request will be processed at no charge to you.

Unusual circumstances (including the number and location of Department components involved in responding to your request, the volume of requested records, etc.) may arise that would require additional time to process your request.

Our published regulations regarding expedition, 22 C.F.R. § 171.12(b), require a specific showing of a compelling need. **Expedited processing is granted only in the following situations: (1) imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; (2) urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity and the information is urgently needed in that a particular value of the information would be lost if not disseminated quickly; (3) substantial humanitarian reasons; and (4) loss of substantial due process rights.** Your request does not meet any of the established criteria. Regrettably, I must advise that you have not provided adequate justification for expedition. However, you may be assured that we will make every effort to process your request in as timely a manner as possible. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the Department's expedited processing criteria.

If you wish to appeal the denial of expedition, you may write to the Requester Liaison Division, at the address below, within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

We will notify you as soon as responsive material has been retrieved and reviewed.

Should you want to contact us, you may call our FOIA Requester Service Center on (202) 261-8484 or send an email to FOIAstatus@state.gov. Please refer to the Case Control Number in any communication.

Sincerely,

Requester Communications Branch *RJ*  
Office of Information Programs & Services