

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 14, 2025

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I am reaching out to you on a matter of critical national importance.

As you are aware, the American people expressed their mandate for a return to economic prosperity, an end to lawfare, and a revival of America's prestige in international geopolitics by re-electing President Trump. An important part of this revival and return to prosperity hinges on our continued relationship with key economic and political allies like India. In the complex and evolving matrix of global geopolitics, our partnership with India stands as a beacon of stability and shared interests.

Fulfilling these promises to return America to a period of greatness and prosperity requires a re-evaluation of the many concerning decisions made by the Biden administration, both domestically and internationally. One such concerning decision was the Department of Justice's (DOJ) indictment of some of India's most prominent businessmen for acts allegedly committed in India instead of respecting India's authority over its internal matter. I conveyed these concerns in my letter dated January 7, 2025.

Given the widespread international consequences stemming from this decision to selectively engage in the pursuit of the Adani group, I would like to follow up with additional requests to examine the true considerations prompting this decision. Specifically, I request the following records for preservation and production by January 28, 2025:

1. All communication between the DOJ (including any of its agents, subsidiaries, instrumentalities, or authorized representatives) and any party (including any of its representatives or agents) discussing, strategizing, or planning any prosecutorial, investigative, or executive action against Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani, or any of the executives of the conglomerate commonly known as the "Adani Group" or its instrumentalities.

2. All communication or negotiations regarding the Adani case between the DOJ (including any of its agents, subsidiaries, instrumentalities, or authorized representatives) and any agent representing any party that works closely, for, or in conjunction with any entity partly owned or controlled by George Soros.
3. All information, including but not limited to any communication, publications, and documents related to any stage of investigation of the Adani case or any party implicated in the Adani case.
4. All information, communication, publications, and documents used, shared, or in possession of former U.S. Attorney Breon S. Peace.

In the aftermath of the DOJ's selective pursuit of the Adani group, reports surfaced alleging disturbing links between Breon S. Peace, the U.S. Attorney previously handling the Adani case, Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, and George Soros, whose notoriety for political influence on the Biden administration requires no introduction.¹ While George Soros' alleged involvement in influencing political appointments and bureaucrats has been an ongoing problem for Americans, his ability to influence foreign policy and carry out global personal vendettas using government agencies will be a revelation for the American public.

In addition to the above-mentioned record preservation and production, I also request you report no later than January 28, 2025:

1. All information, including but not limited to any communication, publications, and documents related to any stage of investigation of the Adani case.
2. All information, communication, publications, and documents regarding any party implicated in the Adani case.
3. All information, communication, publications, and documents used, shared, or in possession of former U.S. Attorney Breon S. Peace, including but not limited to any communication or information shared between former U.S. Attorney Breon S. Peace or any person or entity claiming to represent him and any agent or entity representing any party that works closely, for, or in conjunction with any entity partly or wholly owned, controlled or represented by George Soros.

If there is even the slightest possibility that external considerations influenced the DOJ to pursue targets abroad, you have effectively outsourced our country's foreign policy to entities beyond accountability – whether it be foreign radical political groups, businesses, or billionaires.

¹ Subodh Kumar, "Adani, George Soros and Kenya: US bribery charge a coincidence or conspiracy?" *India Today*, November 24, 2024. <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/adani-group-george-soros-kenya-us-bribery-charge-a-coincidence-or-conspiracy-2638353-2024-11-23> See Also: OpIndia Staff, "US attorney Breon Peace who brought charges against Adani resigns ahead of Trump inauguration", *OpIndia*, December 20, 2024. <https://www.opindia.com/2024/12/us-attorney-breon-peace-who-brought-charges-against-adani-resigns-before-trump-takes-office/>

It cannot be emphasized enough that we would jeopardize decades of cordial relations by not respecting the authorities of a strategic ally like India in handling an internal matter. Hastily rushing to smear one of their most successful businesses shows disrespect for their economic success stories and undermines the reciprocity of trust built over decades of cordial relations.

By shunning this deep-rooted history, we also disrespect the contributions of millions of Indian Americans settled throughout the country. Both economies have significantly benefitted from the contributions of Indian Americans and the cordial economic relations between the two superpowers. It is an affront to the history of our great nations if politically motivated agency bureaucrats decide to single-handedly alter the fate of our futures, built by the decades of commingling between our communities and great leaders. Given the seriousness and the widespread global consequences at stake, I expect a prompt, thorough, and diligent response to these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lance Gooden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lance" and last name "Gooden" clearly distinguishable.

Lance Gooden,
Member of Congress