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This is a FOIA request for access to any email sent or received by the General Counsel or the Solicitor on March 16, 2016, that mentions or refers to U.S. Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland. Please note that this request does not seek any "mass" emails received directly from a listserv (e.g., news alerts or news clippings).

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Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,  
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