



The Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

March 16, 2006

Mr. Bruce S. Gordon
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
4805 Mount Hope Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Dear Bruce:

. . .

The Civil Rights Division has undertaken many steps – above and beyond its traditional Section 5 review – to ensure that the upcoming elections in New Orleans are fair and lawful, and run as smoothly as possible under unique circumstances. . . .

But let me assure you that the Department's work in New Orleans is not done. The Department will continue to work diligently to serve New Orleans voters and to ensure that all eligible voters – including minority voters – are able to participate fully in the upcoming elections.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Gonzales", written in a cursive style.

Alberto R. Gonzales

Enclosure