



“The Uncommon Man”

Re:
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Committee

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Introduction

Greetings!

Like The Honorable Mr. Ferriero, I am coming to you today from the ancestral lands of proud, free, unified, inclusive American citizens. We The People of the United States of America.

Please consider words of proud American citizens: Gouverneur Morris, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King.

We The People, enshrined in our Constitution, will not again be a house divided against ourselves no matter the rhetoric. In 1865, 165 years ago, we fought and won a bloody war to advance equality of opportunity, not guaranteed equity of outcomes as we are all unique in our pursuit of our dreams. Messy as it sometimes is, that is Our history. The greatest nation in the history of the world.

Let us all be judged by the content of our character.

God bless the United States of America!

Incredibly Talented Co-chairs & Leadership

First, I would like to say this Committee is co-chaired by two incredibly talented people with equally impressive leadership.

- Alina Semo: Georgetown University Law Center, Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Maryland, College Park graduated with high honors.
- Bobby Talebian: University of Tennessee College of Law where he served on Law Review. Go Vols!
- The Honorable Davis S. Ferriero: through perseverance, and exceptionalism worked his way up from a Navy Corpsman, saving lives (God bless you. Thank you for your service.) to a Presidential appointment by Barack Obama as 10th Archivist of the United States of America. Mr. Ferriero established this Committee, and it reports to him.. “

Unity, God-Given Rights and Exceptionalism

The Honorable David S. Ferriero addressed in his opening comments to the June 10, 2021 FOIA Advisory Committee ancestral lands, historical contributions of Black Americans, and his task force on racism, equity, inclusion, and diversity.

In furtherance to his remarks, I suggest that:

- **Unity**,
- **God-Given Rights** cited in Our Declaration of Independence and Our Bill of Rights, and
- **Exceptionalism**

Are our greatest strengths, no matter your circumstance at birth.

Be you. All others are taken.

“The Uncommon Man”

THE UNCOMMON MAN

I do not choose to be a common man.
It is my right to be uncommon if I can.

I seek opportunity - not security.
I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled,
dulled,
by having the State look after me.

I want to take the calculated risk;
to dream and to build;
to fail or succeed.

I refuse to barter incentive to a dole.

I prefer the challenges of life
to the guaranteed existence;
the thrill of fulfillment to the calm state of Utopia.

I will not trade freedom for benefiance
nor my dignity for a handout.

I will never cower before any master
nor bend to any threat.

It is my heritage
to stand erect, proud and unafraid;
to think and act for myself;
to enjoy the benefits of my creation,
and to face the world boldly and say -
This I have done!

Commentary: ANAK MERDEKA of Malaysia Blog

This piece is dedicated to all the common men and women who have been misled into believing that they are helplessly bound by the chains and crutches of handouts disguised as rights and privileges necessary to overcome a purported genetic defect to rise to the challenges and demands of the new millennium and new world order.

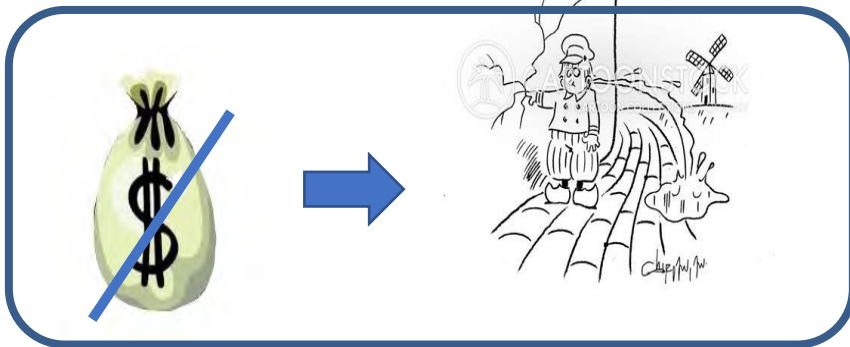
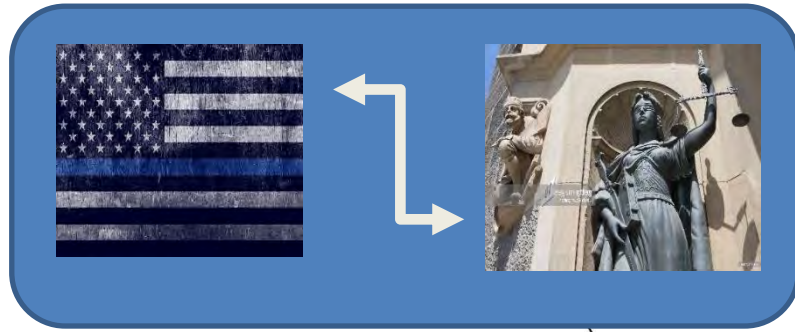
Hopefully, in the very near future, they will realize that the state's condescending attitude towards them is the ultimate reason for their undoing.

Hopefully too, they will realize that they need to urgently reclaim their right to be treated with dignity and respect that befits their intelligence and heritage, for their sake and that of future generations.

Then, and truly then, can they proudly claim to have achieved their agenda to be a respected race and in control of their destiny in the borderless world.

(POSTED BY ARENA GREEN AT 11:18 AM [ANAK MERDEKA: The Uncommon Man](#))

Absent Oversight & \$\$, FOIA Dies in Darkness & Neglect



OGIS Budget. Not adjust for inflation or mandatory pay increases.	
	\$ in Thousands Requested
FY 2022	\$1,588 (Not funded.CR.)
FY 2021	\$1,289
FY 2020	\$1,212
FY 2019	\$1,317
FY 2018	\$1,012
FY 2017	\$1,114
FY 2016	\$1,094
FY 2015	\$913
FY 2014	\$1,074
FY 2013	\$1,629
FY 2012	\$1,529

- For OGIS, the situation is dire. OGIS is tasked with FOIA compliance and mediation. OGIS had **\$1.629M In 2013** with a mediation caseload of 300 –400 cases per year. That grew to over **4,600 cases in 2019** with only **\$1.2M by 2020**, despite inflation and mandatory pay raises. All the while, **NARA** got every dime that they asked for in 2019: **\$377.8M**.
- DOJ OIP similarly states a “lack of resources.”

We The People. Declaration of Independence 1776!

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Thank you considering my oral comments and written public comments.

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The Declaration of Independence IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,
When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath

We The People. U.S. Constitution 1789!

The U.S. Constitution

*We the **People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America*

-- Preamble to the United States Constitution

United States National Archives:

The Constitution acted like a colossal merger, uniting a group of states with different interests, laws, and **cultures**. **Under America's first** national government, the Articles of Confederation, the states acted together only for specific purposes. The Constitution united its citizens as members of a whole, vesting the power of the union in the people. Without it, the American Experiment might have ended as quickly as it had begun.

[The Constitution of the United States | National Archives](#)

