

September 11, 2003

By U.S. Mail

Attn: Rosemary Cooper  
Records Officer  
Salt Lake City Police Department  
Public Safety Building  
315 E. 200 S.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**RE: Governmental Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Request**

Dear Ms. Cooper,

On August 25, 2003, Attorney General John Ashcroft visited Salt Lake City to promote the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act. His Salt Lake City stop was well attended by members of the public at a rally near the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City Police officers were also present as were representatives from the ACLU of Utah. The ACLU representatives that attended the rally observed uniformed Salt Lake City Police officers videotaping all of the attendees. The ACLU of Utah is concerned this behavior violates the privacy and associational rights of those in attendance at the rally.

Therefore, pursuant to the Utah Governmental Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 63-2-101 et seq., I am writing to request public documents concerning the videotaping of and collection of personally identifiable information about attendees of Attorney General Ashcroft's visit. Specifically, I request that you provide materials including:

- Copies of all videotapes made of attendees during Attorney General Ashcroft's August 25, 2003 visit.
- Any information regarding the decision to make these videotapes. This information should include any rules, regulations, policies, or orders relating to videotaping of attendees during Attorney General Ashcroft's August 25, 2003 visit.
- Any information regarding the use made of these videotapes or any copies thereof. This information should include where these videotapes are being kept and where they will be kept in the future, whether the information on these videotapes has been transferred to any other format, how long these videotapes and any transferred information will be retained by Utah law enforcement or records offices, and who has access to this information.
- Any information regarding other personally identifiable information about attendees gathered by your law enforcement officers. This information should include physical descriptions, vehicle license numbers and descriptions, and addresses of attendees.
- Identity of law enforcement officers who engaged in videotaping or otherwise obtaining personally identifiable information about individuals attending Attorney General Ashcroft's August 25, 2003 visit.

According to GRAMA, you have ten days to respond to this request. If you have any questions about this request, please contact me. Please bill my office for any reasonable copying charge associated with providing the above information and documents.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Janelle Eurick  
Staff Attorney  
ACLU of Utah