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Andrew Cuomo's Tantrum

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After promising repeatedly that he would clean up Albany, Gov. Andrew Cuomo suddenly cancelled the Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption last month—before the Commission was anywhere near finished digging into details about how politicians and lobbyists do business in New York State.

So Southern District U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara stepped in the breach. He took the commission's files and, in the process, criticized the governor for not letting investigators finish the job.

An irked Mr. Cuomo unburdened himself about this turn of events to Crain's editorial board on Wednesday:

"The Moreland Commission was my commission," he said. "It's my commission. My subpoena power, my Moreland Commission. I can appoint it. I can disband it. I appoint you, I can un-appoint you tomorrow. So, interference? It's my commission. I can't 'interfere' with it because it is mine. It is controlled by me."

I guess this was his commission. His. Controlled by him.

But it is worth remembering what Mr. Bharara said when he gathered up the commission's research a few weeks ago. "If you begin investigations

and you begin them with great fanfare,” Mr. Bharara said, “you don’t, I think, unceremoniously take them off the table without causing questions to be asked.”

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