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Attention: Eric Webster

Dear Vice Admiral Lautenbacher:

This is to advise you that under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations request that you provide us with an initial briefing on events surrounding the recent controversy about the management of your National Hurricane Center. In doing so, we expect your staff to provide Committee staff with information concerning a number of personnel matters of current or former Commerce Department staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
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