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Mr. Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Director  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Daniels:

I am writing to request information about communications you had with Enron Chairman Kenneth L. Lay and possibly other employees of Enron. The purpose of the request is to learn as much as possible about the events surrounding Enron's collapse and relevant actions by the Administration.

According to recent news accounts, you spoke with Mr. Lay about prospects for an economic stimulus package in early October 2001, five days before the company announced massive losses.<sup>1</sup> In light of this development, I request that you respond to the following questions:

- (1) Please describe in detail the conversation you reportedly had with Mr. Lay in early October 2001, including the information exchanged and matters discussed.
- (2) Since January 20, 2001, how many times have you or any Office of Management and Budget employee had communications with Mr. Lay or any Enron employee regarding Enron or related policy matters? Please provide the dates of any communications, the form of the communication, the persons involved, the information exchanged or matters discussed, and copies of any documents that were exchanged.
- (3) Since January 20, 2001, have you or any Office of Management and Budget employee discussed Enron with any member of the cabinet, including the President or the Vice President, or any member of the White House staff? If so, please provide the dates of any communications, the form of the communication, the persons involved, the information exchanged or matters discussed, and copies of any documents that were exchanged.

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<sup>1</sup>NBC *Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, NBC (Jan. 14, 2002); *Enron's Washington Clout Before Collapse Draws Scrutiny*, Wall Street Journal (Jan. 15, 2002).

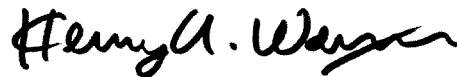
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- (4) Since January 20, 2001, have you had communications with anyone about Enron, other than any individuals described in response to questions 1, 2, and 3? If so, please provide the dates of any such communication, the form of the communication, the persons involved, the information exchanged or matters discussed, and copies of any documents that were exchanged.

I believe it is important to provide this information so there is a clear public accounting of the steps the Administration took in the face of Enron's collapse. The thousands of American families facing financial ruin as a result of Enron's bankruptcy deserve no less.

I hope it will be possible for you to provide the answers I am seeking by January 23, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Minority Member