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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to have served on the United States Sentencing Commission during the course of these past five and a half years. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me by nominating me to an additional term on the Commission. The work has been rewarding and it has been my great pleasure to serve with a wonderful group of Commissioners and under the able leadership of two exceptional Chairs, the Honorable Diana Murphy and the Honorable Ricardo Hinojosa. I feel similarly fortunate to have had the opportunity to associate with a staff that is without peer in federal service. I feel, however, that it is time for me to serve my country in a different capacity. It is therefore with some regret that I ask you to please accept my resignation as a member of the United States Sentencing Commission--effective January 13, 2005.

With thanks for having provided me the opportunity to serve, I am respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. E. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

Michael E. O'Neill

cc: Honorable Ricardo H. Hinojosa