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June 15, 2007

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6143

Dear Chairman Waxman:

This letter supplements my May 15, 2007 letter submitted in response to your letter of April 27, 2007, regarding the Committee's inquiry into the death of Army Corporal Patrick Tillman. Your request seeks "all documents received or generated by any official in the Executive Office of the President, including the Communications Office and Office of Speechwriting, between April 22, 2002, and July 1, 2004, that relate to Corporal Tillman." As further discussions have clarified, and as the May 15 letter reflects, we understand the request to cover the period April 22, 2004 to July 1, 2004.

Enclosed please find documents bearing the Bates number range of HOG004-00001 to HOG004-01072, which are responsive to your April 27 request. Please note that we have not produced thousands of pages of news articles relating to Corporal Tillman received by individuals within the White House. Please be advised as well that we have not produced certain documents responsive to the Committee's request because they implicate Executive Branch confidentiality interests. For these documents, we are willing to discuss possible accommodations that meet the Committee's oversight interests while respecting separation-of-powers principles.

As we have done in other productions to the Committee, we have redacted certain information from the produced documents. First, the last four digits of telephone and fax numbers have been redacted. Second, we have redacted certain information that was not contained in the electronic version of these materials but which appeared on the documents in their printed-for-production form (*e.g.*, the date on which the document was printed for this production). Third, with respect to documents containing e-mail communications between individuals inside and outside of the White House, we have redacted from the e-mail chain any purely internal e-mails between White House personnel. Finally, we have redacted certain e-mail addresses or non-responsive information from a small number of the documents. Where we have redacted text of a message or any means to identify the sender or recipient of an e-mail, we have labeled the relevant portion of the document as "Redacted." We would be pleased to discuss with the Committee possible accommodations by which the Committee might review the documents in unredacted form.

We remain committed to assisting you and Committee in your requests for information, consistent with our obligation to protect Executive Branch interests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 456-1019 should there arise a need to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emmet T. Flood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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