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The Honorable Scott J. Bloch
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Dear Mr. Bloch:

We are writing regarding recent reports that in December 2006, you directed the deletion of files on a computer you used at your office by using the PC-help service Geeks on Call, and that you also directed this service to erase files on computers of two of your top aides. According to press accounts, the “seven level wipe” cleansing process that Geeks on Call used limits subsequent restoration of files, and the cost of the process was billed to an agency credit card.¹

We are interested in gaining understanding of several issues raised by these reports, including the rationale for using non-government IT personnel to perform this service and the rationale for using a “seven level wipe.” We therefore request that you provide Committee staff with a transcribed interview about your reported use of Geeks on Call by December 17, 2007.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

¹ *Head of Rove Inquiry in Hot Seat Himself*, Wall Street Journal (Nov. 28, 2007).