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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We ask for your assistance in reviewing the implementation of intelligence and counterintelligence reforms at the Department of Energy (DOE). As you know, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce is committed to providing DOE with the resources needed in these critical areas of counterintelligence while at the same time conducting vigorous oversight of DOE's intelligence and counterintelligence programs.

To that end, I ask that Alfred Cumming and Todd Masse, analysts at the Congressional Research Service who have assessed intelligence and counterintelligence issues for the Service, be authorized to visit DOE headquarters and laboratories. The purpose of their visits will be to assess the policy implications, views, and practices of DOE headquarters and field personnel with respect to the Department's recently implemented intelligence and counterintelligence reorganization. The review will principally focus on the implementation of legislative changes recently approved by Congress.

We would appreciate DOE financially supporting their travel and making personnel available for interviews. We have been advised that similar arrangements have been made in the past dealing with such requests. We have instructed Mr. Cumming and Mr. Masse to contact DOE personnel at the appropriate time regarding travel arrangements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John F. Sopko, Chief Counsel for Oversight, at (202) 225-7469 or Alan Slobodin, Chief Minority Oversight Counsel, at (202) 225-3641.


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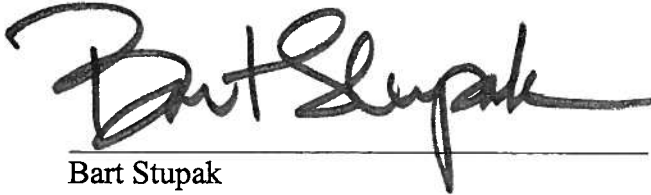
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