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Honorable Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your February 15, 2007, letter requesting a briefing on matters relating to the FBI investigation of a recent security breach at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the FBI's views regarding the efficacy of the DOE security clearance system at LANL, and the work the FBI performs for DOE and the standards applied with respect to background investigations.

As noted in your letter, the FBI's investigation of the security breach at the LANL is an ongoing criminal investigation. Longstanding Department of Justice (DOJ) policy precludes us from briefing a pending investigation in any form. This policy serves to protect the confidentiality and other law enforcement interests that are important to the integrity of the criminal justice process. We are prepared, however, to brief the Subcommittee on the background investigation process that the FBI performs for the DOE. This includes initial background investigations, periodic re-investigations and reimbursement of fingerprint and name checks for Federal employees, as well as the standards we apply with respect to those background investigations. Supervisory Special Agent Thomas J. Bailey from my staff has been in contact with the Subcommittee staff to schedule this briefing at the Committee's convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we may be of assistance concerning this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eleni P. Kalisch".

Eleni P. Kalisch  
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Honorable Bart Stupak

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