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Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0115

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter to Secretary Kempthorne dated July 16, 2007, seeking information regarding the Washington Canoe Club.

We are enclosing a copy of the park's files on this subject. Because the documents provided to you, as Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, include information which would be exempt from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, we advise you that, although we are making the documents available for the Committee's review: a) we are not waiving any exemptions from disclosure that are attached to them; b) we are making them available pursuant to the Committee's request in lieu of needing to respond to a subpoena; and c) we are making them available at this time only to the Committee for use by the Committee for its official legislative functions. We have identified those documents to which these privileges or exemptions apply, and we expect that the Committee will treat information derived from its review as confidential and take all reasonable steps to ensure preservation of the exemptions and privileges.

As discussed with your staff today, we stand ready to provide the briefing you requested with the appropriate National Park Service officials. We will contact your staff to arrange a mutually suitable time.

An identical letter is being sent to the Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sincerely,

(for) Director

Enclosures