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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

June 11, 2008

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:


This responds to your letter of June 3, 2008, regarding the Committee's request for documents related to Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation of the Valerie Plame Wilson matter.

As your letter acknowledges, the Department has made substantial efforts to accommodate the Committee's requests for information, including making available for the Committee's review a number of FBI reports ("302s") summarizing interviews of senior White House officials. In addition, pursuant to established Executive Branch practice, we are consulting with the White House about the remaining 302s for White House staff and other White House documents requested by the Committee. We expect to complete these consultations in the next few weeks.

In keeping with this spirit of accommodation, we are considering your request regarding the 302s that have been reviewed by Committee staff and are prepared to discuss this request with the staff. However, as we stated in our letter of January 18, 2008, your request for reports on interviews with the President and Vice President, the two constitutional officers of the Executive Branch, raises serious separation of powers and heightened confidentiality concerns. Although these reports will not be made available to the Committee, we remain open to any reasonable suggestions on how to provide information that the Committee believes it may need. It continues to be our belief that the extensive interview reports for White House staff and other documents that have been and may be made available for review will satisfy the Committee's needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like additional assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Nelson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith B. Nelson

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Tom Davis  
Ranking Minority Member