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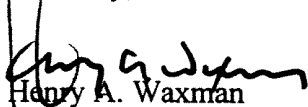
Dear Chairman Burton:

I am writing to ask for your response to an allegation raised in today's *Roll Call* newspaper regarding the transcription of the Webster Hubbell tapes.

According to *Roll Call*, "outside lawyers transcribed the tapes" for the Committee. I am not aware, however, of any authority that would permit you to allow outside lawyers to transcribe these tapes. I therefore request an explanation of the role of outside lawyers in transcribing the tapes and the authority under which the lawyers were permitted to do this.

I believe the seriousness of this allegation, in the aftermath of recent questions raised about the Committee's credibility, requires an immediate response.

Sincerely,



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