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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
Re: Smithsonian secretary's resignation
Da: Monday, March 26, 2007

Sen. Chuck Grassley, ranking member of the Committee on Finance, today made the following comment on the Smithsonian secretary's resignation.

“New leadership brings new opportunity for this American institution. It's a positive step to have a leadership change. The secretary is only part of the Smithsonian's leadership. The other part is the board of regents. The board needs to continue to recognize its responsibility and take action. I look forward to working with the board on governance reforms and also to ensure that the new secretary will restore the institution's status as a point of national pride.”