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April 20, 2007

Fred Fielding
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I am writing to inform you that I will be scheduling a business meeting of the Committee for Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at which it will be in order to consider a motion to subpoena the Executive Office of the President for contracts and contacts between the White House and MZM, Inc.

The Committee first requested this information in a letter sent on March 26, 2007. As explained in that letter, the Federal Procurement Data System indicates that the Executive Office of the President awarded a one-month, \$140,000 contract to MZM, Inc., in July 2002. This appears to have been the company's first prime contract with the federal government, and it came only two months after MZM was placed on the Federal Supply Schedule maintained by the General Services Administration. Published reports suggest that the contract was to provide computers and office furniture to the Office of the Vice President. The Committee requested these materials by April 6, 2007.

As explained the March 26 letter, the Committee is inquiring into this contract and other White House contacts with MZM because subsequent investigations have uncovered serious irregularities, and in some cases criminal conduct, by MZM employees, members of Congress, and Bush Administration officials related to MZM contracts.

On April 6, 2007, the Committee received a letter from Emmet T. Flood in the White House Counsel's Office. Mr. Flood did not provide any of the information or documents the Committee requested. Instead, Mr. Flood's letter stated that "more time is needed to conduct the necessary review and evaluation of the materials sought and the issues implicated by the requests." Mr. Flood's letter did not explain how long this review process might last.

On April 10, 2007, I sent a second letter, requesting that Mr. Flood meet with Committee staff to discuss the scope of the Committee's request and to establish a date by which production

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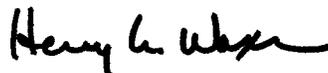
of the documents would be completed. I requested this meeting by April 13, 2007. On April 16, 2007, my staff met with Mr. Flood. He did not provide any of the requested materials, but asked for clarification on the scope of the request, which Committee staff provided. Mr. Flood stated that he would be in further contact with the Committee the next day.

On April 17, 2007, Mr. Flood contacted Committee staff by telephone to state that he did not yet have the requested documents or even a schedule by which some or all responsive documents would be provided. Instead, Mr. Flood stated that he had been unable to identify any contracts for furniture within the Vice President's office, but that he had heard "rumors" about a different contract "related to WMD" that raised "certain sensibilities." Mr. Flood requested one additional week to prepare a response to the Committee, to which Committee staff agreed.

By next week, it will have been nearly a month since the Committee's initial request for information relating to the White House's relationship with MZM. Yet we have received not a single document in response to this request. You should know that if the responsive documents are not provided by April 24, 2007, which is the date proposed by Mr. Flood, the Committee will consider a motion to subpoena these documents at the Committee's business meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact David Rapallo or Margaret Daum with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

cc: Rep. Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member