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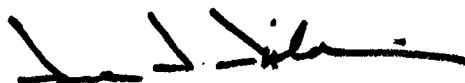
WASHINGTON

July 23, 2007

Dear Chairman Conyers:

We have reviewed your July 19, 2007 letter requesting reconsideration of the President's decision not to produce documents in response to the House Committee on the Judiciary's June 13 subpoena. As stated in my letters of June 28, 2007 and July 9, 2007, the President has asserted Executive Privilege over the requested documents to protect fundamental Constitutional interests of the Presidency. Every President has the right to obtain counsel from advisors who will speak candidly and openly with him, among themselves, and with others. A President has particular need for advice of that character on subjects committed by the Constitution to his exclusive discretion such as the appointment and removal of United States Attorneys. Nothing in the July 19, 2007 communication from the Committee and Subcommittee diminishes the need to adhere to those principles. Nor has the Committee or Subcommittee chosen to accept our offer of accommodation. For these reasons, the President's position remains unchanged.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez  
The Honorable Chris Cannon