THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 9, 2007

Dear Mr. Manning:

As you are aware, on June 13, 2007, the House Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena to your client, Harriet E. Miers, seeking her appearance, on July 12, 2007, for testimony and production of documents in her possession, custody, or control concerning the dismissal and replacement of United States Attorneys.

Consistent with the advice provided by the Acting Attorney General in his letter to the President of June 27, 2007, the President has decided to assert Executive Privilege with respect to the testimony sought from Ms. Miers concerning White House consideration, deliberations, or communications, whether internal or external, relating to the possible dismissal or appointment of United States Attorneys, including consideration of possible responses to congressional and media inquiries on the United States Attorneys matter. Accordingly, I respectfully request that you inform Ms. Miers that the President has directed her not to provide this testimony.

In my letter of June 28, 2007, I informed you that the President had asserted Executive Privilege as to any documents that Ms. Miers possessed that would be responsive to the subpoena from the House Judiciary Committee. The President continues to assert Executive Privilege over any such documents and continues to direct Ms. Miers not to produce such documents.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

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