



Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Patrick J. Fitzgerald  
United States Attorney  
219 S. Dearborn Street  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Patrick,

By the authority vested in the Attorney General by law, including 28 U.S.C. §§ 509, 510, and 515, and in my capacity as Acting Attorney General pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 508, I hereby delegate to you all the authority of the Attorney General with respect to the Department's investigation into the alleged unauthorized disclosure of a CIA employee's identity, and I direct you to exercise that authority as Special Counsel independent of the supervision or control of any officer of the Department.

/s/ James B. Comey  
James B. Comey  
Acting Attorney General