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The Honorable Henry Waxman  
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Dear Mr. Waxman:

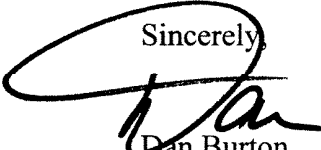
I write in response to your March 26, 1998, letter regarding your concerns about proper notice of four subpoenas issued by this Committee.

As you note in your letter, your staff was provided draft subpoenas directed at Investigative Group, Inc. ("IGI"), the Democratic National Committee ("DNC") and the Maine and New Hampshire Democratic parties on March 12, 1998. However, you make the assertion that these subpoenas were, "issued in final form on March 12, the same day they were provided to my staff in draft form." That is not correct.

I signed the subpoenas contingent upon my staff reviewing all concerns raised by you or your staff and the approval of the House General Counsels Office and the Clerk of the House. The purpose of which was not to delay the issuance of the subpoena since I was returning home to my district and not returning until Tuesday, March 17. The subpoenas were not actually issued until March 16, 1998, when they were delivered to the United States Marshals Service. In those intervening four days I considered your concerns and decided the subpoenas should be issued as drafted.

I appreciate your contacting me on this issue.

Sincerely,



Dan Burton  
Chairman