

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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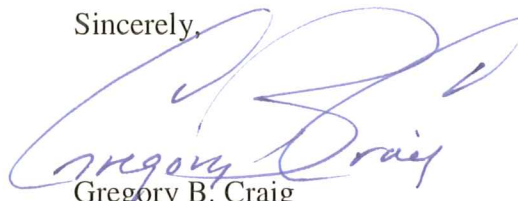
Dear Ms. Weismann:

I am writing in regard to the various lawsuits brought by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) seeking access records for visitors to the White House and the Vice President’s Residence. As you know, the President is strongly committed to increasing government transparency. In order to further that goal and in an effort to resolve the outstanding lawsuits, the President has decided to exercise his discretion and direct the following actions:

- The White House will produce WAVES and ACR records concerning the eighteen health care executives identified in CREW’s June 22, 2009 FOIA request to the United States Secret Service. Based on a review of relevant records, the Office of the Vice President has determined that none of the individuals identified in the request visited the Vice President’s Residence between January 21, 2009 and July 31, 2009.
- The White House has searched for WAVES and ACR records concerning the sixteen coal industry executives identified in CREW’s May 15, 2009 FOIA request to the United States Secret Service, and found no such records. In addition, based on a review of relevant records, the Office of the Vice President has determined that none of the individuals identified in your request visited the Vice President’s Residence between January 21, 2009 and July 31, 2009.

We appreciate CREW’s continued efforts to increase government transparency. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gregory B. Craig  
Counsel to the President