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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Linda T. Sanchez  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Commercial and  
Administrative Law  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman and Madam Chairwoman:

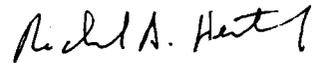
The Department of Justice has received a number of inquiries from congressional staff relating to the Department's letter of February 23, 2007, which I sent in response to a letter of February 8, 2007, from Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, and Murray. On review, it appears that certain statements in the February 23 letter are contradicted by Department documents included in our production in connection with the Committees' review of the resignations of U.S. Attorneys. We sincerely regret any inaccuracy.

As explained in the letter that accompanied our production on March 19, 2007, and in our letter of March 26, 2007, the Department has provided deliberative documents concerning the preparation of the congressional testimony by Department officials on the resignations of the U.S. Attorneys out of concern that Department officials may have provided inaccurate or incomplete information on those occasions. Because of the apparent contradiction between the February 23 letter and Department documents included in the production, we now conclude that the same reasoning applies to the Department's internal documents reflecting the preparation and transmittal of the February 23 letter. Accordingly, I enclose with this letter an additional 202 pages from the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and Office of Legislative Affairs (Bates numbers OAG000000958-OAG000001050, DAG000002228-DAG000002293, and OLA000000001-OLA000000043). These documents reflect the preparation and transmittal of that letter. They include minimal redactions of personal information.

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We hope that the enclosed information is helpful. We will continue to review the materials we have collected to determine if additional disclosures are warranted. Please do not hesitate to contact this Office if you would like to confer about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Hertling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Richard A. Hertling  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc The Honorable Lamar Smith  
The Honorable Christopher Cannon