



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 28, 2007

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Chairman
Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight
and the Courts
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Leahy and Schumer:

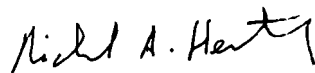
The Department of Justice has received a number of inquiries from congressional staff relating to the Department's letter of February 23, 2007, which I sent in response to a letter of February 8, 2007, from Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, and Murray. On review, it appears that certain statements in the 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, 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.

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Page Two

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,



Richard A. Hertling
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc The Honorable Arlen Specter
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
The Honorable Harry Reid
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
The Honorable Patty Murray