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August 20, 2008

Mr. A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard  
c/o Ms. Ann K. Ford  
DLA Piper  
500 Eighth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Krongard:

I am writing to follow up on recent serious allegations regarding the creation of a false letter from Tahir Jalil Habbush, Saddam Hussein's former Chief of Intelligence, to Saddam Hussein. The letter, which was allegedly backdated to July 1, 2001, attempted to establish an operational link between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein in the period before the 9/11 attacks by specifically stating that 9/11 ringleader Mohammed Atta had received training in Iraq. At the time of the alleged decision in 2003 to concoct the false letter, the Vice President's Office had been reportedly pressuring the CIA to prove this connection as a justification to invade Iraq. The letter also falsely noted that Iraq had received a "shipment" (presumably uranium) from Niger with the assistance of al Qaeda.

Upon careful review of the allegations concerning this matter, I have become very concerned with the possibility that this Administration may have violated federal law by using the resources of our intelligence agencies to influence domestic policy processes or opinion. The law specifically provides that "[n]o covert action may be conducted which is intended to influence United States political processes, public opinion, policies, or media."<sup>1</sup>

According to recent allegations, you had expressed great concern about the CIA's reported involvement in the production or implementation of the fabricated letter, to the point of anticipating your need to resign if what you had heard in that regard was confirmed. Given your reported direct knowledge of these events, I am requesting that you contact Judiciary Committee staff as soon as possible to set up a time to discuss your knowledge of the allegedly false letter.

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<sup>1</sup> 50 USC 413b(f).

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Please direct your response to the Judiciary Committee office, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-3951, fax: 202-225-7680). Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Conyers, Jr." in a cursive style.

John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Lamar S. Smith