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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of November 1, 2008, expressing concerns regarding an Associated Press story concerning an immigration case about a relative of Senator Obama.

Earlier this morning, when we became aware of the Associated Press article referenced in your letter and the article's reference to a "federal law enforcement" source, we immediately referred the matter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Inspector General and Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action. Though the term used in the story -- "federal law enforcement" -- also applies to departments and agencies other than DHS, we acted quickly to notify the appropriate investigative authorities within the department to look into this matter, even before we received your letter.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 447-5890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee C. Morris".

Lee C. Morris  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Legislative Affairs