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By Fax and U.S. Mail

Mr. Douglas J. Feith
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Dear Mr. Feith:

I write to invite you to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary at our May 6 hearing scheduled to explore issues regarding the nature and scope of Presidential power in time of war and the current Administration's approach to these questions under U.S. and international law. Among the subjects likely to be explored at the hearing are United States policies regarding interrogation of persons in the custody of the nation's armed forces, issues on which you appear to have played an important role during your service at the Department of Defense.¹ Given your personal knowledge of key historical facts, as well as your professional expertise, your testimony would be invaluable to the Committee on these subjects.

In consideration of the abiding interest of all Americans in these matters, and the unique information and perspective that you bring to the issues, I hope you will agree to testify without need for compulsory process. Given that you have recently authored a book addressing many of these issues, it would seem especially appropriate for you to also present your views and information to an investigating Committee of Congress.² If the date of May 6 poses a particular scheduling problem, please contact my staff as described below and we will be happy to discuss reasonable alternatives.

¹Sands, *The Green Light*, Vanity Fair, May 2008.

²Feith, *War and Decision: Inside the Pentagon at the Dawn of the War on Terrorism*, April 2008.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this invitation. So that we may plan accordingly, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-3951 as soon as possible and no later than the close of business on Monday, April 21, 2008, to discuss the details of your appearance. Any further responses and questions should similarly be directed to the Judiciary Committee office, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-3951, fax: 202-225-7680).

Sincerely,

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

John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman

cc: Hon. Lamar S. Smith
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