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

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Messrs. Chairman:

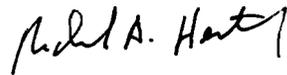
This supplements our previous responses to your letter requests and the House Judiciary Committee's subpoena concerning the Committees' oversight investigations regarding the resignations of eight U.S. Attorneys.

During the past several weeks, the Department has provided logs relating to documents that have not been produced because they relate to our efforts to respond to congressional and media inquiries following the resignations of the U.S. Attorneys. We have, of course, produced certain records based upon our concern about possible inaccuracies in information that was provided to your Committees regarding this matter after the resignations. We have substantial confidentiality interests in the remaining documents in this category because we do not want to chill the internal process, including the exchange of candid views, that is essential to our development of responses to congressional and media requests for information. Accordingly, we have produced logs of documents for your review and we met with House Judiciary Committee staff about the logs of documents derived from Ms. Goodling's records on May 18, 2007. In the course of that discussion, Committee staff articulated particularized needs for certain of those documents, pursuant to four categories of priority. Enclosed are the documents we discussed that were particularly requested by staff as first priority records, with minimal redactions of personal and other information in line with our past productions. Also enclosed are additional documents that were either inadvertently not produced or which we have now determined are appropriate for disclosure.

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We are continuing to review documents identified in priority categories two through four and we will supplement this response when that process is completed. We hope that this information is helpful and appreciate your engagement in the accommodation process relating to these records. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Hertling  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Lamar Smith  
The Honorable Linda Sanchez  
The Honorable Chris Cannon  
The Honorable Arlen Specter  
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
The Honorable Jeff Sessions