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The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Attorney General

We write to follow up on several oral requests by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and members of our staff for personnel data on United States Attorneys. CRS first contacted the Executive Office of United States Attorneys on January 24, 2007, to seek records on the appointment dates, end dates, and reason for departure of United States Attorneys since 1981.¹ CRS also contacted the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), which maintains the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF), and the Department of Justice Office Legislative Affairs (OLA).² As of the date of this letter, the Department of Justice has only partially responded to these multiple requests. While data has been provided for the period of 1993 to present, the Department of Justice has yet to provide any information from 1981-1993.

We are, therefore, renewing the requests for the start dates, end dates, and reason for departure for each United States Attorney from 1981 to present. To the extent that electronic records are unavailable for this period, we request the production of paper records. Furthermore, if the Department of Justice tracks any reason for departure other than "resigned," we request that information for the entire time period of 1981 to present.

¹ KEVIN M. SCOTT, CONG. RESEARCH SERV., U.S. ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE SERVED LESS THAN FULL FOUR-YEAR TERMS, 1981-2006, 4 (2007).

²*Id.*