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Washington, D.C. 20530

June 1, 2020

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler:

I write in response to your May 15, 2020 letter inviting the Attorney General to appear before the Committee at a hearing on June 9, 2020. As you are aware, Attorney General Barr had previously agreed to appear before the Committee on March 31.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the White House issued guidance on May 29 that includes, *inter alia*, restrictions on cabinet-level officials from participating in congressional hearings during the month of June without the approval of the White House Chief of Staff. Accordingly, the Department is pleased to consider rescheduling the Attorney General's appearance at an appropriate time following the expiration of the White House guidance and the return of regular order to the House of Representatives.

If, however, the Committee believes that it is imperative to have an in-person hearing in the coming weeks, the Department would be willing to discuss having Deputy Attorney General Rosen appear at a mutually agreeable date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Boyd", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member