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Mr. William K. Kelley
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The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Kelley:

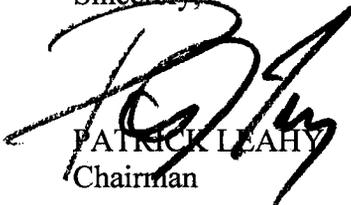
On March 6, as you know, committees in both the Senate and the House of Representatives held hearings to address the abrupt dismissal of more than a half dozen Senate-confirmed United States Attorneys from districts across the country.

Press reports have stated that you or other members of the White House Counsel's Office approved these dismissals. At Congressional hearings, witnesses testified that White House Counsel Harriet Miers communicated with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on behalf of Tim Griffin, a former aide to Karl Rove. Mr. Griffin is now serving as the interim United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, following the dismissal of Mr. Cummins. Yesterday, a White House spokeswoman confirmed that Karl Rove conveyed complaints about David Iglesias, the former United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, to the White House Counsel's Office and to the Department of Justice.

In light of these revelations and as part of the Committee's ongoing investigation, we believe that we should have the benefit of hearing directly from you on this matter. To that end, we would like to work out a process for you to make yourself available to the Committee for interviews, depositions, or hearing testimony, on a voluntary basis, and to produce documents in your possession, control, or custody related to our investigation.

We fully expect that we will be able to devise a convenient arrangement. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
Chairman


ARLEN SPECTER
Ranking Member