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Dear Ms. Miers:

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.

During the course of those hearings, questions were raised about your involvement in these dismissals. According to documents released today, the plan for the dismissals originated at least two years ago when you suggested to the Attorney General's Chief of Staff, Kyle Sampson, that all United States Attorneys be fired and replaced. They also show that you were involved in the ranking of United States Attorneys in order to determine a smaller set for dismissal as well as later discussions about using the Attorney General's expanded authority after Patriot Act Reauthorization to replace the dismissed United States Attorneys without sending nominations to the Senate for confirmation. You are also alleged to have met with Attorney General Gonzales and his staff on behalf of the White House and Karl Rove to advocate for the replacement of Arkansas United States Attorney H.E. "Bud" Cummins with J. Timothy Griffin before the firing of H. E. Cummins III from his post in Arkansas.

In light of these new 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.

Ms. Harriet E. Miers, Esq.
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We fully expect that we will be able to work out a convenient arrangement. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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