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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Specter:

On March 26, 2007, we wrote to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to inform you that the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Professional Responsibility had initiated a joint investigation to examine issues related to the removals of United States Attorneys.

This is to notify you that we have expanded the scope of our investigation to include allegations regarding improper political or other considerations in hiring decisions within the Department of Justice (DOJ). Among the issues that we intend to investigate are allegations regarding Monica Goodling's and others' actions in DOJ hiring and personnel decisions; allegations concerning hiring for the DOJ Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program; and allegations concerning hiring practices in the DOJ Civil Rights Division.

Given the Committee's investigation and interest in these issues, we wanted to notify you about the expansion of our investigation. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Glenn A. Fine in black ink.

Glenn A. Fine  
Inspector General

Handwritten signature of H. Marshall Jarrett in black ink.

H. Marshall Jarrett  
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