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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr. Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20515

Dear Messrs. Chairman:

This supplements our previous responses to your letter requests and the House Judiciary Committee's subpoena concerning the Committees' oversight investigations regarding the resignations of eight U.S. Attorneys.

As discussed in my letter of May 21, 2007, in line with longstanding Department practice, we have not produced a number of documents relating to our efforts to respond to congressional and media inquiries following the resignations of the U.S. Attorneys. We have, however, provided log identifying and describing those documents in order to accommodate your interests. On May 18, 2007, House Judiciary Committee staff articulated the Committees' particularized needs for certain documents identified on the Monica Goodling log, pursuant to four categories of priority. Yesterday, we produced the documents identified as the top priority records.

We have since reviewed documents in the remaining three categories, and enclosed are documents identified in priority categories two through four. We have not included four documents (identified as numbers 219, 222, 272 and 306) and made limited redactions in others because the underlying information implicates substantial confidentiality concerns relating to the purpose for which these documents were originally withheld: to protect the Department's internal deliberations, including candid advice, relating to our responses to media and legislative requests. Beyond these redactions, we also have made limited redactions in the documents to protect personal information and other information consistent with our past productions. In

addition, the Department has decided to begin redacting the official email addresses and telephone numbers of Government employees, including congressional staff.

We hope that this information is helpful and appreciate your engagement in the accommodation process relating to these records. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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