

PATRICK J. LEAHY, VERMONT, CHAIRMAN

EDWARD M. KENNEDY, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., DELAWARE
HERB KOHL, WISCONSIN
DIANNE FEINSTEIN, CALIFORNIA
RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, WISCONSIN
CHARLES E. SCHUMER, NEW YORK
RICHARD J. DURBIN, ILLINOIS
BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MARYLAND
SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, RHODE ISLAND

ARLEN SPECTER, PENNSYLVANIA
ORRIN G. HATCH, UTAH
CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, IOWA
JON KYL, ARIZONA
JEFF SESSIONS, ALABAMA
LINDSEY O. GRAHAM, SOUTH CAROLINA
JOHN CORNYN, TEXAS
SAM BROWNBACK, KANSAS
TOM COBURN, OKLAHOMA

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

BRUCE A. COHEN, *Chief Counsel and Staff Director*
MICHAEL O'NEILL, *Republican Chief Counsel and Staff Director*

March 13, 2007

Mr. Karl Rove
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rove:

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, former United States Attorney David Iglesias testified that he received telephone calls from members of Congress requesting information about ongoing criminal investigations. According to several sources of information, Republican Party leaders in New Mexico were dissatisfied with Mr. Iglesias's handling of certain criminal cases. Allen Weh, the Republican Party Chairman from New Mexico, has stated that he communicated with you or your office regarding the performance of Mr. Iglesias as early as 2005 and that he discussed Mr. Iglesias's dismissal with you personally last year. Yesterday, moreover, a White House spokeswoman confirmed that you conveyed complaints about Mr. Iglesias, and perhaps others, to the Department of Justice and to the White House Counsel's Office. Documents released today show further and earlier involvement by you in the plan to remove the United States Attorneys.

In light of these new revelations and as part of our 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 work out a convenient arrangement. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


PATRICK J. LEAHY
Chairman


ARLEN SPECTER
Ranking Member