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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Whitehouse:

This responds to your letter of April 30, 2007, to Solicitor General Paul Clement inquiring into whether the results of the investigation into the dismissals of eight United States Attorneys being conducted jointly by the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) will be made public.

As you know, reports issued by the OIG are typically released publicly. Given the sensitivity of most of its investigations, the OPR typically does not make its reports public. The OPR believes, however, that, in light of the highly unusual nature of this investigation, the public release of the joint report is warranted.

The OIG intends to make the joint report public, consistent with its regular practice.

Therefore, both the OIG and OPR intend that the results of the investigation will be made public. The form of the report will be determined jointly by the OIG and OPR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Hertling".

Richard A. Hertling  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

cc The Honorable Arlen Specter  
The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
The Honorable Lamar S. Smith