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The Honorable Silvestre Reyes  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

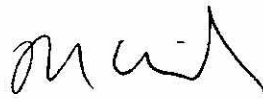
Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is regarding your letter to the Attorney General dated June 30, 2010, concerning an Office of Legal Counsel opinion, dated May 30, 2003. We apologize for our delay in responding to your letter.

We have conferred with Committee staff about your letter and your concerns regarding the potential implications of the opinion. We appreciate your concerns and your recognition of the complexities of the issues involved in our consideration of your request. We will let you know as soon as we are in a position to provide additional information.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald Weich  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Peter Hoekstra  
Ranking Minority Member