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Thank you.
Honorable Alan Raul  
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U. S. Department of Agriculture  
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Washington, D.C. 20250-1400

Dear Mr. Raul:

The Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs will hold a hearing on the need for and function of the lawyers group established by the White House related to the congressional investigations of pre-invasion Iraq policy. As a member of that group (see attached memo), you are invited to testify on May 29, 1992, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building.

Please address the following questions in your testimony:

1. Why did the Agriculture Department join this group? Who at the Agriculture Department authorized such participation?

2. Please provide a list of all meetings held by the lawyers group referred to in the attached April 8, 1991 National Security Council (NSC) memo that you or any Agriculture Department representative attended. Please include the topic of each meeting and those persons attending each meeting. In addition, please provide the committee with all notes, memorandums, meeting minutes, letters, etc., originated as a result of each meeting.

3. Has the Agriculture Department ever received any communication from the White House, the State Department, the NSC or any other department asking the Agriculture Department to withhold information from Congressional Committees investigating the Administration’s Iraq policy? If so, please explain and provide documents, if available.

4. Did the State Department, White House or NSC ever review and/or clear information that was submitted by the Agriculture Department to Congressional Committees in response to information requests concerning Iraq or BNL? Please explain.
Banking Committee rules require your written testimony to be made available to Members of the Committee forty-eight hours in advance of a hearing. Accordingly, please deliver 200 copies of your written testimony to Room 2129 Rayburn House Office Building by 9:30 a.m., May 27, 1992.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. The Committee looks forward to your testimony.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Henry B. Gonzalez
Chairman

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April 8, 1991

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SUBJECT: Meeting on Congressional Requests for Information and Documents

First of all, I apologize to Treasury and Agriculture for not inviting them to the meeting today on responding to congressional requests for information and documents pertaining to U.S.-Iraq policy prior to August 2, 1990. At the meeting, it became apparent that these departments should have been present. I shall schedule a meeting for tomorrow on requests pertaining to the BNL/CCC matters to which Agriculture and Treasury will be invited.

After reviewing the requests thus far received for information, today's meeting concluded that:

- Department General Counsels should review and inventory all requests to determine which, if any, raise issues of executive privilege (deliberative process, foreign relations, national security, etc.);

- Alternatives to providing documents should be explored (e.g., briefings);

- When access to documents may be recommended, such recommendation should be circulated to this group for clearance;

- A recommendation to provide access should be restricted to members only subject to these conditions: no document may be retained; notes may be taken but should be marked for classification by the department or agency in question. (FYI: our legislative affairs office recommends against insisting that members come to departments to read documents.); and
-- In any event, departments and agencies should seek guidance from this group in cases of doubt.

I hope you agree that this summary fairly represents where we came out.

Ray LaPlante
Nicholas Rostow Jr.
Special Assistant to the President and Legal Adviser