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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/Name of Correspondent: Steve Danzansky☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: encloses letter fr. Rep. Gonzalez
requesting his Iraq-USDA aid
testimony

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TO: C. Boyden Gray

FAX NUMBER: 456-6279

FROM: Steve Danzansky

May 19, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR C. BOYDEN GRAY

FROM: STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY

SUBJECT: Attached letter from Chairman Gonzalez

Please advise me regarding the appropriate response to the attached letter which I have just received. If executive privilege is to be asserted, I request that the determination be made promptly as I will need time to prepare testimony.

cc. William Barr
C. Nicholas Rostow
Joshua Bolton

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Mr. Stephen I. Danzansky
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Dear Mr. Danzansky:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30, 1992 and the White House letter of May 4, 1992 related to the Banking Committee's request that you testify at a hearing on May 21, 1992. I am writing to inform you that the Banking Committee expects you to appear at the May 21 hearing.

The purpose of the May 21, 1992 hearing is to determine the role that various persons in the executive branch played in the decision to approve the \$1 billion FY 1990 Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) program for Iraq. The Banking Committee has obtained numerous documents indicating that you were involved in the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) decision to approve the \$1 billion FY 1990 CCC program for Iraq. Now that Iraq has defaulted on its CCC debts, the decision to approve the FY 1990 CCC program for Iraq will cost U.S. taxpayers approximately \$500 million.

The fact that the President's personal staff was directly involved in making program decisions at an executive branch agency raises a myriad of policy questions. For example, was pressure inappropriately applied on the USDA by you or others acting in the name of the President in order to win approval for the CCC program for Iraq? These and other questions will be addressed at the May 21, 1992 hearing.

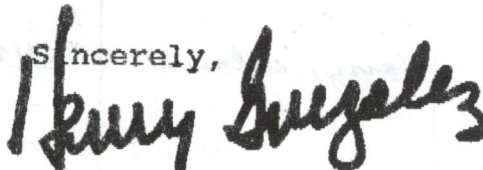
The May 4, 1992 White House letter states that longstanding tradition and the doctrine of separation of powers have traditionally precluded persons such as yourself, a former Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs, from testifying before the Congress. These attempts to block our inquiry by raising a form of executive privilege does not absolve you from your responsibility to testify before the Banking Committee.

There is ample precedent of Congressional rejection of a claim of executive privilege resulting in the testimony of a White House aide before Congress. In April of 1972, Peter M. Flanigan, a Presidential assistant, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee related to the ITT antitrust scandal. His appearance was required by the Committee in spite of claims of executive privilege raised on Mr. Flanigan's behalf by Presidential counsel, John W. Dean III. More recently, Robert McFarlane testified before the House Intelligence Committee in 1985 regarding the Administration's violations of the Boland amendment. Mr. McFarlane's claim of executive privilege also was rejected by the Committee.

Clearly the White House attempt to block your appearance before the Banking Committee is an effort to conceal from the American public the Administration's faulty policy towards Iraq. Spurious claims of executive privilege should not deny the American people a public examination of that failed and tragic policy.

Accordingly, the Banking Committee insists that you appear at the May 21, 1992 hearing on the USDA's decision to approve the \$1 billion FY 1990 CCC program for Iraq. Your input is essential in order to understand the U.S. policy towards Iraq and the reasons behind the Administration's decision to approve the FY 1990 CCC program for Iraq.

Sincerely,



Henry B. Gonzalez
Chairman

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