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Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing to notify you that the Oversight Committee has postponed the hearing for which your testimony was subpoended, formerly scheduled for June 19, 2007, in order to allow additional time for the Committee to conduct interviews and review documents relating to the White House's use of the pre-war intelligence surrounding the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa and other aspects of its alleged nuclear capability.

The Committee has been conducting interviews and depositions of senior government officials with knowledge of prewar intelligence about Iraq's nuclear program, including George Tenet, former Director of Central Intelligence; John McLaughlin, former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence; Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, former Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell; and Carl Ford, former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research. The Committee plans to conduct additional interviews over the coming weeks. In addition, the CIA and State Department have begun to provide important documents to the Committee.

I hope you will not be inconvenienced by this postponement. The interviews, depositions, and documents are illuminating the Committee's inquiry and will provide the predicate for a more thorough hearing with you.

The Committee will notify you of the new date for the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact me or David Rapallo or Theodore Chuang with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

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