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May 21, 2009

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 7176
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Yesterday during the House Judiciary Committee's hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) I requested that you consult with the Department of Justice and, if appropriate, immediately investigate allegations made by the Speaker of the House as to the truthfulness of Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) briefings to members of Congress. I am once again requesting that you initiate a formal investigation into this matter.

Speaker Pelosi has leveled a very serious charge that calls into the question the credibility of the intelligence briefings members of Congress receive. She is charging that the integrity of the information members of Congress receive from intelligence agencies is compromised. The FBI should launch an immediate investigation so that the validity of her claims can be determined. As you are aware, it is vital that members of Congress receive honest and complete information so that they may perform their duties both as legislators and in providing oversight of the Executive branch.

Recently, C.I.A. Director Leon Panetta stated that "ultimately it is up to Congress to evaluate all the evidence and reach its own conclusions about what happened." In order for members of the House to reach this conclusion the F.B.I. must investigate Speaker Pelosi's assertions and provide members with all of the facts. Only after this matter has received a full and thorough investigation can members of Congress be confident that they are receiving honest and complete information in their intelligence briefs from the C.I.A.

I am confident that you will act quickly on this matter in conjunction with the Justice Department to initiate an investigation, or to inform me of the proper procedure for having one initiated. Thank you for your efforts on this matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Issa".

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress