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Dear Mr. Friedman:

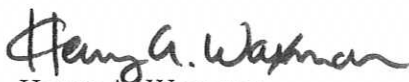
We are writing in reference to the May 7, 2004, investigation request by Rep. Waxman, the Ranking Minority Member of the House Government Reform Committee. Mr. Waxman asked you to investigate the completeness and veracity of the response that we received to a Seven Member request that we sent Secretary Abraham on January 15, 2004. We agree with Mr. Waxman that the response should be investigated by your office.

First, we would like to thank you for meeting with the House Government Reform minority staff. We appreciate that you are taking the request to investigate seriously.

Second, we want to impress upon you the seriousness of the request. Mr. Waxman's May 7 letter raised extremely serious questions about whether the Department's response to our Seven Member request was complete and truthful. These questions implicate the actions of the most senior officials in the Department, including the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, the General Counsel, and Secretary Abraham himself.

It is a fundamental responsibility of Inspectors General to investigate potential misconduct by senior agency officials. We hope you will not shirk this responsibility.

Sincerely,

  
Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Minority Member

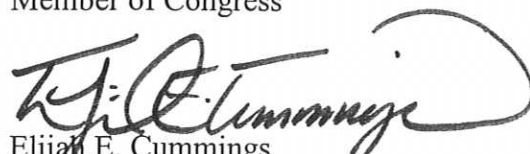
  
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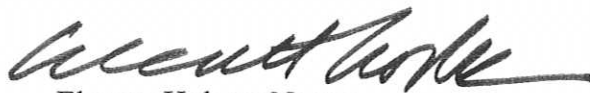
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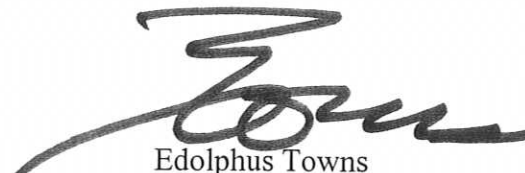
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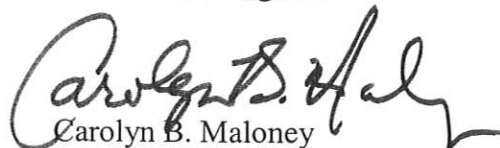
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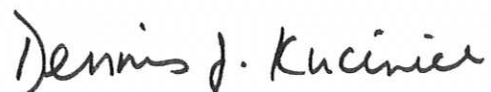
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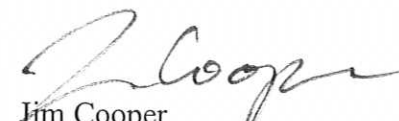
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