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December 24, 2003

The Honorable Bruce C. Swartz Deputy Assistant Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: Department of Justice Letter of December 16, 2003, to Counsel to the Vice President Concerning Possible Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified Information

Dear Mr. Swartz:

This is the fourth production of documents by the Office of the Vice President (OVP) as part of the rolling process of production in response to the above-cited letter. Enclosed are documents numbered 002870 through 002923 inclusive (with pages 002878, 002880, 002893, 002915 on the reverse of pages 002877, 002879, 002892, and 002914, respectively) that responsive to the request in your letter. These documents were retrieved under the certification of Lewis Libby.

Please note that the enclosed documents are all <u>originals</u>. Also note that enclosed pages numbered 002878 and 002880 are the originals for the copies produced on December 22, 2003 as pages numbered 002579 and 002580, respectively.

Page 002919 was furnished to me marked "Treated as TOP SECRET/SCI." In my judgment, page 002919 and other documents enclosed, even though they are not marked as classified, nevertheless contain national security information classified or classifiable under Executive Order 12958, as amended on March 25, 2003, and information concerning intelligence sources and methods protected by law (50 U.S.C. 403-3(c)(7)). Thus, I request that you handle the enclosed documents in the same manner as classified national security information and that you ask an agency with the appropriate subject matter interest and classification authority to determine the classification of the information (see section 1.3(e) of Executive Order 12958).

The enclosed documents include materials that reflect communications to or from the Vice President or the President. To preserve the effective functioning of the Presidency and the Vice Presidency, the Constitution and laws of the United States, including the Presidential Records Act, afford substantial protection for the confidentiality of such materials. In the context of responding to the Department of Justice letter cited above, I am producing the full text of such materials to you. I ask that you restrict access to pages with items that reflect communications to or from the Vice President or the President to the maximum extent practicable consistent with your judgment of the needs of your investigation, so as to minimize the intrusion into the effective functioning of the Presidency and the Vice Presidency.

The enclosed documents are furnished for the limited purpose of assisting in the investigation you are conducting and on condition of confidentiality. They remain Vice Presidential executive records under the Presidential Records Act, and I request that you return them when the purpose for which they are furnished is satisfied. The documents are furnished reserving all legal authorities and privileges that apply, including with respect to other governmental entities or private parties.

David S. Addington
Counsel to the Vice President

Sincerely