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June 18, 1996

**The Honorable William F. Clinger, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6143**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will confirm and amplify my conversation of late yesterday afternoon with Kevin Sabo, General Counsel to the Committee, respecting the invitation to me to testify on behalf of the Carter Administration at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, June 19, 1996, respecting the historical use of Federal Bureau of Investigation background records during the Carter Administration to provide security clearances to White House Staff as well as lines of authority for safeguarding these files.

As I advised Mr. Sabo, the events and procedures identified by the Committee occurred some 15 to 19 years ago. Accordingly, before I could responsibly appear as a witness as to these matters, I would need time to review contemporaneous records and speak with other persons in order to refresh my recollection.

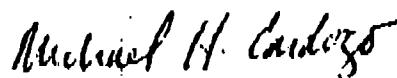
Mr. Sabo advised me that the Committee's schedule does not permit additional time and that the hearing will go forward at the scheduled day and hour. Mr. Sabo emphasized that your June 17, 1996, letter constitutes an invitation, which I may decline, provided that I should understand that the extension of the invitation and my decline will be noted for the record.

Since additional time is necessary for me to refresh my recollection of the matters about which the Committee wishes me to testify, I must respectfully decline the invitation. Should the Committee wish to hear from me at a later date which would afford me time to review events and procedures during the Carter Administration, I stand ready to respond to an invitation on that schedule.

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Respectfully yours,



Michael H. Cardozo

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