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Mr. Richard Boykin
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Dear Mr. Boykin:

Thank you for the letter on behalf of Mr. Peter Palivos. We appreciate your contact on this matter. As you are aware, the Subcommittee of Commercial and Administrative Law, currently chaired by my colleague Steve Cohen, has been pursuing the issue of prosecutorial misconduct during the Bush Administration.

It is my understanding that a number of cases were sent over to the Department of Justice for review. One of those sent over was that of Mr. Peter Palivos. It appears his case is a good example of prosecutorial misconduct and we look forward to the Justice Department's findings.

Obviously, our oversight work with the Department of Justice should not interfere or determine any legal proceeding that may occur regarding Mr. Palivos. We appreciate your diligence on behalf of Mr. Palivos and will update you as we receive information from the Department of Justice.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding Mr. Palivos. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Hank Johnson

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