

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 7, 2005

Mr. David Addington
Chief of Staff
Office of the Vice President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Addington:

On September 30, 2005, we wrote to White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card requesting documents from the White House relating to Hurricane Katrina. Our request to Mr. Card included a request for documents from the Office of the Vice President. At your request, Chairman Davis subsequently wrote directly to you to request documents from the Office of the Vice President.

As you know, more than two months have passed since that initial request, and the production of priority documents from the Office of the Vice President remains incomplete. We are writing to request immediate production of certain essential documents.

Specifically, we request that you produce all documents or communications, including internal communications, relating to certain subjects, received, sent, or reviewed between August 23, 2005, and September 15, 2005, by, Chief of Staff I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, you, Carol Kuntz, Bruce Miller, Neil Patel, and Ramsen Betfarhad who, you have informed us, were involved with the Administration's efforts relating to Hurricane Katrina during that time period.

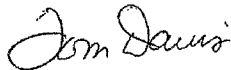
We ask that these documents and communications refer or relate to the preparations for, impacts of, or response to Hurricane Katrina, including the Administration's efforts to provide food, water, and shelter to victims of Hurricane Katrina, to provide public safety and law enforcement resources to the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, to provide relief, including evacuation, to victims at the Superdome, the Convention Center, and the area known as the cloverleaf, to mobilize active duty and reserve forces to support relief efforts, and to provide medical assistance in the affected areas.

As you know, the Select Committee has a very short deadline for completing its work, and we would like to avoid the issuance of subpoenas. We therefore ask that you produce these priority documents by the close of business on Monday, December 12, 2005, which is more than ten weeks after our initial request was sent.

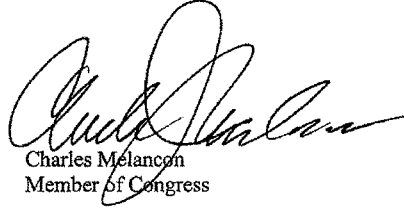
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After the production of these priority documents, we would like to have further discussions with you or your representative about how to prioritize a complete response to our request.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis
Chairman
Select Bipartisan Committee to
Investigate the Preparation for
and Response to Hurricane Katrina



Charles Melancon
Member of Congress