

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letters of May 1 to Richard Haass, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, as well as your most recent letter of May 15 to Stephen Dansansky, former Deputy Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs. As I indicated to you in my letter of May 4, it is the long-standing practice of the Executive Branch to decline requests for testimony by members of the President's personal staff. For that reason, I must decline your request for personal testimony by Dr. Haass and your renewed request for testimony by Mr. Dansansky.

However, given the unusual circumstance presented here, the Administration is prepared to work with you to develop an alternative, mutually acceptable mechanism by which these officials can be made available to members of the subcommittee. We believe the Administration acted reasonably and properly during the period prior to the Persian Gulf conflict. We are anxious to ensure that the subcommittee has an accurate picture of Administration policy and actions.

Sincerely,



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