

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1992

Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez  
Chairman, Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to my letters of May 20, May 26, and May 28, members of the White House and National Security Council staffs met with your staff on June 10 to discuss an appropriate mechanism consistent with longstanding White House policy for you to obtain information on the subjects discussed in your letters of April 16 to Richard Haass, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and South Asian Affairs, National Security Council, and Stephen Danzansky, former Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs, and in your letters of May 1 to C. Boyden Gray, Counsel to the President, and Nicholas Rostow, Special Assistant to the President and Legal Adviser to the National Security Council.

Consistent with those discussions, we would propose to make these four officials available for informal staff interviews with Deborah Carr, Dennis Kane, and appropriate representatives of the minority staff on the subjects outlined in your letters. A member of the White House legislative staff and counsel's office would be present at these interviews. Your staff indicated that the Committee has in its custody particular documents that they would be interested in asking these officials about, which we would request copies of in advance of the interviews. Finally, your staff indicated that some documents that they might wish to discuss might be classified. We would note that until the issues raised in Attorney General Barr's letters of May 15 to you and Speaker Foley are resolved, these officials would not be able to discuss classified material in these interviews, although they would be happy to discuss such material with Speaker Foley or other appropriate designated House officials.

Your staff also indicated an interest in discussing with Messrs. Gray and Rostow issues relating to Iraq policy. This goes beyond your letters of May 1, which indicated only an interest in lawyers meetings regarding document production in connection with various Congressional requests, and our proposal regarding the interviews of these officials does not include those matters. In order to address this request, we need an outline of the subjects that your staff would like to cover.

With respect to your request of April 29, 1992 for "all documents in the possession of the White House and NSC, including memorandums, letters, cable traffic, telexes, facsimiles, computer print-outs, executive agency documents, classified documents, etc." related to the USDA's administrative review of BNL loans to Iraq, the FY 90 CCC program for Iraq, and BNL, please be advised that our review of your request is ongoing, and we will notify you as soon as that process is complete.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Chalmers P. Wylie