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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs Committee

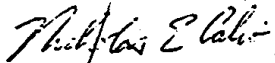
I am writing in connection with your recent letter to Stephen Danzansky, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Education, requesting that he testify before your committee on May 21, 1992.

In your letter, you request that Mr. Danzansky testify about matters occurring during his tenure as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs. Due to longstanding tradition, and in accordance with the doctrine of separation of powers, members of the President's personal staff, who participate in the deliberative process through which Executive policy is developed, traditionally have not testified before Congress.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



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