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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your written questions regarding my client, Karl C. Rove, and his alleged role in the investigation and prosecution of former Alabama Governor Donald E. Siegelman.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to these baseless allegations. As you know, I have repeatedly offered to discuss constructive alternatives that would address the Committee's interest in resolving the Siegelman allegations without provoking a gratuitous Constitutional confrontation. We were disappointed that the Committee has so far refused to pursue constructive alternatives to compelled testimony, which Mr. Rove is not free to give.

We will make every effort to answer your questions completely, candidly and promptly. Barring unforeseen circumstances, we plan to respond to your questions in writing no later than Tuesday, July 22.

Yours sincerely,



Robert D. Luskin