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April 27, 2009

The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

On March 30, 2009, we wrote to request that you provide this Committee with copies of all reports submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) by Mr. James Cole or at his direction, which relate to American International Group (AIG), its subsidiaries, and its management. Unfortunately, DOJ has allowed the April 1, 2009 deadline for production of those reports to pass without producing the requested documents or informing us about a date of compliance.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Under Rules X and XI of the House Rules, the Committee is investigating the collapse and federal rescue of AIG and what it means for the United States economy. As part of our investigation, we are attempting to determine how AIG, the world's largest insurance company, came to the brink of bankruptcy; what the company has done with its Federal financial assistance; and how this kind of disaster may be prevented in the future.

We believe that reports provided to DOJ by Mr. Cole will provide unique insight into these and related issues. As detailed in our earlier letter, Mr. Cole was retained by AIG as required by deferred prosecution agreements entered into by AIG on November 30, 2004 and again in November 2006. Under the provisions of those deferred prosecution agreements, he had routine access to the highest levels of the company and participated as an observer at AIG Board meetings.

Mr. Cole was required to deliver periodic reports to DOJ and SEC concerning his oversight of AIG, including matters involving regulatory compliance, financial reporting, whistleblower protections, and employee retention policies. With the taxpayers now having an eighty percent stake in AIG, we believe that review of these reports is critical for Congress to better understand how AIG became financially crippled and in assessing whether taxpayer's investment is being adequately protected.

The Federal investment in AIG now exceeds \$180 billion and there may be future AIG demands for even more Federal money. Under these circumstances, failure to comply with the Committee's request for the Cole reports raises the prospect that we will be forced to consider compulsory means to achieve compliance. However, we would prefer voluntary compliance. Therefore, we repeat our earlier request.

Please deliver your reply and all of the requested records to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, room 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, as soon as possible, but in no case later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2009. In responding to this request, please be advised that the terms "records" and "relating to" are defined in the attachment to this letter. To facilitate delivery and review, we prefer that the records be delivered in electronic format, if possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions with regard to this request, you may contact me, John Arlington of the Majority staff at 202-225-5051, or Jennifer Safavian of the Minority staff at 202-225-5074.

Sincerely,



Edolphus Towns
Chairman



Darrell Issa
Ranking Member

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