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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV  
Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510-6475

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

The Department is surprised and disturbed by the assertion during your press conference today that Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Douglas J. Feith might be "running a private intelligence failure [sic], which is not lawful."

In the course of a year of investigations into activities of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, no one on the Committee or its staff, to my knowledge, has charged that anything unlawful had been done. Instead, there were allegations that the line between policy and intelligence may have been improperly crossed. In response to the Committee's requests, Under Secretary Feith and his staff have spent more than 1800 hours reviewing thousands of pages of documents for relevance and responding to Committee inquiries. They have provided thousands of pages of materials and scores of hours of testimony, including testimony by Secretary Feith before the full Committee and Committee staff interviews with numerous members of his staff. My understanding is that the information thus far collected by the Committee does not support any of the charges of impropriety, much less any unlawful behavior.

On behalf of the Department, I request that, if you have any evidence supporting the serious charge you floated during your press conference, you provide it to the Department. If there is not evidence, then a retraction and apology would be appropriate.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chairman