

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT 511 05 Cr. 394 (ID)

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

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March 18, 2004

Inspector John C. Eckenrode Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Room 7847 Washington, D.C. 20535 Tel.

Dear Inspector Eckenrode:

Re: Telephone Request from Deputy Special Counsel Roos to Counsel to the Vice President on March 17, 2004 for Entire Contents of OVP File Maintained By J. Mayfield With Title Like "Niger/Uranium" That Contains Press Clippings, Some of Which May Bear Markings.

This letter forwards documents numbered 007270 through 007684 that may be responsive the above-cited request in regard to the investigation into possible disclosure to unauthorized persons of classified information concerning Ambassador Joseph Wilson, his trip to Niger in February 2002, his wife, and matters relating thereto. These documents were furnished to me today under the certification of Jennifer Mayfield.

Documents containing national security information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended on March 25, 2003, are enclosed. In addition, in my judgment, other documents enclosed that are not marked as classified may contain national security information classified or classifiable under Executive Order 12958 and may include information concerning intelligence sources and methods protected by law (50 U.S.C. 403-3(c)(7)). I request that you handle the enclosed documents in the same manner as classified national security information and that you ask an agency with the appropriate subject matter interest and classification authority to determine the classification of the information (see section 1.3(e) of Executive Order 12958).

The enclosed documents include materials that reflect communications to or from the Vice President or the President. To preserve the effective functioning of the Presidency and the Vice Presidency, the Constitution and laws of the United States, including the Presidential Records Act, afford substantial protection for the confidentiality of such materials. In the context of responding to the Department of Justice request cited above, I am producing the full text of such

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materials to you. I ask that you restrict access to pages with items that reflect communications to or from the Vice President or the President to the maximum extent practicable consistent with your judgment of the needs of your investigation, so as to minimize the intrusion into the effective functioning of the Presidency and the Vice Presidency.

The enclosed documents are furnished for the limited purpose of assisting in the investigation you are conducting and on condition of confidentiality. They remain Vice Presidential executive records under the Presidential Records Act, and I request that you return them when the purpose for which they are furnished is satisfied. The documents are furnished reserving all legal authorities and privileges that apply, including with respect to other governmental entities or private parties.

Sincerely

David S. Addington

Counsel to the Vice President