



THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

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Don Personette
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BY FAX: (202) 406-6544

Dear Don:

I write today with respect to pending ("FOIA") requests directed to the United States Secret Service ("USSS") and seeking certain documents relating to visitors to the Vice President's Residence ("VPR"). I want to take this opportunity to confirm and reiterate our consistent practice of exercising exclusive control over any and all documents and information held by the USSS relating to visitors to the VPR, including those originated by the Office of the Vice President ("OVP") staff and those derived from those original OVP records.

At least since January 2001, OVP has made available to the USSS, on a temporary basis and on the condition of confidentiality, documents and information relating to individuals scheduled to visit the VPR – including the name and identifying information of individuals scheduled to visit the VPR and information regarding the date and time of the scheduled visit – for the limited purpose of enabling USSS to perform its protective function with respect to the Vice President, his family and the VPR. All such documents and information, and any documents derived from the information provided by OVP for the purpose of facilitating USSS's protective function are and shall remain subject to the exclusive ownership, custody and control of OVP, and the USSS shall maintain the confidentiality of the documents and information and shall have neither any proprietary or other interest in OVP materials nor custody or control thereof. To the extent required by law, such documents shall be maintained by OVP as Vice Presidential executive records pursuant to the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2207.

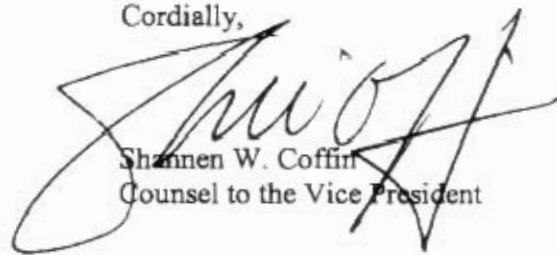
Such materials and information, and any documents derived from them for the purpose of facilitating USSS's protective function, shall be maintained in good order by USSS and shall be returned to OVP on a periodic basis. USSS shall not retain any copy of these documents and information upon return to OVP. As per our pre-existing arrangement, I understand that such

documents have been returned to OVP on a monthly basis. If any documents remain in your possession, please return them to OVP as soon as possible.

OVP materials subject to this practice and understanding shall include, but not be limited to: a) all communications, including emails, faxes and other writings from OVP staff to USSS providing personal information on visitors scheduled to visit the VPR; (b) cleared visitor lists derived from the visitor information provided by OVP to USSS; (c) visitor logs compiled by USSS from visitor information provided by OVP.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannen W. Coffin". The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name below it.

Shannen W. Coffin
Counsel to the Vice President