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Rep. Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
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Dear Chairman Waxman:

I write in response to your letter to Joshua Bolten, dated March 26, 2007, concerning a request by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for materials regarding contracts between the Executive Office of the President and MZM, Inc.

Your letter asks for a response on or before April 6, 2007, and the Executive Office of the President (EOP) has begun assessing the issues raised by your letter. However, the scope of the letter's requests is broad (involving, in part, communications both between the EOP and a governmental contractor and between the EOP and three governmental agencies), and the issues raised by it are many. For those reasons, more time is needed to conduct the necessary review and evaluation of the materials sought and the issues implicated by the requests. Once we are able fully to evaluate the scope and implications of the letter's requests, we will soon provide your committee with an appropriate response.

Thank you for your consideration. If there is a need to discuss this matter, I can be reached at (202) 456-7900.

Sincerely,

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