



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515-6275

Dear Committee Member:

On November 9 and 10, 1992, a majority of the non-majority party members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary wrote me, pursuant to the Independent Counsel Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 592(g), requesting the appointment of an Independent Counsel to investigate "whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities in regards to the actions of the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992."

The Department has determined that there is no basis to proceed under the Independent Counsel Statute. Mr. Walsh is not a covered person under 28 U.S.C. § 591(b), and the investigation and prosecution of Mr. Walsh would not result in a personal, financial, or political conflict of interest under 28 U.S.C. § 591(c).

The allegation has been referred to the Criminal Division, which will take any appropriate action.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 592(g)(4), I request that the Committee promptly make public this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. P. Barr", is written over the typed name.

William P. Barr
Attorney General