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May 21, 2001

The Honorable Dan Burton
Chairman
House Committee on Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Burton:

I am following up on my letter to you of May 10, 2001, in which I asked whether you were planning a Committee investigation regarding recent reports on the use of Bush Administration resources to assist Republican campaigns. On May 19, 2001, there were additional media reports regarding this issue.

According to *Newsweek*, the Republican National Committee is "gearing up for a round of fund-raising" that "kicks off" with a "dinner reception for top party donors hosted by Cheney and his wife, Lynne, at the vice presidential residence." The article states that the guest list was "culled from members of the GOP's Team 100 – an elite group of high roller donors who have contributed over \$100,000 in soft money to the party."¹

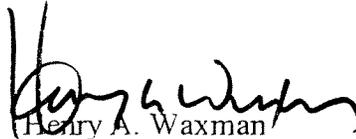
As with the earlier media reports I noted in my May 10 letter, this *Newsweek* report describes activities similar to alleged activities you investigated vigorously during the Clinton Administration. For example, during the Clinton Administration, the Committee extensively investigated instances where campaign contributors were invited to events at the White House, such as White House coffees. Indeed, your March 1997 subpoena to the White House explicitly sought all records relating to White House political coffees, attendees at White House movies, and guests at Camp David, as well as scheduling records relating to White House ceremonies, residence visits, overnight stays at the White House, and Kennedy Center tickets, among other items.

¹*Fundraising: What Comes Around*, Newsweek (May 19, 2001).

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Particularly since reports continue to proliferate regarding the use of Bush Administration resources for campaign-related purposes, I would appreciate a response to my inquiry regarding whether you intend to obtain information from the White House and Republican National Committee on these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Minority Member

cc: Members of the Committee on Government Reform