

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 30, 2005

Lt. General Carl A. Strock  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20314

Dear General Strock:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from the Army Corps of Engineers relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Army Corps of Engineers relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Gulf Coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Army Corps of Engineers relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Army Corps of Engineers relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.
4. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials of the Army Corps of Engineers relating to the construction, maintenance, or capacity to withstand a hurricane or flooding of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street, London Canal, or Industrial Canal levees and storm walls.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in your office. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the Army Corps of Engineers and individual members of the general public.

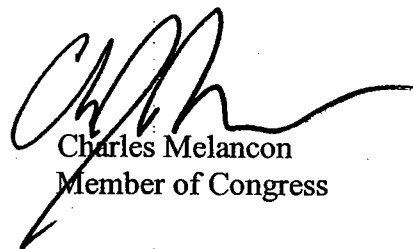
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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Department of Defense or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Gulf Coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Department of Defense or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Department of Defense or any of its constituent agencies relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of the Secretary and Joint Task Force Katrina. We are not requesting documents or communications received, prepared, or sent by the

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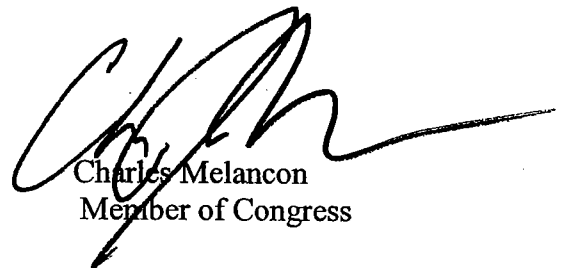
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as we have written separately to General Strock to request these items. We also are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the Department of Defense or any of its constituent agencies and individual members of the general public.

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The Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
Governor of Louisiana  
Office of the Governor  
900 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Blanco:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Louisiana coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of Governor, Office of the Directors of the

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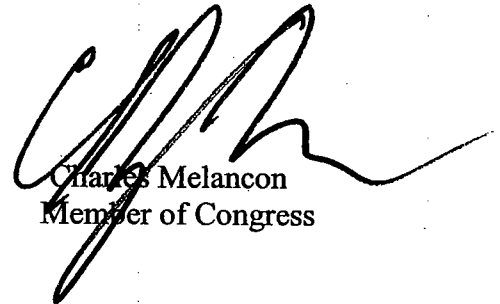
Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the State of Louisiana and individual members of the general public.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. We are aware of the many demands on your time as you cope with the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Select Committee, however, has been given a short deadline for its work. For this reason, we ask that you respond to this letter within two weeks if possible.

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The Honorable Haley Barbour  
Governor of Mississippi  
Office of the Governor  
501 N. West St, 15th Fl  
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Governor Barbour:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking the Mississippi Gulf coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of Governor, Office of the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General. We

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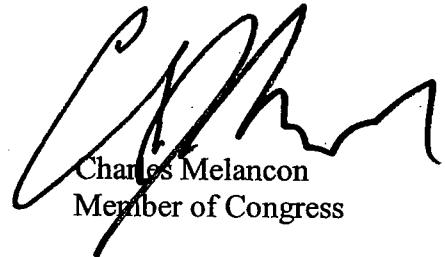
are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the State of Mississippi and individual members of the general public.

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The Honorable Robert Riley  
Governor of Alabama  
Office of the Governor  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Riley:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Alabama Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking the Alabama Gulf coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Alabama Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Alabama Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of Governor, Office of the Directors of the Alabama Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of the

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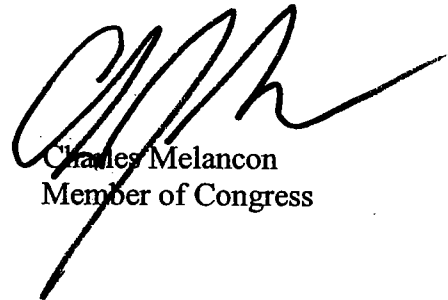
Adjutant General. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the State of Alabama and individual members of the general public.

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The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Leavitt:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Gulf Coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its constituent agencies relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

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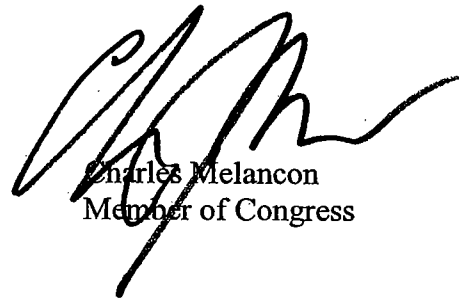
In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Office of the Surgeon General, and Office of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its constituent agencies and individual members of the general public.

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The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

As part of the Select Bipartisan Committee's investigation into the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina, we are writing to request important documents from the Department of Homeland Security.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Department of Homeland Security or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Gulf Coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Department of Homeland Security or any of its constituent agencies relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Department of Homeland Security or any of its constituent agencies relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Under Secretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the Department of Homeland Security or any of its constituent agencies and individual members of the general public.

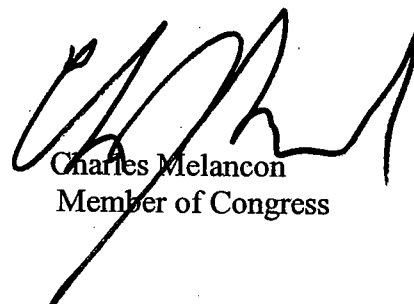
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Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the White House relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking New Orleans or the Gulf Coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the White House relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the White House relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of the White House Chief of Staff, and the Office of the Homeland Security Advisor. We are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the White House and individual members of the general public.

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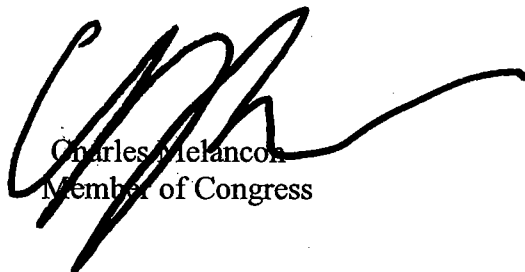
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