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February 5, 2008

Honorable Joshua Bolten
White House Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Bolten,

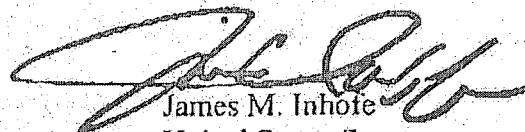
I am writing to follow up on previous correspondence regarding Scott Bloch, Special Counsel at the United States Office of Special Counsel.

As you know, five completed investigations have revealed no wrongdoing by Mr. Bloch in his role as Special Counsel. However, he continues to have a shadow cast over his tenure in the Administration as a result of an ongoing investigation by the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management. Despite Mr. Bloch's full cooperation, this unnecessarily lengthy investigation has already taken more than two years.

On July 10, 2006, I wrote to Mr. Bloch and requested a number of documents related to his case. Having reviewed the materials he sent, Senator Jim DeMint and I sent a letter to you on August 17, 2006 in which we asked that the Administration bring this investigation to an efficient conclusion. More than seventeen months later, I call for renewed attention to this matter. I respectfully request a target date for completion of the investigation of Mr. Bloch. If investigation will continue to go slowly, I request an interim report and a reason for the delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



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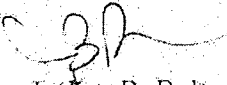
The Honorable James W. DeMint
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator DeMint:

Thank you for your letter regarding Scott Bloch, Special Counsel of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. I appreciate you sending your views and have shared them with appropriate officials here at the White House.

Once again, thank you for your letter. I wish you all the best.

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Joshua B. Bolten

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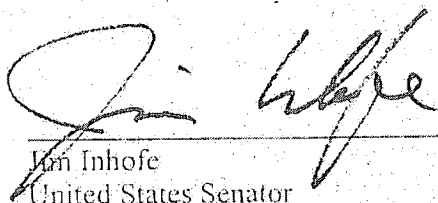
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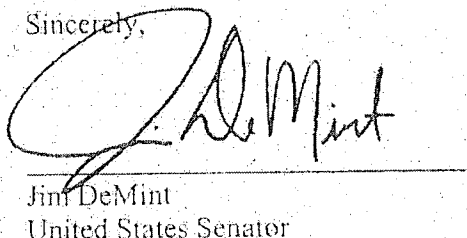
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United States Senator



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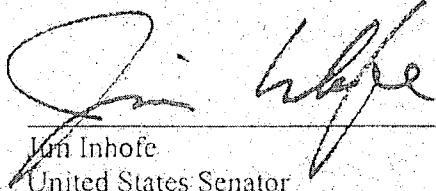
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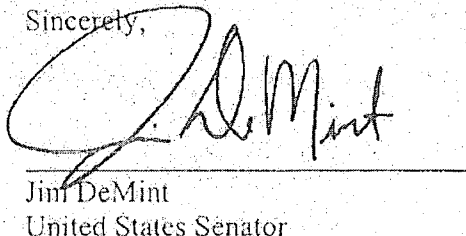
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