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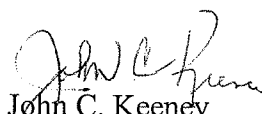
Dear Mr. Fitton:

This is in response to your letter, dated October 6, 2006, to Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher requesting an investigation into the activities of several individuals surrounding the issuance of presidential pardons during the Clinton administration.

As you know, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation regarding the issuance of pardons during the Clinton administration several years ago. At this time, it is likely that any new allegations would be outside of the five-year statute of limitations that governs criminal offenses. However, if you have evidence of a violation of federal criminal law that occurred within the statute of limitations period, you should provide that information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the investigative arm of the Department of Justice. In cases concerning alleged violations of federal law, the FBI will determine whether a federal investigation may be warranted. If appropriate, the FBI will refer the matter to a United States Attorney for a final determination regarding legal action.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,


John C. Keeney
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