

Alexander, et al. v. FBI, et al. CA 96-2123 and
Grimley, et al. v. FBI, et al. CA 1:97CV1288
(Consolidated Actions)

Defendant EOP's Response to Plaintiffs' Second
Set of Document Requests

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Statement by Mitchell S. Ettinger

The allegation that the President's legal team failed to comply with a document request issued in connection with the Jones litigation is patently false. Ms. Jones's counsel directed a document request to Mr. Clinton personally and separately subpoenaed the White House, each of which requested the production of different materials. With respect to the document request made of President Clinton personally, his legal team ensured that a comprehensive search was conducted of all his personal papers, as well as thousands of boxes of campaign related materials from the 1992 and 1996 elections. All responsive nonprivileged documents contained in these files were provided to Ms. Jones's counsel, including correspondence regarding Ms. Willey that was maintained in the campaign files.

Ms. Willey is a former member of the White House staff. The letters from Ms. Willey that were recently released by the White House were White House documents maintained in White House files, and were not responsive to the requests contained in any subpoena issued to the White House. It is ludicrous to contend that the President's legal team improperly withheld these letters from production. The content of the letters substantially undercuts Ms. Willey's contentions and would have been produced without hesitation had Ms. Jones's lawyers issued an appropriate request to the White House for them. This latest allegation is nothing more than a last ditch venomous effort by Ms. Jones's legal team to salvage her legally defective claims against Mr. Clinton.