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Statement [written] of David E. Kendall and Robert S. Bennett

Mr. Terry Lemanar and his firm, Investigative Group International, have been retained since April, 1994 by the law firms of Williams and Connolly and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom to assist in the defense of matters related to the President. It is commonplace for private counsel to retain commercial investigative services to perform leagal and appropriate tasks to assist in the defense of a client. Public officials deserve, and from these two law firms will receive, a no less vigorous defense than private citizens under similar circumstances.

The statement issued by the White House on Sunday, February 22, was entirely accurate. There is public information available, which, of course, it is our duty as counsel to research and gather; but we have not investigated, and are not investigating, the personal lives of Ms. Toensing, Mr. diGenova, prosecutors, investigators, or members of the press.