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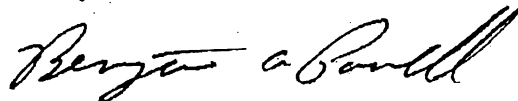
Dear Mr. Smallman:

This responds to your 27 April 2007 letter to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) regarding the classification status of the 10 February 2006 letter from the CIA to your client, Valerie Plame Wilson. The DNI has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

Based on a review of the extensive materials that you provided with your 27 April letter, as well as discussions with the CIA, we concur with the CIA's classification determination regarding this letter.

As you know, the CIA's Publications Review Board (PRB) has identified for Ms. Wilson the information that would have to be deleted from her manuscript in order to render the manuscript unclassified. The PRB has advised Ms. Wilson of its availability to discuss with her the ways in which she could modify the deleted text or use it in other contexts so as to not reveal classified information. The PRB remains available to discuss these alternative approaches with Ms. Wilson. We strongly encourage you and Ms. Wilson to continue to work with the PRB to meet her needs while respecting her continuing obligation to protect classified information.

Sincerely,



Benjamin A. Powell