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Dr. James M. Turner
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Dear Dr. Turner:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are conducting an investigation of the development, testing, and deployment of radiation portal monitors by the Department of Homeland Security and its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). As part of that investigation, the Committee requested that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) assess the adequacy of DNDO testing and evaluate the performance of the DNDO Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASP) monitors.

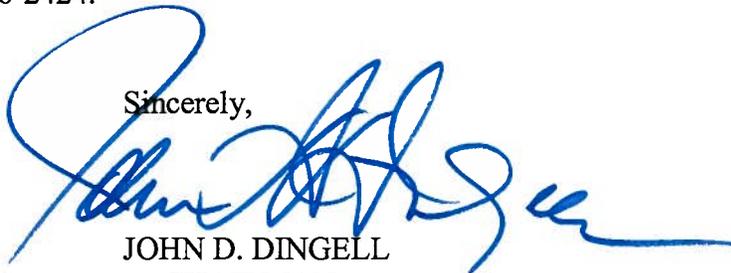
As part of its investigation for the Committee, the GAO requested information from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). NIST has been given the task by DNDO of analyzing data related to testing of the ASPs. The Committee is seeking information on the recordkeeping, preservation, or destruction of data and analyses at NIST related to its work on the ASP tests, and communications between DNDO and NIST related to its work on the ASP tests.

Therefore, pursuant to the ongoing investigation of the Committee, I request that the following NIST/DOC employees appear at the offices of the Committee on Energy and Commerce located in the Ford House Office Building, Room 316, in Washington, D.C. at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 20, 2007:

- 1) Lisa R. Karam
- 2) Leticia Pibida
- 3) Michael R. Rubin
- 4) Stephen C. Willett

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or have your staff contact John Sopko or Richard Miller with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



JOHN D. DINGELL
CHAIRMAN

cc: The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member
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