

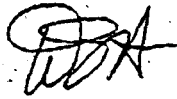
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NOTE:

Mr. Swartz:

Attached for your records is a copy of the e-mail I sent out on September 30, 2003 to the heads of components in the Office of the Vice President concerning the preservation of documents.

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Please ensure that your staffs comply with the instructions set forth below regarding preservation of documents and consult Courtney Elwood or me if you have any questions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Postmaster
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2003 6:15 PM
To: All EOP Users@EOP
Subject: IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE FROM COUNSEL'S OFFICE

This communication is a follow-up to the directive I sent you this morning regarding the preservation of certain materials in the possession of the White House, its staff, or its employees.

Pursuant to a request from the Department of Justice, I am instructing you to preserve and maintain the following:

"[F]or the time period February 1, 2002 to the present, all documents, including without limitation all electronic records, telephone records of any kind (including but not limited to any records that memorialize telephone calls having been made), correspondence, computer records, storage devices, notes, memoranda, and diary and calendar entries, that relate in any way to:

1. Former U.S. Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, his trip to Niger in February 2002, and/or his wife's purported relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency;
2. Contacts with any member or representative of the news media about Joseph C. Wilson, his trip to Niger in February 2002, and/or his wife's purported relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency; and
3. Contacts with reporters Knut Royce, Timothy M. Phelps, or Robert D. Novak, or any individual(s) acting directly or indirectly, on behalf of these reporters."

You must preserve all documents relating, in any way, directly or indirectly, to these subjects, even if there would be a question whether the document would be a presidential or federal record or even if its destruction might otherwise be permitted.

If you have any questions regarding any of the foregoing, please contact Associate Counsels Ted Ulyot or Raul Yanes in the Counsel to the President's Office.

Alberto R. Gonzales

Counsel to the President