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BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: In the Matter of Representative Earl F. Hilliard

Dear Mr. Lotkin:

The Subcommittee's investigation of Representative Earl F. Hilliard has reached a point where the Subcommittee is now prepared to hear sworn testimony from Congressman Hilliard regarding the matters under investigation.

Accordingly, consistent with Congressman Hilliard's stated interest in cooperating in these proceedings, the Subcommittee has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of hearing sworn testimony from Congressman Hilliard on September 19, 2000 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. We wish to alert you that in light of anticipated interruptions for votes and other legislative matters, there is a reasonable probability that all areas of questioning may not be completed on September 19, 2000 and that Congressman Hilliard may be asked to return on September 21, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to give further testimony. We intend to proceed as expeditiously as possible so as to minimize the inconvenience to Congressman Hilliard of appearing on those dates.

The Subcommittee appreciates Congressman Hilliard's voluntary cooperation in this matter. Please confirm in writing by August 7, 2000 that Congressman Hilliard will appear on September 19, 2000 and on September 21, 2000 (if necessary).

In the event that Congressman Hilliard declines to appear voluntarily, or in the

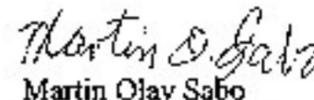
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event Congressman Hilliard has a conflict on the dates described above that he cannot reschedule, please notify Subcommittee counsel.

Sincerely,


Rob Portman
Chairman
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