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Memorandum

For: Powell Moore  
From: Douglas J. Feith 7/23/04  
Subject: Telcon with Senator Pat Roberts

I called Roberts and he said he was just picking up the phone to call me.

He said:

- We have just gone through the five binders of documents you sent us.
- We know that what your office did was legitimate as input to the NIE on Iraq and terrorism.
- We know there was no "Mossad plot," something that Chris Mellon thought.
- I know that Jay's very regrettable comment has caused problems and has put the fear of God about attorneys into folks on your staff.
- Mellon had a paranoid plot in his head.
- Phase II of our Committee's work has been overshadowed by the issue of intelligence reform.
- We have a lot of work to do on reform before we can complete the Phase II work. I know you were eager to come before the Committee again and clear your name, but we may not get you up here quickly.

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I replied that I was eager for a return visit to the Committee, but that was some months ago. Now that we are in the political season, I doubt I can get the kind of open-minded hearing I was seeking. It might be best to put my return visit off till after the election. We can then decide if it makes sense to pursue the matter.

Roberts said that sounded right. He sounded relieved that I was not pressing for a quick new opportunity for me to testify. He said the Committee will be busy with reform and Congress will be in session only a few days before the elections.

He said that if my thoughts change or if I hear anything that warrants a call, I should call him and if he hears any "alarms bells," he'll call me.

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