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Office of the Associate Attorney General

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The Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 1, 2009

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of the Department of Justice's 2008 annual report on certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2006), amended by Open Government Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-175, 121 Stat. 2524.

In accordance with subsection (e)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(e)(6), this report contains information regarding Freedom of Information Act litigation cases and also includes a description of the Department of Justice efforts to encourage agency compliance with the Act during calendar year 2008.

Additionally, in accordance with subsection (e)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, the Department of Justice has established "a single electronic access point" for the consolidated electronic availability of the annual FOIA reports of all federal agencies. These reports can be accessed through [http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/04\\_6.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/04_6.html), on the Department's FOIA Web site.

I can assure you of the Department of Justice's firm commitment to the faithful implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, in accordance with the Open Government Act of 2007 and the Attorney General's Memorandum dated March 19, 2009. We look forward to continuing to work together with Congress, in a constructive partnership based upon our mutual interests in sound FOIA administration, on all matters pertaining to the Act.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Arlen Specter  
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