MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Correspondence from [redacted] His EEOC Case

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[redacted] the President to advise him that the EEOC has ruled in his favor, after a fourteen month delay. [redacted] The letter states that [redacted] wrote the President about the case "some time ago." Central Files has no record of such a letter, although [redacted] writes the President frequently about whatever is on his mind. In his current letter, [redacted] states that the EEOC is "un-American" and that he will hold the President to his promise to get rid of it.

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Rick Neal sent [redacted] an interim response and forwarded the incoming to Mike Uhlmann, who adroitly passed it to us. I see no reason to bother the EEOC about this matter. According to [redacted] the matter was resolved in his favor in 14 months -- not at all a lengthly period for an EEOC complaint. I have been unable to confirm that the President promised to abolish the EEOC. We should ignore that assertion in any event, as well as the assertion that the EEOC is "un-American," the truth of the matter notwithstanding. I have drafted a deliberately bland response for your signature.

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Attachment

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Dear [redacted] b6

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning your case before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In that letter you noted that you obtained a favorable decision, but only after a delay of fourteen months.

As a general matter, the White House adheres to a policy of not becoming involved in or commenting upon particular matters before an agency that performs regulatory or adjudicative functions, such as the EEOC. This policy preserves the independence and integrity of the Commission's processes. I trust you will appreciate the need for us to adhere to this policy, and to refrain from comment upon your specific case.

We do, however, appreciate having the benefit of your more general views on the EEOC. They will be given every appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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