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Director Robert S. Mueller, 3rd
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Mueller:

I am writing about the proposed expansion of the federal complex at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Senator Feinstein has told me of your offer to meet with us in an attempt to resolve our concerns over the General Service Administration's (GSA) proposal to consolidate the FBI's resources and personnel at the site. I would very much appreciate meeting with you, but I believe it would be premature to do so until the GSA has performed a meaningful alternative site evaluation.

As you may know, I sent a letter to the GSA on April 13, 2006 (copy enclosed) detailing my concerns about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Of foremost concern to me was the GSA's failure to adequately evaluate alternative sites or to determine whether other cities or localities in the seven-county area within the FBI's Federal Central District would be interested in hosting the facility. The GSA considered thirty-five alternative sites in the DEIS and determined that not a single one met the FBI's criteria, which includes a "specific delineated area" that appears to preordain the current site as the only suitable one.

At a January 11, 2007 meeting with Senator Feinstein's and my staffs, representatives from the GSA and FBI indicated that no further study of alternative sites has been conducted and that the final EIS would be released in the near future. If this is true, it appears that the GSA and FBI do not intend to meet the letter and spirit of the National Environmental Policy Act to perform a serious and objective consideration of alternatives.

Again, I appreciate your personal involvement in this matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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