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Dear Representative Harris,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31, 2006, the contents of which disturbed me greatly.

You have raised a number of charges which both our US subsidiary and I, as Group Chief Executive, take most seriously. Whilst your letter does not provide specific detail, our Alaska managers are accused of being less than forthright and honest when meeting with you and during their testimony before your legislative body. They are claimed to have provided misleading information or actually to have lied. Steve Marshall is accused of making such misleading statements to the Joint Alaska Senate and House Resources Committee on August 18, 2006. Any such behaviour would be contrary to everything the BP Group stands for and in our experience would be totally out of character as regards Steve Marshall and other named members of his team. They have we believe always acted with the highest integrity.

However, through Bob Malone I have requested that Former U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Sporkin, our Regional Ombudsman for

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BP America, do a full and immediate investigation into the allegations made. If the allegations are found to be substantiated we will take the necessary and appropriate action. I ask that you share with this investigation all of the information that you have which forms the basis of the assertions contained in your letter.

I confirm that Bob Malone has full authority - and accountability - to take whatever action is required to ensure that BP Alaska, and indeed any other of our US subsidiaries, meet their obligations, comply with all applicable laws, regulations and our Code of Conduct, and uphold the integrity and reputation of the BP Group. I have every confidence that he will take all appropriate steps to achieve these ends.

Yours sincerely

John