

April 29, 2003

The Honorable Bart Gordon
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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