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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Dear Madame Attorney General:

In late March, I indicated that for personal reasons I intended to resign as Assistant Attorney General, effective around the end of the Summer 1995. The purpose of this note is to formalize my resignation, and to say that I will do all I can to assist in an orderly, timely transition for my successor.

As you know, my husband Greg urged me to seize the opportunity to serve the public and you in the Department of Justice, even though it meant that we would be living in separate cities during my tenure; however, his encouragement was premised firmly on a promise that I would return home in two years.

The time has come for me to keep my commitment to Greg.

It has been one of the high points of my life, both professionally and personally, to have had the chance to serve you. You are a remarkable person, a superb Attorney General. I believe your vision of the mission of the Department of Justice quite simply resonates with the best instincts of the American people.

It has also been a privilege for me to return to the Department to work with my colleagues in the Criminal Division. I have valued their wise counsel, their dedication, their hard work, their total devotion to "doing the right thing." They are for me -- and always will be -- the unsung heroes of this Department.

I will miss you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Lewis".