



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

CHAMBERS OF  
EDITH H. JONES  
CHIEF JUDGE

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July 10, 2007

Via Facsimile: 504-589-2444  
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Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Louisiana  
500 Poydras Street, Room C-206  
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Re: United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

Dear Judge Porteous:

In response to your letter of July 5, the special investigatory committee ("the Committee") recognizes that you have the right to obtain substitute counsel and that such retention might require a slight delay in our earlier timetable. The expedited proceedings, it should be pointed out, were designed to bring to a just conclusion these matters that have been pending for a very long time, to the detriment of the courts, the public interest, and yourself.

Consequently, the deadlines in our previous letter will be extended as follows. First, you must file your detailed response to the complaint on or before August 10, together with your list of witnesses and any offer to stipulate to any of the facts or charges contained in the complaint. Second, the hearing will be reset to occur in New Orleans from Wednesday, September 26 through Friday, September 28.

The Committee is reviewing your request for dismissal based on the complainant's failure to sign under oath, but it presently appears unlikely that the complaint is legally insufficient.

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As to the purpose of the hearing, that will depend on what factual statements addressed in the complaint are being contested. You will be given ample prior notice of the witnesses our investigators intend to call and the documents and grand jury testimony, if any, on which they will rely.'

Finally, there is no purpose in setting a status conference until you have responded to the complaint and identified what charges and issues you will contest.

Very truly yours,

*Edith H. Jones*

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*Fortunato Benavides\**

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Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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U.S. District Judge for the  
Southern District of Texas

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The Committee has recently also retained another former U.S. Attorney, Mr. Lawrence D. Finder, a partner at Haynes and Boone in Houston, Texas, to assist Mr. Woods.