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Ms. Deborah Gore Dean
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Dear Ms. Dean:

Your recent letter to the Attorney General has been referred to me for a response. In that letter, you ask the Attorney General to advise Independent Counsel Arlin Adams regarding the appropriate bases for recusal. You also ask the Attorney General to designate a Special Attorney or Special Assistant to handle the case against you, currently being prosecuted by the Office of Independent Counsel. You base these requests on your assertion that Judge Adams is biased against you because he allegedly harbors resentment against John Mitchell, whom you describe as a close friend of your family.

We have no reason to believe that Judge Adams is not fully aware of the standards for recusal. Furthermore, by statute, the Department of Justice may not direct Judge Adams to recuse himself; accordingly, we consider your letter to be a request that Judge Adams be removed from your case.

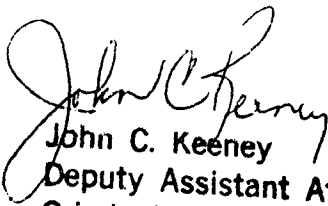
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 596(a), an Independent Counsel can be removed, other than by impeachment and conviction:

only by the personal action of the Attorney General and only for good cause, physical disability, mental incapacity, or any other condition that substantially impairs the performance of such independent counsel's duties.

We do not consider the grounds you raise "good cause" for the removal of the Independent Counsel. Neither the remarks attributed to Judge Adams in the USA TODAY nor your allegations concerning the conduct of the grand jury proceedings provide adequate reasons to seek Judge Adams' removal from the prosecution of your case.

Sincerely,

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