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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator
703 Senate Hart Office Building
The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
United States Senator
328 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senators Bingaman and Domenici:

I am writing in reference to your letter of November 16, 2005 to ExxonMobil's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lee Raymond. In your letter you asked for an explanation of the answer Mr. Raymond gave to the question that was asked during the November 9 hearing regarding ExxonMobil and participation in Vice President Cheney's Energy Task Force in 2001.

We regard the answer to your inquiry to be important and we have thus posted it on the company's internet website (specifically, the statement of explanation can be found at: http://exxonmobil.com/Corporate/Newsroom/NewsReleases/corp_nr_nr_211105.asp). For ease of reference, I have attached a print-out of that web page.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter to you or members of your staff. I send this with our best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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On November 9, 2005, in a joint hearing of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on "Energy Pricing and Profits", Senator Lautenberg posed the following question to the witness panel:

Q: "Did your company or any representatives in your companies participate in Vice President Cheney's Energy Task Force in 2001 - the meeting?"

Mr. L.R. Raymond correctly responded "no" to Senator Lautenberg's question.

The question of the identity of the participants on Vice President Cheney's Energy Task Force has long been an issue of interest to many. ExxonMobil has repeatedly stated and ExxonMobil's CEO Lee Raymond correctly confirmed in the recent Senate Hearings that ExxonMobil had not been a participant on the Task Force and no representative of ExxonMobil attended any meeting of the Task Force.

Our absence from Task Force meetings is not to be confused with a failure to share information on energy supply and demand matters with a broad audience.

Governments, customers, media and the general public are deeply interested in the issues related to the supply and cost of energy and the effects of energy use on the environment. Interest in these subjects is understandable and appropriate because access to reliable, environmentally safe and competitively priced energy is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life of people around the world.

ExxonMobil is the world's largest non-government petroleum and petrochemical company - with over 86,000 employees, a market capitalization of approximately \$350 billion and global operations in 200 different countries and territories. ExxonMobil's views on energy supply and demand and the need for a national energy policy are often sought, broadly communicated and well known. ExxonMobil has been sharing this information every year for decades with individuals at all levels of government, media, academia, business and community groups here in the U.S. and abroad. We also post this information on the company's internet site, www.exxonmobil.com.

A recent Washington Post article correctly noted that a meeting between ExxonMobil officials and an administration official took place on February 14, 2001. This 45-minute meeting took place at ExxonMobil's request. ExxonMobil provided information on the global energy supply and demand situation and steps ExxonMobil was taking to meet the world's growing energy needs. That same day, the same information was shared with the GAO and both Democratic and Republican House and Senate Energy staffs. These meetings also took place at ExxonMobil's request. The following day, again at ExxonMobil's request, the same information was shared with the Washington Post staff. In fact, the recent Washington Post story was merely re-reporting on events that were previously addressed in media coverage three years ago.