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### Beers Email to Knaus re Use of Mueller Quote

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**Subject:** RE: Use of Director Mueller Quote  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 22, 2010 6:12:48 PM

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Sarah,

Thanks for the opportunity to review the quote the Commission would like to use in its report. We've considered the quote in the context of the full interview and would like to recommend the edits reflected below. We believe both edits more accurately reflect the Director's statements during the interview. I'm heading out for the holiday, but I've copied Stephen Kelly and James Koukios here. They will both be available tomorrow in the event you have any questions. Thanks and happy holiday.

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Robert Mueller, FBI director since 2001, said that mortgage fraud needed to be considered "in context of other priorities," such as ~~terrorism~~ **preventing future terrorist attacks**. He told the Commission that **"we requested additional resources for the white collar criminal program; we got some resources but did not get what we had requested."** ~~he asked for more resources to fight fraud but "we didn't get what we requested."~~ from the Office of Management and Budget, the Justice Department and Congress.

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**From:** Sarah Knaus [mailto:sknaus@fcic.gov]  
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**Subject:** Use of Director Mueller Quote

Ms. Beers,

We may use in our report the following quote from Director Mueller's interview with the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

- Robert Mueller, FBI director since 2001, said that mortgage fraud needed to be considered "in context of other priorities," such as terrorism. He told the Commission that he asked for more resources to fight fraud, but "we didn't get what we requested," from the Office of Management and Budget, the Justice Department and Congress.

Please let us know if you have any questions by Monday.

Thank you,

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