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**Justice Department Continues to Sidestep Grassley, Leahy Questions About Whistleblower**

WASHINGTON — Sens. Chuck Grassley and Patrick Leahy today continued to demand answers to questions first posed to the Justice Department in July 2004. The Senators have been concerned about the suspension of a special agent who has been outspoken about the bureau’s shortcomings with regard to counter-terrorism and the Department’s lack of candor in answering questions about the case.

Today’s letter asks for a number of responses to questions that the Justice Department had previously ignored.

Grassley and Leahy first asked the Justice Department about its handling of Special Agent Robert Wright's case on July 14, 2004. The response from that letter did not address the questions, but simply said that Wright’s case had been referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility. A subsequent letter was then written on April 22, 2005 demanding answers in regard to the suspension of Special Agent Wright. The Department’s response still did not yield answers to important questions.

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