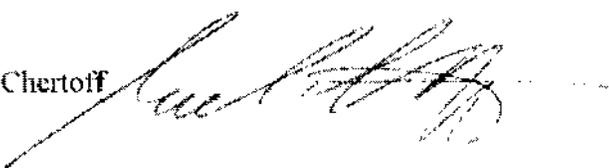




# Homeland Security

May 3, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director Mark Sullivan  
USSS

FROM: Secretary Chertoff 

SUBJECT: USSS Protection of Barack Obama

After consultation with the Advisory Committee, and as authorized by Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056 (a) (7), I have identified Senator Barack Obama as a "major Presidential candidate" under the statute. Accordingly, I hereby direct the United States Secret Service to provide protection to Senator Obama, effective on May 3, 2007 at 3:00 pm, until further directed.

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# Barack Obama

April 27, 2007

The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

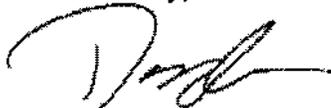
Dear Secretary Chertoff:

I am the campaign manager for Obama for America, the authorized committee supporting the candidacy of Senator Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. I am writing to request protection for Senator Obama from the United States Secret Service.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056 (a)(7), the Secret Service is authorized to provide protection to "major presidential" candidates as identified by an advisory committee consisting of the House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and one additional member. My understanding is that this advisory committee has met and has advised you that Senator Obama is a "major presidential candidate."

If the Secret Service agrees to provide protection to Senator Obama, he will accept the protection as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 819-2440.

Sincerely,



David Plouffe  
Campaign Manager

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