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Mike – attached is a copy of your letter commenting on our Engage/Weekly Standard article with our responses. We look forward to your response.

We hope the spirit of our article came through. While we expressed some views on how we believe the ethics rules work, we were simply asking questions – two in particular: whether those DOJ ex-detainee lawyers that were the subject of a lot of discussion in the media were complying with applicable ethics rules and whether those rules are applied evenly – and asking for the facts.

Our response is done in the same spirit. We hope you will join us, using your influence, particularly in the bar ethics world, in seeking the facts necessary to answer these questions. We are, by the way, happy to debate the issues with you, either privately or publicly.

Best, Richard and Edwin