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Despite confusing news reports, I am not a retired judge, but rather a Senior U.S. Circuit Judge – which means I do sit on a reduced number of cases. Since some of those cases involve the government, I think it is important to dispel other misstatements: I was never a candidate for White House counsel; I never indicated to a soul any interest in that position. The same is true of the position of Attorney General.

As for the DNI position, I declined to be considered for that post in January and February of 2005, while I was on a leave of absence from the judiciary, because I thought it presented a conflict of interest given the role of the Intelligence Commission, of which I was Co-Chair. I did indicate in August of last year, when I was not sitting on cases, that I was willing to be considered for the DNI position should John Negroponte leave. After I began sitting in September, I felt uncomfortable with that situation and the White House and I agreed that I would no longer be in consideration.

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