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WASHINGTON - The U.S. House Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena Tuesday demanding documents from Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

The subpoena is the first in the investigation into the firing of eight U.S. attorneys, The Washington Post reported.

"We have been patient in allowing the department to work through its concerns regarding the sensitive nature of some of these materials," Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the committee chairman, said in a letter to Gonzales. "Unfortunately, the department has not indicated any meaningful willingness to find a way to meet our legitimate needs."

Gonzales is scheduled to appear before the committee on April 17. The subpoena demands that documents be handed over by Monday at 2 p.m.

The Justice Department has already turned over thousands of pages of documents. The committee only asked for copies of those in cases where information had been removed.

