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The White House refused yesterday to supply Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.) with copies of Enron-related documents he has subpoenaed, but allowed his staff to come over and take a look at some of them.

Aides to Lieberman, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said the e-mail copies and other documents that were made available at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, next door to the White House, did not come close to complying with the subpoena, and said the restrictions imposed by the administration suggested an effort to stall.

Executives of Enron Corp., which in December filed the biggest bankruptcy case in history, had longtime personal and financial ties to President Bush and many top administration officials. Lieberman, who has accused the White House of trying to set a precedent of broad secrecy with information the public has a right to know, is seeking records of contacts between Enron officials and the White House in an effort to determine how much sway the Houston-based energy trading company had over administration policies and appointments.

A White House aide asserted that the administration has tried to be helpful and that Lieberman was being deliberately difficult in order to generate publicity for a possible presidential campaign.

White House Counsel Alberto R. Gonzales said in a letter to Lieberman that the administration will provide copies after working out 'procedures to safeguard the security and confidentiality of these documents.' Gonzales said the documents 'include many sensitive categories of information, including Social Security numbers, e-mail addresses of government officials, conference call numbers on the White House exchange, proprietary and confidential business and commercial information, executive branch communications concerning matters of policy, and foreign relations material.'

Gonzales said future releases could include classified material, since most National Security Council records have not been reviewed. He said he would tell the committee later if any documents covered by the subpoena have been withheld under a claim of executive privilege. 'At present, there are none we have determined to withhold,' he said.

Lieberman responded in a statement that his committee 'is trying to work with the White House to provide all appropriate assurances that the documents it subpoenaed will be maintained in a secure manner, while still allowing the committee to conduct its important oversight work.'

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.), who helped launch a congressional quest for records of the energy task force led by Vice President Cheney, said in an interview that White House officials 'seem to be going from one excuse to another' in their resistance to supplying Enron documents.

The Executive Office of the President made available 1,745 documents and Cheney's office allowed the committee's staff 'including representatives of both parties' to review 432 documents. The two received separate subpoenas on May 22, with a deadline of noon yesterday. On March 27, Lieberman had begun asking for information about White House contacts with Enron.

Lieberman extended the deadline yesterday by 24 hours at the request of the committee's ranking minority member, Sen. Fred D. Thompson (R-Tenn.), who was returning yesterday from Singapore. An aide said Thompson wants to talk to Lieberman about 'procedural issues regarding the committee's handling of the White House response to the subpoena.'

Gonzales said in his letter that after the White House received the subpoena, the Office of Records Management 'performed an electronic search of files in its possession that are full-text searchable.' Gonzales said officials also had searched the records of the electronic system that gives

individuals clearance to enter the White House complex. He said the National Security Council "performed searches of its classified e-mail system."

"We have searched for records of entries by certain individuals from Enron who were either senior executives of the company or who we had some reason to believe may have visited the complex," Gonzales wrote. He added that all the searches have so far identified no instance in which Enron approached anyone at the White House "seeking help in connection with its financial difficulties prior to bankruptcy."