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Subject: Media Inquiry

Mr. Inouye,

Good morning – I hope this message finds you well.

I'm a reporter for FoxNews.com who is working on a story about Lifeline, the federal program that provides phone service to low-income Americans. As you may know, the program has been in existence since 1985, but it has been in the news lately following the popularity of a viral video of a woman extolling the benefits of her "Obama phone."

Of course, there is no "Obama phone," yet there is, however, an Obamaphone.net website that clearly links the president to the program while indicating on the same very website that there is in fact no such thing as an "Obama phone." I'd like to inquire if the White House has any comment on this website and its portrayed link to President Obama. Also, is the administration comfortable with private contractors calling the subsidized phones "Obama phones?"

Any comment you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

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