

I feel that it is important to take a clear position regarding Jonathan's [post](#) this morning, which related to an alleged [comment](#) attributed by the press to me regarding a potential Supreme Court appointment.

Candor is critical.

Were mistakes made? Yes.

Have we taken corrective action? Yes.

The staff member responsible for the alleged comment is no longer with this office.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to my family and to the American people for this misstep which was, however, entirely outside my control.