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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the Committee on Foreign Affairs has been investigating the circumstances surrounding the deadly September 11-12, 2012 terrorist attacks on the U.S. Special Mission Compound in Benghazi, Libya. As part of that inquiry, I wrote you on November 19, 2013, requesting an update on the status of the four Department of State employees cited by the Accountability Review Board (ARB) for "leadership and management deficiencies" that led to inadequate security in Benghazi.¹

I have not yet received a formal response to this November 19 letter. On November 25, 2013, the Department replied to an earlier Question for the Record that I posed to Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy after he testified before the Committee on September 18, 2013. That Question for the Record also concerned the status of the four Department employees cited by the ARB, and the Department responded that:

The ARB recommended, and the Secretary agreed, that two of the personnel should be permanently relieved of the positions that gave rise to the ARB's findings. The Secretary also determined that the other two personnel should be permanently relieved of the duties that gave rise to the ARB's findings. *The four employees therefore were appropriately re-assigned to positions of less responsibility.* (Emphasis added.)

However, during your appearance before the Committee this week, you testified:

¹Department of State, *Report of the Accountability Review Board for the September 2012 Benghazi Attack*, December 19, 2012.

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It is absolutely inaccurate to suggest that nobody paid a price in the State Department for what happened. A report was delivered to me. I have acted on that report, as I said I would. Two people were demoted, and retired. *Two retired. Two careers were ended over it, and they left the Department. And, two other careers have seen demotions as a consequence of what happened there.*² (Emphasis added.)

Your testimony suggests that there may have been some developments with regard to the careers of these four employees. In order to clarify the record, I therefore request answers to the following questions:

1. What is the current employment status of former Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Maghreb Affairs Raymond Maxwell, former Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security (DS) Eric Boswell, former DS DAS for International Programs Charlene Lamb, and former Director of the Diplomatic Security Service Scott Bultrowicz?
2. If they remain employees of the Department of State, what are their current or pending assignments?
3. Which two employees are no longer employed by the Department? On which date did their employment end? Under what circumstances did they leave the Department (*i.e.*, retirement, termination, etc.)?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Alexander, Chief Counsel for Oversight and Investigations, at (202) 225-5021. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



EDWARD R. ROYCE
Chairman

² Testimony of John F. Kerry, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 10, 2013.