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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Thank you for your letter of October 16 requesting that the Department make available three employees for transcribed interviews with the Committee.

The Department is committed to working with Congress and your Committee as you proceed with your review. To that end, we appreciate the opportunity you have afforded for us to make Department employees available for your initial hearing in this matter, and to provide your Committee with the opportunity to interview employees and review Department records. We look forward to continued cooperation.

We have conveyed your latest request to all three employees and can confirm that the Department is prepared to make them available for interviews.

To assist our employees on focusing on the particular issues of interest to the Committee, we respectfully request that you share in writing information that we can provide to these employees regarding the specific scope of your interview and the topics that you intend to discuss prior to their interviews. Additionally, given that the Committee has requested that these interviews be transcribed for the Committee's records, we also request that each employee be given a copy of that transcription for their own records, and for the Department's records.

I will follow up directly with Mr. Alexander and Mr. Beattie of the Committee staff to schedule mutually convenient times for these interviews.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D S Adams", written over a light blue circular stamp.

David S. Adams  
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Legislative Affairs

The Honorable  
Darrell E. Issa, Chairman,  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,  
House of Representatives.

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings