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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the Committee's September 20 request for documents related to the September 11th attacks in Benghazi, we have identified a fifth tranche of potentially responsive records.

As with the previous four tranches, this fifth set of materials contains classified and other sensitive information, including information about the security of U.S. diplomatic missions overseas, foreign government information, and personal privacy information, the unauthorized release of which could cause damage to national security and foreign relations. Mindful of these considerations, the Department is making copies of these records available for the Committee's *in camera* review. As our records search and review continues, we anticipate making additional records available on a rolling basis.

Please contact me so we can arrange for review of these documents. Congress has been and must continue to be a full partner in providing for the security of our diplomatic and development professionals overseas. We look forward to continued cooperation on this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Affairs

The Honorable

Jason Chaffetz, Chairman,

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations,

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives.

cc: The Honorable John Tierney