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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the Committee's September 20, 2012, request for documents related to the September 11, 2012, attacks in Benghazi, we have identified a seventh tranche of potentially responsive records.

As with the previous six tranches, this seventh 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 we continue to review records, we anticipate making additional materials 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: The Honorable John F. Tierney

The Honorable

Jason Chaffetz, Chairman,

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

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,
House of Representatives.