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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your May 15 letter.


As you know, on the afternoon of May 15 – shortly after we received your letter – the White House released 100 pages of e-mails and other documents related to the preparation of the talking points provided both to Congress and to Ambassador Susan E. Rice in advance of her September 16 media appearances. This set includes the e-mails and other documents created by State Department personnel in connection with their participation in the interagency process led by the CIA to prepare the talking points in question.

These State Department documents were identified in response to an earlier request by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and shared with that committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) in February and March in order to accommodate their oversight interest in reviewing documents related to the interagency process led by the CIA to develop these points. While the overall set includes a significant number of documents from other agencies, we provide them in order to offer your committee the same documents to accommodate your request and to ensure that your committee has the benefit of the interagency context in which these State Department personnel participated.

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

We look forward to continued cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Gibbons', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas B. Gibbons
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated.

cc: Elijah E. Cummings