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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your Committee's continued interest in understanding the circumstances surrounding the September 11 attacks in Benghazi.

As you know, pursuant to statute, on October 4 the Secretary established an Accountability Review Board (ARB) to conduct a thorough and independent review of the September 11 attacks. The ARB has examined the facts and circumstances surrounding the events and has provided a report to the Secretary with its findings and recommendations.

In order to facilitate your Committee's ongoing review of the facts surrounding the Benghazi attacks, we are making the report available to committee Members and cleared committee staff for review.

As with previous records made available by the Department in this matter, we will make copies of the ARB report available for the Committee's *in camera* review and reviewers will have access to the documents on a read-only basis. Reviewers may take notes but will not be permitted to copy the documents or remove them from the reading room, regardless of the document's classification level.

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

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, and 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.

David S. Adams
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Legislative Affairs