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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are following up on our June 7 letter, which accompanied the transmittal of 97 pages of documents responsive to your subpoena of May 25.

In subsequent conversations, members of your staff have asked whether the Department has completed its response to the May 25 subpoena. As noted in our June 7 letter, we understand that the Committee believes it is critical to receive the various iterations of the talking points prepared for Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding attacks on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya on September 11-12, and related e-mails, generated in advance of Ambassador Rice's September 16, 2012 media appearances. The Department has conducted a search for documents from September 11 (the attack) to September 16 (Ambassador Rice's media appearances). We understand that this is the appropriate time period to search in order to comply with the subpoena. The Department has now provided all of the documents that we have identified as responsive in conducting this search and review. We will promptly supplement this response if we identify additional responsive documents.

Please contact us should you have any questions concerning this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas B. Gibbons".

Thomas B. Gibbons
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

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

cc: Elijah E. Cummings