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October 18, 2012

Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, USA  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
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Dear General Flynn:

As you are aware, the House Armed Services Committee is continuing its oversight of the events leading up to the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya and the response of the Department of Defense since September 11, 2012. Although seven House committee chairmen sent a detailed list of questions to the President on September 25, 2012, no one has received a response. I greatly appreciate, however, the DIA's cooperation with the committee's efforts, particularly the briefing to committee staff this morning, as well as the other briefings and assistance you have provided.

As a follow-on to today's briefing and in light of recent reporting, I have a few additional questions related to DOD actions prior to September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- (1) Excluding formal DIA analytical products, at any time prior to September 11, 2012, did you or anyone at the DIA, formally or informally:
  - a. advise the Department of State, or any other agency about any threat to U.S. personnel in Libya?
  - b. provide any input, guidance, or express concerns to the Department of State or any other agency relating to the security situation in Libya?
- (2) Given the consistently deteriorating threat environment in Libya prior to the Benghazi attack, at any time prior to September 11, 2012, did the DIA receive any requests from the combatant commands, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Department of State, or other elements of the intelligence community to allocate additional intelligence assets or provide additional analytical support to Libya? If so, were any of these requests unfulfilled?

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I am hopeful that in the five weeks since September 11<sup>th</sup>, you have already examined the actions taken by your command in the lead up to the Benghazi attack. Therefore, I respectfully request that you address these questions verbally or in writing by close of business on Friday, October 19, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon  
Chairman

HPM:jbs