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The Honorable Howard "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McKeon:

I write in response to your letter to the President dated October 29, 2012, regarding the military's response to the attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya.

I understand that the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence are coordinating interagency responses to congressional oversight inquiries related to the attack, which include the multiple briefings that occurred this past week. These agencies are in the best position to provide you with additional information concerning the military's actions on September 11-12, 2012.

Sincerely,



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Counsel to the President