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The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

*Mr. Chairman,*  
(U) In your letter of 2 August 2013, you asked that CIA respond to several questions that have arisen regarding the events in Benghazi on 11 September 2012. As you noted, CIA has responded via classified channels to dozens of requests for information from Congress over the last year. While we may never be able to stop the rumors and misstatements regarding events that night, I appreciate the opportunity to refute some of them directly.

(U) Below are responses to the specific questions you posed in your letter:

1. Has any officer, either staff or contractor, been forced to undergo any polygraph because of their presence at Benghazi or their participation in any activity related to the Benghazi attacks?

Response: No.

2. Has any officer, either staff or contractor, been required to sign any non-disclosure agreement because of their presence at Benghazi or their participation in any activity related to the Benghazi attacks?

Response: No.

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3. Has any officer, either staff or contractor, been told that they may not speak with Congress about the Benghazi attacks?

Response: CIA leadership has consistently made clear to staff and contractors that they may communicate about the Benghazi attacks to our oversight committees. To this end, I sent a letter to each of the officers who were in Benghazi on the night of the attacks relaying the HPSCI and SSCI request to meet with them and indicating we would support such meetings. That letter has now been appropriately redacted and provided to your Committee as an unclassified document. While I cannot account for all conversations that employees and contractors may have had on the subject of speaking to Congress, my letter reflects the commitment of CIA leadership to communicate clearly to our staff officers and contractors that they may speak to our oversight committees about the Benghazi attacks.

4. Has any officer, either staff or contractor, been threatened with reprisal for speaking with Congress about the Benghazi attacks?

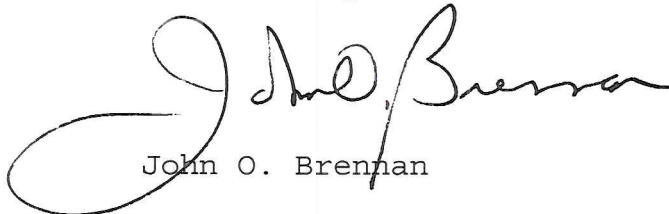
Response: No. To the best of my knowledge after inquiry, I am unaware of any officer who has been threatened with reprisals. Nor would I tolerate any such behavior. To retaliate or threaten retaliation against an officer would be a violation of law. As you know, I invited each of the officers who were in Benghazi on that night to speak with Congress and indicated we would support such meetings.

(U) Finally, you asked that CIA provide a list of all officers in Libya on 11 September 2012 and arrange for the Committee to speak to any of those officers regardless of their current location. Information identifying those officers is

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classified. We will work with the Committee to provide the relevant information via classified channels.

Sincerely,



John O. Brennan

Enclosure: (U) Copy of letter  
sent to an officer

I want to assure you that I will not  
take any effort to prevent our intelligence  
oversight committee from doing their jobs.