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

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I respectfully offer the following information in response to your October 18, 2012, questions.

- (1) No; neither I nor anyone in my command, to my knowledge, at any time prior to September 11, 2012, advised, formally or informally, that the Department of State, or any other agency, take action to increase security for U.S. personnel in Libya or request increased security for U.S. personnel in Libya.
- (2) No; at no time prior to September 11, 2012, did I or anyone in my command recommend deployment of additional U.S. military forces to Libya due to the threat environment.
- (3) No.
- (4) While the Accountability Review Board continues in its work reviewing any and all requests made by the Department of State, I can state with certainty that U.S. Africa Command did not receive any direction to provide U.S. military forces to augment security for U.S. personnel in Libya beyond the expiration of the Site Security Team's mandate through August 3, 2012.

We have, Mr. Chairman, frozen the email accounts of those U.S. military personnel that remained in Tripoli from August 4 through September 11, 2012, to assess if any informal communications with personal recommendations were sent during that timeframe in which they were under my command and no longer under Chief of Mission authority. To date, our due diligence has revealed no such communication.

Sincerely,


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General, U.S. Army
Commander, U.S Africa Command

cc:
The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member