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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McKeon,

(U) Thank you for your letter, dated October 18, 2012, noting your appreciation for the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) cooperation with the committee's efforts related to the attack on the United States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012. In response to your questions following up on a briefing by DIA analysts to committee staff on October 18, 2012, I offer the following information:

(U) Excluding formal DIA analytical products, prior to September 11, 2012, DIA neither formally nor informally advised the Department of State or any other agency about any specific threat to United States personnel in Libya. DIA analysts did, however, discuss the security situation in Libya with representatives of the Department of State and other agencies on four occasions:

- a. (U//FOUO) On January 19, 2012, the Defense Attaché in Tripoli, Lieutenant Colonel Brian Linvill, visited United States Africa Command in Stuttgart and hosted a video teleconference (VTC) attended by members of the Intelligence Community (IC), including DIA terrorism and political/military analysts focusing on North Africa. Discussions during that VTC centered on the political/military situation in Libya but did not include information related to al-Qaida activities in eastern Libya.
- b. (U//FOUO) On April 3, 2012, analysts from the Defense Combating Terrorism Center (DCTC, formerly known as the Joint Intelligence Task Force-Combating Terrorism) briefed the DIA-hosted al-Qaida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) Working Group Conference on current and future trends and threats in Libya at DIA Headquarters. Approximately 200 members of the IC attended, including representatives from the State Department.
- c. (U//FOUO) On April 17, 2012, analysts from the DCTC briefed on topics related to al-Qaida and Libya at the National Intelligence Council (NIC)-hosted Order of Battle conference for Libya, Algeria, and Egypt. Attendees included analysts from across the IC, United States Africa Command, United States Central Command, United States Special Operations Command, and British Intelligence.

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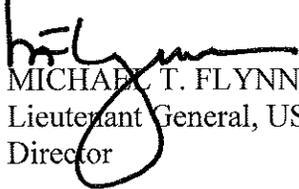
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d. (U//FOUO) On May 3, 2012, the United States Ambassador to Libya, Ambassador Christopher Stevens, visited DIA to receive briefings on Libyan security sector development, terrorist threats from Libya, and DIA collection efforts.

(U) Prior to September 11, 2012, DIA did not 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 IC to allocate additional intelligence assets or provide additional analytical support to Libya.

(U) I have directed DIA's Congressional Relations Division to continue to work with you and your staff on this matter. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Christina Monaco at (202) 231-0812.

Very respectfully,


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Director