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The Honorable Brian Bulatao
Under Secretary of State for Management
United States Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Under Secretary Bulatao:

Congress is conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the firing of Steve A. Linick as Inspector General for the U.S. Department of State. As Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I write pursuant to that investigation to request your participation in a voluntary transcribed interview on **June 11, 2020, at 10 AM**.

This interview will be conducted jointly by the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the interview transcript will be shared between the Committees.

The Committees are investigating whether work being performed by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) – including investigations that touched directly on the conduct of Secretary Pompeo himself – influenced the Secretary's recommendation that President Trump terminate Mr. Linick as Inspector General of the State Department. The Committees are deeply concerned that Secretary Pompeo may have been motivated by a desire to cover up evidence of his own wrongdoing that the OIG had uncovered.

Given your involvement in these matters, we believe that you may have information relevant to specific matter under investigation.

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Please contact staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee no later than **5 PM on Thursday, May 28**, to indicate whether you will comply voluntarily with this request.

Sincerely,



ELIOT L. ENGEL
Chairman

CC:

Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, House Committee on Oversight and Reform
Ranking Member Robert Menendez, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
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