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October 14, 2022

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to formally request the preservation of documents and to renew prior requests for information regarding last year's disastrous Afghanistan evacuation – some stretching back more than a year – for which we have not received satisfactory responses. Access to this information is critical to the Constitutional legislative and oversight responsibilities of Congress, and it is unacceptable for such requests to be ignored or given the attention they deserve.

On August 20, 2021, we requested that you provide specific documents and information related to the U.S. evacuation of Kabul no later than September 3, 2021. That date passed without any production or response from you. Due to that, we had to take another avenue to try and obtain information.

On November 15, 2021, we requested that 34 named Department of State and USAID employees be made available to the Committee for transcribed interviews. No one has yet been made available, and that request has also been similarly ignored.

I am reattaching copies of prior request letters for your convenience. With respect to the questions and the subjects that they raise, it is imperative that you remind all Department employees and officials of their legal responsibilities to collect, retain, and preserve documents, communications, and other records in accordance with federal law, including the Federal Records Act and related regulations. This includes electronic messages involving official business that are sent using both official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software. **This request encompasses all information connected to oversight requests by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Minority and**

**any additional requests from Congress pertaining to Afghanistan that have been issued since August 01, 2021.**

Specifically, this preservation request should be construed as an instruction to preserve all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to a future Congressional inquiry, request, investigation, or subpoena. For purposes of this request, “preserve” means securing and maintaining the integrity of all relevant documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, by taking necessary steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, mutation, or negligent or reckless handling that could render the information incomplete or inaccessible. This includes preserving all compilations of documents that have already been gathered in response to requests, even if copies of individual documents may still exist elsewhere in the agency.

Please note, we plan to request further documents regarding specific and troubling activities that have come to the Minority’s attention. This may also necessitate additional transcribed interview requests.

Finally, at the closed, classified Afghanistan briefing on June 15, 2022, we requested the Department of State provide to us the texts of the five unclassified opening statements delivered at that briefing. We repeated that request on June 21, 2022 but have not yet received those unclassified documents. Please provide them as soon as possible.

I respectfully urge your prompt attention to these increasingly delinquent matters.

Sincerely,



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August 20, 2021

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Dear Secretary Blinken,

We write to condemn in the strongest terms the Department's senior leadership team in its dereliction of duty regarding Afghanistan. Under your direction, contingency planning by the State Department has been woefully inadequate, and now we are seeing the tragic results: Thousands of Americans are fearing for their lives across the country; the Taliban's triumph is being broadcast across the world; a refugee crisis is growing; a new safe haven for terrorists is emerging; thousands of Afghans who helped our efforts over the course of 20 years are now in mortal danger; and the Taliban has taken possession of American weapons caches, vehicles, and air assets. The security and humanitarian disaster unfolding was avoidable, and it was caused in large part by the acts, omissions, and delays from the State Department which you lead.

Our adversaries have taken note of our every errant move, with PRC Foreign Minister Wang Yi reportedly criticizing the "hurried withdrawal" of U.S. forces, and a spokesman for the PRC's Ministry of National Defense harping earlier this month that Washington "bears an unavoidable responsibility for the current situation in Afghanistan." Russia piled on, with its spokeswoman stating plainly, "With horror, the world is watching the result of another historic Washington experiment." Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi minced no words, calling out the United States' "military defeat." And Hamas echoed this statement, congratulating the Taliban on its victory over American "occupation."

Meanwhile, U.S. allies – claiming they were not fully consulted on Afghanistan decisions that put their own national security interests at risk – are doubting our nation’s credibility and partnership. They are skeptical that we will honor long-standing security commitments stretching from Europe to the Pacific and wonder about our ability to present a united defense against our strategic adversaries Russia and China. In the U.K., Defense Secretary Ben Wallace has said the rapid U.S. withdrawal “was not the right time or decision to make,” and members of Parliament described President Biden’s actions as “shameful.” One British cabinet minister lamented that the withdrawal proved the United States “is looking inward and is unwilling to do even a modest amount to maintain global order.” These comments were echoed elsewhere in Europe. The chairman of the German parliament’s foreign relations committee said the early withdrawal “was a serious and far-reaching miscalculation by the [Biden] administration” that will do “fundamental damage to the political and moral credibility of the West.” In short, twenty years after 9/11, many of the same allies who bravely stood by us at the time of greatest peril have expressed deep concern that this Administration’s unilateral decision to end NATO’s longest-running mission by means of a botched withdrawal has weakened, and even humiliated, the alliance.

Questionable decisions at the State Department have compounded the problems we now face. Earlier this year, you chose to dissolve the Bureau of Contingency and Crisis Response, which could have provided logistical support with Afghanistan evacuations of U.S. citizens and embassy personnel. Credible information we have obtained from inside the Department suggests that coordination of aviation support for Afghanistan evacuations has been an unmitigated disaster – with the Operational Medicine (OpMed) directorate waiting for weeks for any guidance from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. When aircraft were finally requested on August 13<sup>th</sup>, the mission was turned off a day later at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. That should have ended the story but didn’t: Inexplicably, staff for the acting Under Secretary for Management then *reversed its decision*. Unfortunately, by then the bureaucratic dithering meant that the mission could no longer be executed, as the 747s were no longer available from the relevant vendor. All the while, desperate U.S. personnel in Kabul were forced to wait as the security situation collapsed.

The Department has claimed that it set up an Afghanistan SIV “task force” following the White House announcement of the withdrawal, but it is unclear how often the task force met, what decisions if any it made, what funds if any were planned and allocated to carry our necessary evacuation and assistance needs, and how its efforts were synchronized with the Department of Defense and other agencies like USAID. Reportedly the link provided to State Department personnel to “sign up” for the task force was not even functional – a small but telling example of the Administration’s lackadaisical approach and the dearth of resources it devoted to what it should have known would be, at best, a difficult challenge. Further, reports have shown that officials working on the task force this summer asserted that they had 6-12 months at least before Kabul fell, leaving them in no rush to staff up to address the massive SIV backlog despite urgent pleas from Congress.

Given the planning failures we have seen thus far and the situation that is evolving each hour, and pursuant to our constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of our nation’s foreign policy apparatus, we urgently request answers to the questions below no later than September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. How many American citizens and LPRs does the State Department estimate currently remain in Afghanistan, separate and apart from diplomatic personnel?
  - a. How many have been evacuated since August 13?

- b. How many of those came from outside Kabul?
    - c. How many Repatriation Assistance Requests has the State Department received over the last two weeks from U.S. citizens living in Afghanistan?
    - d. Will the Administration commit to continuing evacuations of U.S. citizens, personnel, and Afghan partners until 2022, if necessary?
  2. How many diplomatic personnel are working and residing at Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA)? What are their functions? Please provide a breakdown that includes government employees and contractors.
    - a. How long does the Administration intend to keep the additional roughly 6,000 U.S. troops at HKIA?
    - b. What is the status of Turkey's presence and role in securing HKIA?
    - c. Please provide details regarding this new embassy space and how it will be secured. Please further provide details regarding the division of security responsibilities at the new space between DoD and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS).
    - d. Please provide the number of staff members of State Department and USAID implementing partners (that are parties to grants, contracts and cooperative agreements) who are estimated to currently be in Afghanistan.
      - i. How many have you identified that want to leave and are considered at risk?
      - ii. Within this population, what is the breakdown between U.S. citizens, LPRs, SIV eligible individuals, those eligible for P1/P2 consideration, or humanitarian parole? What is the geographic breakdown of these individuals across Afghanistan?
  3. In light of the Taliban's takeover of Kabul, what is the status of ongoing U.S. assistance programs throughout Afghanistan, including programs previously conducted in coordination with the Afghan government as well as broader humanitarian and development assistance projects conducted through implementing partners? What are the Administration's intentions for rescinding and/or reprogramming foreign assistance in Afghanistan? More specifically:
    - a. Please provide a full breakdown of all U.S. funded foreign assistance programs and activities in Afghanistan, specifying by amount, account, geographic focus and implementing partner.
    - b. Please explain the status of funding outlined in recent Congressional Notifications issued on May 25, July 28, August 14, and August 16.
    - c. How does the Department plan to utilize the up to \$500 million Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance funds that President Biden authorized on August 16? How will these funds be deconflicted with other government funding (e.g., DoD)? What other humanitarian assistance resources are being considered to respond to increasing needs within Afghanistan?
    - d. Please explain the status of security assistance programs that were underway with the Afghanistan security forces, and what the Department is doing to account for U.S.-origin defense equipment provided to these security forces.
    - e. Please explain the status of Russian helicopters purchased beginning in 2013 with U.S. taxpayer dollars for use by the Afghan Air Force.
    - f. Please explain whether and how U.S. foreign assistance programs will be executed in a Taliban-controlled environment.
  4. Please provide an accounting of all consultations with NATO allies and partners on the timing and tactics of the withdrawal, given that some allies have said publicly that

Washington presented them with a *fait accompli* rather than any true opportunity to weigh in.

5. Will the State Department reconsider its upcoming Congressional Notification dissolving the Bureau of Contingency and Crisis Response, given the logistical challenges we now face and are likely to continue to face?
  - a. In the absence of a senior bureau official for the Bureau of Contingency and Crisis Response, which Assistant Secretary (or equivalent) official is currently responsible for providing aviation, logistics, and medical support to crisis response operations and remains responsive to relevant congressional committees for briefings on those capabilities?
  - b. What bureau and senior bureau officials at the State Department were responsible for developing plans for evacuating U.S. citizens, employees, and contractors from Afghanistan? Who was the senior Department official responsible for contingency planning regarding Kabul? If Deputy Secretary McKeon and Acting Undersecretary for Management Carol Perez shared authority, how was responsibility divided?
6. What is the Administration's intention regarding formal recognition of a Taliban government, and how will it ensure that U.S. assistance does not go to, and is not used by, a non-inclusive Taliban government?
7. Please provide all documents relating to the establishment of the State Department's SIV and Afghanistan Task Force(s), as well as any documents suggesting the degree, if any, to which the Task Force(s) synchronized their efforts with the Department of Defense and other agencies.
8. Now that the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul has been moved to the airport, what is the plan for continuing SIV, P1, and P2 application processing? Will we maintain a diplomatic presence in Afghanistan, consular or otherwise, beyond August 31<sup>st</sup>?
  - a. How does the State Department intend to fulfil its promise to provide SIVs to eligible Afghans if we cannot provide interviews to applicants in country?
  - b. Do P1 and P2 eligible Afghans need to depart on their own from Afghanistan, or will they be considered for evacuation via HKIA and then paroled? What are the criteria for such parole, and which Afghans is the Administration considering eligible, or prioritizing, for parole?
  - c. How many SIV, P1, and P2 applicants have been evacuated to date?
9. What considerations are being made to protect Afghan women and their families who worked in coordination with the U.S. government to promote women's empowerment and human rights? How does the State Department intend to fulfill its promise to provide resources and support for this vulnerable group in light of the degraded U.S. presence and increased risks to these individuals?
10. Which third countries have we received firm agreements from to host Afghan refugees and/or SIV applicants while they finish processing?
  - a. What resources is State providing to countries in the region surrounding Afghanistan to prepare for increased refugee outflows as a result of the premature U.S. withdrawal?
  - b. What efforts are being made to engage with regional countries surrounding Afghanistan regarding forced repatriation of Afghan refugees, and how does the principle of *non-refoulement* impact those efforts?

11. What diplomatic agreements are in place as of August 13, 2021 to grant the U.S. counterterrorism strike and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities?
  - a. What is the status of negotiations with regional countries to secure basing and airspace access for U.S. forces to conduct ISR operations in support of our counter-terrorism mission?
  - b. As of September 1, what is the Administration's plan to ensure the U.S. has the necessary intelligence collection capabilities, including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, to help prevent terrorism threats in Afghanistan from reaching the homeland? Does that plan include any U.S. presence on the ground in Afghanistan?
  - c. What is your assessment of the amount of time post-withdrawal that it could take al Qaeda and ISIS to regain enough capability to conduct an attack on the homelands of the U.S. and our allies?
12. What are the Administration's intentions for continuing negotiations with the Taliban in Doha, Qatar, Kabul, or elsewhere in Afghanistan? What conditions has the Taliban requested regarding keeping HKIA open past August 31st, and what promises has the U.S. government made in return?
13. Please provide copies of all internal Department dissent cables from 2020 and 2021 regarding the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, the potential effects of President Biden's rapid withdrawal, and recommendations to mitigate the threat to U.S. embassy personnel in Kabul.

CC

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USAID Administrator Samantha Power

Sincerely,



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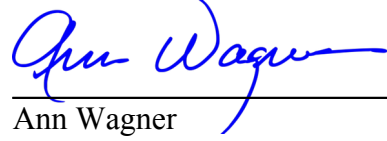
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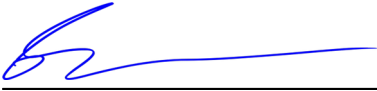
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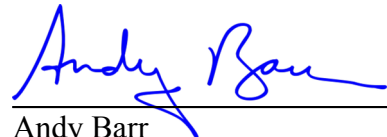
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September 23, 2021

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The Hon. Lloyd Austin III  
Secretary of Defense  
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The Hon. Avril Haines  
Director  
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Dear Secretary Blinken, Secretary Austin, and Director Haines,

On September 13, 2021, the House Foreign Affairs Committee held a hearing with Secretary Blinken to evaluate the Biden Administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan. During this hearing, several Members inquired about intelligence assessments predicting the Afghan government's ability to defend the country against the Taliban. When Secretary Blinken was asked how the Biden Administration is able to rectify the numerous conflicting statements from government officials on how quickly Afghanistan would fall to the Taliban, his response was:

“The Director of National Intelligence has said in the days leading up to the Taliban takeover, “Intelligence agencies did not say collapse was imminent. This unfolded more quickly than we anticipated, including in the Intelligence Community.”

I write to request that you submit to the House Foreign Affairs Committee the various intelligence products presented this year in the White House Principals meetings concerning: the strength and goals of the Taliban, the capabilities of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces to fight the Taliban without our continued support, reliability of senior political leadership

in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the evacuation related consequences for not maintaining Bagram Air Base, and the various time estimates over the course of this year on the likelihood of a Taliban takeover of the country. Of note, I am interested to see exactly how these products were reflected in the Biden Administration's contingency and worst-case scenario planning.

As you are aware, on June 23, the Wall Street Journal reported that intelligence assessments suggested the Afghan government may collapse six months after U.S. withdrawal, breaking from previous Biden Administration and military leadership suggestions that the Afghan government could hold for years. However, on August 8, CENTCOM Commander General McKenzie reportedly shared an estimate with Secretary Austin that the Taliban would control Afghanistan and isolate Kabul within 30 days. As such, it is imperative that Congress be given access to any and all reports and underlying intelligence products that led to the assessments so we may better understand how the situation deteriorated so quickly and why the Administration made the decisions they did regarding the disastrous evacuation.

I also request all relevant Department of State cables and intelligence community products regarding the threat of ISIS-K to Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA), specifically those leading up to the attack at HKIA on August 26, where we lost 13 brave service members. It is clear that U.S. forces were aware of an impending attack at the airport, as Secretary Austin reportedly told international leaders to prepare for a "mass casualty event" due to a "significant" intelligence report indicating a threat made by ISIS-K. I understand there may have been specific and credible threat information available the day before the attack. Please provide access to any and all relevant intelligence and related products from your organizations regarding any warning of this specific attack on U.S. forces.

The Administration owes the public transparency on the reports and assessments that informed the President's April 14 withdrawal decision and ultimately lead to abandoning hundreds of Americans, thousands of U.S. legal permanent residents, and tens of thousands of Special Immigrant Visa applicants and other Afghans at risk. Therefore, I also request you declassify and make public as much of this information regarding the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and the August 26 HKIA attack as possible, while protecting sources and methods.

Please make all requested information available within 30 days. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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November 15, 2021

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Dear Secretary Blinken,

It has been over two months since the Biden Administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan that resulted in the deaths of 13 Americans, and there are still many unanswered questions about the planning – or lack thereof – that preceded the drawdown and evacuation. In an effort to bring accountability and transparency to a situation that, thus far, has involved neither, and in furtherance of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's oversight responsibilities, we are writing to follow up on our document requests submitted to the Department on August 20.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to House Rule X, § 723, we request responsive materials at the earliest possible juncture.<sup>2</sup>

In addition, because recent briefings by State Department officials have been cursory exercises that mystify as much as they illuminate, with relevant actors often declining to answer questions directly, deferring to other colleagues or agencies, or claiming not to have relevant information at their immediate disposal and then offering to “follow up” with answers that never seem to arrive,

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<sup>1</sup> See “McCaul Leads Letter to Secretary Blinken Condemning State Department's Dereliction of Duty Regarding Afghanistan,” Press Release, Aug. 20, 2021, available online at <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/press-release/mccaul-leads-letter-to-secretary-blinken-condemning-state-departments-dereliction-of-duty-regarding-afghanistan/>; see also, Oversight Letter from House Foreign Affairs Republicans to Secretary Blinken, Aug. 20, 2021, available online at <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/8.20-GOP-HFAC-Letter-to-Blinken-Re-Afghanistan-Letter33.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> The Committee on Foreign Affairs has jurisdiction over “intervention abroad, “diplomatic service,” “protection of American citizens abroad and expatriation,” “relations of the United States with foreign nations generally,” and other matters that pertain to the Biden Administration's lack of contingency planning and botched exit from Afghanistan. See House Rule X, § 723 (1), (9), (10), (14).

we request the individuals listed below appear for transcribed interviews conducted by committee staff.

The purpose of the transcribed interviews is to establish a more detailed record regarding topics such as: the number of American Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents who still reside in Afghanistan (in public media accounts, the Department's own employees have recently called the magic number 100, which was repeated by senior Department officials for over a month, "absurd,"<sup>3</sup> and now the number has been confirmed to be significantly larger but is still unclear<sup>4</sup>); the mechanism(s) for continued evacuations; any agreements reached with the Taliban and third countries; counterterrorism (CT) and over-the-horizon (OTH) capabilities and realities; processing Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) applications and P1/P2 refugee referrals; the operations and decisions of various bureaus from April 2021 (when President Biden made his withdrawal announcement) through August 2021 (when Kabul fell); the internal deliberations of the Afghanistan Task Force, SIV Task Force, CARE Task Force, and other task forces and decision to wait to convene some of these until late July, August, and even October; the Administration's foreign assistance policy in Afghanistan moving forward; the Department's coordination and disconnects with the Department of Defense and USAID; Embassy Kabul's Emergency Action Plan (EAP), decision to destroy sensitive documents like visa applications and passports, and calling on DoD to move arms stored at the embassy; the timing of the NEO decision; the Department's approvals and blocking of private charter flights, and role in vetting of the same; the Department's current Afghanistan-focused operations in Doha; operations at and future plans for DoD "lily pads;" potential reimbursements to private charter groups that have supplied food and safe houses to at-risk Afghans; the Department's failure to answer congressional offices and assist with constituent emergencies in Afghanistan; and others.

The officials we request appear for transcribed interviews are the following:

1. Suzy George, Chief of Staff to U.S. Secretary of State
2. Brian McKeon, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources
3. Carol Perez, Acting Under Secretary of State for Management
4. Laura Dogu, CONUS Coordinator
5. John Bass, former Ambassador to Afghanistan and State Department lead of evacuation efforts at Hamid Karzai International Airport

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<sup>3</sup> See "So CA/OCS May Survive a Funding Crunch Only to Fall Apart at the Seams?", *Diplo pundit*, Oct. 7, 2021 ("LEADERSHIP OBSESSES OVER NUMBERS AS EXHAUSTION BITES...Somebody noted to us that 'The idea that 'around 100 citizens' remain in Afghanistan is absurd, as we never knew how many were there in the first place. And if it is such a low number who are posts from Mexico to Pakistan calling?").

<sup>4</sup> Jennifer Hansler, "Close to 200 Americans are still seeking to leave Afghanistan, State Department tells congressional staff," *CNN*, Oct. 22, 2021, available online at <https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/22/politics/us-citizens-afghanistan-withdrawal-biden-admin/index.html> (stating number of U.S. citizens in Afghanistan to be 363); Rachel Bade, Eli Okun, and Garrett Ross, *Politico* Playbook, Oct. 26, 2021, available online at <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/playbook-pm/2021/10/26/threats-red-lines-and-roadblocks-stand-in-way-of-a-deal-494848?tab=most-read> (stating DoD Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl confirmed number to be about 450); Jack Detsch et al, "State Department: Thousands of U.S. Residents Still Stuck in Afghanistan," *Foreign Policy*, November 3, 2021, available online at <https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/11/03/state-department-afghanistan-us-residents/>.

6. Scott Weinhold, Assistant Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Kabul
7. Ross Wilson, Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Embassy Kabul
8. James Morris, Department approver of flight manifests
9. Rena Bitter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs
10. Ian Brownlee, former Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs
11. Ian Hillman, Senior Advisor, Visa Office, Consular Affairs
12. Nancy Izzo Jackson, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
13. Larry Bartlett, Director of Admissions, Population, Refugees and Migration
14. Dean Thompson, head of Department’s Afghanistan Task Force and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs
15. Mark Evans, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs
16. Todd Brown, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security
17. Greg Sherman, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Assistant Director of High Threat Programs Directorate, Bureau of Diplomatic Security
18. Kevin O’Keefe, Director, Office of Security Assistance, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs
19. Tracey Jacobson, Operation Allies Welcome State Department Liaison
20. Beth Jones, Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts
21. Virginia Palmer, CARE Task Force Lead for Third Country Operations
22. Shannon Farrell, CARE Task Force Lead for CONUS Operations
23. Karen Decker, CARE Task Force Lead for American Inbound Flight Manifests
24. Evyenia Sidreas, Director, Arabian Peninsula, Bureau of Near East Asian Affairs
25. Brett Holmgren, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Intelligence and Research
26. Salman Ahmed, Director, Policy Planning Staff
27. Maureen Cormack, Dean of Foreign Service Institute
28. Dafna Rand, Director of the Office of Foreign Assistance
29. Richard Visek, Acting Legal Adviser
30. Karen Freeman, Acting USAID Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia
31. Mark Walther, USAID Director of Acquisition and Assistance
32. Sarah Charles, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance
33. Karen Freeman, Acting USAID Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia
34. Tina Dooley-Jones, USAID Mission Director Afghanistan

Please direct the above officials to schedule their interviews as soon as possible. Your refusal to provide the requested documents and interviews would not only prevent the Committee from fully investigating the matters outlined above but also impede Congress’ ability to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities to protect our national security.

If you have any questions, please contact staff for the Committee on Foreign Affairs at (202) 226-8467.

Sincerely,



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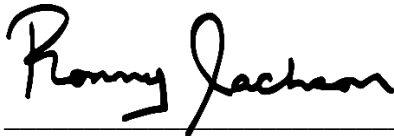
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