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The Honorable James R. Clapper, Jr.
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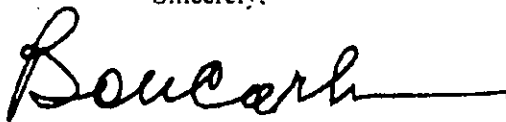
Dear Director Clapper:

It seems that with each passing day, the situation surrounding the administration's response to the terrorist attack on the U. S. Consulate in Libya becomes more bizarre. The United States Congress and the American people are still waiting to get straight answers from the administration on what actually happened that led to the deaths of four Americans, including one of our ambassadors, in Benghazi on September 11, 2012.

As of this morning, reports indicate that our well-trained FBI agents still have not been able to get into Benghazi to investigate. Yet just 18 days ago the administration apparently judged that it was appropriate for our consulate to be lightly guarded and it was safe for our ambassador to come through the city with a small security detail. What has changed in Libya in such a short time that even FBI agents, our most elite investigative personnel, cannot safely enter the city? What has led to such a precipitous decline?

An unwillingness to provide answers and the inaccuracy of the limited information we have received to date has undermined the credibility of the administration. To avoid further damage, I ask that you please personally respond with substantive answers very quickly.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State
The Honorable Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation