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Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering
Hills & Company – International Consultants
1120 Twentieth Street, NW
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Dear Ambassador Pickering:

The Subcommittee on National Security of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has been investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and his colleagues on September 11-12, 2012, in Benghazi, Libya. The Subcommittee will be holding a hearing on March 14, 2013, as part of its ongoing investigation.

I am inviting you to testify based on your service as Chairman of the Department of State Accountability Review Board (ARB), convened pursuant to Title III of the Omnibus Diplomatic and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 to examine the facts and circumstances surrounding the attack that claimed the lives of four Americans. The hearing will examine the methodology and findings of the ARB and explore the lessons learned based upon those findings. You should be prepared to provide a five minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members of the Subcommittee.

Please note that the intent of the Subcommittee is to hold an open, unclassified hearing, although the Subcommittee can be prepared to move to a closed, executive session if necessary. Therefore, please ensure that your written testimony is unclassified.

Instructions for witnesses appearing before the Subcommittee are contained in the enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. Please contact the Committee no later than March 1, 2013, to confirm that you will appear. If you have any questions, please contact Brien Beattie of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz

Chairman

Subcommittee on National Security

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable John F. Tierney, Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on National Security

Witness Instruction Sheet
Non-governmental Witnesses

1. Witnesses should provide 30 copies of their written testimony to Sharon Casey, Senior Assistant Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format via e-mail to Sharon.Casey@mail.house.gov.
2. Please do not send copies by U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, or other shippers. Such packages are processed through an offsite security facility and will arrive 7-10 days late.
3. Witnesses must complete the attached "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification. Additional pages may be attached to the form if needed. Witnesses must also include a resume or curriculum vitae. This disclosure and biographical information is required by House Rules. (House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5))
4. Witnesses "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and biographical information should be attached to all 30 copies of the testimony and included with the electronic copy of the testimony provided to the Clerk.
5. Written testimony and "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification form will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website. It is therefore recommended that personally identifiable information such as addresses and phone numbers not be included in the biographical information.
6. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
7. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances; however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
8. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
9. Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at www.oversight.house.gov.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074.

**Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Witness Disclosure Requirement – “Truth in Testimony”
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)**

Name: _____

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2010. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

2. Please list any entity you are testifying on behalf of and briefly describe your relationship with these entities.

3. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) received since October 1, 2010, by the entity(ies) you listed above. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____
