

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 2, 2012

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On November 1, 2012, the Washington Post ran an article by Greg Miller titled “CIA Rushed to Save Diplomats as Libya Attack Was Underway.” The article is littered with off the record quotes from “senior intelligence officials” within your administration.

We are resigned to the fact that in these waning days of the campaign season and in the shadow of the Benghazi terrorist attacks – for which there are still too many unanswered questions – members of your administration are not only discussing highly classified matters with reporters, but are perceived to be engaging in such activity for the purpose of bolstering your national security credentials. We find it reprehensible that information in the article was provided to the press before it was provided to Congress, and in some cases, the information stands in direct contradiction to the information briefed to congressional oversight committees.

We write today to ask if these disclosures were authorized, and if so, who authorized them and for what purpose? If they were in fact leaks and not authorized disclosures, what steps is your administration taking to find and prosecute those responsible?

Finally, given the unprecedented number of leaks that have occurred during your administration, we again ask you to reconsider your decision not to appoint an independent investigator. These disclosures – going back to information provided to David Sanger, news reports identifying sources and methods related to the second underwear bomber, and the original “Kill List Story” – appear to have come from some of the most senior individuals in your administration. Appointing a Special Prosecutor would remove even the appearance of political influence.

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We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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