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The Honorable Candice Miller Chairman Committee on House Administration U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

In compliance with rules issued by the Committee on House Administration, I am enclosing herewith the following reports:

- (1) Summary for November 2015 of specific studies and investigations;
- (2) Statement of expenses for November 2015, and the Fund Balance Statement;
- (3) Monthly report of domestic travel performed for November 2015, and
- (4) Listing of Committee employees for November 2015, their titles, and their gross monthly salaries.

Copies of the above reports are available in the Committee office for inspection by Members of the Committee.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Royce

Chairman

114TH CONGRESS

1ST SESSION

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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NOVEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 6, 2015

*** MEETINGS, HEARINGS, AND MARKUPS ***

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Hearing: "U.S. Policy After Russia's Escalation in Syria"

Full Committee, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES:

The Honorable Anne W. Patterson

Assistant Secretary

Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

U.S. Department of State

The Honorable Victoria Nuland

Assistant Secretary

Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

U.S. Department of State

1:00 p.m.

Hearing: "Demanding Accountability: Evaluating the 2015 "Trafficking in Persons Report"

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, Chairman Christopher H. Smith

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Kari Johnstone, Ph.D.

Principal Deputy Director

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

U.S. Department of State

Mr. James Carouso

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

U.S. Department of State

Panel II

The Honorable Mark Lagon

President

Freedom House

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(Former Ambassador-at-Large for Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State)

2:00 p.m.

Hearing: "Challenge to Europe: The Growing Refugee Crisis" Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, Chairman Dana Rohrabacher

WITNESSES:

Gary Shiffman, Ph.D Adjunct Professor Center for Security Studies Georgetown University

V. Bradley Lewis, Ph.D. Associate Professor School of Philosophy The Catholic University of America

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Markup: H.R. 2241, Global Health Innovation Act of 2015; H.R. 2845, African Growth and Opportunity Act Enhancement Act of 2015; H.R. 3750, First Responders Passport Act of 2015; H.R. 3766, Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015. Full Committee, Chairman Edward R. Royce

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Field Hearing: "Deplorable Human Rights Violations in Cuba and Venezuela"

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Chairman Jeff Duncan

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Mr. Antonio Rodiles Cuban Dissident

Ms. Sylvia Iriondo

President

Mothers and Women Against Repression (M.A.R. por Cuba)

Panel II

Ms. Adriana López Vermut Sister of Leopoldo López

Ms. Ibeyise Pacheco

Venezuelan Journalist and Writer

*** LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ***

Asterisked (*) Bills Introduced by a Committee Member

<u>H.R.3873</u>* – "To require the Secretary of State to produce a comprehensive strategy relating to United States international policy with regard to cyberspace, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Michael T. McCaul

<u>H.R.3874</u>* – "To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require reports on the Rewards for Justice program, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Michael T. McCaul

<u>H.RES.508</u> – "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President of the United States should use the full authority of his office to convene international negotiations intended to stop the civil war in Syria." Sponsored by Rep. James A. Himes

H.RES.509 – "Expressing support for the efforts of the Republic of Turkey, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the Lebanese Republic to provide housing, educational opportunities, health care, and other forms of humanitarian assistance to individuals and families displaced by the conflict in Syria." Sponsored by Rep. Adam Kinzinger

<u>H.R.3915</u> – "To ensure that United States Government personnel, including members of the Armed Forces and contractors, assigned to United States diplomatic missions are given the opportunity to designate next-of-kin for certain purposes in the event of the death of the personnel." Sponsored by Rep. Kurt Schrader

H.RES.513* – "Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twentieth anniversary of his death." Sponsored by Rep. Eliot L. Engel

<u>H.R.3924</u>* – "To establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Joaquin Castro

H.R.3942* - "To recognize that Christians and Yazidis in Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Iran, Egypt, and Libya are targets of genocide, and to provide for the expedited processing of immigrant and refugee visas for such individuals, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher

<u>H.RES.519</u> – "Supporting the ideals and goals of the 'International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women." Sponsored by Rep. Michael M. Honda

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*** EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS ***

EC - Executive Communication; PM - Presidential Message; PT - Petition; ML - Memorial

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PM #71 — Notification, consistent with Sec. 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act [50 U.S.C. 1622], that the national emergency with respect to Sudan declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, expanded on April 26, 2006 in Executive Order 13400, and the additional steps taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, shall continue in effect for one year, beginning November 3, 2015. October 29, 2015.

EC #3347 — The Department's final rule — Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations to Include Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 13224 [Docket No.: 150928889-5889-01] (RIN: 0694-AG75) received October 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Pub. L. 104-121, Sec. 251. November 2, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #3348 — A notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Thailand, Transmittal No. 15-61, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. November 2, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting communication.

EC #3349 — A report certifying that the export of the listed item to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to Sec. 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261), as amended by Sec. 146 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), and the President's September 29, 2009, delegation of authority (74 Fed. Reg. 50,913 (Oct. 2, 2009)). November 2, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting communication.

EC #3350 — The Department's final rule – Visas: Interview Waiver Authority (RIN: 1400-AD80) received October 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Pub. L. 104-121, Sec. 251. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

EC #3351 — A notification, effective September 6, 2015, that the danger pay allowance was determined for specific areas in Haiti and Turkey, pursuant to Sec. 131 of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

EC #3352 — A notification, effective September 6, 2015, that the posts listed no longer qualify for danger pay allowance, pursuant to Sec. 131 of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

EC #3353 — Agreements prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements, other than treaties entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting communication.

PM #72 — Notification of the intent to terminate the designation of the Republic of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act as of January 1, 2016, pursuant to the African Growth and Opportunity Act Sec. 506A(a)(3)(B), as amended [19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(3)(B)]. November 2, 2015.

ML #0147 — By the Speaker: A memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 104, urging the Congress of the United States to reject the U.S.-led nuclear agreement with Iran and press for a new agreement that will prevent allent all pathways to an Iranian nuclear weapon. November 3, 2015.

EC #3375 — A notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance to Turkey, Transmittal No. 14-01, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and certification, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(d); Foreign Assistance Act, Sec. 620c(d); (92 Stat. 739). November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting communication.

EC #3376 — The Department's intent to sign a Project Arrangement to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Department of Defense of Australia, Transmittal No. 08-15, pursuant to Executive Order 13637 and, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f). November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting communication.

*** REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ***

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DOD Use of the "All Necessary Corrective Steps" Exception. October 19, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting report pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2249e(e) and Section 8059(e) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015.

<u>Charter: Materials Technical Advisory Committee</u>. October 21, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Response to GAO Report: "Nuclear Weapons Sustainment: Improvements Made to Budget Estimates, but Opportunities Exist to Further Enhance Transparency" (GAO-15-536). October 23, 2015. Department of Energy transmitting report pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 720.

Response to GAO Report: "DOE Project Management: NNSA Should Ensure Equal Consideration of Alternatives for Lithium Production" (GAO-15-525). October 23, 2015. Department of Energy transmitting report pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 720.

<u>Emergency Wartime Licensing Activities</u>. October 27, 2015. Department of Commerce transmitting report pursuant to Section 1503 of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003.

SEC Disclosure Report. November 3, 2015. Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting report pursuant to Section 13(r)(4) of the Exchange Act.

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SBU: Cuban Compliance with Migration Accords. November 3, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 2245 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999.

FY 2014 Accelerating Progress in the Global Effort Against Tuberculosis. *Hard copy only*. November 3, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting report pursuant to the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.

<u>Security Assistance Report</u>. November 3, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 7010 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2015.

Response to GAO Report: "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REFORM: Billions of Dollars in Savings Have Been Realized, but Agencies Need to Complete Reinvestment Plans" (GAO-15-617). November 4, 2015. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Chapter 7 Title 31.

*** GAO REPORTS ***

None.

*** CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS ***

International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement(INLCE), Economic Support Funds (ESF), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), Economic Support Funds- Overseas Contingency Operations (ESF-OCO), Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), Africa Regional Economic Support Funds (ESF), Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Countering Terrorism (CT), Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism (PREACT), Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP), Democracy Fund (DF) Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Funding (PCCF) International Military Education and Training (IMET), Development Credit Authority (DCA)

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CN #17 — *Country Narrative:* \$155,000,000 FY 2015 DA, ESF, and GHP-USAID funds obligated to support Bangladesh. October 30, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

CN #18 — Country Narrative: \$193,090,000 FY 2015 GHP-USAID and ESF-OCO funds obligated to support the Democratic Republic of the Congo. October 30, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

CN #19 — *Country Narrative:* \$2,000,000 FY 2015 ESF-OCO funds obligated to support the Central African Republic. October 30, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 14-01: Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Turkey for major defense equipment, and related equipment and services estimated to cost \$70,000,000. October 28, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

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Certification that appropriate and adequate steps have been taken to ensure appropriate security of the construction project at the United States Embassy in New Delhi, India. October 30, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-305 — \$2,531,122 FY 2015 NADR funds for GTR programs obligated to support the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-306 — \$26,512,801 FY 2015 FMF-OCO and FY 2016 FMF funds obligated to support the Southeast Asia Maritime Security Initiative, Oman, and Mexico. November 2, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-307 — \$4,850,000 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the trade-related environmental cooperation program with countries with which the United States has negotiated Free Trade Agreements and/or Environmental Cooperation Mechanisms. November 4, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #15-308 — \$400,000 FY 2015 ESF-OCO funds obligated to support the West Africa/Sahel Youth and Youth-Focused Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Network of Organizations and Practitioners. November 4, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.

CN #20 — *Country Narrative:* \$108,730,000 FY 2015 DA, GHP-USAID, and ESF funds obligated to support the Philippines. November 5, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

CN #21 — *Country Narrative:* \$39,750,000 FY 2015 DA and ESF funds obligated to support Vietnam. November 5, 2015. Agency for International Development transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 0O-15: Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Morocco for defense articles and services, resulting in an increase in Major Defense Equipment (MDE), to total overall value of \$1.015 billion. November 3, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 15-59: Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Italy for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$129,600,000. November 3, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 15-69: Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of France for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$30,000,000. November 3, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 10-15: Notification of the Department of Defense's designation of Sweden as a friendly foreign country for the purpose of a Project Agreement Concerning Advanced Propulsion and Power Technology pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden Concerning Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Projects. November 3, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

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Transmittal No. 0M-15: Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$12.86 billion. November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 15-78: Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Lithuania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$599 million. November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 15-56: Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$115 million. November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Transmittal No. 15-51: Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$380 million. November 4, 2015. Department of Defense transmitting notification.

Notification that Dettin S.p.A. will receive relief from sanctions imposed upon it pursuant to its designation under the Iran Sanctions Act. November 4, 2015. Department of State transmitting notification.