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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 July 2016 of specific studies and investigations;
- (2) Statement of expenses for July 2016, and the Fund Balance Statement;
- (3) Monthly report of domestic travel performed for July 2016, and
- (4) Listing of Committee employees for July 2016, their titles, and their gross monthly salaries.
- (5) Listing of Committee detailees for July 2016.

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

Sincerely

Edward R. Royce

Chairman

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Hearing: "Financially Rewarding Terrorism in the West Bank"

Full Committee Hearing, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES:

David Pollock Ph.D.

Kaufman Fellow

Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Mr. Yigal Carmon

President and Founder

Middle East Media Research Institute

The Honorable Robert Wexler

President

S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace

2:00 p.m.

Markup of: H. Res. 210, Affirming and recognizing the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in Southeast Asia; H. Res. 634, Recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; H. Res. 728, Supporting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia; and H.R. 4501, Distribution and Promotion of Rights and Knowledge Act of 2016.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Chairman Matt Salmon

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Hearing: "Demanding Accountability: The Administration's Reckless Release of Terrorists from Guantanamo" Full Committee Hearing, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES: Mr. Lee Wolosky

Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure U.S. Department of State

Mr. Paul M. Lewis

Special Envoy for Guantanamo Detention Closure

U.S. Department of Defense

3:30 p.m. Joint Hearing: "South China Sea Maritime Disputes"

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, Chairman Randy J.

Forbes

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Chairman Matt Salmon

WITNESSES:

Mr. Abraham Denmark

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia

U.S. Department of Defense

Ms. Colin Willet

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

U.S. Department of State

*** LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ***

Asterisked (*) Bills Introduced by a Committee Member

<u>H.R.5611</u> — "To prevent terrorists from launching attacks and obtaining passports, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Kevin McCarthy.

<u>H.R.5624</u> — "To require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Tom Emmer.

<u>H.RES. 806*</u> — "Expressing condolences for the killing of the British Member of Parliament (MP) Jo Cox." Sponsored by Rep. Joe Wilson.

<u>H.R.5631</u> — "To hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening activities and for its human rights abuses, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Kevin McCarthy.

<u>H.RES. 808*</u> — "Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Iranian-Americans Siamak Namazi and his father, Baquer Namazi." Sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Royce.

<u>H.R.5653</u> — "To require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues." Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Crowley.

<u>H.R.5677</u> — "To establish the United States-Israel joint commission to address Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action." Sponsored by Rep. Raul Ruiz.

<u>H.R.5678</u> — "To authorize assistance and training to increase maritime security and domain awareness of foreign countries bordering the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, or the Mediterranean Sea in order to deter and counter illicit smuggling and related maritime activity by Iran, including illicit Iranian weapons shipments." Sponsored by Rep. Raul Ruiz.

<u>H.CON.RES.142</u> — "Supporting the bid of Los Angeles, California to bring the 2024 Summer Olympics back to the United States and pledging the cooperation of Congress with respect to that bid." Sponsored by Rep. Xavier Becerra.

<u>H.RES.810</u> — "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the life and work of Elie Wiesel in promoting human rights, peace, and Holocaust remembrance." Sponsored by Rep. Steve Israel.

<u>H.RES.814</u> — "Calling on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to invoke article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty and conduct a military campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)." Sponsored by Rep. Todd C. Young.

*** EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS ***

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

ML #0268 — By the Speaker: A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2010, urging the President, Secretary of State and Congress of the United States to secure the safe release of Robert Levinson from Iran. July 1, 2016.

ML #0269 — By the Speaker: A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Memorial 1001, urging the members of the United States Congress from the state of Arizona to officially recognize the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East as genocide. July 1, 2016.

ML #0270 — By the Speaker: A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Concurrent Memorial 1013, urging the United States Congress to take action to prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty or other similar treaties. July 1, 2016.

*** REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ***

RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 7/1

Report to Congress on Notification and Assessment of Proposal to Modify or Introduce New Aircraft Sensors for Flight by the Russian Federation under the Open Skies Treaty. June 28, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting report pursuant to Section 1244 (b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

Annual Report Relating to the Training of Security Forces and Associated Security Ministries of Foreign Countries to Promote Respect for Rule of Law and Human Rights. June 27, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting report pursuant to Section 1206 (e) of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2015.

The Global Effort to Reduce Child Hunger and Increase School Attendance. *Hard copy only*. June 28, 2016. Department of Agriculture transmitting report pursuant to Section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, reauthorized in the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Exercise of Waiver Authority: Controlled Aircraft, Equipment, and Technical Data to be Authorized for Export and Re-Export. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 1606 of IIANPA.

SEC Disclosure Report. July 5, 2016. Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting report pursuant to Section 13 (r) (4) of the Exchange Act.

SBU: Report on the Efforts of the President to Carry Out an Initiative of Multilateral Diplomacy with Respect to Iran. Hard copy only. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 1245 (e) (2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012.

Report on the Department of State's Energy Related Activities from June 2014-June 2016. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Public Law 110-140, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 931 (d).

<u>The Advancing Freedom and Democracy Report.</u> July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 2121 of Public Law 110-53.

Ebola Response and Preparedness Funding 30-Day Report Covering the Month of April 2016. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 9004 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2015.

*** 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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ECA Grant Notification: \$950,000 obligated to the Partners of the Americas to support the Capacity-Building Program for U.S. Undergraduate Study Abroad. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$300,000 obligated to the University of Oklahoma to support the U.S. – Pakistan Professional Partnership Program for Journalists in Urdu. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$675,000 obligated to the American Council of Young Political Leaders to support the Professional Fellows Congresses in Washington, D.C. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$750,000 obligated to Georgetown University to support the Youth Ambassadors Program. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$135,000 obligated to Globalhood to support the Youth Ambassadors Program. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$1,030,000 obligated to the University of Tennessee to support the Global Sports Mentoring Program. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$2,300,000 obligated to the International Research & Exchanges Board to support the Community Solutions Program. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 16-33: Notice of a Proposed Issuance of Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$65 million. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 16-39: Notice of a Proposed Issuance of Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Chile for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$140.1 million. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 0R-16: AECA Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability to the United Kingdom previously notified on March 24, 2016, by Congressional certification transmittal number 16-26 estimated to cost \$1.8 million for the MDE and totaling \$3.2 billion. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 0P-16: AECA Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability to the Government of Japan previously notified on June 1, 2016, by Congressional certification transmittal number 15-35 estimated to cost \$412 million for the MDE and totaling \$1.5 billion. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 0N-16: AECA Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability to the Government of Japan previously notified on August 4, 2015, by Congressional certification transmittal number 15-53 estimated to cost \$360 million for the MDE and totaling \$1.5 billion. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-148 — \$150,000 FY 2016 AEECA funds obligated to be used for the International Emergency Management and Cooperation Program for Armenia in order to strengthen nuclear emergency management. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-149 — \$2,700,000 FY 2016 AEECA-OCO funds obligated to be used by the Office of International Affairs for the National Energy Resiliency Planning and Energy Efficiency and Cybersecurity Technical Assistance programs in Ukraine. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-150 — \$1,262,500 FY 2016 International Military Education and Training funds obligated to support IMET programs for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-151 — \$3,806,000 FY 2016 AEECA-OCO funds obligated to be used for the International Nuclear Cooperation Program for Armenia and Ukraine. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-152 — \$47,883,000 FY 2016 AEECA-OCO funds obligated to support the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and related costs. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-153 — \$2,046,800 FY 2016 AEECA funds obligated to be used by the Foreign Agricultural Service's Office of Capacity Building and Development for the Cochran Fellowship Program and Faculty Exchange Program, as well as by the U.S. Forest Service in order to train firefighters to fight forest fires in the irradiated Chornobyl Exclusion Zone. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-154 — \$987,000 FY 2015 INCLE funds obligated to support rule of law and human rights programs, projects and activities for Libya. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

- CN #16-155 \$6,405,000 FY 2012 ESF-OCO funds obligated to be used by the Department of State to help Afghanistan address and combat the sexual abuse of Afghan children, to support the Afghan peace process, and to support civil society and media programs. July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-156 \$1,700,000 FY 2016 AEECA funds obligated to be used by the Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Program to provide hands-on training and technical assistance to Eurasian and Central Asian business executives, healthcare professionals, and civil society representatives. July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-157 \$635,790 FY 2015 INCLE funds obligated to support law enforcement and security sector reform programs, projects and activities for Yemen. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-158 \$400,000 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the State Department training and capacity building efforts designed to implement the President's *International Strategy for Cyberspace*. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-159 \$19,900,000 FY 2016 NADR funds obligated to support Conventional Weapons Destruction programs. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-160 \$2.910,000 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the fourth round of the Global Women, Peace and Security (GWPS) Initiative to promote peace and security by protecting and empowering women in countries affected by crisis, conflict, and transition. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-161 \$55,000,000 2016 PKO-OCO funds obligated to support the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #16-162 \$220,000 2015 INCLE funds reprogrammed to support rule of law programs, projects, and activities with Vietnam. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.
- CN #102 \$36,461,505 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the Health, Higher Education, and Financial Sector program areas in Egypt. July 6, 2016. USAID transmitting congressional notification.
- Transmittal No. 17-16: Notification of the Department of Defense's designation of the Republic of Singapore as a friendly foreign country for the purpose of a Project Agreement Concerning Sensing and Integrated Navigation with Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and Augmentations (SINGA) estimated to cost \$6,324,000. July 1, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 16-40: Notice of a Proposed Issuance of Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$300 million. July 5, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of 17 excess M279A1 Guided Missile (Hellfire) Launchers to the Government of Croatia via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$85,335. June 28, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of excess binoculars, sighting devices, and laser range finders (categorized as significant military equipment) to the Republic of Moldova via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$120,331. June 28, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of excess vehicle spares, clothing, and individual equipment to the Government of Lebanon via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$13,802,623, June 28, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of five excess T56-15A engines to Turkey via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$5,097,160. June 29, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of two excess C-145As to Nepal via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$6,000,000. June 30, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of 210 excess M915A3 and M916A3 Tractor Trucks to the Government of Morocco via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$3,458,133. June 30, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of excess ammunition to the Government of Mexico via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$20,700. June 30, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of the proposed grant transfer of 15 excess J85-GE-4A Engines to Greece via the Excess Defense Articles program estimated to cost \$136,307, June 30, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Certification that appropriate and adequate steps have been taken to ensure appropriate security of the construction project at the U.S. Mission to the European Office of the UN and other International Organizations, Geneva, Switzerland. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

Notification of certification regarding the central government of Guatemala and the accompanying Memorandum of Justification. July 1, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional 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 Madrid, Spain. July 5, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$901,000 obligated to World Learning Inc. to support the Professional Fellows Program. July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$450,000 obligated to Mobility International USA to support the Mobility Exchange Clearinghouse. July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$3,000,000 obligated to Family Health International to support the American English E-Teacher Program. July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$26,000,000 obligated to Family Health International to support the English Access Microscholarship Program (Access). July 6, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

Notification for the Renewal Charter for the Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee. June 26, 2016. Department of Commerce transmitting congressional notification.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Hearing: "Human Rights Under Siege Worldwide"

Full Committee Hearing, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES:

The Honorable Mark Lagon . .

President

Freedom House

Thomas Farr, Ph.D.

President

Religious Freedom Institute

Ms. Amanda Schnetzer

Director

Human Freedom Initiative The George W. Bush Institute

Mr. Mark Bromley

Chair

The Council for Global Equality

2:00 p.m.

Joint Hearing: "Pakistan: Friend or Foe in the Fight Against

Terrorism?"

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, Chairman Ted

Poe

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Chairman Matt Salmon

WITNESSES:

The Honorable Zalmay Khalilzad

Counselor

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Mr. Bill Roggio Senior Editor Long War Journal

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Tricia Bacon, Ph.D. Assistant Professor American University

2:00 p.m.

Hearing: "Accountability Over Politics: Scrutinizing the Trafficking in Persons Report"

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

WITNESSES:

Panel I

The Honorable Susan Coppedge

 $\label{lem:lem:mass} Ambassador-at-Large\ to\ Monitor\ and\ Combat\ Trafficking\ in\ Persons$

U.S. Department of State

Panel II

Mr. David Abramowitz Managing Director Humanity United Action

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Hearing: "Countering the Virtual Caliphate: The State Department's Performance"

Full Committee Hearing, Chairman Edward R. Royce

WITNESSES:

The Honorable Richard Stengel

Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

U.S. Department of State

2:00 p.m.

Hearing: "The Castro Regime's Ongoing Violations of Civil and Political Rights"

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

WITNESSES:

Oscar Elias Biscet, M.D.

President

Lawton Foundation for Human Rights (Former Cuban political prisoner)

Ms. Sirley Avila Leon Democracy Advocate

Ms. Maria Werlau

President

Free Society Project

Mr. Geoff Thale

Program Director Washington Office on Latin America

2:00 p.m. Hearing: "Turkey's Democratic Decline"

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, Chairman Dana Rohrabacher

WITNESSES:

Henri J. Barkey, Ph.D.

Director

Middle East Program
The Wilson Center

Fevzi Bilgin, Ph.D. President Rethink Institute

Mr. Alan Makovsky Senior Fellow Center for American Progress

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. Markup of: H. Res. 634, Recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; H. Res. 660, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia; H. Res. 728, Supporting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia; H. Res. 729, Expressing the support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel; H. Res. 750, Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 780, Urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016; H. Res. 808, Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Iranian-Americans Siamak Namazi and his father, Baquer Namazi; H. Res. 810, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the life and work of Elie Wiesel in promoting human rights, peace, and Holocaust remembrance: H. Res. 821, Urging the Government of Gabon to respect democratic principles during the August 2016 presidential elections; H.R. 4481, Education for All Act of 2016; H.R. 5094, Stability and Democracy for Ukraine Act; H.R. 5537, Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2016; H.R. 5732, The Caesar Syrian

2:00 p.m. Hearing: "U.S. Humanitarian Assistance to Syria: Minimizing Risks and Improving Oversight"

Civilian Protection Act of 2016.

Full Committee, Chairman Edward R, Royce

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Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, Chairman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

WITNESSES:

Mr. Thomas Melito

Director

International Affairs and Trade

Government Accountability Office

The Honorable Ann Calvaresi Barr

Inspector General

Office of the Inspector General

United States Agency for International Development

2:00 p.m. Hearing: "The Strategic Importance of Building a Stronger U.S.-Caribbean Partnership"

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Chairman Jeff Duncan

WITNESSES:

Mr. Eric Farnsworth

Vice President

Council of the Americas and Americas Society

Ms. Sally Yearwood

Executive Director

Caribbean-Central American Action

His Excellency Richard Bernal

Pro-Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs

University of the West Indies in Jamaica

2:00 p.m. Markup of: H. Res. 290, Calling for the global repeal of blasphemy

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

Hearing: "Hope Deferred: Securing Enforcement of the Goldman 2:15 p.m. Act to Return Abducted American Children"

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

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Ms. Karen Christensen

Deputy Assistant Secretary

Bureau of Consular Affairs

U.S. Department of State

Panel II

Chris Brann, M.D.

(Father of Child Abducted to Brazil)

Ms. Ruchika Abbi (Mother of Child Abducted to India)

Mr. James Cook (Father of Children Abducted to Japan)

Ms. Edeanna Barbirou (Mother of Child Abducted to Tunisia)

*** LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ***

Asterisked (*) Bills Introduced by a Committee Member

H.RES.815 — "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that governments should assure that all travelers departing for or returning from a destination where mosquito transmission of the Zika Virus is occurring will be informed of symptoms of the Zika Virus, the measure that should be taken to protect against mosquito bites, and inform women who are pregnant or may become pregnant to seek advice of their physician prior to travel." Sponsored by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

<u>H.RES.817</u> — "Expressing continued support for the special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom and urging commencement of negotiations for the development of a North Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (NATIP) between the United States and the United Kingdom." Sponsored by Rep. Charles W. Dent.

<u>H.RES.821*</u> — "Urging the Government of Gabon to respect democratic principles during the August 2016 presidential elections." Sponsored by Rep. Christopher H. Smith.

<u>H.RES.823</u> — "Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on June 28, 2016, that resulted in the loss of at least 44 lives." Sponsored by Rep. Virginia Foxx.

<u>H.RES.827*</u> — "Condemning the terrorist attack on the Pulse Orlando nightclub, honoring the memory of the victims of the attack, offering condolences to and expressing support for their families and friends and all those affected, and applauding the dedication and bravery of law enforcement, emergency response, and counterterrorism officials in responding to the attack." Sponsored Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

<u>H.RES.829</u> — "Expressing support for completion of President Obama's Export Control Reform Initiative, which will fundamentally reform the United States export control system and enhance United States national security." Sponsored by Rep. Collin C. Peterson.

<u>H.RES.830</u> — "Calling for all parties to respect the arbitral tribunal ruling with regard to the South China Sea and to express United States policy on freedom of navigation and overflight in the East and South China Seas." Sponsored by Rep. Mike Pompeo.

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- <u>H.R.5708*</u> "To oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.
- <u>H.R.5716</u> "To prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from issuing certain licenses in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran, to require the Secretary of Treasury to issue an annual report on the status of, and risks related to, U.S. financial institutions involved with the sale or lease of such a commercial passenger aircraft, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Robert Pittenger.
- <u>H.R.5727</u> "To impose sanctions on persons that threaten the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq." Sponsored by Rep. Adam Kinzinger.
- H.R.5728 "To prohibit scheduled passenger air transportation between the United States and Cuba until a study has been completed regarding security measures and equipment at Cuba's airports, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the role of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding security standards at foreign airports, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. John Katko.
- <u>H.R.5729</u> "To prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from issuing certain licenses in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran, to require annual reports by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Export-Import Bank on financing issues related to the sale or lease of such a commercial passenger aircraft or spare parts for such an aircraft, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Robert Pittenger.
- <u>H.R.5732*</u> "To halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes." Sponsored by Rep. Eliot L. Engel.
- H.R.5735* "To authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prioritize efforts to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Steve Chabot.
- <u>H.R.5740</u> "To hold war crimes suspects and Nazi war criminals accountable by encouraging foreign governments to more efficiently prosecute, extradite, deport, or accept for deportation such war crimes suspects and Nazi war criminals, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Steve Israel.
- <u>H.R.5827*</u> "To require the President to determine whether a sale or transfer of advanced integrated air defense systems to Iran meets the requirements to impose sanctions under certain Iran sanctions laws, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Steve Chabot.
- <u>H.R.5847</u> "To authorize the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative focusing on peace and nonviolence in global conflict resolution, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. John Lewis.

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<u>H.R.5850</u> — "To provide a coordinated regional response to effectively manage the endemic violence and humanitarian crisis in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras." Sponsored by Rep. Zoe Lofgren.

<u>H.R.5877</u> — "To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to promote cooperative homeland security research and antiterrorism programs relating to cybersecurity, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. John Ratcliffe.

<u>H.R.5890*</u> — "To promote stability and security in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Matt Salmon.

<u>H.R.5910</u> — "To amend title 31, United State Code, to establish within the Department of the Treasury an Economic Sanctions Strategy, Coordination, and Planning Group, and for other purposes." Sponsored by Rep. Todd C. Young.

*** EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS ***

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EC #05298 — A six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641 (c); Public Law 94-412, Section 401 (c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703 (c); Public Law 95-223. Section 204 (c); (91 Stat. 1627). July 7, 2016. Department of the Treasury transmitting executive communication.

EC #05927 — A six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 on August 1, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641 (c); Public Law 94-412, Section 401 (c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703 (c); Public Law 95-223, Section 204 (c); (91 Stat. 1627). July 7, 2016. Department of the Treasury transmitting executive communication.

EC #05929 — Proposed legislation to authorize the Inter-American Foundation to create a subsidiary corporation, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 290 f. July 7, 2016. Inter-American Foundation transmitting executive communication.

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EC #05950 — A report 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, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b (d) (1); Public Law 92-403, Section 1; (86 Stat. 619). July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting executive communication.

EC #05951 — A proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Chile, Transmittal No. 16-39, pursuant to Section 36 (b) (1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776 (b) (1); Public Law 90-629, Section 36 (b) (as amended by Public Law 106-113, Section 1000 (a) (7)); (113 Stat. 536). July 8, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting executive communication.

EC #06007 — The Department's final rule – Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [Docket No.: 160303186-6186-01] (RIN:0694-AG91) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a) (1) (A); Public Law 104-121, Section 251, (110 Stat. 868). July 12, 2016. Department of Commerce transmitting executive communication.

EC #06008 — The Department's final rule – Temporary General License: Extension of Validity [Docket No. 160106014-6530-03] (RIN: 0694-AG82) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a) (1) (A); Public Law 104-121, Section 251; (110 Stat. 868). July 12, 2016. Department of Commerce transmitting executive communication.

EC #06009 — Informing the Congress of the Department's intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Transmittal No. 19-16, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767 (f); Public Law 90-629, Section 27 (f) (as amended by Public Law 113-276, Section 208 (a) (4)); (128 Stat. 2993). July 12, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting executive communication.

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System Review Report on the U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of the Inspector General and USAID Response. July 8, 2016. Department of Agriculture transmitting report on behalf of the Office of Inspector General pursuant to GAO's "Government Auditing Standards."

2016 Report on International Parental Child Abduction. *Hard copy only*. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 101 of the Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2014.

SBU: Ebola Response and Preparedness Report, May 2016. July 7, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 9004 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2015.

Statement on GAO's Recommendations Provided in the GAO Report, U.S. Government Should Strengthen End-Use Monitoring and Human Rights Vetting for Egypt. July 11, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 720 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code.

SEC Disclosure Report. July 12, 2016. Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting report pursuant to Section 13 (r) (4) of the Exchange Act.

<u>U.S. Direct Hire Staffing for the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance</u>. July 12, 2016. USAID transmitting report pursuant to the Explanatory Statement accompanying P.L. 114-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2016.

SBU: Memorandum of Justification and Determination for East Asian and Pacific Affairs to Waive Visa Ineligibility to Allow Thu Nanda Aung to Travel to New York. July 13, 2016. Department of State transmitting report pursuant to Section 5 (a) (1) in the Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act of 2008.

<u>Millennium Challenge Corporation Advisory Council Charter.</u> July 14, 2016. MCC transmitting report pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972.

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GAO-16-565: Iran Nuclear Agreement: The International Atomic Energy Agency's Authorities, Resources, and Challenges. June 9, 2016.

GAO-16-629: Syria Humanitarian Assistance: Some Risks of Providing Aid Inside Syria Assessed, but U.S. Agencies Could Improve Fraud Oversight. July 14, 2016.

*** 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 #16-163 — \$98,155,376 FY 2015 PKO-OCO funds, FY 2016 PKO funds, and FY 2016 PKO-OCO funds obligated to support the UN Support Office for Somalia, South Sudan, the Global Peace Operations Initiative, the Central African Republic, Liberia, and the Africa Conflict Stabilization and Border Security. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-164 — \$3,026,156 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the strengthening of ocean conservation around the globe through capacity building, expansion of international partnerships, and technical training to catalyze major new commitments and initiatives for sustainable fisheries management and combatting illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing; reducing the sources of marine debris and other types of ocean pollution; creating and implementing effective marine protected areas; and understanding and addressing ocean acidification and other climate-related impacts to the ocean. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #103 — \$500,000 FY 2015 DA funds originally notified by CN#22 on November 9, 2015, reprogrammed to support Haiti in the area of Economic Opportunity in order to support a green charcoal production and distribution activity. July 8, 2016. USAID transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$130,000 obligated to the National Youth Science Foundation to support the National Youth Science Camp. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

ECA Grant Notification: \$479,294 obligated to the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute to support the Study of the U.S. Institute for Pakistani Students on Local, State, and Federal Public Policymaking. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. 19-16: Notification of the Department of Defense's intent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation of Cyber Capabilities. July 7, 2016. Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

Transmittal No. DDTC 16-037: Certification of a proposed license for the export of riflescopes to Mexico for use by the Mexican Navy estimated to cost \$2,478,000. July 8, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-165 — \$90,000 FY 2015 Two-Year IMET funds obligated to support IMET programs for Chad. July 11, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-166 — \$3,743,500 FY 2002, 2006, 2009, and 2010 No-Year IMET funds obligated to support IMET programs for Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leon, Togo, Nauru, Tuvalu, Vietnam, Argentina, Belize, Guatemala, Greece, and Lithuania. July 11, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-167 — \$4,680,000 FY FMF-OCO funds from the Department of State and \$18,720,000 from the Department of Defense's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative funds totaling \$23,400,000 obligated to be transferred to the Global Security Contingency Fund (GSCF) to support Ukraine. July 11, 2016. Department of State and Department of Defense transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-168 — \$11,032 FY 2016 CSCS funds and \$260,997 future CSCS funds obligated to purchase a site in Hermosillo, Mexico for a new consulate compound. July 12, 2016, Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-169 — \$20,500,000 FY 2015 INCLE funds obligated to implement security sector and rule of law programs, projects and activities to combat violate extremism in Africa. July 13, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-170 — \$100,000 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support election monitoring activities for South Africa's August 3 municipal elections. July 13, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-171 — \$3,000,000 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support the Full Participation Fund program in order to promote innovative efforts by Department bureaus and embassies to integrate gender into foreign assistance programming and planning, to support monitoring and evaluation of the foreign assistance component of the program, and to scale existing FP Fund programming. July 13, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-172 — \$20,566,000 FY 2015 ESF funds obligated to support activities to advance climate change programs. July 14, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.

CN #16-173 — \$3,000,000 FY 2011 INCLE funds reprogrammed from Iraq to support rule of law and human rights in Albania. July 15, 2016. Department of State transmitting congressional notification.