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July 9, 2009

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Director Mueller:

On May 20, 2009, at a House Judiciary Committee hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) I requested that you consult with the Department of Justice and, if appropriate, immediately investigate allegations made by the Speaker of the House as to the truthfulness of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) briefings to members of Congress. My initial request, as you know, was based on a very serious charge leveled by Speaker Nancy Pelosi that calls into the question the credibility of the intelligence briefings members of Congress receive.

The Chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence has stated that recent information has led him to believe that Congress was affirmatively lied to by the CIA. Providing further detail, a June 26, 2009, letter from Members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence has raised questions about the truthfulness of information being delivered to Congress by CIA Director Leon Panetta himself.

Their letter notes a possible conflict between statements from the CIA Director and his testimony before Congress. Specifically the letter notes the Director's statement that "it is not our policy or practice to mislead Congress," and that "recently you testified that you have determined that top CIA officials have concealed significant actions from all Members of Congress, and misled Members for a number of years from 2001 to this week."

The work of our intelligence professionals to stop terrorists, alert decision makers about the plans of dictators around the world, and protect American lives is too important to allow serious accusations about alleged criminal conduct to go uninvestigated. I ask that you expand my original request, to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing by CIA employees, to include questions raised by members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence about whether the CIA Director's communications to Members of Congress and statements have been fully accurate. Only after this matter has received a full and thorough investigation can members of

Congress be confident that they are receiving honest and complete information in their intelligence briefs from the CIA.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter and please contact me at 202-225-5074 if you have any further questions about my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrell Issa', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Edolphus Towns, Chairman