

“There is, however, a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.”

~ Edmund Burke

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol, H-232
Washington, D.C., 20515

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Dear Speaker Boehner,

Through the investigative journalism of *Fox News* reporter Catherine Herridge,¹ a report of the Senate Intelligence Committee,² and the investigation and litigation efforts of Judicial Watch,³ we now know that there is compelling evidence that former Acting Central Intelligence Director Michael Morell has made false and misleading statements to Congress. This issue demands your immediate personal attention.

We were pleased to see that our letter of January 6, 2014 may have persuaded you and your various committee chairs investigating the Benghazi attacks to make some limited efforts to promote information gathered through the uncoordinated work of the House.

But the establishment of the Internet website, “The House Republican Investigation of Benghazi” only highlights the inadequacies of House efforts to date. Most Americans, in addition to a large majority of your party’s caucus, demand a full and complete investigation of this terror attack. Mr. Morell’s statements and conduct appear to have materially contributed to confusing and misleading the Congress and the American people. Susan Rice’s latest rounds of lies about Benghazi on the February 23, 2014 edition of *Meet the Press* illustrate the contempt that this Administration has for your committees’ investigation to date.

Americans want facts and justice – not controlled leaks of heavily redacted interview transcripts. The latest polling shows, “Sixty-six percent of voters want Congress to keep investigating the White House’s handling of Benghazi. That includes 50 percent of Democrats, 68 percent of Independents and 83 percent of Republicans.”⁴

Once again, we urge you to now create a House Select Investigative Committee on Benghazi – fully resourced with staff and subpoena powers – to conduct a thorough, coordinated investigation.

Mr. Morell must be compelled to appear before Congress and explain his statements and conduct. Even if he invokes his right not to testify under the Fifth Amendment, then the Congress must pursue, through a Select Committee, the many unanswered questions and apparent Obama administration cover-up of the terror attacks that cost the lives of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Foreign Service Officer Sean Smith, and Security Officers Glen Doherty and Ty Woods.

In addition to these new concerns about potentially false and misleading testimony and information being provided to Congress, there are a host of *other* Benghazi-related questions that remain unanswered. Most troubling perhaps are the still unresolved questions about whether any Obama Administration officials prevented available military assets, especially in the African Command (AFRICOM), from being used to protect and secure American personnel and facilities under attack in Benghazi. Indeed, Judicial Watch recently obtained new documents, first uncovered by a retired military officer, that dramatically highlight significant U.S. Navy assets that could have been deployed to assist and protect U.S. lives on September 11, 2012.⁵

Gravely disturbing evidence of possible criminality and abuse of both public office and the public trust is now before you. **Mr. Speaker, you must act now.**

Sincerely,

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