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The following is a preliminary timeline of events at they took place in both Benghazi and Tripoli as reported to and from the Diplomatic Security Command Center on September 11 and 12, 2012. All times are approximate.

Tuesday, Eastern Daylight Time

1550 The Diplomatic Security Command Center (DSCC) receives word that US Mission Benghazi is under attack by 15-20 armed hostiles.

1615 RSO Benghazi advises that hostile individuals are setting fire to buildings on the compound, including the one housing Ambassador Stevens, IPO Sean Smith, and ARSO [redacted]

[redacted] The [redacted] located in close proximity responds with a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) from its Annex and takes fire from hostiles. QRF returns to the Annex to regroup with host militia and redeploys.

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1720 The QRF returns to the Benghazi [redacted] Annex with all five RSO agents and the body of IPO Smith. Ambassador Stevens exact location remains unknown.

1834 The State Operations Center is informed of the presence of two contractors in a Benghazi hotel holding their position.

1858 Embassy Tripoli has confirmed the whereabouts of all COM employees in Tripoli.

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2313 A [redacted] member Response Team from Tripoli arrives at the Benghazi [redacted] Annex to help evacuate.

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2332 Annex Benghazi receives indirect fire on two separate volleys, killing two [redacted] personnel (Medics) and wounding two others (one DS agent and one [redacted] security).

Wednesday, Eastern Daylight Time

0034 All COM employees and the Response Team depart [redacted] Annex Benghazi traveling to the Benghazi Airport.

0110 Embassy Tripoli reports all COM personnel have been consolidated and are located at the [redacted] Annex.

0131 [redacted] COM employees depart wheels up, for Tripoli International Airport. [redacted] wait for a second plane with three killed in action and the Ambassador presumed dead.

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0225 Ambassador Stevens' body arrives at Benghazi Airport.

0238 The first flight from Benghazi touches down at Tripoli International Airport, met by staff from Embassy Tripoli. Wounded personnel are sent to a local hospital.

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