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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your inquiries concerning a June 17, 2011, email exchange released as part of the Department of State's ongoing productions of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

The email exchange discusses efforts to transmit a document from the State Department's Operations Center to Secretary Clinton using a secure fax machine. At 8:21 a.m., Secretary Clinton queried whether the document could instead be sent using unsecure methods given apparent problems with the secure fax machine.

We have been asked if we can confirm that the referenced document was transmitted using a secure fax machine. At this time, the Department has not been able to identify the document that was the subject of this exchange or to establish the content of the document transmitted in this time period. The Operations Center logs its interactions with Department officials and basic information on actions taken in response. The log does not record the subject or content of its fax transmissions. Accordingly, we are unable to provide you with a copy of the document. If the Department learns additional information about this document we will notify the Committee.

The Department confirms that the Operations Center sent a secure fax message to Secretary Clinton on June 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The Operations Center has no record of sending a non-secure fax transmission to Secretary Clinton between the time of her 8:21 a.m. email and the secure transmission referred to above. In addition, the Department located two email chains that demonstrate the Department's efforts to transmit a document requested by the Secretary using a

secure fax machine, including a final instruction to send the transmission at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the Operations Center log and these email chains are attached. We have also reviewed Secretary Clinton's emails from the relevant time period; it does not appear that she received the referenced document via email.

I hope this information addresses your questions. Please contact me if the Department can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy