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November 9, 2012

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

I write in response to your letter dated October 11, 2012, regarding the investigations that have been conducted by the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Secret Service, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

As initial allegations emerged about inappropriate conduct by certain U.S. government personnel during a trip to Cartagena, Colombia in April 2012, the White House initiated an internal review of the White House advance team that traveled to Colombia. At the conclusion of that review, we did not identify any inappropriate behavior on the part of the White House advance team. Thereafter, a document was brought to our attention containing information possibly related to a volunteer traveling with the White House advance team. After further review, our conclusion did not change.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform