

Statement for the Record

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Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Cummings, and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to discuss CIA's continuing cooperation with the Committee's investigation.

Since the Committee's creation, CIA has enjoyed a positive and productive dialogue with the Committee and its staff. As of last Friday, CIA had fulfilled all of the Committee's requests to date.

Specifically, since last June, CIA has certified the Committee's secure work spaces, granted access to Sensitive Compartmented Information for 15 members of the Committee staff, reviewed roughly 40,000 pages of State Department documents for CIA equities, and, through the Director of National Intelligence, provided the Committee with finished intelligence products relating to Libya during the period in question. Last Friday CIA began production of more than 1,000 highly sensitive CIA documents requested by the Committee; I understand Committee staff will begin reviewing those documents tomorrow.

With regard to Committee requests to interview current or former CIA officers, we will work with the Committee to respond to such requests in a timely fashion.

Working with classified information and interviewing covert employees can pose unique challenges for congressional oversight. We are committed to providing the Committee with access to the information you need while safeguarding intelligence sources and methods. We look forward to continuing our dialogue in the weeks ahead.