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September 25, 2008

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

This letter relates to the Committee's ongoing investigation of government contracts awarded to AEY, Inc. On September 12, 2008, media sources reported that a former Albanian subcontractor for AEY, Kosta Trebicka, died in Albania. Mr. Trebicka had cooperated with the Committee's investigation by providing information and documents relating to his work for AEY. Mr. Trebicka also cooperated with the federal law enforcement investigation of AEY that resulted in the indictment of AEY and several AEY officials.

The circumstances of Mr. Trebicka's death remain unclear, but some have suggested he may have been murdered as a result of his cooperation with investigators or his criticism of the Albanian government's treatment of AEY.

I request that the State Department provide Committee staff with a briefing on its knowledge of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Trebicka's death. Please be prepared to discuss any interactions U.S. officials had with Mr. Trebicka, or with the Albanian government or others in Albania about Mr. Trebicka, prior to his death. Please also be prepared to discuss any interactions that U.S. officials have had with the Albanian government or others in Albania regarding Mr. Trebicka's death.

Please provide this by October 3, 2008.

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To schedule this briefing, please contact Russell Anello or Stacia Cardille with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member