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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairman and Vice Chairman Bond:

We are providing an update to our initial response to congressional direction in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2647 (Report No. 111-288), Public Law 111-84, Section 1057, which directs the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report "on the advisability of providing Federal retirement benefits to United States citizens for the service of such citizens prior to 1977 as employees of Air America or an associated company during a period when Air America or the associated company was owned or controlled by the United States Government and operated or managed by the Central Intelligence Agency."

This follows our interim response of April 29, 2010 in which we committed to providing 90-day progress reports. Since our last communication, we have identified and obtained initial funding of \$350,000 to secure contract support for gathering, analyzing, evaluating, and expanding on current data, entailing the use of investigators and benefit specialists. We expect to identify contract support during August. In addition, we have begun to review the 318 boxes of personnel records currently held by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Compiling a comprehensive history of Air America and associated companies, reaching out to information sources within and outside these companies, gathering or reconstructing information (oral and written) on previous investigations and administrative and legal actions, making a determination of the equities involved in this matter, including possible legislative recommendations, and conducting necessary coordinations, represents a very significant investment of time and resources. The phases of this effort will entail development of a detailed project plan, primary research and analysis, initial findings, and development and coordination of a draft report. Depending on initial observations and challenges, we may need to make adjustments to the project in

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terms of scope and schedule. Given the scope and complexity of the tasking, we estimate this work will take up to nine to twelve months and may require additional funds.

The ODNI is committed to comply with this reporting requirement and will continue to provide you with quarterly progress reports.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (703) 275-2473.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen" followed by a stylized flourish.

Kathleen Turner
Director of Legislative Affairs