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The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III
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Dear Sirs:

On February 26, 2003, the Governmental Affairs Committee held its second day of hearings regarding the creation of the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, and heard testimony from witnesses from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security. The hearing raised questions about the structure of the TTIC, and near the close of the hearing, we asked the panel for further information regarding the division of responsibility among key counterterrorism agencies. Specifically, we asked which agencies would have the primary responsibility for analyzing foreign intelligence and domestic intelligence, what relationship the TTIC would have with those agencies, and for a thorough discussion of the responsibilities of the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, the CIA's Counter Terrorist Center, and the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate of DHS in light of TTIC's creation.

On October 7, 2003, we received a response from Mr. Brennan, Director of TTIC, which purported to address some of the questions posed at the hearing. However, the response did not provide much of the information requested at the hearing, despite the fact that it took more than seven months to prepare. As we indicated at the hearing in February, it is critical that there be clear lines of responsibility in the analysis of intelligence, and that these responsibilities be understood by all of the agencies involved in our counterterrorism efforts. Since this Committee's hearings in February, concerns about the TTIC's role have only grown.

Given the incomplete nature of the October 7 response, we pose the following questions to each of you, and request that you provide a written response by November 14, 2003.

- Please describe which component of the U.S. Intelligence Community has the primary responsibility for the analysis of foreign intelligence relating to terrorism. If the response is not TTIC, describe how this agency's responsibilities relate to the TTIC's responsibilities.
- Please describe which component of the U.S. Intelligence Community has the primary responsibility for the analysis of domestic intelligence relating to terrorism. Describe how this agency's responsibilities relate to the TTIC's responsibilities.
- Please describe the responsibilities of the Counterterrorism Division of the FBI as they relate to the analysis of terrorism-related intelligence. Describe how the Counterterrorism Division's responsibilities differ from, and relate to, the TTIC's responsibilities.
- Please describe the responsibilities of the Counter Terrorist Center as they relate to the analysis of terrorism-related intelligence. Describe how the Counter Terrorist Center's responsibilities differ from, and relate to, the TTIC's responsibilities.
- Please describe the responsibilities of the IAIP Directorate of DHS as they relate to the analysis of terrorism-related intelligence. Describe how IAIP's responsibilities differ from, and relate to, the TTIC's responsibilities.

If you have any questions about this matter, please have your staff contact David Kass with Senator Collins at 202-224-4751, or Laura Stuber with Senator Levin at 202-224-9505.

Sincerely,



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