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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Wolf:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 2012.

I understand and appreciate your interest in the Final Report on our independent investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its actions before and after the tragic shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009.

I was honored when FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III asked me to undertake this important work. I agreed to what proved to be a complex and lengthy assignment. The Terms of Reference were extraordinary in scope. Director Mueller requested not only a full investigation of the manner in which the FBI and its Joint Terrorism Task Forces handled and acted on counterterrorism intelligence before and after the shootings, but also a review and assessment of the FBI's governing authorities and the FBI's remedial measures in the aftermath of Fort Hood – with a particular focus on whether existing laws and policies strike an appropriate balance between protecting individual privacy rights and civil liberties and detecting and deterring threats. That broad mandate was complicated, and its importance underscored, by subsequent terror-related events.

The FBI and Department of Justice provided the Commissioners and me with more than 50 formal interviews, meetings, and briefings; a far greater number of informal interviews and meetings; more than 10,000 pages of documents; and direct access to FBI computer systems. We interviewed all FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) personnel who were directly involved in the matter, and conducted visits and interviews in other field

offices, JTTFs, and Headquarters units. To obtain a broad range of perspectives, we also consulted with outside experts on counterterrorism and intelligence operations, information technology, and Islamic radicalism; public interest groups that promote civil liberties and privacy interests; and staff from Congressional committees with FBI oversight responsibilities. The input of more than 300 persons and hundreds of documents informs our Final Report.


The Final Report will exceed 150 single-spaced pages in length and include eighteen (18) formal recommendations for corrective and enhancing measures on matters ranging from FBI policies and operations to information systems infrastructure, review protocols, and training.

As you know, classification and redaction for public release of a document of this length and sensitivity are rigorous and time-consuming processes. I am pleased to advise you, however, that we will formally deliver the classified Final Report to Director Mueller within the next ten days. We expect the public version of the Final Report to be available (with the necessary approval of other U.S. Intelligence Community members) a short time later, after the redaction process is complete. That will conclude my responsibilities under the Terms of Reference.

Director Mueller will make the decision about when to release the classified Final Report to you as Chairman and to other members of Congress.

Thank you for your expressions of confidence in our work.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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