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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

In December of last year, Congressman Mike Turner, Lead Republican of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, requested that the Department of State (DoS) grant the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) access to any and all classified annexes and implementing documents not previously made publicly available associated with the February 29, 2020 agreement between the Taliban and the United States government

It is our understanding that this has yet to be done. We are seeking clarity as to why that is the case.

SIGAR has been mandated by Congress to investigate the root causes of the rapid collapse of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) and Afghan government and to provide a comprehensive assessment to Congress and the American public. There must be a full accounting of U.S. government's investments in the ANDSF and Afghan government and an understanding of why those efforts failed in such rapid and dramatic fashion. It is my understanding that information contained in the classified annexes and implementing documents related to this agreement are essential for SIGAR to provide the comprehensive evaluation.

It is unclear why this information needs to remain classified and withheld from the public. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan no longer exists in the form contemplated in 2020 and there appears to be no compelling reason for this information to be withheld from public release.

To that end, we request that you either:

- a) Provide the date you expect to comply with this request and declassify the SIGAR supplements, or
- b) Provide a detailed report outlining the justification for not declassifying these supplements.

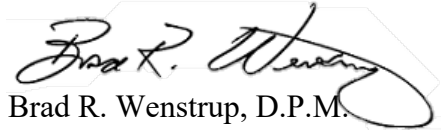
After twenty years of support, the investment of over \$140 billion dollars, and the loss of thousands of U.S. service member's lives, the American people deserve a full and open evaluation of why the ANDSF and the Afghan Government withered and collapsed so rapidly and these reports are necessary to conduct such an open evaluation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Representative Turner's letter to Secretary of State dated 8 December 2021