

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 27, 2012

The Honorable Leon Panetta  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Panetta,

On October 10, 2012, we wrote to you regarding Defense Department support to diplomatic security and specifically support provided to the U.S. mission in Libya. Recent media reports have brought up questions regarding the availability of Defense Department resources to provide support during the attacks on September 11th and 12th, 2012. As you continue to work to provide answers to the original inquiry, we would like to follow up to ensure your review and response addresses this issue.

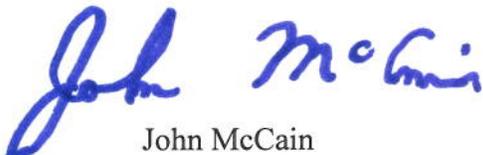
Specifically, we request responses to the below questions regarding Defense Department support to U.S. personnel in Libya on September 11th and 12th, 2012:

1. What military forces were available to provide support to U.S. personnel in Libya?
2. What military forces were requested to provide support to U.S. personnel in Libya, by whom, and what forces were provided?
3. What communication and coordination did you have with the President and other members of the National Security Council regarding possible Defense Department support in Libya?

Also, as you address planned changes to Defense Department support for the diplomatic security mission in the previous inquiry, please also include any proposed changes to processes or organization to respond to crises similar to this attack.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator



Rob Portman  
United States Senator