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Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
Devin Nunes, Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your July 12 letter to President Obama regarding the disposition of Ana Belen Montes. We have been asked to respond on the President's behalf.

We share your concern regarding national security and the importance of safeguarding classified information. The Department is dedicated to taking all possible steps to protect against and to prevent the unauthorized release of classified information. We want to assure you that the United States Government has no intention of releasing or exchanging Montes.

We hope this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
Assistant Secretary
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