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June 15, 2015

**BY HAND**

Mr. Patrick F. Kennedy  
Under Secretary of State for Management  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520-6421

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter dated May 22, 2015, referencing an e-mail which former Secretary Clinton produced to the State Department on December 5, 2014 (e-mail forwarded by Jacob Sullivan to Secretary Clinton on November 18, 2012, at 8:44 pm (Subject: Fw: FYI-Report of arrests—possible Benghazi connection)). You note that this e-mail, while previously unclassified, was recently classified "Secret", pursuant to Section 1.7(d) of Executive Order 13526, following a Freedom of Information Act review by the State Department.

This will confirm receipt of your letter and that, pursuant to your request, we have located all non-electronic copies of this document in our possession and placed them in a sealed brown envelope, addressed to Deputy Legal Adviser Richard Visck. The envelope was picked up by a State Department representative on May 28, 2015.

This will also confirm that, pursuant to your request, we will copy onto a disc the electronic version of the e-mails previously produced in hard copy to the Department on December 5, 2014. We will arrange for delivery of this disc to the Department as requested in your letter.

This will also confirm that, pursuant to your request, we have deleted all electronic copies of this document, with the following exception. I have received document preservation requests pertaining to the 55,000 pages of e-mails from the House of Representatives Select Committee on Benghazi, the Inspector General of the State Department, and the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (DNI). I have responded to each preservation request by confirming to the requestor that I would take

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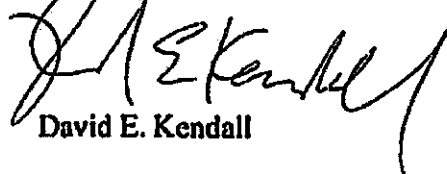
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Department, and the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (DNI). I have responded to each preservation request by confirming to the requestor that I would take reasonable steps to preserve these 55,000 pages of former Secretary Clinton's e-mails in their present electronic form. I therefore do not believe it would be prudent to delete, as you request, the above-referenced e-mail from the master copies of the PST file that we are preserving.

Once the document preservation requests referenced above expire, we will proceed to make the requested deletions. This present arrangement would cover the single document recently classified "Secret". Should there be further reclassifications during the Department's FOIA review of former Secretary Clinton's e-mails, it also would cover any such additional documents.

We would be grateful for the return of the 1246 e-mails which the Department, in consultation with the National Archives and Records Administration, has determined not to be federal records, as referenced in the May 6, 2015 letter from NARA's Paul Wester to Ms. Margaret Grafeld, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Information Services at the Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Kendall", written over the printed name.

David E. Kendall

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