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The Honorable Mark J. Sullivan
Director
U.S. Secret Service
950 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Director Sullivan:

It has come to my attention through a review of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General (DHS OIG) investigation of the events in Cartagena, Colombia that statements you made both in Congressional hearings and in closed-door meetings may be inaccurate.

The disappointing actions of Secret Service personnel who solicited prostitutes while on official duty in Cartagena in April of this year have been widely publicized. In the aftermath of these events you testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and told us "I want to be transparent" and further that "From the beginning of this incident, we have strived to keep members of Congress and our committees of jurisdiction up to date as information became available. While my written testimony provides an overview of our findings to date, I am committed to keeping you informed as our review continues."

Through the May 23rd hearing, closed door briefings with Members of the Committee, as well in a one-on-one meeting in my office in June, I was assured that the events in Cartagena were a singular occurrence for the Secret Service, that you had personally never heard of another instance of Secret Service personnel soliciting prostitutes, and that the agents involved in this incident had not engaged in similar activity in the past.

However my office's review of the DHS OIG report of investigation, completed on September 26, 2012, lead me to believe that these assurances were false. Although the contents of the DHS OIG report are not public, it is important that Congress has a full and factual account both of what occurred in Cartagena, what was revealed during the internal investigation conducted by the Secret Service, and what was consequently relayed to Congress. So that we can develop a clear picture of the timeline of when information became available to the Secret Service, please provide the following information no later than 11AM on October 10, 2012:

1. A detailed description of all findings from preliminary interviews of Secret Service personnel regarding allegations of prostitution that were conducted while on the ground in Cartagena. Please include any transcripts, notes, e-mail communications, or other documentation related to interviews conducted by special agent Paula Reid or any other Secret Service officials.

2. Please provide the transcripts for all interviews conducted after Secret Service personnel were removed from Cartagena and arrived in the United States. Please include notes, e-mail communications, findings, and other documentation related to these interviews.
3. Please provide a detailed description of all issue specific polygraphs offered to Secret Service personnel related to allegations of prostitution. Please include the names of the individuals who took the polygraph and those that declined as well as all transcripts, notes, and other documentation related to the questions asked and the responses received. Please detail who passed their polygraphs and who failed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please provide your responses and direct any questions to Rachel Weaver [202-224-2674](tel:202-224-2674).

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
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