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Sir Mark Allen CMG
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Dear Sir Allen,


I am writing to follow up on my July 26 invitation to participate in a United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing to fully explore allegations surrounding the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Justice's decision to release Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds and, in particular, whether a \$900 million oil exploration deal between BP and Libya directly or indirectly influenced the decision.

I believe it is critical to hear your perspective, given your involvement in the negotiation of a \$900 million oil exploration agreement between BP and the Libyan government. I remain very concerned about allegations that this agreement may not have gone forward if not for the release of al-Megrahi.

You did not specify a reason for declining my request; however, since I'm sure you understand my concerns and would prefer to have your perspective formally taken into account rather than leaving it open to speculation, I have postponed the hearing to accommodate witness schedules look forward to hearing from you the dates you are available in September to participate in this hearing.

That al-Megrahi was released and is now living out his remaining days outside of Scottish custody is not only an affront to the victims' families, it also poses a threat to our own national security. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we seek to review the underlying facts and circumstances leading to the release of al-Megrahi.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ
U.S. Senator