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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20515**

December 15, 2009

FOIA Officer
Office of Administration
Executive Office of the President
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear FOIA Officer:

I am writing to request the production of certain documents related to the recent incident where Mr. Tareq Salahi and Mrs. Michaela Salahi allegedly were permitted unauthorized access to the White House on November 24, 2009 and attended portions of President Barack Obama's State Dinner in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

In light of the significant security concerns surrounding this incident, I ask that this request receive expedited processing and that your office provide copies of any and all documents related to the following:

- guest lists or visitor logs related to President Barack Obama's State Dinner in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on November 24, 2009;
- records of requests made through the Workers Appointments and Visitors Entry System (WAVES) and Access Control Record (ACR) system pertaining to the State Dinner held on November 24, 2009;
- the planning and coordination related to the screening of invited guests or any other individual seeking access to the White House or its surrounding grounds for the purpose of attending the State Dinner or the Arrival Ceremony that was planned to take place on or about the morning of November 24, 2009; and
- the change in policy of White House staffing effected by the December 2, 2009 memorandum issued by Mr. Jim Messina, White House Deputy Chief of Staff, titled "Review of White House Procedures during the State Dinner on November 24, 2009 and New Guidelines."

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For this request, "documents" include, but are not limited to, any published materials, reports, correspondence, emails, records, memoranda, notices, notes, marginal notations, messages, statements, minutes, diagrams, drawings, maps, plans, charts, graphs, data, computer files, computer tapes, computer diskettes, computer printouts, computer hard drives, appointment books, telephone message tapes, telephone message slips, drafts, photographs, audio tapes, and videotapes.

If necessary, this request may be treated as being made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In the event that this request is treated as a FOIA submission, I request a waiver of all fees due to the public interest served by this request. The requested information will contribute significantly to understanding how a significant lapse in security at the White House occurred and what parties were responsible.

We look forward to working with the White House to determine the factual circumstances surrounding this incident. Thank you for your time and consideration of this homeland security matter.

Sincerely,



PETER T. KING
Ranking Member

cc: Chairman Bennie G. Thompson
Committee on Homeland Security