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The Honorable Trey Gowdy
House of Representatives
Select Committee on Benghazi
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6090

Dear Chairman Gowdy:

Once again, I am compelled to write you to urge the Committee to release the full transcript of the deposition of my client Sidney Blumenthal. As I have noted in my past two letters, the Committee has leaked a significant amount of information, much of it inaccurate. In the past few days this has continued and made the matter worse.

Yesterday, the New York Times focused on the issue of whether the emails Mr. Blumenthal sent to Secretary Clinton were "solicited." In your appearance on Face the Nation on Sunday you stated, "She (Secretary Clinton) said the emails from Sidney Blumenthal were unsolicited. We know that that was false." As you know, this was an area about which Mr. Blumenthal was questioned during his deposition and he unequivocally stated that he was not solicited by Secretary Clinton to provide these emails.

In that same appearance on Face the Nation you stated, "with respect to Sidney Blumenthal, this coordinated effort to mislead the American people in the aftermath of the attacks" was an area that your Committee was going to look into. Again, as Mr. Blumenthal made clear in his testimony before the Committee, he did not know of and was never part of any "coordinated effort to mislead the American people in the aftermath of the attacks."

These inaccurate representations about the facts that your Committee has developed are quite disturbing and do a disservice to the Congress, the public, and Mr. Blumenthal. I again urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to release Mr. Blumenthal's transcript to the public.

Sincerely,

James M. Cole

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member

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