

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 26, 2009

Mr. Gene Dodaro
Comptroller General
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We formally request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) conduct an investigation into any and all involvement by the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and the U.S. State Department regarding the current political situation in Honduras.

We request that the investigation cover the period January 1, 2009 through October 26, 2009.

We respectfully ask that GAO report the findings of its investigation to Congress.

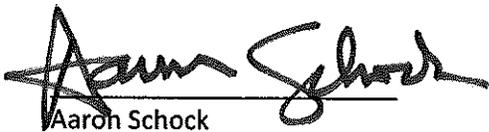
We request a review of the following points—along with any other points that GAO discovers during its investigation:

- What meetings were held between the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or U.S. Embassy personnel and current or former Honduran government officials and/or private citizens regarding Zelaya's systematic constitutional violations and/or intent to hold a referendum? During these meetings, what notice, advice or direction was offered by the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or U.S. Embassy personnel? Who attended these meetings, what were the dates of these meetings, and where were these meetings held?
- What guidance did the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras provide to Members of the Honduran National Congress in response to Manuel Zelaya's intent to force a referendum on June 28, 2009?
- What actions, if any, did the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, U.S. Embassy personnel, or U.S. State Department personnel take in response to Manuel Zelaya's constitutionally questionable actions prior to June 28th?
- What meetings were held during which notice, advice or direction was offered regarding Zelaya's removal from power as President of Honduras and/or his expulsion from the territory of Honduras? Who attended any such meetings, what were the dates of any meetings, where were any such meetings held?

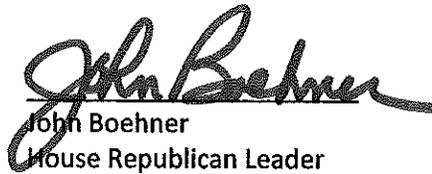
- Did the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or any U.S. Embassy staff, State Department staff or other U.S. Government staff—or anyone else acting on orders from U.S. Government officials, including officials or staff of foreign governments acting on a U.S. Government request—have any part in coordinating or facilitating the removal of Manuel Zelaya from the territory of Honduras June 28, 2009?
- Did any past or present Honduran officials provide notification to the U.S. Ambassador in Honduras or other U.S. Government personnel prior to June 28, 2009 regarding the pending removal from power and/or the expulsion of Manuel Zelaya from the territory of Honduras?
- Regarding activities of the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or Embassy staff, or U.S. Government personnel in the lead up to Manuel Zelaya's removal from power as President of Honduras: what contacts regarding Manuel Zelaya's possible or impending removal from power and/or removal from the territory of Honduras take place between past or present Honduran government officials, Honduran private citizens, representatives of other nations, and U.S. Embassy personnel? This includes but is not limited to public or private meetings or communications, phone calls, emails and written communications.
- What are the dates, times, locations and names of all participants of any and all such contacts?
- Did the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or any U.S. Embassy staff, State Department staff or other U.S. Government staff, personnel of the U.S. Southern Command, its subordinate commands, task forces or units—or anyone else acting on orders from U.S. Government officials, including officials or staff of foreign governments acting on a U.S. Government request—have any part in coordinating or facilitating Manuel Zelaya's subsequent return to Tegucigalpa, Honduras in October 2009?
- Was the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras receiving direct and unequivocal instructions from the U.S. State Department, the National Security Council, or the National Command Authority before and during the removal of Manuel Zelaya from office?
- What assistance has the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, personnel of the U.S. Embassy in Honduras, personnel of the U.S. State Department or Defense Department, provided to members of Manuel Zelaya's family, or current or former officials of Zelaya's government? Have any U.S. Government resources been provided for Manuel Zelaya, or members of his family, or current or former officials of his government since June 28, 2009? With regard to the two previous questions, please inform us as to the exact nature of the contact or resources, along with dates, times, locations, names of all participants, and exact nature of resources.
- What measures have the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras or U.S. Embassy personnel taken to apply pressure to individuals supportive of the current Honduran government to accept Zelaya's return to power? In particular, please review any interactions between the U.S. Embassy and Members of the Honduran National Congress, business community, Honduran presidential candidates, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez and Bishop Juan Jose Pineda.

- Exactly what type of interaction has the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, U.S. Embassy personnel or State Department officials had with President Micheletti and his close advisors? Please inform us as to the exact nature of these interactions, along with dates, times, locations, and names of all participants.
- What criteria was used to determine the revocation of visas for certain Honduran citizens? Did the U.S. Embassy in Honduras or State Department in D.C. determine whose visas would be revoked?
- Did any U.S. Government official or anyone acting on behalf of the U.S. Government make a request to Brazil or any Brazilian official to allow Manuel Zelaya to take refuge in the Brazilian Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon Zelaya's return in October 2009?
- Did the U.S. Government request assistance of a foreign government or governments to bring Manuel Zelaya back to Tegucigalpa in October 2009? Did anyone from the U.S. Embassy in Honduras or any other U.S. Government personnel request the assistance of the nations of Brazil, Venezuela or any other foreign government in helping to bring Manuel Zelaya back to Honduras in October 2009?
- If any aforementioned contacts took place, what assurances or advice on behalf of the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Government were made to interested parties in Honduras or any other country?
- What role, if any, did U.S. representatives to the Organization of American States and United Nations play in a) the facilitation of meetings between Manuel Zelaya or his advisors and other foreign governments, and b) the writing, lobbying and adoption of pertinent resolutions?

Sincerely,



Aaron Schock
Member of Congress



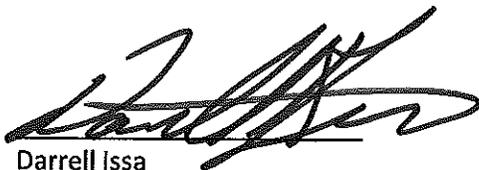
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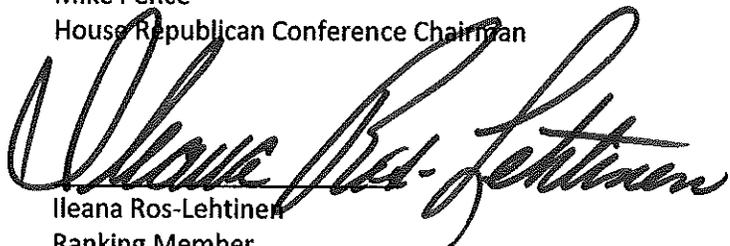
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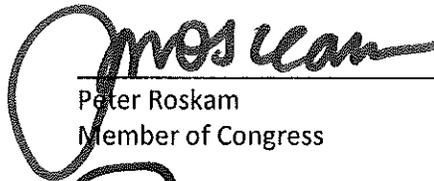
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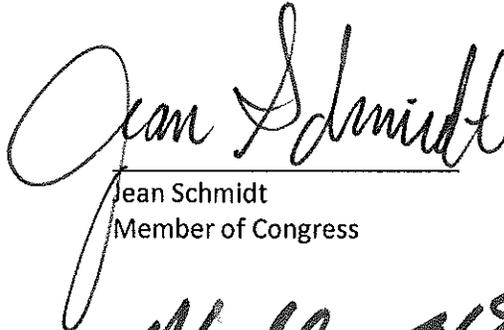
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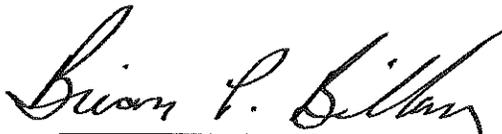
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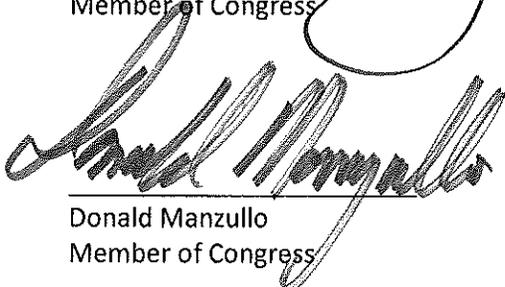
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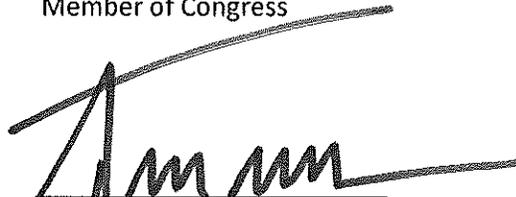
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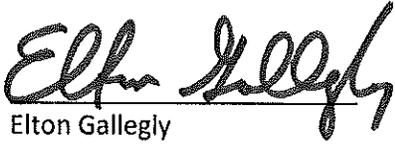
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