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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
2235 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cummings:

Thank you for your continuing interest in American International Group, Inc. (AIG) and the important work in which we are now engaged.

At the outset, let me agree with you that we share a common goal – namely a passion to protect the U.S. taxpayers and ensure that they are paid back, with interest. This is our singular focus and we will continue to move forward and achieve this objective.

Given the breadth of your inquiries (and our operations in more than 130 countries and jurisdictions around the world) to date, and our parallel commitment to make certain that we provide you with thorough answers to your questions, it is in everyone's best interest to re-schedule the meeting that is on the calendar for tomorrow, December 18. I have asked my staff to work with yours to find another convenient date for our meeting.

Indeed, given the important and numerous questions that you have raised in your letters of November 11, December 1, December 9, and just yesterday (December 16), we have a responsibility to the U.S. taxpayers to comprehensively review the underlying information and then provide it to you and others who are interested in AIG and our path forward.

To that end, and as you suggested, other members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform have an abiding interest in our plan to undertake one of the largest asset divestiture processes in the history of American commerce, and we want to be sure they are informed as well.

Earlier today, and then again this afternoon, I had the opportunity to review your television appearances. And, while all of us who hold senior positions of responsibility are accustomed to fair debate in the court of public opinion, I am deeply concerned that our collective effort to save AIG and make the facts known, have degenerated into a personal attack on me.

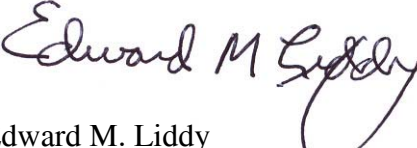
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As you know, I answered the call in mid-September when our government asked me to undertake the unprecedented challenge and enormous responsibility to help protect the peoples' investment in AIG. In fact, my commitment to help lead AIG, and, I hope, serve as a catalyst for a broader economic recovery, made it easy for me to accept a salary of \$1 per year.

I have honorably served in numerous public positions over my more than 35 years in business, and am particularly proud of the integrity and transparency that I have abided by throughout my career. I am passionate about the course we are on at AIG – and find it hard to comprehend how such personal attacks can do anything other than distract everyone from the critical task at hand.

I look forward to the opportunity to engage with you in a forum that is conducive to a thoughtful discourse.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Liddy  
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Edolphus Towns  
The Honorable Darrell E. Issa