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Dear Attorney General Barr and Director Wray,

I am writing you in reference to the attached letter sent to your honor last week on May 15th, 2019 by members of Congress the undersigned of that letter. The referenced letter expresses concerns about reports of possible war crimes being committed by waring parties in Libya. The alleged war crimes and torture cited by members of Congress implicate and accuse only one side of the parties; General Khalifa Hafter, commander of the Libyan National Army (LNA) and totally dismisses and fails to address known and notorious militias and radical terrorists allied with the UN sponsored Government of National Accord.

General Hafter's successes in flushing out Islamic extremist in Benghazi in 2014, and eliminating ISIS from the city of Derna early 2015 with help from the Egyptian Air Force earned him a formal post with the temporary government in eastern Libya. He was appointed on March 2nd, 2015 as the commander of the Libyan National Army by the duly elected Libyan House of Representatives (HoR). The Egyptian Air Force played an important role when it bombed ISIS locations in Derna, and Sirt in part to bolster General Hafter's command and retaliate for the massacre and brutal beheading of 21 Coptic Christian Egyptians by ISIS in the Libyan coastal city of Sirt in February, 2015.

General Hafter arrived at the scene in Libya very early on at the inception of the 2011 revolution. He held a senior militant position and provided in my opinion brilliant and successful tactical strategies which worked effectively to protect the city of Benghazi from the advancing Qaddafi troops. After the success of the revolution, Hafter took it upon himself to continue to form what has become the Libyan National Army (LNA).

The request on May 15th, 2019 in the referenced letter by members of Congress to your honor to conduct an investigation of possible war crimes by General Hafter was based on an appeal by witnesses who testified before House Foreign Relations Committee - Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa and International Terrorism in the Hearings on the **Conflict in Libya** on May 15th, 2019: Mr. Fred Wehrey, Ms. Megan Doherty, Mr. Benjamin Fishman, and Thomas Hill.

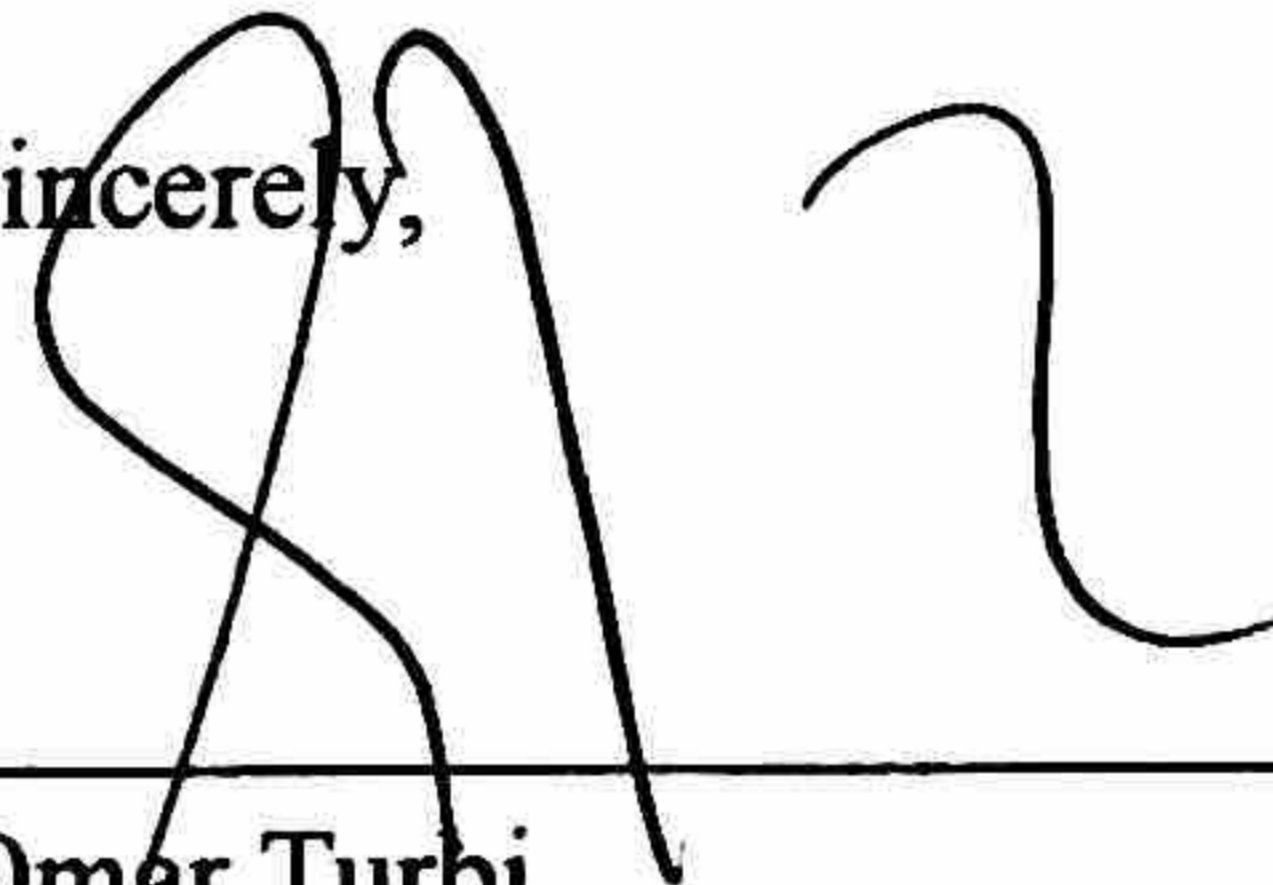
The witnesses provided flimsy, one sided and unsubstantiated information at best from questionable sources with a clear agenda. The witnesses failed to offer accurate depiction of the current conflict in and around Tripoli and how the United States can play a very effective role to serve the national interest of the United States and our allies in Europe.

Over the years, I have had the honor and privilege to provide and submit testimonies before the same subcommittee on U.S Libya Relations. Around May 15th, I requested to submit the attached testimony for the record for the purpose of providing additional valuable assessment on the conflict in Libya. I respectfully request that you consider my testimony in your possible investigation of any alleged war crimes by either side of the conflict.

It is truly a conflict between GOOD and EVIL. Do we want to support the tactical and strategic timely move by the Libyan National Army to restore law and order in the whole country of Libya, and eliminate radical terrorists or do we want to support those who were responsible for the brutal killing of our Ambassador Chris Stevens in Benghazi September 12th, 2012?

Honorable William Barr, and Honorable Christopher Wray, I believe in order for our foreign policy to succeed with Libya and the region, we must pursue one that is truly based on enlightened self-interest. We must take the lead and work with the United Nations Security Council in the manner recommended in my attached testimony.

Sincerely,



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(1). Letter from Congress To Mr Barr and Mr Wray dated May15th, 2019. (2). Testimony to Subcommittee by A Omar Turbi