

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dr. Marcia McNutt  
President  
National Academy of Sciences  
500 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Dr. McNutt,

We are writing to request a copy of the National Academy of Sciences report on the mysterious illnesses suffered by U.S. Government personnel stationed in Havana, Cuba; China; and perhaps other overseas posts. It is our understanding that this report was completed several months ago. As members of the Senate Appropriations and Foreign Relations Committees, we fund and oversee the State Department, our embassies, and the diplomats who serve abroad often in hazardous conditions. We are also in the process of drafting legislation to further assist the aforementioned personnel and their families. Therefore, we have a strong interest in reviewing this report as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



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Gregory Symmes, Chief Program Officer, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine  
David Relman, Chair, Standing Committee to Advise DOS on Unexplained Health Effects on U.S. Government Employees and their Families at Overseas Embassies, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine