In a letter sent to Secretary Rice, Chairman Waxman objects to the State Department's instruction to its officials that they cannot communicate with the Committee about corruption in the Maliki government unless the Committee agrees to treat all information, including "broad statements/assessments," as national security secrets. Other points of growing contention between the Committee and the State Department include Secretary Rice's refusal to testify.

Update: The State Department has sent a new letter to Blackwater informing Blackwater that the company should provide documents to the Committee.

Documents and Links

- Letter to Secretary Rice
- Letter from Blackwater's Attorney
- Letter from Department of State to Blackwater
- New Letter from State Department to Blackwater USA