The Honorable
Michael T. McCaul, Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of June 30 inquiring about the security clearance and leave status of Mr. Robert Malley.

The Department of State has a thorough and comprehensive process for investigating, assessing, and confirming the initial and continued eligibility for access to classified information of Department personnel. These procedures are published in Volume 12, Subchapter 230, of the Department’s Foreign Affairs Manual. A copy of Subchapter 230 is enclosed. Consistent with longstanding Executive Branch and Department of State policies and practices, the Department is not in a position to provide further documents or information related to this personnel-security clearance matter.

With respect to information related to Mr. Malley’s leave status, the Department is currently reviewing your request with a view towards identifying responsive information or records that may be appropriately provided to the committee given the sensitivity associated with that category of information, including privacy-related interests.

With respect to congressional and public communications, it is our intention and practice to provide the best available information we have to Congress and the public.
We will respond separately to your request regarding testimony from Deputy Special Envoy for Iran Abram Paley and National Security Council Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa Brett McGurk.

We trust that this information is helpful in addressing your concerns. We look forward to any other inquiries that the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosure: As stated.

cc: The Honorable Gregory W. Meeks