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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

I write with respect to new information that has recently been revealed regarding the extent and content of communications between Kathleen Kavalec, the former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, at the State Department, and Christopher Steele. These new details about her communications with Steele are troubling and may directly impact the investigation your office is conducting into potential misuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to surveil individuals associated with the presidential campaign of Donald J. Trump.

As you are likely aware, according to documents obtained in Freedom of Information Act litigation with the State Department, Ms. Kavalec met with Steele ten days prior to the issuance of the initial Carter Page FISA warrant and was told by Steele that he was “keen to see this information [the dossier] come to light prior to November 8,”¹ the date of the 2016 presidential election. This important information further demonstrates the bias of the primary source of material that was the basis for the Carter Page FISA warrant. In addition, recent reporting by John Solomon suggests that Ms. Kavalec’s contacts with Steele may have been the most significant and memorialized communications with him by a U.S. government official prior to the issuance of the Carter Page FISA warrant.²

As you continue your important investigation into potential FISA abuse surrounding the 2016 election, I request that you include, if you have not already, consideration of this new information regarding State Department involvement with the

¹ Notes from Meeting with Chris Steele and Tatyana Duran of Orbis Security, October 11, 2016, U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2018-04736, Doc No. C06679743.

² John Solomon, *Steele’s Stunning Pre-FISA Confession: Informant Needed To Air Trump Dirt Before Election*, THE HILL, May 7, 2019.

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Carter Page FISA warrant, the Steele dossier, and direct communications between State Department officials and Steele.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Graham", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein