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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

March 7, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

Through the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), Congress granted the Executive the ability to seek classified warrants to conduct surveillance on Americans from a special, secret court that meets behind closed doors. Given the nature of these warrants and the court that grants them, the public's confidence in the FISA process is based on assurances, such as those set forth in the 2001 Woods procedures, that FISA applications will undergo rigorous review before being submitted to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC). Only through strict adherence to procedures like those set forth in the Woods memo and production by the government to the FISC of all material and relevant facts, can the public continue to have confidence in FISA.

To that end, the Committee is concerned that the Woods procedures and a full presentment of material and relevant facts may not have occurred with regard to the applications for FISA warrants for (and the opening of the underlying investigations on) Carter Page and other individuals associated with the presidential campaign of Donald Trump. Accordingly, the Committee will continue to examine this Congress, as this Committee and several other congressional committees did last Congress, potential abuse of the FISA and investigation initiation processes with regard to Carter Page and others associated with the Trump campaign.

In order to aid the Committee's examination of these matters, I request that the Department provide the Committee with the following documents by no later than March 21, 2019:

1. All documents and communications originally shared with the Gang of Eight in May 2018 related to the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.
2. The "Woods file" related to the application for (and subsequent renewals of) a FISA order authorizing surveillance on Carter Page. The term "Woods file" includes, but is not limited to, any document concerning or relating to any attempt to verify the accuracy of any alleged facts stated in the FISA applications for Mr. Page.

3. All documents and communications referring or relating to efforts to verify the contents of the "Steele dossier." The term "Steele dossier" includes, but is not limited to, a series of intelligence reports prepared by Christopher Steele that were transmitted to, among others, the Department.
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the role or extent to which the Steele Dossier factored into the Carter Page FISA application.
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to Christopher Steele's contacts with members of the media and the reliability of the information provided, directly or indirectly, by Christopher Steele.
6. All documents and communications that govern the procedures, standards, rules, regulations, or policies that the Department, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, must follow in seeking a FISA warrant from the FISC.
7. All documents and communications with the FISC referring or relating to any FISA applications associated with Carter Page or other individuals on or associated with Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.
8. All FD-302s for Bruce Ohr and any other individual at the Department, the FBI, or elsewhere in the federal government who received information from individuals outside the Department or the FBI that was used in the Carter Page FISA applications.
9. All documents and communications referring or relating to defensive briefings provided (or that were under consideration to be provided) to the presidential campaigns of Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, or any other 2016 presidential candidate.

If you have any questions about these requests, please have your staff contact Zachary Somers with majority staff on the Committee. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Christopher Wray