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January 25, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Mr. David Keene



Dear Mr. Keene:

In spring 2016, Russian banker Alexander Torshin and Russian national Maria Butina were reportedly involved in efforts to arrange a meeting between Mr. Torshin and then-candidate Donald Trump or his campaign.¹ Mr. Torshin is a “senior Russian official who claimed to be acting at the behest of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.”² Ms. Butina is the founder of the Russian group known as the Right to Bear Arms and has described herself as a “representative of the Russian Federation” and a “connection between Team Trump and Russia.”³ You reportedly were introduced to Mr. Torshin in 2011,⁴ and were invited by Mr. Torshin and Ms. Butina to speak at the 2013 annual meeting in Moscow for the Right to Bear Arms.⁵ Ms. Butina was your guest at the NRA’s 2014 annual meeting, and you traveled along with Trump campaign surrogate Sheriff David Clarke to Moscow in December 2015 for another meeting with Ms. Butina’s organization.⁶ We believe you may have information concerning Mr. Torshin and Ms. Butina that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and schedule an interview in February 2018.

¹ Manu Raju, “Exclusive: How a request about Russians made its way from West Virginia to Trump’s team,” CNN (Aug. 28, 2017).

² Matt Apuzzo et al., “Top Russian Official Tried to Broker ‘Backdoor’ Meeting Between Trump and Putin,” N.Y. Times (Nov. 17, 2017).

³ Tim Mak, “The Kremlin and GOP Have a New Friend – and Boy, Does She Love Guns,” Daily Beast (Feb. 23, 2017).

⁴ Rosaline Helderman & Tom Hamburger, “Guns and religion: How American conservatives grew closer to Putin’s Russia,” Wash. Post (Apr. 30, 2017).

⁵ Josh Israel, “Why has the NRA been cozying up to Russia?,” Think Progress (Nov. 23, 2016).

⁶ *Id.*

The Intelligence Community has concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, with the goal of undermining faith in our democratic processes and harming Secretary Clinton's candidacy.⁷ As explained in the January 6, 2017 Intelligence Community assessment: "We further assess Putin and the Russian Government developed a clear preference for President-elect Trump."⁸

The Committee is investigating these matters, and ask that you provide the following documents in advance of your interview with the Committee, covering the time period from June 15, 2015 to the present:

1. All communications to, from, or copied to you with anyone associated with the campaign of Donald J. Trump;
2. All communication to, from, or copied to you with Alexander Torshin, Maria Butina, Rick Clay, David Clarke, Rick Dearborn, Johnny Yenason, Paul Erickson, or Dmitry Rogozin;
3. All documents and communications concerning the 2016 National Rifle Association convention and related events in Louisville, Kentucky related to Donald Trump or the 2016 presidential campaign;
4. All communications concerning meetings or possible meetings between
(a) Russian officials, associates, or representatives, including any individuals who purported to act or whom you believed to be acting on behalf of or in concert with Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, and
(b) representatives, associates, or advisors of the campaign of Donald Trump for president; and
5. All documents concerning financial support or the provision of anything of value (including opposition research) by foreign nationals, directly or indirectly, to the campaign of Donald Trump for president.

I appreciate your cooperation and prompt attention to this important matter and ask that you provide the requested material as soon as possible, but no later

⁷ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017, at 2-3.

⁸ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017, at 1.

than February 7, 2018. Please contact Brian Privor on my staff at (202) 224-7703 to schedule your interview and discuss arrangements for document production.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley