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January 25, 2018

Mr. John Mashburn
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Mashburn:

As the Trump campaign policy director, you worked alongside members of the foreign policy team who had multiple contacts with Russian officials (or their surrogates). For example, Rick Dearborn, another senior policy aide, who reportedly shared a May 2016 request from Alexander Torshin, a senior Russian official with close ties to Vladimir Putin, to meet then-candidate Trump or other top campaign officials at the National Rifle Association's 2016 annual convention.¹ It also has been reported that JD Gordon informed you about pro-Russian changes to the Republican party platform that were championed by the Trump campaign.² Your role as a senior advisor on the transition team, and now White House Deputy Cabinet Secretary, also has given you a firsthand look at other significant events affecting the Trump administration, including the removals of National Security Advisor Michael Flynn and FBI Director James Comey. Given your roles, we believe that you have information 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 with you in February 2018.

The Intelligence Community has concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, with the goal of undermining faith in our democratic processes and

¹ Benjamin Hart, "'Russian Backdoor Overturre' to Kushner Involved Close Putin Ally," *New York Magazine* (Nov. 18, 2017).

² Natasha Bertrand, "Former Trump adviser: I gave the campaign 'the chance to intervene' in controversial Ukraine platform change," *Business Insider* (Sept. 22, 2017).

harming Secretary Clinton's candidacy.³ 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."⁴

The Committee is investigating these matters, and we 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 George Papadopoulos, Carter Page, JD Gordon, Sam Clovis, Lt. General Michael Flynn, Charles Kubic, Brent Mizusawa, Joe Schmitz, Keith Kellogg, Gary Harrell, Walid Phares, or other campaign advisors concerning Joseph Mifsud, Olga Vinogradova (or any other person introduced as or believed to be the niece of Vladimir Putin), Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, Sergey Kislyak, Oleg Deripaska, Emin Agalarov, Aras Agalarov, or Vladimir Putin;
2. All communications concerning contacts between (a) you, Donald Trump, members of the Trump campaign or transition team, or associates of the Trump Organization, and (b) Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, including any individuals who purported to act or whom were believed to be acting on behalf of or in concert with Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, including any representative of Russian state-owned banks (e.g., Sberbank, Vnesheconombank, VEB, Vneshtorgbank, VTB) concerning Donald Trump or the 2016 U.S. election;
3. All communications concerning U.S. foreign policy on Russia (including sanctions against Russia or Russia's relationship with the Ukraine), Sergey Kislyak, or Vladimir Putin;
4. All documents concerning the Republican National Party Platform with regard to Russia, Ukraine, or Turkey;

³ 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.

⁴ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017, at 1.

5. All documents concerning Alexander Torshin, Maria Butina, Rick Clay, Johnny Yenason, Paul Erickson or the NRA concerning the 2016 presidential campaign;
6. All communications concerning arranging a meeting between Russian officials and representatives of the campaign of Donald Trump for president;
7. All communications concerning Russian interference in the 2016 election, including all communications regarding emails of the Democratic National Committee, John Podesta, or Hillary Clinton;
8. 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;
9. All documents concerning FBI Director Comey's interactions with Donald Trump;
10. All documents concerning the firing of James Comey as Director of the FBI;
11. All documents concerning the selection, termination or resignation of Lt. General Michael Flynn as national security advisor, including all communications concerning Lt. General Flynn's conversations or meetings with Ambassador Kislyak or other Russian government officials, associates, or representatives and all communications concerning Lt. General Flynn's interactions with the FBI; and
12. All documents related to the status, progress, or scope of the FBI's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election, including all communications regarding press reporting on the investigation and all communications regarding Attorney General Sessions or Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

We 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 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley