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Mr. Stephen Miller The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Miller:

As a senior policy adviser to the Trump campaign, transition, and White House, we believe that you have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and the dismissal of Director Comey. For example, you reportedly were with the President at his Bedminster golf course the weekend before he fired FBI Director James Comey and helped him write a draft letter explaining this decision. 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 harming Secretary Clinton's candidacy.<sup>2</sup> 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." Director Comey was leading the FBI's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election – including possible ties to the Trump campaign – when he was summarily dismissed by the President.

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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Michael Schmidt & Maggie Haberman, "Mueller Has Early Draft of Trump Letter Giving Reasons for Firing Comey," N.Y. Times (Sept. 1, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

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

- 1. All documents concerning FBI Director Comey's interactions with Donald Trump;
- 2. All documents concerning the firing of James Comey as Director of the FBI;
- 3. 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;
- 4. All documents related to the role of Attorney General Sessions in the FBI's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election;
- 5. All communications concerning the story written by David Ignatius that appeared in the Washington Post on January 12, 2017, titled "Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?";<sup>4</sup>
- 6. 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, Special Counsel Robert Mueller, the indictments of Paul Manafort and Rick Gates, or the guilty pleas of Michael Flynn and George Papadopoulos;
- 7. All documents related to the June 9, 2016, meeting at Trump Tower with Natalia Veselnitskaya, including statements (including drafts) issued on or about July 8 through July 10, 2017, by Donald Trump, Jr., other attendees at the June 9 meeting, the President, or the White House, and including communications regarding press reporting on this meeting or on statements made by Donald Trump Jr. or others about this meeting;
- 8. All communications to, from, or copied to you concerning Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, or Vladimir Putin;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> David Ignatius, "Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?," Wash. Post (Jan. 12, 2017).

- 9. 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;
- 10. 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;
- 11. All documents concerning efforts to obtain or share "hacked" emails or other electronic data belonging to or housed on the servers of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), John Podesta, Hillary Clinton, or the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton;
- 12. All communications concerning efforts by Russian government officials, associates, or representatives or any individuals who purported to act or whom you believed to be acting on behalf of Russian government officials, associates, or representatives to identify voters or potential voters for targeted advertising, marketing, or social media contact in support of the Trump campaign or other efforts to elect Donald J. Trump as president of the United States; and
- 13. All communications to, from, or copied to you with WikiLeaks, DC Leaks, Guccifer 2.0, VKontakte or VK, or their representatives.

We recognize that this request may implicate sensitive communications and are committed to working in good faith to reach an accommodation that appropriately balances the interests of the executive and legislative branches. We therefore ask that you contact Brian Privor on my staff at (202) 224-7703 as soon as possible, but no later than February 7, 2017, to schedule your interview and discuss arrangements for document production.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein

**United States Senator** 

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley