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November 28, 2017

Mr. Walid Phares

Dear Mr. Phares:

As a member of the Trump campaign's foreign policy team, you worked alongside George Papadopolous and Carter Page, both of whom had multiple contacts with Russian officials and their surrogates that they reported back to the campaign.¹ It has also been reported that you, JD Gordon, and Page met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak at the Republican National Convention, shortly after Page returned from a trip to Moscow. Given your role on the campaign, your meetings with Russian officials and knowledge of the actions of others, we believe that you have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to the 2016 presidential election. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and schedule an interview with you in December 2017.

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.² 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."³

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 E.g., Testimony of Carter Page before the U.S. House of Representatives, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Nov. 2, 2017, Tr. at 17, 36, 105, 150, 203; Statement of the Offense of George Papadopoulos, 17 Cr 182, at ¶¶ 7, 11, 21 (D.D.C. Oct. 5, 2017).

² 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.

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

1. All communications to, from, or copied to you with Carter Page, JD Gordon, Sam Clovis, George Papadopoulos, Lt. General Michael Flynn, Charles Kubic, Brent Mizusawa, Joe Schmitz, Keith Kellogg, Gary Harrell, 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, or Vladimir Putin;
2. All documents concerning efforts to revise the Republican National Party Platform with regard to Russia and Ukraine;
3. 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; and
4. All communications with Russian government 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.

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 than December 12, 2017. Please contact Brian Privor on my staff at (202) 224-7703 to schedule your interview and discuss arrangements for document production.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley