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Schiff Invites Dr. Kogan to Provide Testimony Before Intelligence Committee

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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, sent a letter to Dr. Alexandr Kogan, who ran Global Science Research, inviting him to testify as part of the Minority's ongoing investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. Recent news reports in the Guardian, the New York Times, and Channel 4 in the United Kingdom alleged that Cambridge Analytica improperly acquired more than 50 million Facebook profiles to harvest data of unsuspecting users.

The Committee's Minority is seeking testimony and documents from Dr. Kogan about the reported misappropriation of private data, as well as information to determine where the data was stored, how it was used, and whether third parties accessed and exploited the information, including in Russia. The Committee's Minority previously invited Christopher Wylie to testify, and he has subsequently agreed to provide testimony.

The text of the letter sent to Kogan is below:

Dear Dr. Kogan:

In a number of recent press appearances, a former Cambridge Analytica employee named Christopher Wylie has alleged that Cambridge Analytica improperly acquired more than 50 million Facebook profiles to harvest data of unsuspecting American users. Cambridge Analytica reportedly obtained access to this data beginning in 2014 after entering into a commercial venture with you and your company, Global Science Research, contrary to Facebook's terms of use.

Mr. Wylie suggested that Cambridge Analytica worked with you in furtherance of the company's aim to replicate the psychological profile research you had conducted at the University of Cambridge. Cambridge Analytica reportedly then sought to duplicate your work on a larger scale to inform their analytic modeling and create "psychographic" profiles on Facebook users. If these allegations are accurate, this misappropriation of private data is a serious invasion of the privacy interests of the American people.

These developments bear directly on our ongoing investigation into Russia's meddling in the 2016 U.S. elections and raise significant questions about Cambridge Analytica's alleged reliance on harvested data and activities during this timeframe.

We would appreciate the opportunity to interview you on these matters and review relevant evidence in your possession. To ensure our investigation is as complete as possible, we respectfully request that you preserve and produce all material related, including but not limited, to:

- communications and correspondence with Cambridge Analytica, SCL Group, and associated persons, including, but not limited to, Alexander Nix, Christopher Wylie, Steve Bannon, and other Cambridge Analytica and SCL Group officers and employees;
- Global Science Research's commercial relationship, transactions, and correspondence, with Cambridge Analytica, SCL Group, and associated persons; and
- other commercial activity and academic research in which harvested data was acquired, disseminated, or used, including with the Russian Federation and entities in or tied to Russia.

In preserving and producing these materials, we request that you also include any additional documents, records, and electronically stored information that reasonably could lead to the discovery of any facts related to our

inquiry.

We will work with you to arrange an interview at a time that is mutually convenient, subsequent to the production of documents. We respectfully request your written reply, and the production of documents, by April 6, 2018.

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