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Chairman Schiff Statement on Intelligence Community Inspector General Briefing

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Washington, DC — Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement:

“We want to thank the Inspector General for coming to brief the Committee today, for his professionalism, and for his testimony. While we cannot get into the substance, we explored with the IG through documents and testimony the reasons why he found the whistleblower complaint to be both urgent and credible. Now that we have all seen the call record, we can see that the IG’s determination was correct in both respects. That call record shows that Trump pressured a foreign leader to interfere in the 2020 election by investigating a political opponent. Those facts cannot be seriously contested.

“Nevertheless, Republicans continued the president’s strategy of deflection by making the absurd claim that because a whistleblower contacted the committee seeking guidance, the committee cannot conduct an investigation into the complaint. If that were true, no whistleblower could contact Congress, and no committee could conduct an investigation.

“We look forward to following up on what we learned today and continuing our investigation into the facts.”

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