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January 3, 2018

Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Scavino:

As a longtime communications staffer of Donald Trump, you have been involved publicly and behind the scenes on several issues of public importance. For example, it appears that you were with the President during a weekend trip to his Bedminster golf course where he reportedly decided to fire FBI Director Comey,¹ and you reportedly posted the recent tweet saying that the President fired Lt. General Flynn because he lied to the FBI.² Given your role on the campaign and in the White House, we believe that you have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to the 2016 presidential election and the dismissal of Director Comey. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and to schedule an interview with you in January 2018.

The media has reported that you are a “constant presence at Trump’s side,” and “omnipresent in the West Wing,”³ which would place you at key events of interest to the Committee in its investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible obstruction of justice. In addition, the Committee has also received information that you may have corresponded with Russian nationals regarding Trump campaign social media efforts.

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

¹ Josh Marshall, “Stephen Miller, James Comey and the Mystery of the Secret Hour,” Talking Points Memo (Sept. 1, 2017).

² Kristen Welker and Max Burman, “Trump’s lawyer claims responsibility for president’s problematic tweet,” NBC News (Dec. 4, 2017); *see* @realDonaldTrump, “I had to fire General Flynn because he lied to the Vice President and the FBI. He has pled guilty to those lies. It is a shame because his actions during the transition were lawful. There was nothing to hide!” Twitter (Dec. 2, 2017).

³ Eliana Johnson, “Dan Scavino is the other @realdonaldtrump,” Politico (June 10, 2017).

harming Secretary Clinton's candidacy.⁴ 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."⁵ 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:

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 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?";⁶
5. All communications 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 Papadopolous;

⁴ 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.

⁵ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017.

⁶ David Ignatius, "Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?," Wash. Post (Jan. 12, 2017).

6. 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., the President, the White House, or other attendees at the June 9 meeting, and including communications regarding press reporting on this meeting or on statements made by Donald Trump Jr. or others about this meeting;
7. All communications to, from, or copied to you concerning Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, or Vladimir Putin;
8. 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;
9. 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;
10. 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
11. All communications to, from, or copied to you with WikiLeaks, DC Leaks, Guccifer 2.0, VKontakte or VK, or their representatives.

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 January 17, 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