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November 15, 2017

Mr. Roger Stone
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Dear Mr. Stone:

During the presidential election campaign, you made several public statements that you had “backchannel communications” with Julian Assange suggesting advance knowledge of Wikileaks’ plans to disclose information obtained from a cyberattack on US computer systems.¹ Given your role as an advisor to the Trump campaign and President Trump and your prior statements, 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 November 2017.

On August 10, you told a local Republican party group: “I’ve actually communicated with Julian Assange.”² On August 21, 2016 you tweeted that “it will soon [be] the Podesta’s time in the barrel” and, in mid-September, you said that you expected Wikileaks to “drop a payload of new documents on a weekly basis fairly soon.”³ You have admitted to communicating with Guccifer 2.0, an anonymous internet persona that claimed responsibility on June 15, 2016 for hacking the Democratic National Committee’s computers.⁴

You also reportedly helped recruit Paul Manafort – who was recently charged in a money laundering conspiracy involving Russian oligarchs – to join

¹ Andrew Kaczynski, Nathan McDermott, and Chris Massie, “Trump advisor Roger Stone repeatedly claimed to know of forthcoming Wikileaks dumps,” CNN, March 20, 2017.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Ryan Goodman, “How Roger Stone Interacted with Russia’s Guccifer and Wikileaks,” Newsweek, September 28, 2017.

the Trump campaign.⁵ More recently, it has been reported that you spoke with President Trump about the dismissal of FBI Director Comey.⁶

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.⁷ 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."⁸ 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 would ask in advance of your interview, please provide the following documents to the Committee, covering the time period from January 1, 2015 to the present:

1. 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.
2. All communications with WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, Guccifer 2.0, or DC Leaks, or anyone purporting to act or whom you believed to be acting on their behalf.
3. All communications with the Trump Organization or Trump campaign (including associates, representatives, surrogates, aides, and volunteers of the Trump Organization or campaign) regarding the 2016 presidential election.
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, about 2016 presidential election and candidates Donald J. Trump Jr. or Hillary Clinton.

⁵ Catherine Ho, "From Ukraine to Trump Tower, Paul Manafort Unafraid to Take on Controversial Jobs," Washington Post, April 7, 2016.

⁶ Ryan Lizza, "Trump's 'Good Job' Call to Roger Stone," The New Yorker, May 31, 2017;

⁷ 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.

⁸ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017.

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 November 27, 2017. 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley