



United States Senate

December 4, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Rick Dearborn
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Dearborn:

As a former senior policy aide to the Trump campaign and director of Trump's presidential transition team, and now deputy chief of staff to the President, 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.

It has been reported that you shared with other campaign officials a May 2016 request from Alexander Torshin – a senior Russian official with close ties to Vladimir Putin – to arrange a meeting between Donald Trump and President Putin.¹ Mr. Torshin ultimately met Donald Trump, Jr. at a private dinner the night before Donald Trump spoke at the NRA convention in Louisville, Kentucky.²

You also reportedly arranged an April 2016 event at the Mayflower Hotel attended by Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak and several campaign officials, including then-Senator Jeff Sessions.³ You reportedly oversaw policy operations for the campaign,⁴ and you were consulted about changes to the GOP platform

¹ Benjamin Hart, "'Russian Backdoor Overture' to Kushner Involved Close Putin Ally," New York Magazine (Nov. 18, 2017).

² Matt Apuzzo, Matthew Rosenberg, and Adam Goldman, "Top Russian Official Tried to Broker 'Backdoor' Meeting Between Trump and Putin," New York Times (Nov. 17, 2017).

³ Manu Raju and Marshall Cohen, "Exclusive: top Trump aide's email draws new scrutiny in Russia inquiry," CNN (Aug. 24, 2017).

⁴ Julia Ioffe, "Why Did Jeff Sessions Really Meet with Sergey Kislyak?," The Atlantic (June 13, 2017).

during the Republican National Convention that softened language that committed the party to sending “lethal weapons” to help the Ukrainian army combat Russian aggression.⁵

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.⁶ 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.”⁷

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 Alexander Torshin, Maria Butina, Rick Clay, Johnny Yenason, Paul Erickson, or the NRA concerning the 2016 presidential campaign;
2. All documents and communications concerning the 2016 National Rifle Association convention and related events in Louisville, Kentucky;
3. All communications concerning arranging a meeting between Russian officials and representatives of the campaign of Donald Trump for president;
4. All documents concerning efforts to revise the Republican National Party Platform with regard to Russia and Ukraine;
5. All communications to, from, or copied to you with anyone associated with the campaign of Donald J. Trump concerning Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, Sergey Kislyak, or Vladimir Putin;
6. All communications to, from, or copied to you with Carter Page, JD Gordon, Sam Clovis, Walid Phares, George Papadopoulos, Lt. General Michael Flynn;

⁵ Natasha Bertrand, “Former Trump adviser: I gave the campaign ‘the chance to intervene’ in controversial Ukraine platform change,” Business Insider, Sept. 22, 2017.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections,” ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017.

7. All documents concerning financial support or the provision of anything of value by foreign nationals, directly or indirectly, to the campaign of Donald Trump for president; and
8. 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.

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 December 18, 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