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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Michael Caputo
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Dear Mr. Caputo:

You joined the presidential campaign of Donald Trump as a communications advisor upon the recommendation of Paul Manafort,¹ and it has been reported you have close ties to campaign advisor Roger Stone.² It also has been reported that you have deep ties to Russia, including having worked for the Kremlin³ and Russian energy conglomerate Gazprom.⁴ Based on these longstanding ties to key campaign figures and Russia, we believe that you may have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to the 2016 presidential election. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and an interview with you in February 2018.

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.⁵ 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."⁶

¹ Peter Greive, "Ex-Trump adviser denies any campaign contact with Russians," CNN (July 16, 2017).

² Maggie Haberman, "House Inquiry Turns Attention to Trump Campaign Worker with Russia Ties," N.Y. Times (May 20, 2017).

³ Martin Longman, "Who is Michael Caputo and What Can He Tell Us?," Washington Monthly (May 21, 2017).

⁴ Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Michael Birnbaum, "Inside Trump's financial ties to Russia and his unusual flattery of Vladimir Putin," Washington Post (June 17, 2017).

⁵ 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.

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

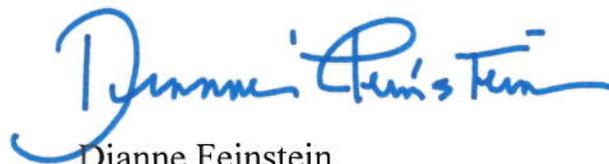
The Committee is investigating these matters, and we ask that you provide the following documents in advance of your interview with the Committee. Unless otherwise specified, please include documents from June 15, 2015 to the present:

1. All communications concerning (a) Donald Trump or his presidential campaign, Manafort's role in the Trump campaign, or the 2016 presidential election, and (b) Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, Oleg Deripaska, Konstantin Kilimnik, Viktor Vekselberg, Rinat Akhmetov, Dmitry Firtash, Sergey Kislyak, or Vladimir Putin;
2. All communications concerning Paul Manafort's owing a debt to or receiving anything of value from Oleg Deripaska, including all communications with or concerning Konstantin Kilimnik or Viktor Vekselberg relating to Mr. Deripaska;
3. All communications concerning cash payments, off-the-books transactions, or other undisclosed payments for the benefit of Paul Manafort, directly or indirectly, from the Party of Regions, Viktor Yanukovich, their representatives, or associates;
4. All communications concerning Paul Manafort's role in the Trump campaign, including his appointment and removal as campaign chair;
5. All communications concerning the 2017 indictments of Paul J. Manafort, Jr. and Richard W. Gates, III by Robert Mueller, Special Counsel for the Department of Justice;
6. All communications concerning contacts between (a) you, Donald Trump, members of the Trump campaign or transition team, or associates of the Trump Organization, and (b) Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, including any individuals who purported to act or whom were believed to be acting on behalf of or in concert with Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, including any representative of Russian state-owned banks (e.g., Sberbank, Vnesheconombank, VEB, Vneshtorgbank, VTB) concerning Donald Trump or the 2016 U.S. election;

7. All documents concerning the Republican National Party Platform with regard to Russia, Ukraine, or Turkey;
8. All communications concerning Russian interference in the 2016 election, including all communications regarding emails of the Democratic National Committee, John Podesta, or Hillary Clinton; and
9. 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.

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 February 7, 2018. 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