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November 28, 2017

Mr. Samuel H. Clovis, Jr.
Senior White House Advisor – Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Clovis:

As National Co-Chair and Chief Policy Advisor for the Trump Campaign, you supervised the foreign policy team, including Carter Page and George Papadopolous, both of whom had multiple contacts with Russian officials and their surrogates that they reported back to the campaign.¹ Given your role on the campaign and knowledge of meetings with Russian officials, 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.

When George Papadopoulos informed you that he met with the Russian Ambassador and a woman described as Vladimir Putin's niece who wanted to arrange a meeting between the Trump campaign and Russian leadership, you congratulated Papadopoulos' "great work" and suggested you would "work it through the campaign."² In another instance, you encouraged Papadopoulos to "make the trip" if "feasible" to meet with an official from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.³

¹ *E.g.*, Testimony of Carter Page before the U.S. House of Representatives, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Nov. 2, 2017, Tr. at 17, 36, 105, 150, 203 ("Page Tr."); Statement of the Offense of George Papadopoulos, 17 Cr 182, at ¶¶ 7, 11, 21 (D.D.C. Oct. 5, 2017) ("Papadopoulos Statement").

² Papadopoulos Statement, ¶ 8.

³ *Id.* at ¶21(b); Mark Abadi, "Trump campaign official was just 'being polite' when he OK'd a meeting with Russian, his lawyer says," Business Insider, Oct. 31, 2017.

You also have been identified as one of the Trump campaign officials that Republican donor Peter W. Smith listed as someone he may have coordinated with in his attempts to obtain Hillary Clinton's emails.⁴

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

The Committee is investigating these matters, and 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 communications to, from, or copied to you with Carter Page, JD Gordon, Walid Phares, George Papadopoulos, Lt. General Michael Flynn, Charles Kubic, Brent Mizusawa, Joe Schmitz, Keith Kellogg, Gary Harrell, or other campaign advisors, concerning Joseph Mifsud, Olga Vinogradova (or any other person introduced as or believed to be the niece of Vladimir Putin), Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, or Vladimir Putin;
2. All documents concerning efforts to revise the Republican National Party Platform with regard to Russia and Ukraine;
3. 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;
4. All communications with or concerning Peter W. Smith or KLS Research, LLC;
5. All communications with Russian government officials, associates, or representatives, including any individuals who purported to act or whom you

⁴ Shane Harris, Michael C. Bender and Peter Nicholas, "GOP Activist Who Sought Clinton Emails Cited Trump Campaign Officials," *The Wall Street Journal*, July 1, 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.

believed to be acting on behalf of or in concert with Russian government officials, associates, or representatives; and

6. All documents concerning the NRA, Paul Erickson, Alexander Torshin, Maria Butina, Rick Clay, Rick Dearborn, or Johnny Yenason.

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 December 12, 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley