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September 20, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

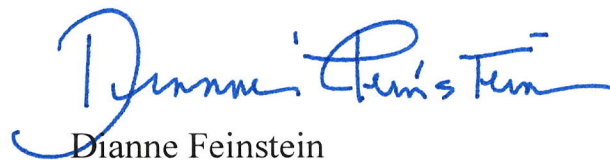
This letter requests that you ensure that the whistleblower report provided to Director of National Intelligence Maguire by Inspector General Atkinson is transmitted to the relevant Committees of Congress.

The Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act provides that the Director of National Intelligence “shall transmit” to relevant committees any whistleblower report from the Inspector General involving “a serious or flagrant problem, abuse, violation of law or Executive order, or deficiency relating to the funding, administration, or operation of an intelligence activity.” (50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(5)(G)).

It has now been reported that the Department of Justice advised the Director of National Intelligence on whether to transmit the whistleblower report to Congress. Accordingly, please also provide any advice or guidance that was offered by the Justice Department to the DNI regarding the transmittal of this report.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my request.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman, Senate Committee on Judiciary