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United States Senate

December 4, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Maria Butina
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Butina:

In a February 14, 2016, post on Twitter, Russian banker Alexander Torshin wrote: "Maria Butina is now in the USA. She writes to me that D. Trump (NRA member) really is for cooperation with Russia."[1] A few months later, you were reportedly involved in efforts to arrange a meeting between Mr. Torshin and then-candidate Trump. According to one news article, you also have described yourself as, among other things, a "representative of the Russian Federation" and a "connection between Team Trump and Russia."[2] Given these ties, 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 schedule and interview with you in December 2017.

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.[3] 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."[4]

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:

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[1] 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.
[2] Tim Mak, "The Kremlin and GOP Have a New Friend – and Boy, Does She Love Guns," Daily Beast, Feb. 23, 2017.
[3] 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.
[4] Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017.

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1. All communications to, from, or copied to you with anyone associated with the campaign of Donald J. Trump;

2. All communication to, from, or copied to you with Rick Clay, Rick Dearborn, Johnny Yenason, or Paul Erickson;

3. All documents and communications concerning the 2016 National Rifle Association convention and related events in Louisville, Kentucky;

4. All communications concerning the campaign of Donald Trump for president;

5. 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

6. All communications with Alexander Torshin or any 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, relating to any overtures, meetings, or other support for candidate Trump or 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 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