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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

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January 25, 2018

### VIA EMAIL

Mr. Philip Griffin

Dear Mr. Griffin:

You have been a longstanding associate of former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and served, reportedly at his request, as an advisor to the Trump campaign during the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July 2016.<sup>1</sup> We believe that you have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and schedule an interview with you in February 2018.

You have been a longtime associate of Manafort, and you hired Konstantin Kilimnik to work with you and Manafort in Ukraine.<sup>2</sup> In 2014, you were named in a lawsuit filed by Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska as a “key” partner, along with Manafort, Gates, and Kilimnik, in an investment fund that Deripaska contends stole nearly \$19 million from him.<sup>3</sup> In 2016, while Manafort was serving as the Trump campaign manager, Kilimnik reportedly emailed Manafort about reporting on Manafort’s role in the campaign with Deripaska, which Manafort suggested might be used to “get whole.”<sup>4</sup>

The Intelligence Community has concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, with the goal of undermining faith in our democratic processes and

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<sup>1</sup> Peter Stone, “Donald Trump and Russia: a web that grows more tangled all the time,” *The Guardian* (July 30, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Rosalind Helderman et al., “At height of Russia tensions, Trump campaign chairman Manafort met with business associate from Ukraine,” *Wash. Post* (June 19, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> Pollwatcher, “Why Has Lindsey Graham Changed? His Campaign Manager’s Connection to Paul Manafort,” *Daily Kos* (Jan. 7, 2018).

<sup>4</sup> Julia Ioffe and Franklin Foer, “Did Manafort Use Trump to Curry Favor with a Putin Ally?,” *The Atlantic* (Oct. 2, 2016).

harming Secretary Clinton's candidacy.<sup>5</sup> 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."<sup>6</sup>

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, 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

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Office of the Director of National Intelligence, "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections," ICA 2017-01D, January 6, 2017, at 1.

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;
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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being particularly prominent.

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley