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Mr. Stephen Bannon
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Dear Mr. Bannon:

As chief executive of the Trump campaign, a senior aide to the transition team, and former White House chief strategist, we believe that you have information that would assist the Committee in its investigation related to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and the dismissal of Director Comey. Accordingly, we are writing to request documents and schedule an interview with you in February 2018.

Your positions placed you at key events of interest to the Committee in its investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible obstruction of justice. For example, it has been reported that you were involved in the Trump campaign's decision to hire Cambridge Analytica,¹ and were aware of WikiLeaks communications during the campaign with Donald Trump, Jr.² It has also been reported that you asked for Lt. General Michael Flynn's resignation,³ and that you believe that firing Director Comey was a mistake.⁴

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

¹ Natasha Bertrand, "The Trump campaign is scrambling to distance itself from Cambridge Analytica amid Assange-Hillary Clinton email flap," *Business Insider* (Oct. 25, 2017).

² Julia Ioffe, "The Secret Correspondence Between Donald Trump Jr. and WikiLeaks," *The Atlantic* (Nov. 13, 2017).

³ Maggie Haberman et al., "Michael Flynn Resigns as National Security Adviser," *N.Y. Times* (Feb. 12, 2017).

⁴ Noah Weiland, "Bannon Calls Comey Firing the Biggest Mistake in 'Modern Political History,'" *N.Y. Times* (Sept. 10, 2017).

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 Director Comey was leading the FBI's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election – including possible ties to the Trump campaign – when he was summarily dismissed by the President.

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:

1. All documents concerning FBI Director Comey's interactions with Donald Trump;
2. All documents concerning the firing of James Comey as Director of the FBI;
3. All documents concerning the selection, termination or resignation of Lt. General Michael Flynn as national security advisor, including all communications concerning Lt. General Flynn's conversations or meetings with Ambassador Kislyak or other Russian government officials, associates, or representatives and all communications concerning Lt. General Flynn's interactions with the FBI;
4. All communications concerning the story written by David Ignatius that appeared in the Washington Post on January 12, 2017, titled "Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?";⁷
5. All documents related to the status, progress, or scope of the FBI's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election, including all communications regarding press reporting on the investigation and all communications regarding Attorney General Sessions or Special Counsel Robert Mueller;
6. All documents related to the June 9, 2016, meeting at Trump Tower with Natalia Veselnitskaya, including statements (including drafts) issued on or

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, at 1.

⁷ David Ignatius, "Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?," Wash. Post (Jan. 12, 2017).

about July 8 through July 10, 2017, by Donald Trump, Jr., other attendees at the June 9 meeting, the President, or the White House, and including communications regarding press reporting on this meeting or on statements made by Donald Trump Jr. or others about this meeting;

7. All communications to, from, or copied to you concerning Russia, Ukraine, U.S. sanctions, or Vladimir Putin;
8. 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;
9. All communications concerning meetings or possible meetings between (a) Russian 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, and (b) representatives, associates, or advisors of the campaign of Donald Trump for president;
10. All communications concerning efforts by Russian government officials, associates, or representatives or any individuals who purported to act or whom you believed to be acting on behalf of Russian government officials, associates, or representatives to identify voters or potential voters for targeted advertising, marketing, or social media contact in support of the Trump campaign or other efforts to elect Donald J. Trump as president of the United States.
11. 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; and
12. All communications to, from, or copied to you with WikiLeaks, DC Leaks, Guccifer 2.0, VKontakte or VK, or their representatives.

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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley