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U.S. House of Representatives
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI)
Capitol Visitor Center HVC-304
US Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Follow-up response to continued false information

Dear Congressman Conaway and Congressman Schiff:

I am writing to update you in the aftermath of recent emerging developments and reiterate my eagerness to have an open meeting with you at your earliest convenience. I have learned from your Committee staff on this Memorial Day holiday that I might not be immediately afforded the opportunity to address the false or misleading testimony by James Comey, John Brennan, et al, as per our previously scheduled appointment for next week. In the interest of finally providing the American people with some accurate information at long last, I hope that we can proceed with this straight dialogue soon. In the interim, I wanted to promptly provide you with some relevant information in this letter.

The urgency of delivering truthful facts really does matter, and this exigent necessity has only seemed to grow in recent days. But as per a CNN report last Friday: “Now, according to one government official, in classified briefings, Comey told lawmakers that he was afraid the information would drop and undermine the investigation, but he didn't tell lawmakers that he doubted the accuracy of the information even in a classified setting. According to sources close to Comey, the FBI felt that the validity of the information really didn't matter...”¹

If this report is true, it would offer more evidence of the disturbing patterns that defined the serious mismanagement of Obama Administration appointees assigned to the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) including Mr. Comey as well as John Brennan and others. Throughout recent months, it has remained unfortunate that these individuals have further contributed to the fictional narrative regarding last year's events during many hours of misleading testimony before your Committee on national television. To continue perpetuating an investigation without basis in fact for political purposes has no place in a democracy committed to the rule of law. Neither does the relentless slandering of law-abiding citizens like myself who have been denied their civil and political rights throughout this ongoing barrage of false information that has persisted as a consequence of the Clinton-Obama-Comey regime's misdeeds for almost a year now.

¹ CNN transcripts, May 26, 2017: “CNN NEWSROOM: Comey Acted on Russian Intel. Aired 14:00 ET.” [<http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1705/26/cnr.05.html>]

Given the continuation of smoke and mirrors tactics seen in recent days, I would also urge the Committee to investigate the growing evidence of collusion between Clinton campaign associates, Comey and other former Obama Administration officials. As you are probably aware, this began with the well-orchestrated pressure they sought to exert on the FBI to have me investigated last summer² in the immediate wake of preliminary falsehoods from the 2016 Dodgy Dossier.³ As the foremost leader of the Clinton-Obama-Comey regime's illicit activities via representative cutouts and other transnational criminal associates in 2016, Mrs. Clinton gave the latest in a series of sarcastic and divisive speeches in Massachusetts on Friday.

Perhaps unconsciously, this commencement address highlighted some of her campaign's own clear elements of interference in the 2016 election as preliminarily uncovered so far.⁴ Her address thus provided an extraordinary self-parody given the subsequent fake headlines surrounding incorrect "obstruction of justice" innuendo which she once again attempted to enflame even further. In a historically inaccurate statement about a former President who was not impeached, she suggested that her classmates in 1969, "Were furious about the past presidential election, of a man whose presidency would eventually end in disgrace with his impeachment for obstruction of justice."⁵ In a current context and to the contrary, it is worth bearing in mind that false evidence⁶ is a component element of obstruction of justice. Proof regarding such crimes by the Obama Administration should inevitably be forthcoming in any alleged 2016 FISA warrant application targeting me, once that is released for public review.

When Mrs. Clinton reminisced last Friday that, "We didn't trust government, authority figures... in large part thanks to years of heavy casualties and dishonest official statements about Vietnam,

² Minority Leader Harry Reid letter to Director Comey, August 27, 2016.

[<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3035844/Reid-Letter-to-Comey.pdf>]

³ The full text of which was subsequently revealed to the public in January 2017. See Ken Bensinger, Miriam Elder and Mark Schoofs, "These Reports Allege Trump Has Deep Ties To Russia," BuzzFeed News, January 10, 2017. [<https://www.buzzfeed.com/kenbensinger/these-reports-allege-trump-has-deep-ties-to-russia>]

⁴ Ellen Nakashima, Devlin Barrett and Adam Entous, "FBI obtained FISA warrant to monitor Trump adviser Carter Page," *Washington Post*, April 12, 2017, p. A1.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/fbi-obtained-fisa-warrant-to-monitor-former-trump-adviser-carter-page/2017/04/11/620192ea-1e0e-11e7-ad74-3a742a6e93a7_story.html]

Matthew Rosenberg and Matt Apuzzo, "Court Approved Wiretap on Trump Campaign Aide Over Russia Ties," *New York Times*, April 12, 2017.

[<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/12/us/politics/carter-page-fisa-warrant-russia-trump.html>]

⁵ Emily Shugerman, "Hillary Clinton hints Donald Trump will be 'impeached for obstruction of justice' in unprecedented attack on president," *Independent*, May 26, 2017.

[<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-impeachment-latest-hillary-clinton-attack-nixon-wellesley-commencement-speech-address-a7758311.html>]

⁶ "18 U.S. Code § 1519 - Destruction, alteration, or falsification of records in Federal investigations and bankruptcy," Legal Information Institute, Cornell University.

[<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1519>]

and deep differences over civil rights...⁷, she cut to the very core of analogously disastrous hawkish policies that plagued her years in the Obama Administration, which led to my friend Chris Stevens' unnecessary death and now risk similar senseless hostility with Russia. Of even more direct relevance to HPSCI's current proceedings, this quote also highlights the illicit abuses that characterized her 2016 campaign including my alleged FISA warrant. Your Committee's questions from the framework for analysis⁸ drive directly to this latter point and I hope we can begin resolving this soon.

In light of the apparent disregard for truthful information at the foundation of the FBI's related investigations last year, it has grown more important than ever that I be afforded the opportunity to explain the truth. In particular, regarding all of the associated nonsensical lies stated specifically against me during the recent testimony by various senior Obama Administration appointees. For this reason, I hope that my future testimony might be allowed. On closely connected themes, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan introduced the End of the Cold War Act in 1991 which suggested the now seemingly inconceivable concept that the, "Criminalization of opinion [is] inconsistent with the fundamental American principles of free speech and the competition of ideas."⁹ A quarter of a century later, this is precisely what was attempted by the Clinton-Obama-Comey regime in the 2016 election.

Amidst these prior substantive debates in the U.S. Congress regarding the future of the IC, former member of your Committee Congressman Bud Shuster warned in 1991 about, "The specter of 'cooking' intelligence to support a preconceived policy. The separation of intelligence-gathering and foreign policy is a fundamental principle."¹⁰ Last year's deep dive by Obama Administration appointees into unprecedented domestic political intelligence operations took things much further by unsuccessfully attempting to burn the very heart of our democracy. As of yet, the lies previously advanced by Comey have had no occasion for serious vetting by those wrongly accused.

The insights developed during this prior substantive structural debate in the U.S. Congress at the end of the first Cold War relate directly to HPSCI Investigation Question 3 from your Committee's framework for analysis today: What was the U.S. Government's response to these Russian active measures and what do we need to do to protect ourselves and our allies in the

⁷ "What did Clinton really say at Wellesley? We annotated her speech," *Boston Globe*, May 26, 2017. [<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/05/26/read-full-transcript-hillary-clinton-speech-wellesley-college/tLSBdMVUpxw1Yay6wOD2bL/story.html>]

⁸ Devin Nunes and Adam Schiff, "Intelligence Committee Chairman, Ranking Member Establish Parameters for Russia Investigation," House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence website, March 1, 2017. [<http://intelligence.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=767>]

⁹ Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "S.236 - End of the Cold War Act of 1991," 102nd Congress (1991-1992), Library of Congress, January 17, 1991. [<https://www.congress.gov/bill/102nd-congress/senate-bill/236/text>]

¹⁰ Bud Shuster, "American Intelligence: Do We Still Need the C.I.A.?; Independence Means Integrity," *N.Y. Times*, May 19, 1991. [<http://www.nytimes.com/1991/05/19/opinion/dialogue-american-intelligence-we-still-need-cia-independence-means-integrity.html>]

future?¹¹ Given last year's extensive human rights abuses against myself and others as recently revealed with allegations of the Obama Administration's illegitimate FISA warrant, our future meeting will offer an essential step towards accurately addressing that question.

As a veteran of the Ford, Nixon, Johnson and Kennedy Administrations, the retirement of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Ph.D., in 2001 may have potentially marked the end of intellectual rigor and bipartisanship if only the single-dimensional loyal appointees of the Obama Administration are allowed to have their voices heard before your Committee. The time has come to restore the higher standards Senator Moynihan kept with an analytic seriousness that facilitated his questioning of conventional wisdom, thereby assessing Russia more accurately than the mainstream in the past.¹² Such an antidote today may offer a welcome respite, following the recent long line of public presenters before your Committee who know close to nothing about the modern realities of Russia or its people. Given my decades of direct work in and research regarding that country, I am used to the extraordinary bigotry and xenophobia which has recently escalated to fevered proportions today at the behest of the Clinton-Obama-Comey regime and its devotees as well as including much of the mainstream media. In light of the historic levels that this hysteria has now reached, I believe that I may be uniquely positioned to help clear up some of the severe misunderstandings that unwitting Obama Administration officials such as Comey have showered upon your Committee of late.

The continued avoidance of clarity in the face of these unrelenting lies about me and others could pose a truly serious threat to the future of our democracy and eventually welcome further instances of severe civil rights violations by an illegitimate regime in Washington as previously seen with their unsuccessful attempts to rig the 2016 election. Thank you again for your consideration, and I hope to have the opportunity to restart our dialogue in person within the very near future during testimony before a public Committee hearing.

Sincerely,



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¹¹ Devin Nunes and Adam Schiff, "Intelligence Committee Chairman, Ranking Member Establish Parameters for Russia Investigation," House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence website, March 1, 2017.

[<http://intelligence.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=767>]

¹² Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "The Peace Dividend," *New York Review of Books*, June 28, 1990. [<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/1990/06/28/the-peace-dividend/>] Daniel Patrick Moynihan, *Pandaemonium: Ethnicity in International Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993.