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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

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c/o

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Dear Mr. Levy:

Following the release of the transcript of Mr. Simpson's interview with the Senate Judiciary Committee, several media outlets wrote stories citing his claim that the FBI had told Mr. Steele it had a voluntary walk-in source inside the Trump organization or campaign. Reporters, however, subsequently indicated that "sources close to Fusion" said Mr. Simpson had "mischaracterized" that to the Committee.¹ Rather than "a human source from inside the Trump organization" who was "someone like us who decided to pick up the phone and report something," as your client stated in his interview,² sources close to Fusion reportedly told journalists that Mr. Simpson was actually referencing the Australian diplomat who reportedly passed along information in late July 2016 about a conversation with George Papadopoulos.

¹ See <https://twitter.com/KenDilanianNBC/status/950803383073558529> ("A source close to Fusion GPS tells me there was no walk-in source – that was a mischaracterization by Simpson of the Australian diplomat tip about Papadopoulos."); <https://twitter.com/KenDilanianNBC/status/950833823692083200> ("A second source confirms: Steele was not told about a walk-in source. That was a mistake. He was referring to Papadopoulos, via the Australian diplomat."); see also Jeremy Herb, Manu Raju, Marshall Cohen, *Fusion Co-Founder: Dossier Author Feared Trump was Being Blackmailed*, CNN (Jan. 10, 2018) ("A source close to Fusion GPS clarified that Simpson's mention of an internal Trump campaign source actually refers to the Australian ambassador who contacted the FBI to pass on information that he received from then-Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos.").

² Simpson Interview Transcript 174-75, 195-96.

Given that sources close to your client are reportedly trying to correct the public record regarding his statements to the Committee about this purported source, the question arises as to whether or when your client plans to correct the Committee's record. As his attorney, you spent roughly 14 hours reviewing and taking detailed notes on the transcript between October 5 and November 16, 2017. Yet neither you nor he has attempted to correct this alleged mischaracterization in his statements.

Please respond to the following questions by January 18, 2018:

1. If it is true that your client's statement to the Committee was a mischaracterization, when and how did he and/or you come to realize that it was a mischaracterization?
2. If it is true that your client's statement to the Committee was a mischaracterization, why did you not attempt to correct your client's statement as soon as you and/or he realized it was not accurate?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



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Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary