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The Honorable Devin Nunes
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Nunes:

This letter provides an update in response to the Committee's written and oral requests for information from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). As described below, the FBI believes that it has substantially complied with a majority of the Committee's requests, and is actively working to identify and produce additional materials on a rolling basis to fulfill the Committee's remaining request under the FBI's purview.

As you are aware, on June 15, 2018, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and FBI Director Wray attended a meeting with Speaker Ryan, Chairmen Nunes, Goodlatte, and Gowdy, and a limited number of staff. That meeting concerned information requested by the Committee, including in letters dated March 23 and April 4, 2018, and the Committee's August 24, 2017, subpoena. At the meeting, the Committee identified four items as outstanding requests, and added a fifth item. The first item related to questions about the FBI's use of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) authorities, and was agreed upon by all meeting participants to have been substantially complied with based upon document reviews facilitated by DOJ.

The FBI believes it has now complied with three additional items identified by the Committee:

1. On June 20, 2018, the "Woods file" was made available for *in camera* review and Committee staff have reviewed the file.
2. An unredacted copy of the current FBI Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide (DIOG) is now available for *in camera* review in a secure reading room. The FBI has offered to provide a briefing on the section(s) of the DIOG related to FISA verification procedures, which the Committee has articulated to be of ongoing interest.
3. On June 22, 2018, the FBI submitted a classified letter to the Committee responding to the Chairman's question regarding whether, in connection with the investigation into Russian activities surrounding the 2016 Presidential election, the FBI utilized confidential human sources prior to the issuance of the Electronic Communication (EC) initiating that investigation.

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Accordingly, only the request for FBI documents pertaining to eight (8) potential custodians and relating to Christopher Steele, the "Steele dossier," and certain FISA applications remains outstanding. The FBI has developed appropriate search terms and date parameters, and is actively searching for and processing responsive materials from two (2) enclaves, Secret and Top Secret. The FBI has built-in search tools on its Secret-level system, but it does not have those tools on its Top Secret-level system. The initial estimated volume of Top Secret emails collected in response to your request for these materials, combined with two requests from Chairmen Goodlatte and Gowdy that required collection of Top Secret communications, is between 50,000 and 65,000 emails. This represents the volume of emails contained in the relevant custodians' accounts, *without* application of search terms. In recognition of the need to produce any responsive material as quickly as possible, the FBI's Science and Technology Branch has built and deployed a tool to allow for faster searches within the Top Secret enclave. Once search parameters are applied, this initial estimate is likely to decrease significantly. To accomplish this production, the FBI has shifted resources from other Congressional production projects and is adding staff to further expedite the review and processing. FBI staff will be working throughout the weekend to keep the production moving forward. To the extent that the Committee can further prioritize its requests, the FBI would appreciate the opportunity to engage in a dialogue.

Finally, regarding the Committee's request for transcripts or summaries of conversations between confidential human source(s) and Trump campaign officials, the FBI understands that this request has been referred to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) for a response.

The FBI is committed to expeditiously completing production of the requested materials, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Adam Schiff
Ranking Member

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives