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Hearing on the Special Counsel's Office Arctic Frost Investigation

Response to Questions for the Record
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Response to Questions from Senator Blackburn

1. In my testimony about "President Trump and his co-conspirators," I was referring to the six co-conspirators who were identified in the election interference indictment obtained by the Special Counsel's Office. Though these individuals are not named in the indictment, the indictment described their roles in the conspiracy. Based on this description, and on publicly available information, I do not believe that any of the co-conspirators were Republican Senators or members of this Committee.

Response to Questions from Senator Lee

1. While at the Department of Justice, I did not work on the Minnesota welfare fraud case that this question asks about, and I have no information about it beyond what has been publicly reported. The appropriateness of collecting the toll records of public officials would turn on whether those records might contain evidence of a crime. Without knowing that, it is not possible to answer, in the abstract, whether the Department of Justice should be able to collect their toll records.

Similarly, the appropriateness of investigative steps is highly context- and fact-specific, and not one that can be answered in the abstract.

I condemn any acts of weaponization of the Department of Justice against politicians of any party, including sitting Republican Senators. As I testified, the Special Counsel's investigation of the election interference case was not weaponization of the Department.

2. Toll records contain the date, time, phone number contacted, and length of the call; they do not contain the content of communications. It is certainly possible that investigators could infer the nature of a telephone conversation from the fact that a telephone call was made and the time it was made. An investigator's ability to do this would depend heavily on the other evidence they had gathered.