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Monday, October 23, 2017

Response to Letter of Friday, October 20, 2017, from The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

1. Since joining the White House Counsel's Office, did you work on or advise on any matters regarding or relating to the following:

a. The Special Counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election, including any links and/ or coordination between Russia and individuals associated with the campaign, transition team, or administration of President Donald Trump?

No.

b. The firing, or events leading to the firing, of former FBI Director James Comey, including:

I first learned of the dismissal of Director Comey in the news. After the dismissal, I was asked a discrete legal question, without any knowledge of the underlying facts, that was related to the dismissal. I otherwise have not worked on or advised on any matters relating to the dismissal, and I have no knowledge of the underlying facts.

i. The draft letter President Trump allegedly prepared, but did not send, to former FBI Director Comey?

No.

ii. The letter prepared by Attorney General Sessions regarding former Director Comey?

No.

iii. The memo prepared by Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein regarding former Director Comey?

No.

c. The decision to appoint Lt. General Michael Flynn as National Security Advisor?

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d. The decision to fire or accept the resignation of Lt. General Flynn, including:

No.

i. Information from then-Acting Attorney General Sally Yates regarding then-National Security Advisor Flynn?

No.

ii. Any White House investigation of Lt. General Flynn?

No.

e. Former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort?

No.

f. The June 9, 2016 meeting between Donald Trump Jr., Paul Manafort, Jared Kushner and Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya and others?

No.

g. Statements made by either President Trump, Donald Trump Jr., or other administration officials regarding the June 9, 2016 meeting referenced above?

No.

h. The President's pardon power, including whether he has the legal authority to pardon himself or his family members?

No.

2. Were you present in meetings or did you participate in communications with any of the following individuals where former FBI Director James Comey was discussed: the President, the White House Chief of Staff, the White House Counsel, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, or Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein?

No, other than the discussion referenced in my response to Question 1.b.

3. News reports indicate that Special Counsel Mueller has sought to interview at least two individuals from the White House Counsel's Office as part of his investigation: White House Counsel Don McGahn and James Burnham. As of the

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date of your response, has Special Counsel Mueller sought to interview you as part of his investigation?

No.

4. News reports indicate that Special Counsel Mueller has requested documents, including email correspondence from White House officials. To the best of your knowledge, as of the date of your response, are any emails that you sent, received, or were copied on being requested by the Special Counsel? What about other documents of yours?

The White House Counsel has directed the staff of the Executive Office of the President to preserve records relating to the dismissal of Director Comey and contacts with Russian government officials or representatives. It would be inappropriate in this context to disclose whether or not the Special Counsel has requested any documents in my possession, because it could potentially interfere with the work of the Special Counsel.

5. If asked, will you cooperate fully with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation now?

Yes, consistent with any applicable ethical or related obligations.

Will you cooperate fully with congressional investigations?

Yes, consistent with any applicable ethical or related obligations.

If you were confirmed—would any aspect of your service as a U.S. Attorney prevent you from cooperating fully with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation or with any congressional investigation?

No.