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Dear Ms. Abedin:

Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee sent a letter to the Department of State relating to the circumstances of your work arrangement, time and attendance while employed by the Department, potential conflicts of interest raised by your outside employment, and conversion from a full-time Department of State employee to a Special Government Employee (SGE) and Senior Advisor to former Secretary Clinton (attached).

It has come to this Committee's attention that in 2013, the Office of Inspector General for the Department of State (OIG) opened an investigation into these matters. OIG found at least a reasonable suspicion of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, theft of public money through time and attendance fraud, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 208, acts affecting a personal financial interest related to conflicts of interest connected to your overlapping employment as an SGE and her employment at Teneo and at the Clinton Foundation.

In May 2013, the Department of State allegedly paid you approximately \$33,000 for “unused” leave, though it is unclear whether you should have been entitled to such a payment. During approximately three and a half years as a full time government employee, you reportedly never requested, were approved for, or had your leave balance reduced for use of any sick leave, annual leave, administrative leave, or maternity leave. Yet, the allegations illustrate that you were in fact on leave on numerous occasions. If these allegations are true, then it raises questions for you and your Department supervisors about why you were paid the cash value of leave taken but not reported and whether you were entitled to such a payment.

On June 13, 2013, the Judiciary Committee asked that you provide, among other things, all documents and communications between the Department of State and Teneo, and any client or entities they represent. You did not provide the requested documents in your response on July 5, 2013. Since then, the Judiciary Committee has received additional allegations that further inform the original request. The Committee has learned of allegations that, during your simultaneous employment by the Department of State, Teneo, and the Clinton Foundation, you were solicited for and delivered favors for preferred individuals. For example, while employed by the Department of State, you allegedly sent or received approximately 7,300 emails on your official Department of State address that involved Mr. Douglas Band, President of Teneo. In one exchange, Mr. Band allegedly emailed you to request that you reach out to then-Secretary Clinton to encourage President Obama to appoint Ms. Judith Rodin to a White House position. At the time, Ms. Rodin was a client of Teneo and President of the Rockefeller Foundation, a large donor to the Clinton Foundation, a fact which Mr. Band allegedly noted in his email. In addition, you allegedly forwarded this email and others to your non-government account ending in @clintonemail.com. As a result, investigators were unable to review any subsequent emails on the chain, as they were shielded from the Department’s records systems on Secretary Clinton’s non-government server.

In light of this new information, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications responsive to the June 13, 2013, letter from the Judiciary Committee.
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to time and attendance, all approved timesheets, leave requests, and any requests for paid or unpaid excused absences or administrative leave.
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to any amount received as compensation for unused leave.
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to your designation as an SGE.

5. All e-mails forwarded from your Department of State account to any of your other e-mail accounts.
6. What was the purpose of your trip to Italy and France in 2011? If it was to conduct Department of State business, was a government travel voucher submitted? If so, please provide a copy.
7. Please provide all records relating to your stay at the U.S. Ambassador to Italy's residence in Italy. In addition, did you pay for all aspects of your stay at the residence? If not, then which aspects of your stay at the U.S. Ambassador's residence did you pay for, if any?

In responding to these requests, please provide all responsive records from all of your email accounts, including non-government email accounts. Please number your responses according to their corresponding questions. Please submit your responses by August 10, 2015. If you have any questions, contact Josh Flynn-Brown of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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