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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable James B. Comey, Jr.
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Comey:

The Judiciary Committee has learned that the Office of Inspector General for the Department of State (State OIG) opened an investigation involving potential criminal conduct by Ms. Huma Abedin while she worked for the Department of State under then-Secretary Clinton. Specifically, the investigation examined the circumstances of Ms. Abedin's work arrangements, leave status, and conversion from a full-time Department of State employee to a Special Government Employee (SGE) and Senior Advisor to former Secretary Clinton.

During the course of its investigation into this matter, the Committee has learned that the State OIG transmitted a letter, notice, or other similar communication ("letter") to the FBI in October 2013 placing it on notice that State OIG's investigation was no longer a preliminary matter but a full-fledged criminal investigation into Ms. Abedin. However, there have been public denials that the information provided to the Committee is accurate.¹ In order for the Committee to assess the veracity of the information provided in this matter, please provide a copy of the October 2013 letter from State OIG by no later August 12, 2015. If no such letter exists, please advise the Committee immediately.

If you have any questions, contact Josh Flynn-Brown of my Committee Staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

¹ S.A. Miller, "Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin emerges as potential liability for 2016 bid," WASHINGTON TIMES (August 4, 2015). Accessible at <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/4/hillary-clinton-aide-huma-abedin-emerges-as-potent/> ("There is no criminal investigation, and there never has been. To say otherwise is patently false and grossly irresponsible," [Ms. Abedin's attorney, Karen L. Dunn] said.)