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**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein  
Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Rosenstein:

I received your letter on October 25, 2017, regarding my request that the Justice Department release a confidential informant from his non-disclosure agreement pertaining to his work during the Department's investigation and ultimate charging of criminal actors involved in the uranium business. Your letter presented significant background relating to press releases and public developments of the criminal case, including multiple references to media reports discussing the Department's criminal case and the Russian government links to the Defendants. However, it largely missed the point. The essential question is whether the Obama Justice Department provided notice of the criminal activity of certain officials *before the CFIUS approval of the Uranium One deal and other government decisions* that enabled the Russians to trade nuclear materials in the U.S.

Based on federal court filings, the FBI began an investigation into officials employed by Tenex and Tenam—subsidiaries of Rosatom, the Russian government company that acquired Uranium One—in 2009. That was before CFIUS approved the transaction in 2010 and long before the public disclosures about the case that you cited in your letter.

In light of the fact that the confidential informant is now cleared to speak with Congress, please preserve all records relating to his involvement with the Department as an informant and the resulting criminal cases.<sup>1</sup> The Committee has already requested a copy of the January 23, 2008 non-disclosure agreement signed by the informant. However it has yet to be produced. Once the informant has been interviewed, the Committee will be making additional document requests based on the information he provides.

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<sup>1</sup> "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

Please describe by November 28, 2017, what steps have been taken to preserve all relevant records and when those steps were taken. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have questions, please contact Josh Flynn-Brown of my Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary