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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Steve A. Linick
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Linick:

The Senate Judiciary Committee has learned that the Office of Inspector General for the Department of State (OIG) opened an investigation in August 2013 involving potential criminal conduct by Ms. Huma Abedin. Specifically, the investigation examined the circumstances of Ms. Abedin's work arrangements, time and attendance while employed by the Department of State, potential conflicts of interest raised by her outside employment, and conversion from a full-time State Department employee to a Special Government Employee (SGE) and Senior Advisor to former Secretary Clinton. Information available to us suggests the 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 her overlapping employment as an SGE and her employment at Teneo and at the Clinton Foundation. Moreover, the Committee has learned that the OIG had reason to believe that email evidence relevant to that inquiry was contained in emails Ms. Abedin sent and received from her account on Secretary Clinton's non-government server, making them unavailable to the OIG through its normal statutory right of access to records. Thus, additional legal process would have been required to obtain them.

Congress's constitutional obligation to conduct oversight entitles us to receive information related to potential waste, fraud, and abuse at federal agencies. This obligation extends to information acquired by inspectors general. Section 4(a)(5) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 requires your office to keep Congress "fully and currently informed" of problems at the Department of State.

Accordingly, to aid the Judiciary Committee in its investigation of these allegations, please provide the following information. To the extent information related to this request is protected by the Privacy Act, we request access to such information pursuant to our authority under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a(b)(9).

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to investigations of Ms. Abedin.
2. The complete investigatory file, including, but not limited to, any exhibits, Memoranda of Investigations or Reports of Investigation, related to your review of potential misconduct by Ms. Abedin.

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,



Charles E. Grassley
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Committee on the Judiciary