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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz Inspector General Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice 717 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW #500 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

Yesterday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Inspector General (OIG) notified the Committee of the results of its investigation of two FBI agents suspected of soliciting prostitutes in the Philippines.

According to the OIG letter, the investigation revealed that FBI agents were found to have "used an FBI issued blackberry device to hire a stripper" for a party, and engaged in "sexual activity with a foreign national" whom he had met at a nightclub during an undercover operation. Although the OIG did not have sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations of soliciting prostitutes, it was found that one of the FBI agents "lacked candor in sworn testimony during court proceedings", while another violated FBI standards of conduct. The OIG also informed the Committee that the FBI disagreed with the OIG's lack of candor finding, yet imposed discipline on the Agents in connection with other findings of misconduct.

In order to obtain a more thorough understanding of the circumstances surrounding these findings, please provide to the Committee the OIG's investigative report on this matter as soon as possible. Please contact Katherine Nikas of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225 with any additional questions. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter from OIG Inspector General Horowitz to Chairman Grassley on an investigation into FBI Agents' solicitation of prostitutes (Mar. 25,2015).

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley

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