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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6275

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of August 17, 2016, regarding documents provided to the Office of Senate Security (OSS) by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 16, 2016.

This office routinely receives from various Executive Branch entities documents containing both classified and unclassified information. In the absence of handling restrictions to the contrary, we have on occasion provided to Senate Committees, upon request, the unclassified portions of such documents, when the unclassified material is clearly identifiable and easily separable from the classified. The material delivered by the FBI on August 16, however, was provided with a handling restriction that all of the material be retained in OSS. The Senate's consistent practice has been that OSS follows the handling restrictions accompanying materials received from the Executive Branch, unless the relevant Senate office or Committee negotiates different terms with the originator of the information. Should the Committee on the Judiciary and the FBI agree to modified handling restrictions, we will, of course, implement them immediately.

In order to facilitate review of this material, the FBI has delivered two more copies of the full set. I hope that this will enable a more efficient review by your staff.

Sincerely,



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Director, Office of Senate Security