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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter dated January 9, 2017, concerning the FBI's Stagehand operation based out of the Miami Field Office (FO).

As previously communicated to your office, on August 8, 2011, the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division (CID) dispatched personnel to assess the extent, if any, of compromise to Stagehand operations. The assessment team subsequently recommended to the Special Agent in Charge of the Miami FO that all agents assigned to Stagehand be transitioned to other assignments. On August 15, 2011, the FBI's Operational and Technology Division (OTD) conducted technical surveillance countermeasure examinations of Stagehand assets and property in the Miami FO area of responsibility (AOR). After the CID and OTD assessments concluded, Stagehand operations in the Miami FO AOR were dissolved; assets were liquidated and personnel re-assigned. After the dissolution of Stagehand operations, the FBI established new standard operating procedures for vetting possible liaison contacts for covert operations.

Following the CID and OTD investigations and receipt of an anonymous complaint, the FBI's Internal Investigations Section (IIS) initiated an inquiry in April 2012. This inquiry concerned allegations of unauthorized disclosures, security violations, and violations of rules and regulations related to four Miami FO employees associated with Stagehand. Facts gathered from the IIS investigation were then presented to the FBI's Office of Personal Responsibility (OPR), which determined allegations made against the employees were unsubstantiated and no misconduct had occurred.

While your letter requests a copy of the IIS report, all findings contained within the report are included above and were also presented in our previous letter dated May 23, 2016.

Honorable Charles E. Grassley

As always, thank you for your continuing support of the FBI and its mission. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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