

United States Senate

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Marcel Lehel Lazar
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United States Public Defender
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Lazar:

According to court records, your criminal case recently came to a close. You agreed to a plea deal and an agreement to cooperate fully with the government, including providing “all information known to [you] regarding any criminal activity as requested by the government.”¹ As you are aware, we wrote to you on April 27, 2016, requesting that you meet with our staff. The United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs are currently investigating a number of issues surrounding Secretary Clinton’s non-government server arrangement and personal email use for official government business, including whether the arrangement interfered with Freedom of Information Act and Federal Records Act compliance. In addition, the Committees are also investigating the potential national security implications of Secretary Clinton’s decision to use a non-government server and personal email account to conduct official State Department business.

Press reports indicate that that you allegedly hacked into the email accounts of Secretary Powell and Sidney Blumenthal, one of Secretary Clinton’s confidants during her time at the Department of State.² It is also widely reported that your public release of hacked emails from Mr. Blumenthal’s account in March 2013 was the first indication that Secretary Clinton maintained a personal email address during her time at the Department and used it for official business.³ Further, in a news interview you purportedly claimed that you “had memos Hillary Clinton got as a State Secretary, with CIA briefings [that] were being read by her [and] two other people for the US Government.”⁴ In two interviews last month, you claimed that you hacked

¹ Plea Agreement, *U.S. v. Lazar*, 1:14-cr-213 (EDVA), ECF No. 28.

² Catherine Herridge, Pamela K. Browne, *Source: No “Coincidence” Romanian Hacker Guccifer Extradited Amid Clinton Probe*, FOX NEWS (April 8, 2016). Available at <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/04/08/source-no-coincidence-romanian-hacker-guccifer-extradited-amid-clinton-probe.html>

³ *Id.*; See also, Jeff Gerth and Sam Biddle, *Leaked Private Emails Reveal Ex-Clinton Aide’s Secret Spy Network*, GAWKER (March 27, 2015). Available at, <http://gawker.com/leaked-private-emails-reveal-ex-clinton-aides-secret-sp-1694112647>

⁴ *Supra* at note 2, citing Matei Rosca, *Exclusive: Jailed Hacker Guccifer Boasts, “I Used to Read [Clinton’s] Memos...and Then Do the Gardening”* PANDO, Mar. 20, 2015. Available at, <https://pando.com/2015/03/20/exclusive-interview-jailed-hacker-guccifer-boasts-i-used-to-read-hillarys-memos-for-six-seven-hours-and-then-do-the-gardening/>

into Secretary Clinton's non-government server, allegedly saying the server "was like an open orchid on the Internet. There were hundreds of folders."⁵

Given the ongoing investigation into Secretary Clinton's non-government server arrangement and related matters, your alleged access to Secretary Clinton's server is of interest to the Committees. In light of your recent plea deal, you are no longer in legal jeopardy, and we would like to set up a meeting between you and our investigative staff. Please contact Josh Flynn-Brown of the Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 224-5225 and Michael Lueptow of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee at (202) 224-4751 to make the necessary scheduling arrangements. We very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary



Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs

cc:

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
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⁵ Cynthia McFadden, Tim Uehlinger & Tracy Connor, *Hacker 'Guccifer': I got inside Hillary Clinton's server*, NBC NEWS, May 5, 2016. See also Catherin Herridge & Pamela K. Browne, *Romanian hacker Guccifer: I breached Clinton server, 'it was easy,'* FOX NEWS, May 4, 2016.