

# United States Senate

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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable James B. Comey, Jr.  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Comey:

I wrote to you in January 2016 about whistleblower allegations concerning the Miami Field Office (FO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).<sup>1</sup> As I included in my letter, a whistleblower reported to this Committee that from 2008 to 2011, the Miami FO mishandled a large-scale undercover operation known as Stagehand. According to the whistleblower, every single investigation or criminal prosecution that involved Stagehand between 2008 and 2011 was compromised, and the identities and sensitive information of FBI undercover agents were disclosed to foreign governments.

The whistleblower further alleged that in January 2012, the FBI's Inspection Division (INSD) launched an inspection of the infiltration of Stagehand, but that the resulting INSD report amounted to a cover-up. In my January 2016 letter I requested information about how the FBI handled this matter, including a copy of the report that resulted from the INSD's inspection. However, the FBI failed to provide a copy of the report to the Committee in the year since it was first requested.

Accordingly, please provide a copy. Additionally, if the inspection report differs from the results of the INSD inquiry that the FBI sent to the OIG, please also provide that documentation. Please provide all of the requested documents by no later than January X, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please contact Samantha Brennan of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Hon. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Sen. Judiciary Comm., to Hon. James B. Comey, Jr., Dir., FBI (Jan. 27, 2016).

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cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice