

July 6, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham Chairman Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse Ranking Member Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

Dear Chairman Grassley, and Senators Feinstein, Graham and Whitehouse:

This responds to the questions set forth in your June 22, 2017 letter addressed to former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch (the "June 22 letter") concerning the contents of certain media reports.

Ms. Lynch intends to cooperate fully with your inquiry. Ms. Lynch is a committed public servant who has dedicated much of her career to the Department of Justice, who led the Department with integrity and distinction, and who oversaw the fair and impartial administration of justice. Throughout her tenure as Attorney General, Ms. Lynch was committed to protecting the American people and upholding the laws and Constitution of the United States.

Questions 1 and 2

The June 22 letter refers to two newspaper articles that appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* on April 22, 2017, and May 24, 2017, respectively, and that purport to describe information supposedly obtained by U.S. intelligence agencies. Although Ms. Lynch is prepared to address any questions you have about such matters in the proper setting, the law prohibits

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Ms. Lynch from commenting publicly on any non-public intelligence briefings she may or may not have received as Attorney General. Accordingly, Ms. Lynch cannot comment on questions 1 and 2 of the June 22 letter in an open setting.

Ouestions 3 through 6

The June 22 letter also includes questions about portions of those same newspaper articles that describe purported communications between Ms. Lynch and Amanda Renteria regarding the investigation of Secretary Clinton's use of a personal email system during her time as Secretary of State (the "Clinton email investigation"). Those communications did not take place. Ms. Lynch does not know Ms. Renteria, did not discuss the Clinton email investigation with Ms. Renteria, and did not communicate to Ms. Renteria, either in words or in substance, that "she would not let the FBI investigation into Clinton go too far." Likewise, to the best of her knowledge and recollection, neither Ms. Lynch nor any representative of the Office of the Attorney General discussed the Clinton email investigation with Ms. Renteria, Representative Wasserman Schultz or her staff, or any DNC official.

Sincerely,

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