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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Feinstein:

The Department of Justice is in receipt of your August 25, 2017, letter requesting interviews with Carl Ghattas, Executive Assistant Director of the FBI National Security Branch, and James Rybicki, the Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the FBI Director.

As a threshold matter, the scope of the Committee's inquiry has not been de-conflicted with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. Therefore, in order to protect the integrity of the Special Counsel's investigation, as we have previously indicated, we will not be able to provide Mr. Ghattas or Mr. Rybicki for interviews at this time.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Boyd".

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General