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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 Chairman Grassley and Senator Feinstein:

This responds to your letter dated August 25, 2017, requesting interviews with Carl Ghattas, Executive Assistant Director of the National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and James Rybicki, Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel to the FBI Director.

As stated in my September 11, 2017 letter, the scope of the Committee's inquiry had not, at that time, been de-conflicted with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. Upon further evaluation, we believe that it is appropriate to make Mr. Ghattas and Mr. Rybicki available to the Committee for interviews in a classified setting provided that the scope of the Committee's questions does not raise matters directly relating to, or interfering with, Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. Additionally, we request that Department of Justice (the Department) representatives be present at the time of the interviews, and that a transcription of the interviews be promptly made available to Mr. Ghattas, Mr. Rybicki, and the Department.

We are pleased to accommodate the Committee's oversight request in this manner. 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 "S. Boyd", with a large flourish at the end.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General