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January 29, 2018

VIA CLASSIFIED COURIER

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director Wray and Inspector General Horowitz:

On January 4, 2018, Senator Graham and I sent a classified memo to the Justice Department and the FBI. The eight-page memo referred for further investigation materially inconsistent statements reportedly made by Christopher Steele, the author of the anti-Trump dossier funded by the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign during the 2016 Presidential election.

On January 19, 2018, an FBI Congressional liaison, Greg Brower, sent a letter claiming that a few of the paragraphs marked as unclassified in our memo contained classified information. A copy of Mr. Brower's classified letter is attached for reference. As I explained in a speech on the Senate floor last week, the FBI's claims mischaracterize and misstate what those paragraphs actually say.

I intend to formally challenge the FBI's classification decision with respect to these paragraphs. I also formally request that the entire memo be reviewed and declassified to the greatest extent possible, with minimal redactions if any are necessary to protect information that would legitimately cause harm to national security.

In the meantime, please find attached a redacted copy of the memo intended for public distribution. For now, in an abundance of caution and out of respect for the FBI's equities, Committee staff have redacted portions of those paragraphs identified by Mr. Brower as allegedly containing classified information. In light of these redactions, the remaining portions of the paragraphs are still marked as unclassified. Additionally, all of the paragraphs we originally marked as being derived from classified information provided to the Committee have been redacted as well. In addition, we have created and attached an unclassified version of Mr. Brower's January 19, 2018 letter by redacting the classified portions. Please notify the

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Committee as soon as possible if the FBI has any additional concerns about these unclassified versions of the memo and letter.

As the Justice Department suggested in its letter to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding its classified memo, I am also addressing this request to Inspector General Michael Horowitz and requesting that his office independently oversee, assess, and report to Congress on (1) the FBI's reply regarding the public release of the attached redacted memorandum, (2) the declassification process requested in this letter, (3) the classification challenge that I intend to file at a later date regarding the paragraphs identified in Mr. Brower's January 19, 2018 letter, and (4) the underlying issue raised in the memo.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact Patrick Davis of my staff at (202) 224-5225 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

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

The Honorable Richard Burr
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Mark Warner
Vice Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Devin Nunes
Chairman
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
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