



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

June 7, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for inviting me to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 18, 2018, about the findings in the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) forthcoming Review of Allegations Regarding Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice (Department) in Advance of the 2016 Election¹. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Committee on June 18 and look forward to answering the Committee's questions on that date.

Additionally, prior to the June 18 hearing, the OIG intends to release our report publicly and to provide the report's classified appendix to our oversight committees. We will release the report as soon as we complete the OIG's ordinary processes for the review and classification of such reports, which we have been following and which we described to you in our letter of May 16, 2018 (attached). Most of this process is now complete, and we anticipate releasing the report on June 14, 2018.

¹ The election-related review that is the subject of our forthcoming report is separate from the review that the OIG initiated in March 2018 of the Department's and the FBI's compliance with laws, policies, and procedures in applications filed with the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court relating to a certain U.S. person.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 514-3435 if you have questions, and thank you for the Committee's continuing support of our Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Horowitz". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being larger and more prominent.

Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General

Attachment

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



May 16, 2018

The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
Chairman
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman
The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform

The Honorable John Culberson
Chairman
The Honorable José Serrano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chairman
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

I am writing in response to the Committees' inquiries about the status of the OIG's Review of Allegations Regarding Various Actions by the Department of Justice (Department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Advance of the 2016 Election. Following our ordinary process for OIG reviews and audits, the OIG has provided the draft report and the report's draft classified appendix to the Department and the FBI, and requested that they review them for classification purposes and to identify any other information that is protected by law from disclosure. Additionally, consistent with our usual process, we have asked the Department and FBI to provide us with any comments they wish us to consider regarding the report's accuracy and completeness. Similarly, and again consistent with OIG practice, we are making relevant portions of the draft report available for review and comment by individuals who were interviewed by the OIG during the review and whose conduct is addressed in the report.

The OIG will consider any comments that the Department, the FBI, and these individuals provide to us, and we will address those comments in the report if we determine it is necessary to do so. At the conclusion of this process,

consistent with our usual practice, the OIG will provide the Department and the FBI with an opportunity to submit a formal written letter for attachment to the final report, and we will then issue the report publicly and provide the classified appendix to the Department, the FBI, and your Committees. We will update you on the specific timing for the report's release, and I will be prepared to provide a briefing and testify publicly about our findings and conclusions as soon as the report is released.

I appreciate your interest in this matter, and your support for the work of the OIG. Please contact me at (202) 514-3435 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General