

February 6, 2019

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2019, bringing to my attention an exchange you had with Chairman Graham during last week's Judiciary Committee meeting. I understand from your letter that you would like me to review my responses to certain Questions for the Record submitted by you and consider supplementing or revising my answers. Although it is unclear from your letter which specific questions you would like me to revisit and what further information you are requesting, I have reviewed my responses with the two topics you mention in mind in an effort to be responsive to you and your colleagues.

As I explained at my hearing, stated in my written answers to Questions for the Record from members of the Committee, and reiterated to Chairman Graham when I met with him recently to discuss these issues, I believe it is very important that the public and Congress be informed of the results of the Special Counsel's work. As a private citizen, I do not know what will be included in any report prepared by the Special Counsel or what form such a report will take. As I have stated, however, if confirmed, my goal will be to provide as much transparency as I can regarding the results of the Special Counsel's work consistent with the law, including the applicable regulations, and the Department's longstanding practices and policies. Where judgments are to be made by me, I will make those judgments based solely on the law and Department policy and will let no personal, political, or other improper interests influence my decision. As I stated during the hearing, if confirmed, I intend to consult with Special Counsel Mueller and Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein regarding any report that is being prepared and any disclosures or notifications that I make under applicable regulations as Attorney General.

I believe that this letter as well as the answers that I provided during my hearing and in writing to the Committee provide an appropriate and complete response to the issues raised in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "WP Barr".

William P. Barr