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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

April 20, 2020

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

As you are aware, Christopher Steele’s election reporting, on which the FBI relied to obtain FISA coverage on Carter Page, was based on information Steele obtained from a source network. In particular, Steele heavily relied on the information he obtained from an individual identified in the Inspector General’s FISA Report as the “Primary Sub-source.” The FBI identified and interviewed the Primary Sub-source at least three times during the course of the Carter Page FISA investigation, including in January, March, and May of 2017. During these interviews, the Primary Sub-source substantially undercut Steele’s election reporting, calling into question the accuracy and reliability of any of Steele’s reports. In spite of this, the FBI continued to seek renewals for FISA coverage on Carter Page and never informed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of the credibility issues identified by the FBI’s interviews of the Primary Sub-source—whom the FBI internally found “to be truthful and cooperative.”¹ In fact, the FBI made it appear to the court that the Primary Sub-source corroborated Steele’s reporting.²

As the Committee continues to investigate this and other abuses related to FISA coverage on Carter Page, it is important that the Committee have access to the following documents:

1. All documents and communications related to the FBI’s interviews with the Primary Sub-source in January, March, and May 2017, including the “lengthy written summary” of the Primary Sub-source’s January 2017 interview memorialized by the Supervisory Intel Analyst and Case Agent 1³ and the two-page Intelligence Memorandum circulated by the Supervisory Intel Analyst in late February 2017 to Bill Priestap and other Counterintelligence Division officials, discussing “aspects of the Primary Sub-source’s interview.”⁴

¹ U.S. Dep’t Justice Office of the Inspector General, *Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI’s Crossfire Hurricane Investigation* (“OIG Report”), December 2019, at 243.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 241, 243.

⁴ *Id.* at 246.

2. The complete February 15, 2017, email exchange between Peter Strzok, Bill Priestap and others, in which Strzok stated that “recent interviews and investigation, however, reveal [Steele] may not be in a position to judge the reliability of his sub-source network.”⁵
3. The complete March 31, 2017, email exchange between individuals identified in the OIG Report as the “OI Attorney” and the “OGC Attorney” regarding the second FISA Renewal Application and the Primary Sub-Source’s credibility.⁶
4. The complete email exchange between the Supervisory Intel Analyst and the OGC Attorney in March 2017 referenced in Footnote 389 of the OIG Report.⁷
5. The “analytical documents prepared by, or with the assistance of, the Supervisory Intel Analyst after the Primary Sub-source interview” that “identified inconsistencies between Steele and the Primary Sub-source regarding some of the information contained in Reports 94 and 95.”⁸

Should you have any questions about this request, please have your staff contact Zachary Somers of my staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lindsey O. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

⁵ *Id.* at 188.

⁶ *Id.* at 215.

⁷ *Id.* at 245.

⁸ *Id.* at 244.