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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein:

On July 11, 2017, the Committee requested witness interviews with Carl Ghattas, Executive Assistant Director of the FBI National Security Branch, and James Rybicki, the Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the FBI Director—in connection with its investigation of the removal of former FBI Director James Comey, and related matters.

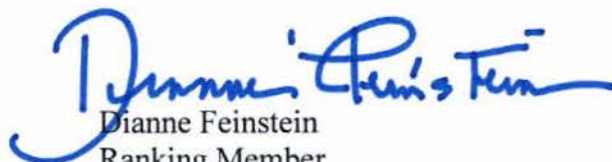
The Department declined to make Mr. Ghattas and Mr. Rybicki available for interviews because of pending matters and their current work on those matters with Special Counsel Robert Mueller. However, in our de-confliction discussions with the Special Counsel's office, we have clarified that the Committee intends to limit the scope of the interviews to avoid that concern. There is no intent to seek information about these witnesses' current work with the Special Counsel's office. Rather, we seek their independent recollections, as fact witnesses, of events that occurred before and including Director Comey's removal.

In light of this agreement to limit the scope, please have your office contact Committee staff to schedule the interviews no later than September 1, 2017. We appreciate and expect the Department's voluntary cooperation with this important request. Please contact Patrick Davis of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-5225 or Heather Sawyer of Ranking Member Feinstein's staff at (202) 224-7703, with any questions and to schedule the interviews.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
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