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The Honorable James Comey
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Director Comey,

As you know, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Department of Homeland Security released the following statement on October 7th

“The U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of e-mails from US persons and institutions, including from US political organizations. The recent disclosures of alleged hacked e-mails on sites like DCLeaks.com and WikiLeaks and by the Guccifer 2.0 online persona are consistent with the methods and motivations of Russian-directed efforts. These thefts and disclosures are intended to interfere with the US election process.”

Furthermore, earlier this week, Admiral Mike Rogers, Director of the NSA, said that,

“There shouldn’t be any doubt in anybody’s minds, this was not something that was done casually, this was not something that was done by chance, this was not a target that was selected purely arbitrarily. This was a conscious effort by a nation-state to attempt to achieve a specific effect.”

"There were contacts. We are doing this and have been doing this during the election campaign. Obviously, we know most of the people from [Trump's] entourage. Those people have always been in the limelight in the United States and have occupied high-ranking positions. I cannot say that all of them, but quite a few have been staying in touch with Russian representatives."

Press reporting from CNN indicates that, "The FBI has been conducting multiple investigations of alleged connections between Russia and Donald Trump, his presidential campaign or its backers."

In turn we are writing to formally ask you:


- What is, or has been, the extent of the FBI investigations into the Trump campaign's connection to, or communications with, the Russian government?
- What is the FBI's current assessment of the connections between the Trump campaign and the Russian government?

We request a written response, appropriately classified, before your roundtable meeting with the Intelligence Committee on December 1st. We look forward to discussing this, and other relevant issues, with you at that time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Senator Dianne Feinstein


Senator Mark Warner