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Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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FBI RESPONSE TO REQUEST REGARDING
STEELE MEMORANDUM (U)
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

(U) The Department of Justice and the FBI appreciate the Senate Judiciary Committee's consultation regarding the potential public release of unclassified portions of its January 5, 2018 classified memorandum regarding Christopher Steele. As referenced in a January 12, 2018 communication with your staff, I am following-up with an official FBI response to your request.

[REDACTED] As previously communicated to your staff via e-mail, the FBI considers some information marked UNCLASSIFIED within the Committee's memo to be classified. This derives from the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]—the FBI has not declassified or publicly acknowledged [REDACTED] As such, the FBI considers [REDACTED] to be classified.

(U//FOUO) In particular, the FBI considers the following portions of the document that are marked UNCLASSIFIED to contain classified information:

1. [REDACTED] Page 1; Paragraphs 2 and 3: [REDACTED] The FBI continues to protect this information at the SECRET//NOFORN level.
2. [REDACTED] Page 4; Paragraph 3: [REDACTED] The FBI continues to protect this information at the SECRET//NOFORN level.
3. [REDACTED] Page 6; Paragraph 4: This paragraph discloses information [REDACTED] that the FBI continues to protect at the SECRET//NOFORN level. Although the underlying source document produced for the Committee *in camera* did not contain classification markings, the FBI has treated the document [REDACTED] as classified.



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[REDACTED] The FBI respects the Committee's commitment to transparency in executing its oversight responsibilities; however the FBI cannot and will not weaken its commitment to protecting [REDACTED] Public reporting about [REDACTED] does not affect the FBI's policy with respect to classification [REDACTED] nor does it diminish our obligations [REDACTED] In particular, we are deeply concerned that granting exceptions to this policy would send a troubling signal to [REDACTED] and may degrade our ability to [REDACTED] in the future.

Sincerely,



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