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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Chairman Grassley:

This further responds to your letter, dated July 28, 2020, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as informal requests from your staff. Enclosed with this letter, please find the production Bates-numbered Senate_HSGAC_TransitionReq FBI004034-004035. As explained to Committee staff, the FBI is willing to engage in discussions regarding specific redactions about which there may be questions. The production and review of these materials does not waive any applicable privilege.

Thank you for your support of the FBI, its mission, and its people.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Williams Jr.
Section Chief
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Gary Peters, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 3:46 PM
To: James B. Comey
Subject: RE: A weird development

Very odd.

I have a few updates for you. DO you have time for a quick chat?

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: James B. Comey
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 1:13 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) <James.Rybicki@ic.fbi.gov>; McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]@ic.fbi.gov>; Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) <James.Baker@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: A weird development

----- Original message -----

From: Reinhold Niebuhr [REDACTED]
Date: 12/28/16 1:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "James B. Comey" [REDACTED]@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: A weird development

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Benjamin Wittes [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Dec 28, 2016 at 11:48 AM
Subject: A weird development
To: Reinhold Niebuh [REDACTED]

Hey there--

I'm writing because a very strange document has crossed my desk that may--or may not--have implications for investigations you guys are conducting. Under normal circumstances, I would simply assume that the document is either a fraud or that you guys already know all about it. (Both may well be true, as it is.) The wrinkle here is that the document--which purports to be a series of reports/dispatches by a private British intel company on

Trump and Russia and the hacking and contains a number of highly-detailed accounts stuff that would be explosive if alleged publicly--is being furiously investigated by, at a minimum, the Wall Street Journal (the document was given to me by Shane Harris). What's more, it seems to already be in the hands of the SSCI. I wouldn't be surprised if it's also in the hands of other congressional committees.

I want to stress that I have NO idea if it is authentic, much less accurate. But I thought I would alert you to it in case, for some reason, it hasn't made its way to your people long ago. I'm happy to put you in touch with Shane, if you're interested in hearing his account of what it is, or I can just forward a copy to you.

Hope you're doing well. It was great seeing you a couple of weeks ago.

Happy New Year.

/b

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If you want to send me encrypted communications, here is my PGP Public Key