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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense

Lt. General James H. Adams
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency

Dear Secretary Hegseth and Lt. General Adams,

On August 25, 2017, I wrote to former Department of Defense (DOD) Secretary Mattis and former Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Director Lt. General Vincent R. Stewart about a classified briefing and in camera document review related to Lt. General Michael Flynn that DIA personnel provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee.¹ At the time, I requested they declassify a key piece of information from that briefing. Given the nature of the briefing and documents, the details of the request were explained in a classified memorandum.

I write this as a follow up to reiterate my request to declassify, to the greatest extent possible, my August 25, 2017 letter and the response letter I received from DOD, which are attached to this cover letter.² At the time of the May 25, 2017 briefing, based on the representations made by the DIA personnel, it appeared that even then, the public release of that information would not have posed any ongoing risk to national security.

Further, the declassification continues to be of public interest, and in the interest of fairness to Lt. General Flynn. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

ENCLOSURE: (1) Chairman Grassley's Classified letter (2) DOD Response letter to Chairman Grassley.

¹ The briefing was provided on May 25, 2017; Chairman Grassley to the Honorable James Mattis, Secretary of the Department of Defense and Lt. General Vincent R. Stewart, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (Aug. 25, 2017), Unclassified cover letter to classified Flynn letter. (Attached).

² See Enclosures.

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