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June 8, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION



Dear Professor Richman:

Today, former FBI Director Comey testified that he provided "a good friend" who is "a professor at Columbia Law School" copies of memoranda he drafted memorializing his interactions with President Trump and that he asked the friend to share the content with the press. Shortly thereafter, CNN reported that you "confirmed to CNN in an email that [you] were the friend Mr. Comey was referencing in his testimony."¹ Mr. Comey also stated that he no longer retains copies of the memoranda himself. Senator Cotton asked Mr. Comey if he would encourage his friend at Columbia to release the memos, to which he replied: "sure."

Mr. Comey's memoranda are relevant to the Judiciary Committee's ongoing investigative efforts. Mr. Comey himself has encouraged you to release them. Accordingly, we ask that you provide the Committee copies of all memoranda you received from Mr. Comey by no later than June 9, 2017. If you received the memoranda in electronic format, we request that you provide them to the Committee in the same file type you received.

¹ Zachary Cohen, *Why James Comey Leaked Information to the Press*, CNN (June 8, 2017). Available at http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/08/politics/james-comey-leaking-memo/

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-5225, Heather Sawyer of Ranking Member Feinstein's staff at (202) 224-7703, Lee Holmes of Chairman Graham's staff at (202) 224-5972, or Lara Quint of Ranking Member Whitehouse's staff at (202) 224-2921.

Sincerely,

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