

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ambassador Richard Grenell
Acting Director
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Dear Ambassador Grenell:

On December 30, 2016, the Intelligence Community produced an assessment titled, “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections” (Assessment).¹ The Assessment contained classified annexes² that provided greater detail into the Intelligence Community’s process in producing the Assessment and “full supporting information on key elements of the influence campaign.”³ At the insistence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a summary of the reporting created by Christopher Steele was included in Annex A.⁴ A declassified version of the Assessment was made available on January 6, 2017.⁵

On March 22, 2018, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) produced its report that, in part, analyzed the Assessment titled, “Report on Russian Active Measures.” A declassified version of this report has not been made public.

In light of the continuing public interest in the Intelligence Community’s Assessment, we request that the classified annexes to the Assessment and the HPSCI report be declassified to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on Finance



Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs

¹ U.S. Senate Select Comm. on Intelligence, Russian Active Measures Campaigns and Interference in the U.S. 2016 Election. Vol 4: Review of the Intelligence Community Assessment 6 (Apr. 21, 2020), https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report_Volume4.pdf.

² *Id.* at 4-5.

³ Office of the Dir. Of Nat’l Intelligence, Intelligence Cmty. Assessment: Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections (Jan. 6, 2017), https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA_2017_01.pdf.

⁴ U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Office of Inspector Gen., Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI’s Crossfire Hurricane Investigation 177-82 (Dec. 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/storage/120919-examination.pdf>.

⁵ Office of the Dir. Of Nat’l Intelligence, Intelligence Cmty. Assessment: Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections (Jan. 6, 2017), https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA_2017_01.pdf.