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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 28, 2020

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

(U) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Finance are continuing oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and its Crossfire Hurricane investigation. We have reviewed the classified report of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) with regard to the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation, and we are deeply concerned about certain information that remains classified.¹ Specifically, we are concerned that certain sections of the public version of the report are misleading because they are contradicted by relevant and probative classified information redacted in four footnotes. This classified information is significant not only because it contradicts key statements in a section of the report, but also because it provides insight essential for an accurate evaluation of the entire investigation. The American people have a right to know what is contained within these four footnotes and, without that knowledge, they will not have a full picture as to what happened during the Crossfire Hurricane investigation. Congress and the Executive Branch should not be the only custodians of this information and the public interest in the disclosure of the information outweighs the need to protect it.

(U) Consequently, we are writing to respectfully request that you, pursuant to the declassification authority delegated to you by the President over matters related to this investigation, fully declassify the four footnotes to ensure that this information is made available to the American people.² We are enclosing a classified letter that identifies these four footnotes and explains the importance of this information to a complete understanding of the OIG report and the underlying Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

¹ 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 (Dec. 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/storage/120919-examination.pdf>.

² Memorandum on Agency Cooperation with Attorney General's Review of Intelligence Activities Relating to the 2016 Presidential Campaigns (May 23, 2019), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/memorandum-agency-cooperation-attorney-generals-review-intelligence-activities-relating-2016-presidential-campaigns/>.

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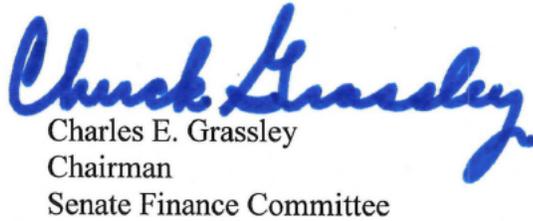
(U) Should you have any questions, please contact Joseph Folio of Chairman Johnson's staff at (202) 224-4751 and Joshua Flynn-Brown of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-4515.

(U) Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

Encl: Classified Letter to Attorney General Barr

cc: The Honorable Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General

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