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The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Schiff:

On 28 September 2018, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), in unanimous and bipartisan fashion, voted to publicly-release 53 transcripts of witness interviews that your committee conducted during its investigation into foreign interference in the 2016 presidential election. In advance of this public release, in November 2018, your Committee transmitted the 53 transcripts, totaling over 6,000 pages, to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) for the purpose of an interagency classification review to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of classified information.

The ODNI-supervised interagency review of 43 (of the original 53) transcripts was completed in June 2019. As of today, the interagency review of the remaining ten transcripts has been completed, as well. Additionally, in your letter of 26 March 2019, you also requested the ODNI, "under no circumstances...share HPSCI transcripts with the White House, President Trump, or any persons associated with the White House or President." Pursuant to your guidance, these transcripts have not been shared with the White House.

All of the transcripts, with our required redactions, can be released to the public without any concerns of disclosing classified material. In the interests of transparency and accountability, I urge you to honor your previous public statements, and your Committee's unanimous vote on this matter, to release all 53 cleared transcripts to all Members of Congress and the American public as soon as possible. I am also willing to release the transcripts directly from the ODNI, as to ensure we comply with unanimous and bipartisan vote to release the transcripts.

Thank you for affording the Intelligence Community the opportunity to review the transcripts. If you have any questions, your staff may contact Legislative Affairs at 703-275-2474.

Sincerely,



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Cc:

The Honorable Devin Nunes

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