

White House Transparency Task Force,

Thank you for providing the documents from other intelligence community components regarding the Round River assessment. We are working diligently with the Department of Justice to compile and provide the task force with the full body of evidence within our own agency related to this matter. To date, we have proactively identified tens of thousands of responsive pages and are preparing them for production for you and Congress.

We share the concerns raised in the materials you transmitted suggesting the FBI's then-Foreign Influence Task Force (FITF), embedded in the FBI Counterintelligence Division at Headquarters, may have inappropriately focused on a small subset of information gleaned from the Round River assessment. As you know, Round River identified at least 53 Confidential Human Sources (CHS) whose identities were potentially known to foreign intelligence and under hostile control. At least 14 of these CHSs reported derogatory information on Joe Biden. At my direction, this FBI will take the unprecedented step of providing you with the source reporting from all 53 sources so you can finally see the facts.

As you are aware, I immediately disbanded the FITF upon assuming the role of FBI Director. While our internal review of the FITF is not yet complete, we are investigating whether the FITF used information learned from the Round River assessment to undermine or influence ongoing investigations by only focusing on the subset of CHS involving the Bidens. We remain concerned that defensive briefings to Congress may have been overly focused on just Biden and Ukraine rather than the balanced picture of all foreign threats.

Although these alleged activities occurred during a different era within the Bureau, my team is firmly committed to identifying, investigating, and holding accountable all abuses. We are equally committed to ensuring that future counterintelligence operations remain focused exclusively on legitimate foreign threats and are never used to advance political narratives.

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