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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Acting Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Warner
Ranking Member
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

We write in further regard to matters pertaining to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and other matters contained in the December 9, 2019 report by Department of Justice (Department) Inspector General Michael Horowitz.

As we described in our letter of February 7, 2020, the Attorney General has determined that it is now in the public interest to release to Congress additional documents and information related to these matters to the extent consistent with national security interests and with the January 7, 2020 order of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC). We began to provide such documents to you on February 7. A fourteenth production is enclosed herein, Bates numbered SENATE-FISA2020-001321 to SENATE-FISA2020-001336. The attached production is unclassified in its current format.

Pursuant to longstanding Department policy, the Department has made redactions relating to certain personally identifiable information or to ongoing investigations, enforcement activities, and certain law enforcement operations, methods, or techniques.

Today's submission, along with forthcoming productions of additional documents, is based on extraordinary and unique circumstances, and should not be construed as precedent setting in any regard. The production of these materials does not waive any applicable privilege.

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We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Boyd", with a large, stylized flourish that loops back under the name.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Defensive Brief to Counsel to H. Clinton.
Re: [REDACTED], 10/22/2015

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton, both partners at Lawfirm [REDACTED] [REDACTED], located at Lawfirm [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton are personal attorneys for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. [REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton and [REDACTED] both hold security clearances. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a classified defensive briefing for Mrs. Clinton's presidential campaign, as summarized below:

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton were advised the FBI has information that the Foreign Government is attempting to influence Hillary Clinton through lobbying efforts and campaign contributions. The campaign contributions may come in a form outside established parameters for such contributions.

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton were advised the FBI was providing them with this briefing for awareness and so Ms. Clinton could take appropriate action to protect herself. They were also told the FBI was seeking their assistance to identify other appropriate recipients of the brief, if any.

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton were asked to advise the FBI, Section Chief Archey, if Ms. Clinton is approached by anyone connected to or acting at the direction of the Foreign Government.

[REDACTED] As examples of issues that were known to be potentially important to the Foreign Government, Counsel to H. Clinton were advised of the following:

- a) Sensitive Information
- b) Sensitive Information ;
- c) Sensitive Information ;
- d) Sensitive Information ;
- e) Sensitive Information .

[REDACTED] As a take away from the meeting, SC Archey offered that the campaign should increase its vigilance of contributions related to any of the matters discussed above.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Defensive Brief to Counsel to H. Clinton.
Re: [REDACTED], 10/22/2015

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton [REDACTED] were advised the FBI has an ongoing investigation and does not have further information at this time. SC Archey stated the FBI felt the information was sufficiently reliable and serious that the FBI had a duty to warn.

[REDACTED] Counsel to H. Clinton [REDACTED] asked if that was all the information that could be shared, and SC Archey responded in the affirmative. Counsel to H. Clinton [REDACTED] advised he would reflect on the information and advise if he thought further defensive briefings were warranted. He mentioned the possibility, the legal counsel for the campaign, as well as the campaign financial manager might be appropriate persons to receive the brief. Counsel to H. Clinton [REDACTED] did not provide the names of these persons.

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[REDACTED]

DEFENSIVE BRIEFINGS RELATED TO

Foreign Government POLITICAL INFLUENCE CAMPAIGN

- [REDACTED] If defensive briefings are to occur, [Field Office] and [Field Office] request Sensitive Information [REDACTED] prior to the defensive briefs. Sensitive Information [REDACTED] to the defensive brief will help us understand the totality of the activity and any potential shift in that activity.
- [REDACTED] Defensive briefings should not be specific to identify the [Field Office] and [Field Office] subjects.
- [REDACTED] The briefings should occur concurrently or as close to concurrently as possible. This strategy ensures that the FBI remains apolitical throughout this process.
- [REDACTED] Specific details of the brief to include individuals in attendance and what, if any, additional information was provided to the political candidate and/or elected official should be provided to [Field Office] and [Field Office] after the fact.
- [REDACTED] If the candidate/politician asks whether anyone else has received such a briefing, we can note that this briefing was provided to this person because of information specific to them. We won't be sharing this information with anyone else, so as to protect him/her from unfair scrutiny. As such, we likewise won't share any information about other briefing recipients with the candidate/politician.
- [REDACTED] If the candidate/politician asks for additional information, we will advise the candidate that we cannot provide any further information due to the singularity of the sourcing.

WHAT WILL BE BRIEFED

- [REDACTED] We have information that the Foreign Government [REDACTED] is attempting to influence you through lobbying efforts and campaign contributions. These campaign contributions may come in a form outside established parameters for such donations.
- [REDACTED] We are providing you with this briefing so you and your staff are aware of such attempts to negatively influence our political process and you can take appropriate action.
- [REDACTED] If approached by an individual that you believe may be connected to or acting at the direction of the Foreign Government [REDACTED], we ask that you provide the nature of the contact to the FBI.

- [REDACTED] Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 4:24 PM
To: [REDACTED])
(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Clinton Defensive Brief --- [REDACTED]
SentinelCaseId: NON-RECORD

Classification: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Good afternoon/evening,

I hope all is well up in New York.

I know I am asking this on Friday afternoon, right before rush hour (something I don't miss from the Big Apple... the Holland Tunnel), but my Unit [REDACTED] down here was asked today by DAD Jones to provide a defensive brief to Hillary Clinton regarding possible foreign aid money that might be contributed to her campaign should/when she announce her run for POTUS.

The DAD would like for us (the FBI) to provide a brief sooner than later ("a week or so"). We think that Clinton maintains her own set of offices at 120 West 45th Street, Suite 2700, in addition to the Clinton Foundations offices. We went online to Hillary Clinton's website at hillaryclintonoffice.com, as well as the Clinton Foundation's website, but neither website has telephone contact information.

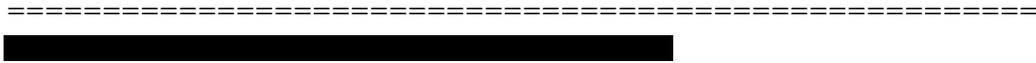
The current thought from my front office is that we will provide to New York the briefing material, if NYO would be able to send out a couple of appropriate individuals to conduct the brief (as well as set it up). Right now, the direction we have been given is that it should be Hillary Clinton or someone within her office. An alternate person could be [REDACTED] Clinton Staffer, I who appears to function as her spokesman.

Though the information we [REDACTED] Field Office received is currently specific to [REDACTED] Foreign Government wanting to give money to Clinton and the, thus far, unknown republican candidate, we would like this to be a general defensive brief. However, I've attached a baseball card with all the information.

Please let me know if NYO concurs with the general plan, and what we can do to help. I'll reach out on Monday if one of you has the opportunity to discuss this.

Thanks, an hope you all have a great weekend!

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[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 2:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 2016 election announcement --- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED],
During our SVTC last week, [REDACTED] indicated to [REDACTED] Field Office he was going to relay the info to CD EM.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 1:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2016 election announcement --- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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TRANSITORY RECORD

[REDACTED],
WSJ is reporting that Hillary Clinton plans to formally announce her 2016 Presidential candidacy in April 2015.

To me, this underscores the need for us to push this FISA. By the time we get it signed and go up, we would only be up a few weeks before she announces, at best. On the other hand, if we wait for the events to unfold which we discussed on the SVTC, her announcement may occur in advance of us

getting the FISA coverage. That puts us even further behind the curve on the intel necessary for this operation.

I spoke with **Employee** of OI. Since the application is three months old now there is some updating that needs to be done, including some additional information that needs to be added. Chris suggests I withdraw the application **Sensitive Information** so we can make the updates and shoot a new FISA application back through the process. To me, this is merely an administrative matter and is no big deal. We should be able to do the updates rather quickly and painlessly and move it back through the process.

Employee did mention his concern about making sure that OI/AG and FBIHQ are on the same page. I *think* his concern is that, from his end, it looks like FBI didn't want to pursue this FISA because we didn't send it over to the AAG with the Director's Certification. He wants to make sure that his office and FBIHQ communicate and that his folks know that we really want this FISA. I'm not sure how FBIHQ is going to manage that, because if we explain the reason we held it up, that probably won't sit well.

Field Office position remains consistent, and we believe additional urgency now exists because the candidate is poised to declare fairly shortly. **Field Office** would request that the new FISA package be approved and sent to the AAG for approval rather than wait for the events previously discussed on the SVTC.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] DIGUISEPPI, JANEEN (CID)(FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] case --- [REDACTED]

SentinelCaseId: NON-RECORD

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Good morning, everyone.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED],
I'm writing about [REDACTED], the **Field Office** case regarding the **Foreign Government** and their plans to offer funds to Mrs. Clinton. [REDACTED] **Sensitive Information** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. News reports are pointing towards this announcement happening either this month or in April.

CD Executive Management is considering providing Mrs. Clinton and/or someone in her office a defensive brief. CD EM would like for us to have a meeting about this and discuss pros and cons, the legal aspects, criminal aspects, etc.

Please let me know when you are available this week to conduct this meeting. We in **FBI Headquarte** are available for this meeting Mon, Tue, or Wed. CD EM needs the information before Friday, 3/13.

[REDACTED], NSLB needs to be present. I don't know anyone on the OGC criminal side that handles these matters but I'm sure you do. Someone there also needs to be present.

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[REDACTED] front office wanted to insure you were aware of this.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 10:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Chronology of Sensitive Information - Foreign Government ---
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED],

Attached is the Chronology of Sensitive Information [REDACTED]

Sensitive Information
[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 10:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Sensitive Information - Foreign Government --- [REDACTED]
Importance: High

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2. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
3. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
4. [Field Office] makes reference to "not being allowed to use one of the only tools available against a target Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
5. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
6. Is there any investigative tool that [Field Office] should/could have right now that they don't?
7. CD SC has conducted multiple SVTC with [Field Office] and [Field Office] to discuss and implement strategy going forward
8. [Field Office] cites translation issues? What is the problem? Is there a problem?

SAC advised that SAC and I have spoken about this case several times???? I have not talked to SAC one time about this case. I think SAC is confusing me with Bob Jones. I asked John Giacalone if SAC had spoken to him about it and he said no.

I don't understand what [Field Office] point is. What investigative action are they not allowed to do against their targets? Why are they advising they are unclear about the strategy going forward?

From: SAC [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:31 PM
To: COLEMAN, RANDALL C. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Sensitive Information - Foreign Government [REDACTED]

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From: COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:15 PM
To: SAC [REDACTED]
Cc: SAC [REDACTED] (FBI); GIULIANO, MARK F (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Sensitive Information - Foreign Government [REDACTED]

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Thanks SAC [REDACTED]. Don't know anything about this but will get smarter.

With respect to the most time-sensitive part: Do you know why this is not included in the briefing for tomorrow? I finished the read-ahead, which includes a variety of stuff about Foreign Government efforts in the U.S., but didn't see a mention of this. Why is that? Is the DI team coming tomorrow aware of the matter?

From: SAC [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:07 PM
To: COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: SAC [REDACTED] GIULIANO, MARK F (DO) (FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- [REDACTED]

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Director Comey -

[REDACTED] I hope I am not overstepping in this matter, but I learned earlier today that you will be receiving a briefing on Foreign Government on Wednesday, 4/15/15, which is what prompted me to contact you. Based upon what we have been able to ascertain, it does not appear that you will be briefed on Field Office pending investigation involving the Foreign Government, code named Sensitive Information, with a companion investigation in Field Office. This information came to us through Sensitive Information [REDACTED], but it has been corroborated Sensitive Information [REDACTED]. In short, Sensitive Information has identified attempts by the Foreign Government to influence the U.S. presidential election, U.S. presidential candidates, and U.S. politicians through illegal campaign contributions

Sensitive Information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sensitive Information [REDACTED]

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Sensitive Information [REDACTED]

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Sensitive Information [redacted] Field Office Division submitted a FISA application Sensitive Information [redacted]; on 12/15/14, OI sent the Certification Copy of the FISA application to the FBI for final approval. The FISA application has remained in limbo for the last four months, even though subsequent investigative activity by Field Office [redacted] provided additional probable cause for the FISA application. Field Office [redacted] is still uncertain as to why the application has not been sent to DOJ for final approval, although several reasons have been put forth by CD, most recently that the decision to put the application on hold originated “on the seventh floor.”

While Field Office [redacted] has pursued the matter through other avenues, Sensitive Information [redacted] [redacted] and we have received no feedback from CD on the proposed neutralization strategy.

I discussed this matter with DD Giuliano when this information initially came to our attention, and more recently with AD Coleman, but have not received a clear answer as to why we are not being allowed to use one of the only tools available against a target Sensitive Information [redacted] – FISA collection – in spite of clear legal justification. While superficially connected to political candidates, the investigation targets a NONUSPER involved in illegal activity; it does not target the candidate(s), and there is no evidence the candidate is even aware of the potential targeting.

I would like to either see this investigation move forward, or at least get an understanding of why we are not being allowed to move forward. My team has put a lot of time and effort into this matter, and they don't understand why they are not being allowed to vigorously investigate this case. At this point, I don't have any answers for them. I would be happy to discuss further, or provide more information if needed. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 12:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: From the AD... [REDACTED]

SentinelCaseId: NON-RECORD

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Please come in and see me today in the PM, around 3:30.

Thanks,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: COE, ROGER (CD)(FBI)
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 9:52 AM
To: ARCHEY, DAVID W. (CD)(FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: From the AD... [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Gents:

Only item from Randy this morning for you has to do with Hillary Clinton and the **Country** money:

- A defensive brief for Clinton's office should be done (preferably in the next week or so)
- The brief does not preclude any other ongoing investigative activity against the target; that should, continue

Probably need to be ready Mon or Tue to tell Bob what the plan is for the defensive brief (i.e., to whom within her office it will be and who will do it).

Thanks,

RC

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[REDACTED]

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