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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Charles Johnson

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Re: Documents Related to Opposition Research Related to the 2016 Election

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is conducting a bipartisan inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections. As part of that inquiry, the Committee requests that you participate in a closed interview with bipartisan staff conducting the inquiry at a mutually convenient time.

In order to maximize the utility of that conversation, the Committee requests that you provide the following documents to the Committee by the close of business on August 10, 2017: all documents, emails, text messages, direct messages, calendar appointments, memoranda, notes, or other documents related to any communications with Russians persons, or representatives of Russian government, business, or media interests, relating to:

- 1) the 2016 U.S. Presidential Campaign, and/or any of the candidates or parties involved in that campaign;
- 2) any attempts to search for electronic information that may have been stolen or compromised by cyber activity and that was related in any way to the 2016 U.S. elections, candidates, and/or campaigns; and
- 3) any other information relating to Russian attempts to carry out cyber intrusion, hacking, or other activities that related in any way to the political election process in the U.S.

To ensure that a full and complete record of relevant communications will be produced to the Committee in response to a document request, the Committee requests that you:

1. Preserve all hard copy and electronically stored information relevant to the Committee's investigation, as described above; and
2. If it is the routine practice to destroy or otherwise alter such hard copy or electronic records, either:
 - a. Put an immediate halt to such practices; or,
 - b. Arrange for the preservation of complete and accurate duplicates or copies of such records, suitable for production if requested; and

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3. Preserve all documents relating to, and all documents supplied in response to:
 - a. Any notice of administrative, civil, or criminal legal action;
 - b. Any subpoena, search warrant, seizure warrant, summons, or other legal writ, notice, or order or request for information, property or material,
 - c. Any request for information made to or by a third party (including but not limited to any government agency or private party)
 - d. That relate in any way to Russian actions targeting the 2016 U.S. elections as described above.

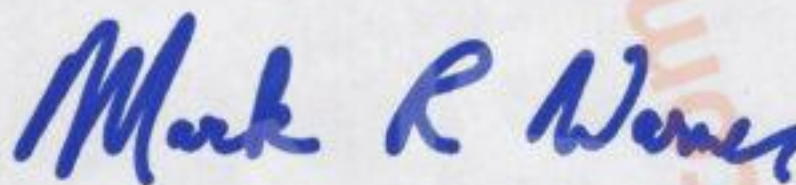
For the purposes of this request, "preserve" means taking reasonable steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, or mutation of hard copy or electronic records, as well as negligent or intentional handling that would make such records incomplete or inaccessible.

Please respond in writing upon receipt of this letter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Committee counsel Vanessa Le, at 202-228-6117, or April Doss, at 202-224-1737.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
Chairman



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Vice Chairman



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