September 25, 2017

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Pompeo:

We are writing to request that the Central Intelligence Agency grant the Judiciary Committee access to the same materials that have been made available to the Senate Intelligence Committee as part of that Committee’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

We understand the primary role that the Intelligence Committee plays in overseeing the intelligence activities and programs of the US government. At times, however, issues that come within the Intelligence Committee’s purview also implicate matters that are otherwise within the jurisdiction of other committees. When that happens, other committees are entitled to exercise their jurisdiction accordingly, including gaining “full and prompt access to the product of the intelligence activities of any department or agency of the Government relevant to a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of such committee.” (S. Res. 400, 94th Cong., 2d Sess., 1976, at Sec. 2(d).)

Russian interference in the 2016 election – a matter that implicates federal criminal laws, our electoral processes, and the administration of justice – is one of those circumstances involving matters squarely within the Judiciary Committee’s jurisdiction. In order for this Committee to do its work, our Members need access to materials that Ranking Member Feinstein has been able to review because of her membership on the Intelligence Committee. Our Committee should have access to these materials under the same terms as the Intelligence Committee.
We appreciate your prompt attention to our request. Since we would like to start reviewing these materials as soon as possible, we ask that you reply no later than October 2, 2017 so that we may move forward on making arrangements for Committee review.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley
Chairman

Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member