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The Honorable Trey Gowdy  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that you issue a subpoena to compel the State Department to produce documents it is withholding relating to alleged lists being created by a Trump Administration political appointee Mari Stull to determine whether career employees are sufficiently loyal to President Donald Trump.

On June 13, 2018, *Foreign Policy* reported that Ms. Stull, a former food and beverage lobbyist who now serves as a Senior Adviser to the Bureau of International Organizational Affairs, “has been quietly vetting career diplomats and American employees of international institutions to determine whether they are loyal to President Donald Trump and his political agenda, according to nearly a dozen current and former U.S. officials.”<sup>1</sup>

On June 19, 2018, I sent a letter with Ranking Member Eliot Engel of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Ranking Member Robert Menendez of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo requesting information and documents about Ms. Stull’s efforts.<sup>2</sup> The State Department has not responded to our letter and has not provided the documents we requested.

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<sup>1</sup> *Trump Appointee Compiles Loyalty List of U.S. Employees at U.N., State*, *Foreign Policy* (June 13, 2018) (online at <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/06/13/trumps-vino-vixen-compiles-loyalty-list-of-u-s-employees-at-u-n-state-mari-stull-political-appointee-state-department-international-organization-united-nations-political-retribution-chaos-dysfunction/>).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Eliot Engel, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Ranking Member Robert Menendez, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State (June 19, 2018) (online at <https://democrats-foreignaffairs.house.gov/sites/democrats.foreignaffairs.house.gov/files/06-18-18%20Letter%20to%20Secretary%20Pompeo%20on%20Prohibited%20Personnel%20Practices%20at%20State%20Department.pdf>).

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In order to conduct oversight of repeated allegations of political cleansing of career employees at the State Department, I ask that you issue a subpoena compelling the State Department to produce the following documents:

- (1) all documents or communications referring or relating to Ms. Stull's efforts to categorize, vet, or research career State Department employees and employees of international institutions, including searches on social media websites;
- (2) all documents or communications referring or relating to lists of career State Department employees and employees of international institutions created by Ms. Stull or any other political appointee at the State Department; and
- (3) all documents or communications referring or relating to research conducted by political appointees relating to perceived political views of career employees.

If you decide not to issue this subpoena, then I ask you to place this matter on the agenda for our next regularly scheduled business meeting so all Committee Members will have the opportunity to debate and vote on this motion.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member