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March 5, 2019

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plays an important role in the federal government's efforts to protect our elections from malicious actors. During the 2016 election cycle, then-DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson briefed Members of Congress about attempted Russian interference.¹ During the briefing—which also included President Obama's National Security Advisor Lisa Monaco and then-FBI Director James Comey—the Obama Administration assured Members that it was adequately addressing any attempted interference in the election.²

DHS officials provided similar briefings to the staff affiliated with the presidential campaigns during the 2016 election cycle. To assist our continued oversight of the federal government's actions in advance of the 2016 election, please provide:

1. All documents and communications created, prepared, or used for the purpose of briefing Members of Congress about the threat of foreign interference in the 2016 presidential election;
2. All documents created, prepared, or used for the purpose of briefing campaign officials about the threat of foreign interference in the 2016 presidential election;
3. All documents and communications between or among Secretary Johnson or any other DHS employee, Director Comey or any other FBI employee, or Lisa Monaco or any other National Security Council employee referring or relating to briefing Members of Congress about the Russian Government's attempts to interfere in the 2016 election; and

¹ See letter from Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Gov't Affairs, to Kirstjen Nielsen, Sec., Dep't of Homeland Sec. (June 6, 2018).

² *Id.*

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4. All documents and communications produced to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs responsive to Chairman Johnson's request of June 6, 2018.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2019.

If you have any questions about this request, please ask your staff to contact our Committee staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Mark Meadows
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman