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The Honorable James Comey
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters
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Dear Director Comey:

Press reports indicate that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is currently examining National Security Advisor General Michael Flynn's communications with Russian government officials prior to President Trump's inauguration, including before the November 8, 2016, election, on behalf of the Trump presidential campaign and incoming Trump administration.¹ As part of these communications, General Flynn reportedly may have struck an agreement or implied future cooperation with Russia and President Vladimir Putin regarding sanctions relief or some form of preferential treatment.²

Given the significant implications that any such communications may have had for the nation's homeland and national security, I request that you provide a closed briefing for the Committee as soon as possible regarding the scope and status of any current FBI investigation related to General Flynn's contacts with the Russian government. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Julie Klein on my staff at 202-224-2627 or Julie.Klein@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

cc: Ron Johnson
Chairman

¹ The Washington Post, *National Security Adviser Flynn Discussed sanctions with Russian Ambassador, Despite Denials, Officials Say* (Feb. 9, 2017).

² *Id.*; The New York Times, *Flynn Is Said to Have Talked to Russians About Sanctions Before Trump Took Office* (Feb. 9, 2017).