

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 30, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable William Barr
Attorney General
Department of Justice

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Barr and Director Wray:

As you are aware, the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Committees) are examining the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) handling of the Crossfire Hurricane and Mid-Year investigations. As part of our investigations, we have requested records relating to the decision-making process of DOJ and FBI officials, to include briefing materials as well as text and Lync messages. Recently, we have received multiple productions relating to those categories of records. However, the productions are classified.

We request that you fully and completely declassify the classified records produced to us. We believe that declassification is appropriate at this time because, among other factors, the Inspector General's reviews of the Crossfire Hurricane and Mid-Year investigations are closed; the investigations have already been the subject of years of oversight, public hearings, and document productions; and there is a strong public interest in knowing and understanding what really transpired between and among federal government officials relating to Crossfire Hurricane and Mid-Year. Together, these factors outweigh the need to further protect the information contained in the classified records.

Accordingly, we request a full and complete declassification of the following records no later than November 13, 2020:

1. 1 May 2017 Director's Briefing Notes; Bates Number FBI003716 to 3726.
2. Emails and attachment sent between Jonathan Moffa, Peter Strzok, and others; Bates Number FBI003776 to 3778.
3. Lync Messages involving James Rybicki and Brian Boetig; Bates Number FBI004038 to 4039.
4. Lync Messages involving Jennifer Boone; Bates Number FBI004228 to 4239.
5. Lync Messages involving Peter Strzok and Andrew McCabe; Bates Number FBI004240 to 4261.

The Department should promptly declassify these records and produce them directly to us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on Finance

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs

cc: The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member

The Honorable Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member