



October 8, 2019

The Honorable Richard Burr
Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
The Honorable Mark Warner
Vice Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Communication with Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Dear Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner:

Thank you for reaffirming your request through Committee Counsel that you wish to have our client meet with your staff in person. Although our client wants it known they are ready and willing to assist with appropriate congressional oversight and investigations, as we stated to both majority and minority counsel during yesterday's teleconference, an in-person meeting is, respectfully, a non-starter. Our priority remains to protect our client's identity and ensure their safety.

Just yesterday, multiple news outlets reported on sensitive negotiations concerning potential meetings with our client. Furthermore, following Intelligence Community Inspector General Michael Atkinson's testimony on Friday, October 4, 2019, confidential documents he provided to both Committees are leaking and are being misrepresented for political purposes.

Additionally, it is our firm position that we must treat Congress as a whole in a fair and impartial manner. Thus, given the events of just the past 24 hours, let alone the past three weeks – to include threats from the President of the United States – our client is now only willing to communicate with both Committees through written interrogatories. Frankly, based on White House action and other witness testimony, the vast majority of the substantive allegations set forth in our client's complaint have already been verified, thus minimizing the utility of any information our client could provide at this stage. To the extent your Committee seeks information concerning the specific whistleblower process, something we obviously support, that can certainly be accommodated at a later date. Nonetheless, we can assure both Committees that any submitted interrogatories will receive a timely response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Bakaj

Enclosures: None.

cc: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence