

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kashyap Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel,

As you are aware, following years of covering up intelligence that runs contrary to the stories perpetuated as the so-called Russia Collusion Hoax and with respect to the Hillary Clinton e-mail mishandling investigation, the full scope of damage caused by partisan senior leaders and others in the law enforcement and intelligence community in the years since the 2016 presidential election is finally coming to light. In pushing for additional transparency, the Senate Judiciary Committee sought and obtained the declassification of an appendix to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Inspector General (OIG), report on the 2016 election after years of effort.¹ As you're aware, this report focused on the Comey FBI's mishandling of the Clinton investigation.

The revelations contained in the declassified OIG appendix are at the heart of why the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) became distrusted by so many under your agency's prior directors: a failure to impartially conduct its law enforcement and intelligence mission. Concerning the issue at hand, Comey's FBI shockingly failed to review and exploit evidence in its own possession, even though they admitted in written memos the information was necessary to conduct a "thorough and complete investigation." The FBI also failed to review and exploit other foreign intelligence information.

A failed effort left the evidence unevaluated in FBI's custody inside a Northern Virginia offshoot office of the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO). Literally, an entire collection of data, including "reports purporting to analyze or characterize intercepted U.S. communications" and information concerning "cyber intrusions into U.S. entities" were simply swept away into the dark confines of history – until now. We refuse to allow this dereliction of duty to continue, and trust that your leadership will immediately seek to rectify this oversight by prior DOJ and FBI leadership.

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, Appendix One, July 2018, *available at* https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/horowitz_2018_midyear_appendix_released_by_chairman_grassley.pdf.

Therefore, we now write to stress the importance that this material be immediately dug out from hiding and properly assessed. How evidence which purportedly includes information related to “former President Barack Obama’s emails” and “network infrastructure diagrams for U.S. government classified networks,” remained unreviewed by the preeminent law enforcement agency in the world is mind-numbing. We know you will not similarly ignore evidence in your agency’s possession, no matter where its exploitation or conclusions might lead.

If, in fact, the data in question has been evaluated since the release of the original OIG annex in July of 2018, Congress is unaware of any analysis arising from such a review. That would be a problem, as well, as congressional oversight would have been hampered. That said, it appears “that the vast majority of this data has never been reviewed by the FBI,”² so we look forward to receiving an update on forthcoming steps taken by the FBI to correct this historic investigative and national security failure.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
Director of National Intelligence

² *Id.*