



March 28, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Chairman Graham:

I write in response to your letter to me dated February 28, 2018, requesting that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) review several matters, including issues surrounding the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) application and renewal of authority to conduct surveillance of a certain U.S. person under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). As you are aware, the Attorney General previously requested that the OIG review the FBI's compliance with applicable law and policies in preparing and submitting the original and renewal applications to the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) for the same surveillance.

After consideration of these requests, the OIG is initiating a review that will examine the Department's and FBI's compliance with legal requirements, and with applicable DOJ and FBI policies and procedures, in applications filed with the FISC relating to this U.S. person. As part of this examination, the OIG also will review information that was known to the Department and the FBI at the time the applications were filed from or about an alleged FBI confidential source. Additionally, the OIG will review the Department's and FBI's relationship and communications with the alleged source as they relate to the FISA applications. If circumstances warrant, the OIG will consider including other issues that may arise during the course of the review.

We believe the scope of this review will address most of the questions presented in your February 28 letter. However, we do not intend for the review

to address leak allegations or questions regarding possible defensive briefings by the FBI. Additionally, given the prosecution of Lt. Gen. Flynn is a pending criminal matter and it appears to be unrelated to the FISA issues, we do not intend for the review to address questions related to the prosecution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Adam Miles, Counselor to the Inspector General, at (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
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