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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2132 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2056 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graham, Chairman Nadler, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Ranking Member Jordan:

On May 13, 2019, I directed John Durham, U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, to investigate certain intelligence and law-enforcement activities surrounding the 2016 presidential election. Although I had expected Mr. Durham to complete his work by the summer of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as additional information he uncovered, prevented him from doing so. In advance of the presidential election, I decided to appoint Mr. Durham as a Special Counsel to provide him and his team with the assurance that they could complete their work, without regard to the outcome of the election.

Accordingly, on October 19, 2020, I appointed Mr. Durham with the powers and authority of a Special Counsel under the regulations of the Department of Justice. *See* 28 C.F.R. §§ 600.4–600.10.

I am providing this notification pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 600.9(a)(1), having previously determined that it was in the public interest to toll notification given the proximity to the presidential election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.P. Barr".

William P. Barr
Attorney General