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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Nadler:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated March 31, 2017. We apologize for our delay in responding to your letter. We are sending identical responses to the other Members who joined your letter.

As you know, on March 2, 2017, the Attorney General recused himself from any existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States. The regulation on which the Attorney General based his recusal applies to investigations and prosecutions. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 45.2.

Additionally, on May 17, 2017, the Department of Justice (Department) announced the appointment of Mr. Mueller to serve as Special Counsel to oversee the previously-confirmed FBI investigation of Russian government efforts to influence the 2016 election and related matters. We are confident that the Special Counsel will carry out his responsibilities appropriately and in accordance with the Department's Special Counsel regulations. *See* 28 CFR §§ 600.4 through 600.10. Under these circumstances and consistent with the Department's longstanding policy regarding the confidentiality and sensitivity relating to pending matters, the Department is not in a position to respond further to your inquiry at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
Chairman