(b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email

Subject:RE:To:O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)Sent:March 22, 2019 10:43 AM (UTC-04:00)We trying for all, but we currently plan to bring you the first report ready with multiples of the intro/execsummaries, followed by the 6 remaining reports.

Aaron Zebley Special Counsel's Office (b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----From: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (b) (6) Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:45 AM To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email Subject: RE:

Great. Will he be bringing whole set over at one time or will it be staggered as we discussed last night? If you know yet.

Edward C. O'Callaghan (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:38 AM To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (b) (6) Subject: RE:

Yes -- but he has arranged with the detail to move in quickly from the 9th street side. Should be no problem.

Aaron Zebley Special Counsel's Office (b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----From: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (b) (6) Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:49 AM To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email Subject: Re: Will he be driving in? Cameramen watching everyone in and out.

Edward C. O'Callaghan (b) (6) > On Mar 22, 2019, at 7:53 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email wrote: > > Thx > > Sent from my iPhone > >> On Mar 22, 2019, at 7:45 AM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote: >> >> Yes. Thanks. >> >> Edward C. O'Callaghan >>(b) (6) >> >>> On Mar 22, 2019, at 7:20 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email > wrote: >>> >>> Ed, are delivering to you? Current plan: Our security officer, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will be coming over. >>> Thx >>> >>> Sent from my iPhone



# **The Attorney General**

Washington, D.C.

March 24, 2019

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 331 Hart 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 Doug Collins Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States House of Representatives 1504 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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

As a supplement to the notification provided on Friday, March 22, 2019, I am writing today to advise you of the principal conclusions reached by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III and to inform you about the status of my initial review of the report he has prepared.

# The Special Counsel's Report

On Friday, the Special Counsel submitted to me a "confidential report explaining the prosecution or declination decisions" he has reached, as required by 28 C.F.R. § 600.8(c). This report is entitled "Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election." Although my review is ongoing, I believe that it is in the public interest to describe the report and to summarize the principal conclusions reached by the Special Counsel and the results of his investigation.

The report explains that the Special Counsel and his staff thoroughly investigated allegations that members of the presidential campaign of Donald J. Trump, and others associated with it, conspired with the Russian government in its efforts to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, or sought to obstruct the related federal investigations. In the report, the Special Counsel noted that, in completing his investigation, he employed 19 lawyers who were assisted by a team of approximately 40 FBI agents, intelligence analysts, forensic accountants, and other professional staff. The Special Counsel issued more than 2,800 subpoenas, executed nearly 500 search warrants, obtained more than 230 orders for communication records, issued almost 50 orders authorizing use of pen registers, made 13 requests to foreign governments for evidence, and interviewed approximately 500 witnesses.

The Special Counsel obtained a number of indictments and convictions of individuals and entities in connection with his investigation, all of which have been publicly disclosed. During the course of his investigation, the Special Counsel also referred several matters to other offices for further action. The report does not recommend any further indictments, nor did the Special Counsel obtain any sealed indictments that have yet to be made public. Below, I summarize the principal conclusions set out in the Special Counsel's report.

**Russian Interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.** The Special Counsel's report is divided into two parts. The first describes the results of the Special Counsel's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The report outlines the Russian effort to influence the election and documents crimes committed by persons associated with the Russian government in connection with those efforts. The report further explains that a primary consideration for the Special Counsel's investigation was whether any Americans – including individuals associated with the Trump campaign – joined the Russian conspiracies to influence the election, which would be a federal crime. The Special Counsel's investigation did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election. As the report states: "[T]he investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."<sup>1</sup>

The Special Counsel's investigation determined that there were two main Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election. The first involved attempts by a Russian organization, the Internet Research Agency (IRA), to conduct disinformation and social media operations in the United States designed to sow social discord, eventually with the aim of interfering with the election. As noted above, the Special Counsel did not find that any U.S. person or Trump campaign official or associate conspired or knowingly coordinated with the IRA in its efforts, although the Special Counsel brought criminal charges against a number of Russian nationals and entities in connection with these activities.

The second element involved the Russian government's efforts to conduct computer hacking operations designed to gather and disseminate information to influence the election. The Special Counsel found that Russian government actors successfully hacked into computers and obtained emails from persons affiliated with the Clinton campaign and Democratic Party organizations, and publicly disseminated those materials through various intermediaries, including WikiLeaks. Based on these activities, the Special Counsel brought criminal charges against a number of Russian military officers for conspiring to hack into computers in the United States for purposes of influencing the election. But as noted above, the Special Counsel did not find that the Trump campaign, or anyone associated with it, conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in these efforts, despite multiple offers from Russian-affiliated individuals to assist the Trump campaign.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In assessing potential conspiracy charges, the Special Counsel also considered whether members of the Trump campaign "coordinated" with Russian election interference activities. The Special Counsel defined "coordination" as an "agreement—tacit or express—between the Trump Campaign and the Russian government on election interference."

**Obstruction of Justice.** The report's second part addresses a number of actions by the President – most of which have been the subject of public reporting – that the Special Counsel investigated as potentially raising obstruction-of-justice concerns. After making a "thorough factual investigation" into these matters, the Special Counsel considered whether to evaluate the conduct under Department standards governing prosecution and declination decisions but ultimately determined not to make a traditional prosecutorial judgment. The Special Counsel therefore did not draw a conclusion – one way or the other – as to whether the examined conduct constituted obstruction. Instead, for each of the relevant actions investigated, the report sets out evidence on both sides of the question and leaves unresolved what the Special Counsel views as "difficult issues" of law and fact concerning whether the President's actions and intent could be viewed as obstruction. The Special Counsel states that "while this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him."

The Special Counsel's decision to describe the facts of his obstruction investigation without reaching any legal conclusions leaves it to the Attorney General to determine whether the conduct described in the report constitutes a crime. Over the course of the investigation, the Special Counsel's office engaged in discussions with certain Department officials regarding many of the legal and factual matters at issue in the Special Counsel's obstruction investigation. After reviewing the Special Counsel's final report on these issues; consulting with Department officials, including the Office of Legal Counsel; and applying the principles of federal prosecution that guide our charging decisions, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and I have concluded that the evidence developed during the Special Counsel's investigation is not sufficient to establish that the President committed an obstruction-of-justice offense. Our determination was made without regard to, and is not based on, the constitutional considerations that surround the indictment and criminal prosecution of a sitting president.<sup>2</sup>

In making this determination, we noted that the Special Counsel recognized that "the evidence does not establish that the President was involved in an underlying crime related to Russian election interference," and that, while not determinative, the absence of such evidence bears upon the President's intent with respect to obstruction. Generally speaking, to obtain and sustain an obstruction conviction, the government would need to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person, acting with corrupt intent, engaged in obstructive conduct with a sufficient nexus to a pending or contemplated proceeding. In cataloguing the President's actions, many of which took place in public view, the report identifies no actions that, in our judgment, constitute obstructive conduct, had a nexus to a pending or contemplated proceeding, and were done with corrupt intent, each of which, under the Department's principles of federal prosecution guiding charging decisions, would need to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt to establish an obstruction-of-justice offense.

# Status of the Department's Review

The relevant regulations contemplate that the Special Counsel's report will be a "confidential report" to the Attorney General. *See* Office of Special Counsel, 64 Fed. Reg. 37,038,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See A Sitting President's Amenability to Indictment and Criminal Prosecution, 24 Op. O.L.C. 222 (2000).

37,040-41 (July 9, 1999). As I have previously stated, however, I am mindful of the public interest in this matter. For that reason, my goal and intent is to release as much of the Special Counsel's report as I can consistent with applicable law, regulations, and Departmental policies.

Based on my discussions with the Special Counsel and my initial review, it is apparent that the report contains material that is or could be subject to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e), which imposes restrictions on the use and disclosure of information relating to "matter[s] occurring before [a] grand jury." Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e)(2)(B). Rule 6(e) generally limits disclosure of certain grand jury information in a criminal investigation and prosecution. *Id*. Disclosure of 6(e) material beyond the strict limits set forth in the rule is a crime in certain circumstances. *See, e.g.*, 18 U.S.C. § 401(3). This restriction protects the integrity of grand jury proceedings and ensures that the unique and invaluable investigative powers of a grand jury are used strictly for their intended criminal justice function.

Given these restrictions, the schedule for processing the report depends in part on how quickly the Department can identify the 6(e) material that by law cannot be made public. I have requested the assistance of the Special Counsel in identifying all 6(e) information contained in the report as quickly as possible. Separately, I also must identify any information that could impact other ongoing matters, including those that the Special Counsel has referred to other offices. As soon as that process is complete, I will be in a position to move forward expeditiously in determining what can be released in light of applicable law, regulations, and Departmental policies.

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As I observed in my initial notification, the Special Counsel regulations provide that "the Attorney General may determine that public release of" notifications to your respective Committees "would be in the public interest." 28 C.F.R. § 600.9(c). I have so determined, and I will disclose this letter to the public after delivering it to you.

Sincerely,

William P. Barr

Attorney General

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From: Subject: To: Sent: Understood. F	O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) Re: SCO redactions Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) March 28, 2019 10:49 AM (UTC-04:00) report to include intros and summaries.
Edward C. O'	Callaghan
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wrote:	2019, at 10:31 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)
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>> On Mar 28 wrote: >>	2019, at 10:19 AM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)(b) (6)
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>> Edward C.	O'Callaghan
>> <mark>(b)(6)</mark> >>	
>>> On Mar 2 wrote: >>>	8, 2019, at 9:32 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <b>⊲(b) (6)</b>
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	but I think we need to know how and when they plan to go about it. Thanks,

Brad.



# **The Attorney General**

Washington, D.C.

March 29, 2019

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

Dear Chairman Graham and Chairman Nadler,

I write in response to Chairman Nadler's March 25, 2019 letter and Chairman Graham's March 27, 2019 letter, which addressed the investigation of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III and the "confidential report" he has submitted to me pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 600.8(c).

As we have discussed, I share your desire to ensure that Congress and the public have the opportunity to read the Special Counsel's report. We are preparing the report for release, making the redactions that are required. The Special Counsel is assisting us in this process. Specifically, we are well along in the process of identifying and redacting the following: (1) material subject to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) that by law cannot be made public; (2) material the intelligence community identifies as potentially compromising sensitive sources and methods; (3) material that could affect other ongoing matters, including those that the Special Counsel has referred to other Department offices; and (4) information that would unduly infringe on the personal privacy and reputational interests of peripheral third parties. Our progress is such that I anticipate we will be in a position to release the report by mid-April, if not sooner. Although the President would have the right to assert privilege over certain parts of the report, he has stated publicly that he intends to defer to me and, accordingly, there are no plans to submit the report to the White House for a privilege review.

Also, I am aware of some media reports and other public statements mischaracterizing my March 24, 2019 supplemental notification as a "summary" of the Special Counsel's investigation and report. For example, Chairman Nadler's March 25 letter refers to my supplemental notification as a "four-page summary of the Special Counsel's review." My March 24 letter was not, and did not purport to be, an exhaustive recounting of the Special Counsel's investigation or report. As my letter made clear, my notification to Congress and the public provided, pending release of the report, a summary of its "principal conclusions"—that is, its bottom line. The Special Counsel's report is nearly 400 pages long (exclusive of tables and appendices) and sets forth the Special Counsel's findings, his analysis, and the reasons for his conclusions. Everyone will soon be able to read it on their own. I do not believe it would be in the public's interest for me to attempt to summarize the full report or to release it in serial or piecemeal fashion.

As I have discussed with both of you, I believe it would be appropriate for me to testify publicly on behalf of the Department shortly after the Special Counsel's report is made public. I am currently available to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 1, 2019 and before the House Judiciary Committee on May 2, 2019.

Finally, in the interests of keeping the public informed as to these matters, I intend to make this letter public after delivering it to you.

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Sincerely,

William P. Barr

Attorney General

cc: Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein; Ranking Member Doug Collins

From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email
Subject:	FW: Mueller story
To:	O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
Sent:	April 2, 2019 3:41 PM (UTC-04:00)
FYI.	
Aaron Zebley	

Special Counsel's Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: Carr, Peter (OPA) (b) (6) Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 2:52 PM To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Aaron Zebley email Subject: FW: Mueller story

FYI

From: Benner, Katie(b) (6)	>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 2:45 PM	
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) < (b) (6)	
Subject: Mueller story	

Hi Peter,

I wanted to send you this note that I emailed to DOJ earlier this afternoon.

The NYT is prepping a story about the special counsel's report.

The upshot: SCO, we're told, wrote summaries of their findings that they intended to be made public and some members of the team are frustrated with Barr's decision to clear Trump without releasing those summaries.
The summaries were stripped of potential classified information or other sensitive materials that would need to be

redacted.

- Some Mueller team members who wanted Congress to assess whether Trump obstructed justice believe that Barr put his finger on the scale for Trump.

I wanted to give you a chance to comment. I'm on my cell and can talk anytime. (b) (6)

All best, Katie

Katie Benner (b) (6) (m)

@ktbenner Check out my recent stories here

From:	Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject:	Background
To:	Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc:	Watson, Theresa (OAG)
Sent:	April 4, 2019 9:40 AM (UTC-04:00)

Every page of the "confidential report" provided to the Attorney General on March 22, 2019 was marked "May Contain Material Protected Under Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e)" - a law that protects confidential grand jury information - and therefore could not be publicly released. Given the extraordinary public interest in the matter, the Attorney General decided to release the report's bottom-line findings and his conclusions immediately — without attempting to summarize the report — with the understanding that the original report would be released after the redaction process. The Department continues to work with the Special Counsel on appropriate redactions to the report so that it can be released to Congress and the public.

Sent from my iPhone

From:O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)Subject:SCO interaction March 27-29To:Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)Sent:April 4, 2019 1:38 PM (UTC-04:00)

As we discussed last week, I received a hand-delivered package from SCO on the evening of March 27 that contained a cover letter from Special Counsel and a document that was described as a redacted version of the Introduction and Executive Summaries to Volumes 1 and 2 of the Special Counsel's Report. I did not know this package was coming and I did not know that Special Counsel Mueller was considering preparing the letter contained in it. (b) (5)

Upon receiving this package on the evening of March 27, I quickly reviewed its contents and discussed it briefly with the DAG and you. First thing on Thursday morning, March 28, I brought the letter and redacted documents to Brian Rabbitt and we discussed the contents. Later that morning, Brian, the DAG and I had a meeting with the AG and it was decided to call Special Counsel Mueller to discuss the letter and the redacted documents. During the call, among other things, Special Counsel Mueller stated that he did not believe that anything that was described in the AG's letters to Congress over the weekend of March 22-24 was inaccurate. However, he said that the media was misinterpreting the letters and that the letters did not provide the full context and substance of their investigation, its analysis and its conclusions. The AG reiterated that the letters to Congress were not intended to summarize Mueller's report, but rather to state only a brief summary of the principal conclusions of the report. Mueller reiterated that the perception in the press and the press characterizations of what the AG said in his letter were not accurate. The AG thanked Mueller for his office's ongoing cooperation in the redaction process, noting that, based on prior discussions and requests, he thought that the report that was delivered by SCO to DOJ would have had the 6(e) materials more clearly delineated than they were, but that the goal now was to do the review and provide the necessary redactions as soon as possible. **(b) (5)** 



Edward C. O'Callaghan Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General United States Department of Justice (o(b) (6)



From:Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)Subject:FW: Letter to AG BarrTo:Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)Cc:Lasseter, David F. (OLA)Sent:April 4, 2019 3:20 PM (UTC-04:00)Attached:2019-04-04 Letter to AG Barr.pdf

# Incoming from Nadler. SB

From: Emmons, William(b) (6)	
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 3:16 PM	
To: DOJ Correspondence (SMO)(b) (6)	; Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
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Cc: Hiller, Aaron(b) (6)	Hariharan, Arya(b) (6)
Subject: Letter to AG Barr	

Please see attached a letter from Chairman Jerrold Nadler to Attorney General Barr requesting information regarding the summary and public release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report.

# U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary

Washington, DC 20515-6216 One Hundred Sixteenth Congress

April 4, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

I write to you regarding troubling press reports relating to your handling of Special Counsel Mueller's report, and to urge that you immediately release to the public any "summaries" contained in the report that may have been prepared by the Special Counsel.

The *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* both report that some in the Special Counsel's office have raised concerns about your March 24 letter summarizing the results of the Special Counsel's investigation. The *Post* wrote that "members of [Special Counsel] Mueller's team have complained to close associates that the evidence they gathered on obstruction was alarming and significant."<sup>1</sup>

These reports suggest that the Special Counsel prepared his own summaries, intended for public consumption, which you chose to withhold in favor of your own: "Some members of the office were particularly disappointed that Barr did not release summary information the special counsel team had . . . prepared for different sections of the report, with a view that they could [be] made public."<sup>2</sup> In fact, one unnamed U.S. official is quoted as saying that "Mueller's team assumed the information was going to be made available to the public . . . 'and so they prepared their summaries to be shared in their own words—and not in the attorney general's summary of their work, as turned out to be the case.""<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ellen Nakashima et al., Limited information Barr has shared about Russia investigation frustrated some on Mueller's team, WASH. POST, Apr. 4, 2019. See also Nicholas Fandos, Some on Mueller's Team Say Report Was More Damaging than Barr Revealed, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 3, 2019.

In your March 29 letter to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, you stated that the Special Counsel is "assisting" you in the process of making appropriate redactions before the report is released publicly.<sup>4</sup> If these recent reports are accurate and the Special Counsel's office prepared summaries "in a way that minimum redactions, if any, would have been necessary,"<sup>5</sup> then those summaries should be publicly released as soon as possible.

This action is, of course, no substitute for providing to Congress the complete and unredacted report and underlying evidence, for all of the reasons set forth in our April 1 letter.<sup>6</sup> Congress is entitled to the entire record. But we have a common obligation to share as much of that record with the public as we can. Additionally, if the Special Counsel's summaries fit the summary you provided on March 24, that would alleviate substantial concerns that the House Judiciary Committee may wish to discuss when you appear to testify. If there is significant daylight between his account and yours, the American people should know that too.

It is notable that the Department's press statement this morning does not deny the existence of these summaries. The Department merely indicated that "[e]very page of the 'confidential report' ... was marked 'May Contain Material Protected under Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e)'." If these summaries were, in fact, produced for public consumption by experienced prosecutors, then a precautionary marking should not be an impediment to public production in a very short period of time.

In light of the reported disagreements between the Special Counsel's office and yours, we also request that you produce to the Committee all communications between the Special Counsel's office and the Department regarding the report, including those regarding the disclosure of the report to Congress, the disclosure of the report to the public, and those regarding your March 24 letter that purports to "summarize the principal conclusions reached by the Special Counsel and the results of his investigation."<sup>7</sup>

Finally, in our phone conversation on March 27, you indicated that you would inform me when the Special Counsel's office has completed its review of the report for materials covered by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. I ask that you inform the Committee whether that has occurred and, if not, to report when that review is complete.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Letter from Attorney General William Barr, U.S. Dept. of Justice, to Chairman Jerrold Nadler, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, and Chairman Lindsay Graham, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, Mar. 29, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ellen Nakashima, et al., Limited information Barr has shared about Russia investigation frustrated some on Mueller's team, Wash. Post, April 4, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Letter from Chairman Jerrold Nadler, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, et al., to Attorney General William Barr, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Apr. 1, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Letter from Attorney General William Barr, U.S. Dept. of Justice, to Chairman Jerrold Nadler, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, et al., Mar. 24, 2019.

The Department's press statement today noted that you "[do] not believe the report should be released in 'serial or piecemeal fashion." Unfortunately, that selective release has in effect already occurred. You have already provided an interpretation of the Special Counsel's conclusions in a fashion that appears to minimize the implications of the report as to the President. Releasing the summaries—without delay—would begin to allow the American people to judge the facts for themselves.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler

Chairman House Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Doug Collins Ranking Member

# Hnited States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 9, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr Attorney General of the United States U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

We write to again request that you provide a full copy of Special Counsel Mueller's report and underlying evidence to the Senate Judiciary Committee. We have repeatedly asked you to commit to providing this information, in its complete form, but thus far you have been unresponsive. In addition, we are troubled by recent reporting that the Special Counsel's Office prepared its own summaries of the Mueller report, which you chose not to release. We request that you provide this Committee with unredacted copies of any such summaries as well.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Rule 6(e) does not prevent the disclosure of information just because it has been presented to a grand jury. Rather, "when testimony or data is sought for its own sake for intrinsic value in the furtherance of a lawful investigation . . . , it is not a valid defense to disclosure that the same information was revealed to a grand jury." (*In re Grand Jury Investigation of VenFuel*, 441 F.Supp. 1299, 1303 (M.D. Fla. 1977)). In this case, Congress is requesting this information in furtherance of its constitutional, legislative, and oversight responsibility—not to determine what was presented to the grand jury or to interfere with its work.

Courts have long recognized that Congress is entitled to information including grand jury material—in furtherance of its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight and investigate possible misconduct. (*See, e.g., In re Grand Jury Proceeding*, 669 F. Supp. 1072 (S.D. Fla. 1987)). Indeed, as you stated during your confirmation hearing, where there is misconduct, "[the President] would be accountable politically" by Congress. Now that the Special Counsel has finished his investigation, Congress must review the full report and underlying materials to determine the risks to national security in the wake of Russian interference in the 2016 election, whether existing laws are sufficient to deter and punish such interference, whether there was misconduct or abuse of power, and what next steps are appropriate.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to ensure that appropriate protections are put in place to protect from public release information that implicates legitimate privacy interests or endangers ongoing investigations including bona fide Rule 6(e) material. But, again, these considerations are not a reason for withholding the report or underlying documentation from Congress.

We therefore ask that you provide full copies of Special Counsel Mueller's report, the underlying evidence, and any summaries produced by the Special Counsel's Office without delay. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

DIANNE FEINSTEIN Ranking Member

RICHARD J. DURBIN United States Senator

AMY KLOBUCHAR United States Senator

PATRICK LEAHY United States Senator

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE United States Senator

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KAMALA D. HARRIS United States Senator

From:Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)Subject:Hill Reax on SCO ReportTo:O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); Lasseter, David F. (OLA)Sent:April 18, 2019 4:28 PM (UTC-04:00)

Below: A recap of comments and statements made by key MOCs re: the Report. We'll do another survey tomorrow. SB

#### Mitch McConnell – Senate Majority Leader

#### Mitch McConnell Press Release - I Look Forward to Reviewing the Special Counsel's Report

"I'm grateful for the Attorney General's diligent work to release as much of the Special Counsel's report as possible to Congress and to the American people. The nation is fortunate to have an experienced leader like Bill Barr in place to ensure maximum possible transparency while carefully protecting classified material and legally restricted grand jury information. Like all of my colleagues, I look forward to carefully reviewing the report."

#### Washington Post - McConnell says Mueller investigation 'could not have been handled in a better way' (Video)

"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) weighed in on special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation following the release of the redacted report April 18."

#### Chuck Schumer – Senate Minority Leader

# Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi Joint Press Release – <u>Leader Schumer And Speaker Pelosi Call For Special Counsel Mueller to</u> <u>Provide Public Testimony In House And Senate</u>

"Attorney General Barr's regrettably partisan handling of the Mueller report, including his slanted March 24th summary letter, his irresponsible testimony before Congress last week, and his indefensible plan to spin the report in a press conference later this morning — hours before he allows the public or Congress to see it — have resulted in a crisis of confidence in his independence and impartiality. We believe the only way to begin restoring public trust in the handling of the Special Counsel's investigation is for Special Counsel Mueller himself to provide public testimony in the House and Senate as soon as possible. The American people deserve to hear the truth."

#### **Chuck Schumer's Twitter**

- 2:00 PM "The differences are stark between what Attorney General Barr said on obstruction and what Special Counsel Mueller said on obstruction.
- 10:42 AM As we continue to review the report, one thing is clear: Attorney General Barr presented a conclusion that the president did not obstruct justice while Mueller's report appears to undercut that finding."
- 7:12 AM "Now that President @realDonaldTrump's campaign press conference is over:

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#### Vox - Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer want Robert Mueller to testify to Congress

"Though Mueller did not make a determination on obstruction of justice, Barr himself, in coordination with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, made a decision that the actions of the president did not qualify as criminal obstruction of justice.

Democrats are suspicious of Barr's decision on obstruction, especially because his report quoted Mueller saying, "while this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him." They now want to hear Mueller explain the report in his own words, rather than Barr's interpretation of them."

# The Hill - Schumer slams Justice Dept over 'pre-damage control' on Mueller report

"Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) ripped Attorney General William Barr over his plan to hold a press conference Thursday on special counsel Robert Mueller's final report before Congress has a chance to read the document.

"The American people deserve the truth," Schumer tweeted Wednesday. "They don't need any more pre-damage control or spin from [President Trump's] hand-picked attorney general, William Barr. Mr. Barr is acting more like a Trump campaign spokesman than an independent agent of the law."

# U.S. News - Top Democrats Say Mueller Report Undercuts Barr Claims on Trump Obstruction

"The two top Democrats in Congress said on Thursday that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report undercuts claims by Attorney General William Barr that President Donald Trump did not obstruct justice in the federal Russia probe."

#### Kevin McCarthy – House Minority Leader

#### Kevin McCarthy Press Release - Leader McCarthy Statement on Public Release of Mueller Report

"Nothing we saw today changes the underlying results of the 22-month long Mueller investigation that ultimately found no collusion.

Notwithstanding the partisan echo chamber to do otherwise, I fully approve of how Attorney General Barr has balanced legal requirements with the public's need to know in handling the release of the report. He complied with the law by protecting grand jury material, classified information, and the integrity of the investigative process. Democrats want to keep searching for imaginary evidence that supports their claims, but it is simply not there.

It is time to move on. Americans deserve better than this partisan quest to vilify a political opponent and I urge our Democratic colleagues in the House to put their emotions and opinions aside, and instead use that passion to come to the table and work on real solutions for all Americans."

#### Kevin McCarthy's Twitter

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- 11:04 AM "The differences are stark between what Attorney General Barr said on obstruction and what Special Counsel Mueller said on obstruction. #MuellerReport
- 7:27 AM "AG Barr has confirmed the staggering partisan effort by the Trump Admin to spin public's view of the #MuellerReport – complete with acknowledgment that the Trump team received a sneak preview. It's more urgent than ever that Special Counsel Mueller testify before Congress."
- 4:36 AM "Attorney General Barr's partisan behavior has triggered a crisis of independence & impartiality.

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# The Hill – <u>Top Democrats call for Mueller to publicly testify before Congress</u>

"Ahead of the release of a redacted version of the report on Thursday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer broadly criticized Attorney General William Barr's handling of the report, including his decision to hold a news conference to discuss it prior to its release to lawmakers and the American public.

Pelosi and Schumer accused Barr of creating "a crisis of confidence in his independence and impartiality" and said in a statement that public testimony from Mueller himself in both the House and the Senate is "the only way to begin restoring public trust."

#### **Mark Meadows**

#### Mark Meadows' Twitter

- 10:56 AM "Seeing more claims that because the President was unhappy about being investigated, he must be guilty. Hard to call this critique anything other than completely unserious. Would you be happy about being accused and subsequently investigated for a crime you did not commit?"
- 8:56 AM "Reminder: today when you hear people seizing on the idea that Mueller didn't "prove innocence," remember that was never Mueller's job. Prosecutors do not set out to prove a negative. They look for evidence to establish a case. They didn't have one. It was never there. It's over."
- 7:25 AM "What you're seeing is unprecedented desperation from the left. They went all in on a collusion conspiracy that
  never existed, didn't get the result they wanted, and now they're throwing manufactured controversies at the wall to see if
  anything sticks. It won't work. #NoCollusion"
- 5:50 AM "A good theme to look for in politics: 'when you have the facts, pound the facts. When you don't have the facts, pound the table.'

My Democrat colleagues are doing a lot of table pounding today. Because they don't have the facts. There was no collusion. It's over."

#### Washington Examiner - Mueller conclusion produced 'unprecedented desperation from the left'

"Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a longtime ally of President Trump and critic of the Russian collusion investigation, tweeted Thursday that Democrats are now attempting to create controversies because the Mueller report did not find the president guilty of collusion.

What you're seeing is unprecedented desperation from the left," Meadows tweeted. "They went all in on a collusion conspiracy that never existed, didn't get the result they wanted, and now they're throwing manufactured controversies at the wall to see if anything sticks. It won't work. #NoCollusion.

Meadows and Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, believe Trump and his campaign team were improperly and politically targeted by federal investigators."

## Politico – 'Game over': Republicans rejoice after Mueller concludes

"Prosecutors have one job, and that's to prosecute and indict," Meadows said.. "And if Bob Mueller in two-and-a-half years of investigation — which includes both the FBI and special prosecutor's time — doesn't bring charges, I don't know how much longer we need to be talking about collusion and obstruction.

Still, many Senate Republicans were less eager than their House counterparts to jump to conclusions about a report that was still damning for the president's attempts to meddle in the Russia investigation. The majority of them said they were eager to review the report and were hopeful that when they did, it would validate the more reflexive statements by GOP lawmakers saying it's already time to move on."

# Lindsey Graham – Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman

# Lindsey Graham Press Release - Chairman Graham Statement on Receipt of Mueller Report

"The Senate Judiciary Committee has received Special Counsel Mueller's report. The committee's review of the report is ongoing.

Once again, I applaud Attorney General Barr for his commitment to transparency and keeping the American people informed, consistent with the law and our national security interests.

"I look forward to hearing the Attorney General's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 1, 2019."

# The Hill - Graham says he's 'not interested' in Mueller testifying

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is dismissing calls for special counsel Robert Mueller to testify about his probe into the 2016 election.

Graham, who is currently on a congressional trip in Africa, told McClatchy on Thursday that he was "not interested" in having the former FBI director come speak before his panel.

"He's done his job," Graham said about Mueller. "I'm not going to retry the case."

Graham, who has emerged as a close ally of President Trump's, is likely to face steep pressure to reverse course and call Mueller before his committee. Attorney General William Barr is set to testify before the panel early next month, and Graham is planning a separate probe into the 2016 election and the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails, as well as other Obama-era matters.

#### Dianne Feinstein – Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member

#### **Dianne Feinstein's Twitter**

11:17 AM – "The Mueller report lays out not only how Russia interfered in the 2016 election, but also related activities carried out by Trump campaign officials. It also details many instances where President Trump tried to obstruct or stop the investigation.

Moving forward, Congress needs the unredacted report and underlying evidence, a commitment from AG Barr to not interfere with other ongoing investigations and a series of Judiciary Committee hearings. Congress must ensure actions like the report details are never repeated."

• 11:17 AM – Regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election, the Mueller report provides a very thorough review not only of Russian actions, but also of related activities carried out by Trump campaign officials. The report presents a campaign that, in Mueller's words, 'expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through

Russian efforts.

Regarding obstruction of justice, the report lays out 10 instances where President Trump tried to obstruct the investigation. While some of President Trump's actions were public, the report provides significant new details about his efforts to interfere in the investigation and his desire to protect himself. The report goes on to state that '...Congress may apply the obstruction laws to the President's corrupt exercise of the powers of office..."

Moving forward, Congress should receive the unredacted report and underlying evidence as soon as possible. Also, Attorney General Barr must commit to not interfere with other investigations, including the 14 investigations mentioned in the report and all congressional reviews. Finally, I will ask Chairman Graham to hold hearings before the Judiciary Committee, including with Special Counsel Mueller. Congress has an obligation to ensure that activities like those laid out in this report are never repeated."

#### Jerrold Nadler – House Judiciary Committee Chairman

# Jerrold Nadler Press Release - Chairman Nadler Statement on Redacted Mueller Report

"Even in its incomplete form, the Mueller report outlines disturbing evidence that President Trump engaged in obstruction of justice and other misconduct.

The report concluded there was 'substantial evidence' that President Trump attempted to prevent an investigation into his campaign and his own conduct. Contrary to the Attorney General's statement this morning that the White House 'fully cooperated' with the investigation, the report makes clear that the President refused to be interviewed by the Special Counsel and refused to provide written answers to follow-up questions; and his associates destroyed evidence relevant to the Russia investigation."

# Joint House Chairmen Press Release - House Chairs Demand AG Barr Cancel Press Conference on Mueller Report

"Today, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Adam B. Schiff, Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairman Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters, and Committee on Foreign Affairs Chairman Eliot L. Engel issued the following joint statement calling for Attorney General William Barr to cancel a press conference on Special Counsel Mueller's report scheduled to take place before Congress is set to the receive the report"

#### Jerrold Nadler's Twitter

- 8:57 AM "This is exactly why we need to hear directly from Special Counsel Mueller and receive the full, unredacted report with the underlying evidence."
- 7:05 AM "We cannot take Attorney General Barr's word for it. We must read the full Mueller report, and the underlying evidence. This is about transparency and ensuring accountability."
- 7:03 AM "It is clear Congress and the American people must hear from Special Counsel Robert Mueller in person to better understand his findings. We are now requesting Mueller to appear before @HouseJudiciary as soon as possible."

#### USA Today - Top Democrat Jerrold Nadler says Mueller report shows why Congress needs to hear from him

"A top Democrat Thursday said the second page of special counsel Mueller's report shows why Congress needs to hear directly from Mueller and see the full evidence he considered.

Shortly after the redacted report was released, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler pointed to Mueller's statement that investigators were unable to clear the president of obstruction of justice.

"The evidence we obtained about the President's actions and intent presents difficult issues that prevent us from conclusively determining that no criminal conduct occurred," the report states."

#### Fox News - <u>Nadler requests Mueller testify before House Judiciary Committee 'as soon as possible'</u>

"House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler on Thursday requested Special Counsel Robert Mueller appear before his committee "as soon as possible"—and no later than May 23.

Nadler's request came prior to the Justice Department's imminent release of Mueller's report to Nadler's committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the American public."

#### The Hill - Nadler accuses Barr of 'unprecedented steps' to 'spin' Mueller report

"House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) on Wednesday tore into Attorney General William Barr, accusing him of "waging a media campaign on behalf of President Trump" ahead of the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report.

Flanked by other Democratic members of the Judiciary committee, Nadler took aim at Barr over his decision to not hand the report over to Congress until after the attorney general holds a press conference on the topic. Nadler was also critical of Barr following a New York Times report that the Justice Department has briefed the White House on Mueller's findings."

# Roll Call – Nadler to subpoena the unredacted Mueller report and underlying materials

"House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler is officially issuing a subpoena to obtain the full, unredacted report authored by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III, and the underlying materials used in his investigation.

Just a few hours after the Department of Justice released a redacted version of Mueller's report to Congress and the public, Nadler said he will issue a subpoena for the full report and investigatory materials. The Judiciary Committee had voted to authorize him to do so earlier this month, and the chairman had said he would if the Department of Justice declined to willingly provide the full report to Congress."

# Video on 4-17-19 -- Nadler Speaks Ahead of Mueller Report Release

Video on 4-18-19 -- Press Conference On The Mueller Report

# Doug Collins – House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member

# Doug Collins Press Release - Collins statement on Mueller report release

"The special counsel's 22-month investigation found no Americans conspired with Russia to interfere in our elections and Democrats' accusations of criminal obstruction are unfounded. I look forward to examining the mountain of facts supporting the principal conclusions the attorney general and deputy attorney general shared last month: no collusion, no obstruction.

I am encouraged by the Democrats and Republicans who have expressed their faith in Special Counsel Mueller's integrity and ability. The attorney general has delivered more transparency than the regulations require, partnering with the special counsel's team to make necessary redactions to a report that he is sharing with Congress in good faith, not by mandate.

I am thankful to Attorney General Barr for sharing this report."

#### **Doug Collins' Twitter**

- 9:07 AM "#TBT to that time when Democrats' bar for crying collusion was apparently much higher than it is now. Today, when Mueller says "no collusion," Democrats reply, "Thanks, but we'll keep looking." #MuellerReport"
- 8:49 AM "My full statement on @TheJusticeDept's release of the #MuellerReport →"
- 7:48 AM "#TBT--> @RepJerryNadler insisted acting AG Whitaker ask the White House to assert executive privilege before testifying before our committee, but Democrats are now upset the WH took the opportunity to decline to assert privilege regarding the #MuellerReport."
- 7:04 AM "#TBT --> For context, the Obama Administration asserted executive privilege over email between Eric Holder and his own mother, but @RealDonaldTrump invoked no executive privilege, in unprecedented transparency. The contrast is so clear that even Democrats should see it."
- 6:56 AM "No collusion. No obstruction. No OLC opinion on sitting presidents considered in these determinations. No executive privilege asserted. No redactions proposed or made by anyone outside DOJ. No one outside DOJ viewed

unredacted report. No cover up when there's nothing to cover up."

#### The Hill - Judiciary Republican: Nadler 'only person trying to spin' Mueller report

"Rep. Doug Collins (R-Ga.), the ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, blasted the panel's chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), over his criticism of the rollout for special counsel Robert Mueller's report.

Nadler and other top Democrats have excoriated Attorney General William Barr over his intention to hold a 9:30 a.m. press conference, saying he hopes to spin the report before Congress will receive a redacted version of Mueller's final conclusions between 11 a.m. and noon Thursday."

#### Richard Burr – Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman

#### Richard Burr Press Release - Burr Statement on Release of Mueller Report

"I appreciate Attorney General Barr's commitment to publicly releasing the full report, excepting material that would compromise intelligence sources and methods, ongoing DOJ prosecutions, or legally protected grand jury information. The American people have a right to review as much of the report as possible to understand the Special Counsel's conclusions and the reasoning behind them.

"I am reviewing Special Counsel Mueller's report carefully. Furthermore, I look forward to presenting the American people with an accounting of the facts the Committee has uncovered as we conclude our own investigation. It is my hope to release the first of our final reports in the coming weeks."

#### Politico - Burr apparently fed info on FBI's Russia probe to White House, Mueller says

"Senate Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr apparently supplied the White House counsel's office with information about FBI investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 election, according to a report from special counsel Robert Mueller that was made public on Thursday.

The report says that on March 9, 2017, then-FBI Director James Comey briefed Congressional leaders and intelligence committee heads on the ongoing investigation into Russian interference. That briefing included "an identification of the principal U.S. subjects of the investigation."

Burr (R-N.C.) then corresponded with the White House a week later about the Russia probes and the White House counsel's office "appears to have received information about the status of the FBI investigation," the special counsel report said."

#### Mark Warner – Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Ranking Member

#### Mark Warner's Twitter

• 12:38 PM – Here's what I'll say about the redacted Mueller report. It is clear that AG Barr fundamentally mischaracterized its findings this morning. Congress needs to see the full, unredacted report, with all materials underlying its findings, and hear directly from the Special Counsel.

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#### Adam Schiff's Twitter

• 8:25 AM – "The House Intelligence Committee has formally invited Special Counsel Mueller to testify on the counterintelligence investigation.

After a two year investigation, the public deserves the facts, not Attorney General Barr's political spin."

## Roll Call - House Democrats press on with investigations after Mueller report release

"And in a letter Thursday inviting the special counsel to testify before the House Intelligence Committee, Chairman Adam Schiff wrote that the panel must receive "comprehensive testimony" from Mueller "about the investigation's full scope and areas of inquiry," underlying evidence, and any completed and ongoing counterintelligence investigations stemming from his probe."

# Letter 4-18-19 - Testimony Request

# Devin Nunes – House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Ranking Member

# Washington Examiner - Devin Nunes looking for 'some type of setup' in 3 areas of Mueller's report

"House Intelligence Committee ranking member Devin Nunes, R-Calif., said he will be looking for information on "some type of setup" on three subjects in special counsel Robert Mueller's final report.

During an interview with Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Tuesday, the California Republican cited former national security adviser Michael Flynn, Maltese professor Joseph Mifsud, and the infamous June 2016 Trump Tower meeting as the subjects of interest he hopes to see.

"What I'm going to be looking for is there's three specific areas where I think there was some type of setup involved," Nunes said."

# Elijah Cummings – House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman

# Elijah Cummings Press Release – <u>Chairman Cummings Issues Statement on Mueller Report</u>

"The President and his Attorney General expect the American people to be blind to what we can now see. This report catalogues in excruciating detail a proliferation of lies by the President to the American people, as well as his incessant and repeated efforts to encourage others to lie. Contrary to Attorney General Barr's attempts at misdirection, it is crystal clear from the report that the Justice Department's policy against indicting a sitting President played a key role in Special Counsel Mueller's analysis—in fact, it is the very first point in the obstruction section of his report. Unfortunately, we still have only part of the story, and Congress must subpoena the full report and all underlying documents.

In the report released today, Special Counsel Mueller wrote: "The conclusion that Congress may apply the obstruction laws to the President's corrupt exercise of the powers of the office accords with our constitutional system of checks and balances and the principle that no person is above the law."

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### Jim Jordan – House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member

# Ranking Member Jim Jordan Press Release - RANKING MEMBER JIM JORDAN'S STATEMENT ON THE MUELLER REPORT

"Democrat Members of Congress should take a deep breath and read the Special Counsel's report before jumping to conclusions. The Attorney General already confirmed what we long suspected. No collusion. No obstruction. It would be a miscarriage of justice to use cherry-picked bits of information from the report to sow further divisiveness and spread conspiracies that serve only to undermine our democratic institutions.

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#### Gary Peters – Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Ranking Member

#### **Gary Peters' Twitter**

• 12:25 PM "Read my statement on the release of the Mueller Report" 'After the Mueller investigation led to 200 criminal charges, dozens of indictments and more than half a dozen guilty pleas, it's well past time for the American people to see the Special Counsel's report. I've said consistently that the report should be made public so the American people have the facts regarding Russia's efforts to interfere in our democracy and can draw their own conclusions. I also believe that Special Counsel Mueller should testify publicly. In the meantime, I will review the report carefully and look closely at what is included and what is withheld in its release.'

Stephen E. Boyd Assistant Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

