



U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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January 10, 2017

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20502

**RE: Updated Request -- Classified Briefing of House of Representatives on Russian Interference in U.S. Election**

Dear Mr. President:

On December 19, 2016, I wrote to you requesting a classified briefing for all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on Russian hacking, selective email leaks, falsified media reports, and other activities affecting U.S. institutions. See attached.

In light of this evening's news regarding the existence of classified documents presented to you last week that contain compromising personal and financial information regarding President-elect Trump, I now: (1) renew my request of December 19, 2016, and; (2) **urge your Administration to include in the classified briefing of Congress a description of the information Russia has obtained regarding the President-elect, so that Congress can formulate policy aware of the implications thereof.**

Sincerely,

Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress

CC:

Speaker Paul Ryan  
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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
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**RE: Classified Briefing of House of Representatives re: Russian Interference in U.S. Election**

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to provide a classified briefing for all U.S. House Representatives of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on Russian hacking, selective email leaks, falsified media reports, and other activities affecting U.S. institutions.

It would be most beneficial for this briefing to take place immediately after the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress enters office. I suggest the first full session day of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, January 4, 2017. It is important that all Members can fully comprehend the potential damage these attacks may have caused to U.S. institutions and processes, and be able to properly assess policy moving forward.

I ask that top officials of the Intelligence Community, Department of Defense, and State Department, provide information on the following:

- How the U.S. Intelligence Community is aware that Russia was involved in cyber-attacks on U.S. institutions and federal elections
- An outline of methodologies used by Russian-backed cyber attackers
- How we can be sure of the level of coordination between the highest levels of the Russian government and those conducting the attacks
- Prospective targets of future cyber attacks
- How Russia uses cyber-attacks on other democracies
- How the U.S. can respond to cyber-attacks

Typically, when a large number of Members of Congress receive classified briefings, we do so in the highly secure Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium. It may be suitable to open this briefing our Senate colleagues as well.



I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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