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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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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 115th 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 115th Congress enters office. I suggest the first full session day of the 115th 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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